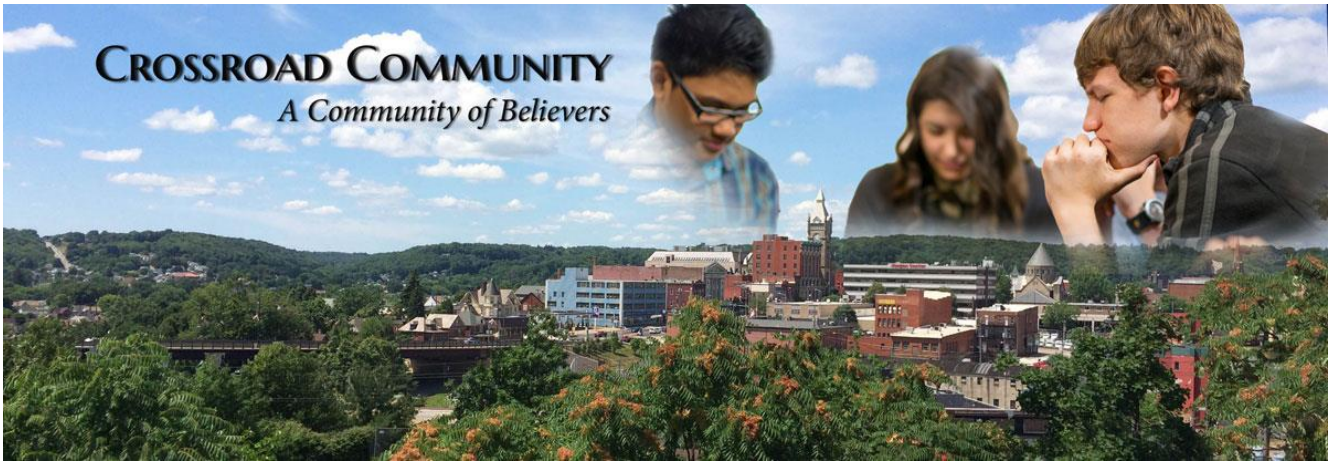


# CROSSROAD COMMUNITY

*A Community of Believers*



**December 2018**

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and begin a new year, it is an excellent time for us to reflect on what *God has done* in 2018. This year was filled with many surprises. We are grateful for the Lord's blessings and every one of you who has contributed to this ministry. We are eternally grateful for how you enabled us to extend the Gospel to Butler and Western Pennsylvania. ***Merry Christmas!***

## **Healings & Miracles!**

*Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.  
Freely you have received; freely give. (Matthew 10:8)*

*In July*, college student Drew Meier experienced his first healing! He prayed over an elderly woman on a mission trip in Vassar, Michigan. After praying over her in the afternoon, she woke up the next morning healed from years of severe back pain and she could walk with no pain!

*In September*, Jesse Paxton experienced his first healing! He prayed over a woman suffering for years of severe back pain. Immediately the woman had no pain and walked away without her cane!

*In October*, Brianna Harris (age 11) was with her dad at Walmart. They prayed over an employee, Harriett, who was diagnosed with a rare cancer of the throat earlier in the summer. A month later while visiting the store Harriett ran over to tell them news. Every cancer cell was gone, and her voice was completely healed!

*In October*, Kristy Leonard received her miracle after several years of praying! She and her husband Chris are expecting their first child. The baby is due May 8, 2019!

*In October*, Pastors Jeff & Bev received a call late Saturday afternoon. A husband and wife on the south side of Pittsburgh wanted to honor the Lord and buy them a new car! Two days later, they brought home a 2018 Subaru Outback!

*Raised from the Dead!* Remember Georgia? After 4 EEG tests on 2 different days in July 2015, three neurologists diagnosed Georgia Brewer brain dead! Four days after praying over her in the ICU in Butler, she woke up! Georgia is still alive today 3 years later!

## **Miracle & Healing Services**

*In March*, we hosted a **third** healing and miracle service **in 9 months** with Pastor Billy Burke at the Days Inn. We had a **record-breaking** attendance with **over 400 people!** Since summer of 2017, **over 1,100 people** attended these three healing and miracle services and hundreds of testimonies have come out of these events. Your support provided the cost to host these events and further support monthly healing and miracles services in the region.

Your efforts are allowing us to multiply His Kingdom! In 2019, pastors and leaders in Cranberry have asked us to help plan another healing and miracle service in the southern area of the county.

## **Missions Support**

Billy Burke World Outreach in Monroeville & Butler  
Families in our neighborhood and community  
Jay Bennet, missionary to India

Life Choices (*Kittanning*)  
Christians United for Israel

## Community Outreach

***An unexpected Neighborhood Cookout.*** In early summer, Pastor Jeff ministered to five high school students on the streets of Butler. Several students wanted to meet again and requested chicken on the grill. Two weeks later, on a Friday night, what began as a simple cookout for a few in early evening became a full house of about 30 people from the neighborhood. The cookout did not end until midnight, and the Gospel was shared.

***One-year Anniversary of the Flood.*** After the summer, we hosted a neighborhood cookout and yard sale give-away to honor the families affected by the flood in the summer of 2017. These events allowed us to connect with our neighbors. Several families *testified they were healed* in some way after receiving prayer. We appreciate our friends Bill and Deb Halle of Grace Youth and Family Foundation in Butler who provided the food and Butler Area School District for the use of Broad Street Elementary School playground.

