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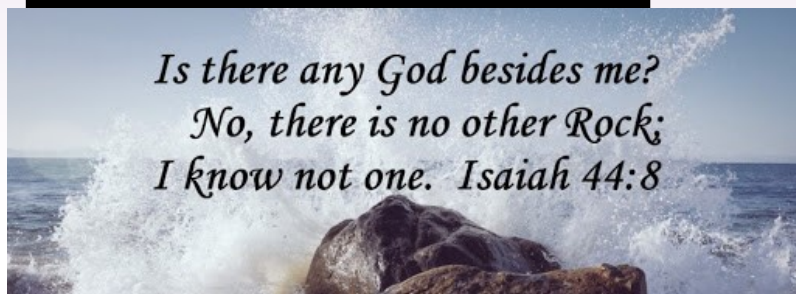
# THE CONNECTOR

**Monthly Newsletter of Cross Connections, Inc.**



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## 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

## A LOOK BACK AT 2021

As we excitedly embark on a new year and pray God's continued blessings on our efforts in the days ahead in 2022, the past year has brought many blessings to the ministry of Cross Connections. As with our entire Northeast Indiana community, the COVID-19 pandemic provided logistical challenges at times for the ministry with the mix of in-person vs. online counseling varying upon the rise in community spread of the virus. This past year saw a tremendous increase in clinical services provided as well as total number of individuals and families helped through Biblical counseling. In addition to the stress and isolation of the pandemic taking its toll on our mental health, the investment we have made in our clinical team and their commitment to the ministry has played a critical role in Cross Connections being the area leader in providing sound mental health services under the authority of Scripture and the truth of the Gospel. As the stigma surrounding the need for mental health care continues to decrease, Cross Connections stands ready to provide our clients with the hope, healing, and peace that can only be found in God's promises. We ask your continued prayers for both the clients God leads to us and the dedicated staff who give so much to serving them.



*DIRECTOR'S CORNER* Three weeks into 2022 and I am already amazed at the many ways the Lord blesses His ministry here at Cross Connections! Whether it is the transformative change in the life of one of our clients, a “big God moment” where I meet somebody for the first time and they help connect a friend or loved one to the ministry, or the many financial blessings our donors supply us with on a consistent basis, it is made very clear to me that God is in control, and He has a plan for His Biblical counseling ministry here at Cross Connections. As we are surrounded by the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic and the affects it is having on our society, I urge you to stay faithful in keeping the Lord first in all things and loving your neighbor. Remember that our witness lies not only in what we say, but in what we do. God’s continued blessings to you and your family.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The team at Cross Connections has worked hard to become the area leader in Biblical counseling and mental health services for the Northeast Indiana community. While the vast majority of the services we provide are reactive in nature, we welcome the opportunity to conduct workshops, seminars, marriage retreats, etc. that are more proactive in nature.

That is where you come in! Please call our Clinical Director, Gary Younghans, at 260-373-0213, ext. 102 or email him at [garyyounghans@crossconnectionsounseling .com](mailto:garyyounghans@crossconnectionsounseling.com) with your ideas on proactive offerings we can bring to your church, ministry, and/or business. Help us as we look to shine the warmth of God’s love and light into even more hearts in 2022!





## **“IT’S A SPRING THING” FUNDRAISER IS BACK!!**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 26 for the return of Cross Connections’ annual “It’s a Spring Thing” fundraiser! Having taken the last few years off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s celebration will be even sweeter as we mark the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event with a very special guest.

This year’s keynote speaker will be atheist-turned-Christian Lee Strobel, the former award-winning legal editor of The Chicago Tribune, and New York Times bestselling author of more than forty books and curricula that have sold fourteen million copies. This year’s event will also have a Kentucky Derby theme, so get those hats ready and visit the Events page at [www.crossconnectionsounseling.com](http://www.crossconnectionsounseling.com) to learn more on purchasing tickets, event sponsorship opportunities, and ways you can support His Biblical counseling ministry at Cross Connections! You can also contact Matt Konow at 260-373-0213, ext. 103 or via email [mattkonow@crossconnectionsounseling.com](mailto:mattkonow@crossconnectionsounseling.com).

### **Final numbers for 2021**

Total number of counseling hours provided: 3,395

School counseling hours: 359

Individual counseling hours: 2,759

Groups: 5

Marriage counseling hours: 343

Family Counseling hours: 75