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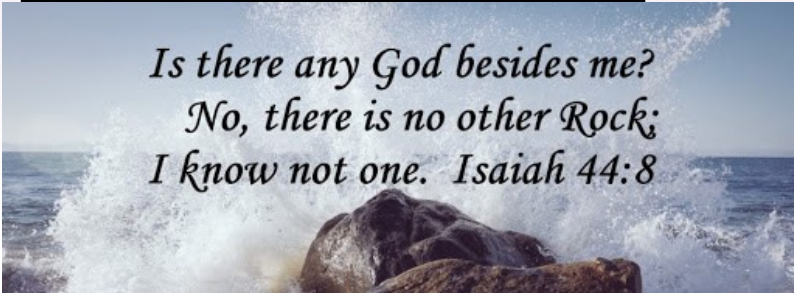
THE CONNECTOR

Monthly Newsletter of Cross Connections, Inc.



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*Is there any God besides me?
No, there is no other Rock;
I know not one. Isaiah 44:8*

OUR MISSION

The mission of Cross Connections is to provide affordable Biblical counseling and to train lay counselors (called Covenant Partners) in providing Biblical guidance to others. We accomplish this working through the pastors and representatives of our over 120 ministry partners. We are committed to using God's Word as authority in the counseling setting; being ever mindful our clinical skills and abilities are nothing compared to our Savior's

FILLING STATION: "MINDFULNESS"

What does it mean to be mindful? To be present in the moment? Intentional? Cautionary? Or maybe a little bit of all three? In previous editions we have encouraged you to be diligent in staying filled with God's Word through daily study and dedicated to the truth of Christ and him being the only truth that matters for us as believers. This month, let's take a look at what it means to be mindful from a Christian perspective. Paul writes in Philippians 4: 6-8; "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ***Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.***" Christ told his disciples very plainly they would face some tough times in this world, but that he has overcome the world on their behalf. That still holds true today, for our enemy wants nothing more than to shift our focus to despair and ignore the hope we have in Christ, the mindfulness that we can overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit working in God's Word. Cling fiercely to that!



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

“For such a time as this” from chapter four in the book of Esther has come to my mind frequently lately as I have interacted with clients and ministry partners of Cross Connections. The appreciation they have for the Biblical assistance our counseling staff provides is extraordinary, and is the “fire in the belly” that drives our team. We provide these services knowing how much our enemy and the world hates the truth of what Christ has done for us, and that he is the only way to peace, healing, and hope. As the world continues to turn toward the darkness, the light of Christ at Cross Connections and other confessional ministries shines brighter. Make no mistake, the Lord continues to bless His ministry here “for such a time as this”.

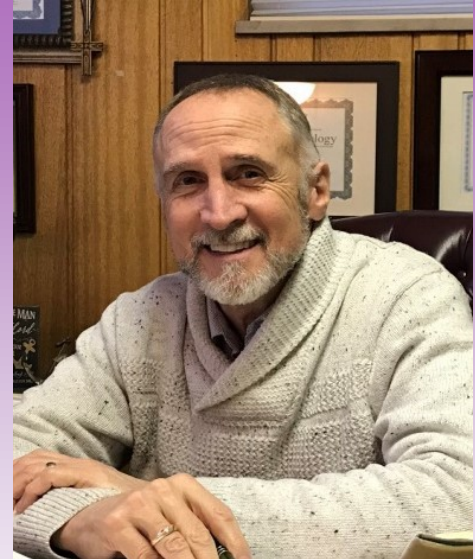
NEW INSURANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CLIENTS

In 2017, after many years of prayer, research, and community feedback, the Board of Directors at Cross Connections made the decision to begin the process of working with insurance providers to reach more clients. For years, the ministry partners that send clients to us had been encouraging us to take this step and God made this possible for us at the end of 2018.

One of the larger insurance providers in our area is Signature Care, affiliated with the Parkview Health Systems. We received notification that Cross Connections will soon be able to provide Biblical counseling services as part of their network. This is not something that will take effect immediately, as contracts and paperwork need to be created and reviewed by both entities. Then, the paneling and credentialing process will begin for our licensed counselors to begin seeing Signature Care clients. This process may take a few months and we ask that you be patient as events unfold. We will make sure to promote our new agreements with Signature Care through all avenues, including The Connector newsletter once the process is complete.

Just a quick reminder that currently Cross Connections works with the following insurance providers: Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna, Behavioral Health Systems, Cigna, Physicians Health Plans (PHP), Sagamore, Tricare/Humana, UNITED Healthcare/United Behavioral Health/Optum.

Cross Connections is also approved to work with clients covered through Traditional Anthem Medicaid to include: HHW—Hoosier Healthwise, HIP—Healthy Indiana Plan, and HCC—Hoosier Care Connect.



Supporting Hope by Dr. Jim Dohrmann, Development Director

On June 11th, 2021 Cross Connections goes outdoors to host its **12th annual golf outing** at Brookwood Golf Course. This event brings supporters out into the bright sunshine after a long Indiana winter and offers food, fellowship, exciting prizes, and lunch. Those interested in playing as individuals or a foursome of friends, go to www.crossconnectionsounseling.com for upcoming details.

Among the ways to support Biblical counseling at Cross Connections, one new way is through **Planned Giving**. This means of support is a wonderful way to incorporate legacy giving while aiding the cause of affordable Biblical counseling for many years to come. Brochure content is being developed to help those interested in understanding how their gift continues to do the work of God that was aligned with their heart.

These avenues of giving help to support our operational fund also known as the **Isaiah 9:6 Fund** which stated in scripture, "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." There is but one name and purpose that Cross Connections exists for; the one source of truth, Jesus Christ. It is through this Wonderful Counselor that all truth flows. The ministry is his and we are privileged to be a part of it. We are very grateful to him for our supporters, our staff, and for the children he entrusts us to help every day.

Many of you have responded to a **matching grant opportunity** we have through the end of April, and we are so thankful for your support! Our great friend and supporters, Deb Rush and her family, have donated matching funds up to \$25,000 in memory of Mr. William Rush. **AND THERE IS STILL TIME TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!**

Thanks to all of you for your faithful prayers and support for His Biblical counseling ministry at Cross Connections! You are making a difference in the lives of clients now and also in their life to come in Christ!

By the numbers thus far in 2021

Total number of counseling hours provided: 880

School counseling hours: 121

Individual counseling hours: 650

Marriage counseling hours: 72

Family Counseling hours: 37