***Invited to Speak.*** Pastor Jeff was invited to speak for the first time on three different nights at Broken Places in Butler. Each night the messages were live streamed and over 300 households heard the full Gospel of authority, power and repentance. Several people testified they were healed during these meetings and many others testified they were convicted by the Holy Spirit. God used these speaking opportunities to connect with other leaders and families in the community. Several of these families and individuals attended worship on Sunday mornings.

## Standing with Israel

In *September*, we submitted a proposed resolution to city council and county commissioners. This resolution proposed that May 14 of each year be declared as ***“Stand with Israel Day.”*** Its purpose was to establish an altar before the Lord, honor Israel (70<sup>th</sup> year) and the long history of Jewish people within our community for the past two hundred years. With help from Christians United for Israel (CUFI), this was a similar resolution approved by the city of Nashville, Tennessee in 2015. Please keep this in prayer that city and county leaders approve this resolution.

***Honored the Jewish Community.*** In October, Pastors Jeff and Bev (and the girls) attended the Soldiers Museum after the mass shooting on Sunday afternoon following the mass shooting in Pittsburgh. Pastor Jeff also attended a morning breakfast for clergy hosted by the Jewish Federation in Pittsburgh.

***Gift Baskets to the Jewish Community.*** Crossroad Community sent large fruit baskets to five Jewish leaders in Pittsburgh to show support to the Jewish community in response to the mass shooting. These leaders expressed their deepest appreciation to Crossroad Community in Butler.

***Showed Unwavering Support to the Jewish People.*** Pastors Jeff and Bev reached out to both Jewish federations in Pittsburgh and Youngstown to condemn antisemitism and remind them they were not alone.

***Israel Leadership Training.*** Drew Meier, president of the Christians on Campus club at Butler College, was awarded a full scholarship by Christians United for Israel to attend Israel Summit in Washington D.C. in July. In January 2019, Drew will travel to San Antonio, Texas to attend a student leadership conference with over 150 other college students from around the country.

## Ministry News

***Baptism on Resurrection Sunday.*** Anthony Grampus was water baptized on Resurrection Sunday, less than two months before his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday!

***Deployed to the Middle East.*** Brian Thompson was deployed with the 665th Engineers Utility Detachment on March 30. In December, he began BLC-Basic Leaders Course to obtain his Sergeant's rank. He is the husband of Tiffany, the son of Ben and Donna and the father of Braylynn and Talon in our fellowship.

***Defending the Unborn.*** Your support also provided scholarships to several families to attend Marriage conference for Maternity Home couples through Life Choices. We also provided resources and bottles of water for Life Choices Summer Festival.

***Giving Kids the Word of God.*** Your support provided Bibles to 6 kids in our Kids Rock Ministry. We had 10 new children visit this year. New curriculum was included to help train children in their authority in Christ.

***Butler Homeschool Network.*** Three years ago, BHN was established to connect homeschool families with the resources and to encourage fellowship in Christ. Homeschool families represent a growing demographic in our community. In 2018, BHN was listed for the first time by Christian Homeschool Association of Pennsylvania (CHAP) as a non-membership-based network for Butler County.

## Marketplace Missions

**Business Network Welcomes Crossroad.** In 2018, Pastor Jeff was one of the first pastors to be welcomed into the membership of the local Butler chapter of *Christian Business Partners (CBP)* because of the vision of Crossroad Community. The group meets every Thursday morning in downtown Butler. The mission of CBP is to build God's kingdom, His Church, by exchanging business from each other through member referrals in a Christ centered environment of relationship and trust.

As a family, we see God realigning the marketplace. God wants to use the marketplace to transform culture. God is raising up Kingdom-minded people who understand that their *professions* and *work* are means God uses to spread His message. It is in the marketplace where devoted followers of Jesus use their professions, training and skills to disciple the unsaved.

## Worship & Prayer Strategies

This year we gathered twice a week for 2-3 hours each time (Sundays & Wednesdays) to worship, pray and hear God speak through His Word. A small group also met on other days of the week to pray and worship when prompted by the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the year, the Lord continued to call us to specific times of worship and prayer for the city and the county of Butler. Angelic visitations, prophetic words and/or visions occurred almost weekly in relationship to concentrated worship and prayer. These revelations also occurred when seeking the Lord's presence and waiting upon Him for direction and for new war strategies in order to expose local spiritual strongholds.

## God's Vision

As a family, we see God's vision for a training center in downtown Butler as a *prayer* and *missions training hub*. Our focus is in deliverance and discipleship. This *mission hub* will also help families and individuals move from dependence to freedom and launch them into their divine assignment by demonstrating the power of Gospel through an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. Every follower of Christ is commissioned by the Lord Himself to *reach the unsaved* through His power and presence. We want to create an atmosphere for His miracles, signs and wonders.

To see *this vision* in practice, watch the new movie *Finger of God 2*. It was released this month around the world and it reveals the greatest awakening since the days of Pentecost is already in motion.



## Financial

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In 2018, we added on our website at [ccbutler.org](http://ccbutler.org) a new and improved online donation system. Our accounting records are streamlined by two independent teams, *Simplify Church* and *ChurchShield*. Our partnership with these teams allows us the freedom to focus on the more important matters of ministry while maintaining the highest level of accountability and low administrative costs.

Our most important need is your *prayers* and *financial support*. Pastors Jeff & Bev began private speech therapy two years ago for their youngest daughter. Kayla (age 8) has been fighting severe auditory and memory delay since birth. Since there are no language and speech schools on this side of the state, private tutoring is their only option. This cost is a burden for their family. Earlier this year, Pastor Jeff was hired by a hospice company. He had to resign because the company would not allow him as a pastor to share the Gospel to patients at the end of their life.

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