



# CROSS WORDS

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INTO ACTION



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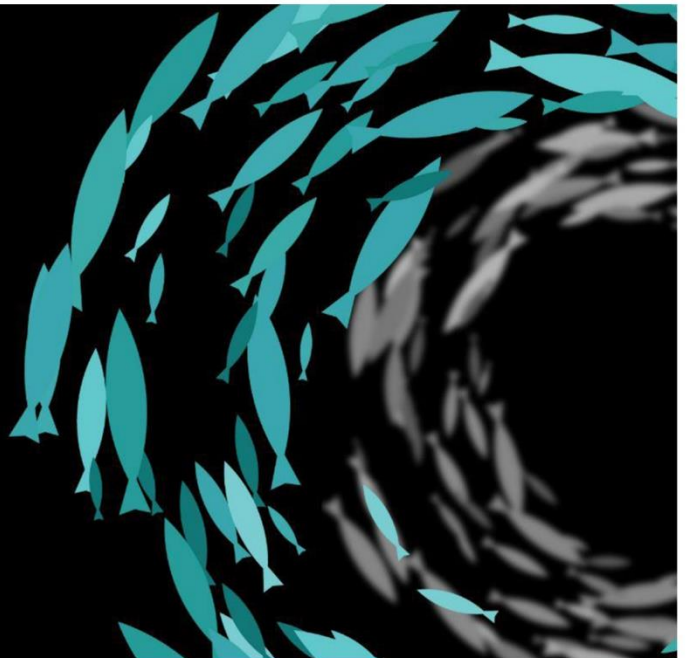


## Mark Your Calendars!

Starting January 5th we will begin an eight week bible study on The Chosen. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 5pm for this interactive study where we will watch an episode from season 1 followed by discussion from the study guide providee. Please sign up in the lounge if you'd like to join us.

The  
**CHOSEN**  
*Bible Study*  
**SEASON 1**

Beginning:  
Sunday January 5th, 5pm  
FCCW Fellowship Hall





It's been quite a year, hasn't it? The Christmas season is our annual opportunity to reflect upon the year and to remember all that is truly important and worth celebrating. In the Best Christmas Ever series each week focuses on one of the traditional advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. Using the theme as a guide, you will learn why having its Best Christmas Ever is possible this year, and truly every year, as we focus on what is most important in our lives.

There is no greater gift we can give to those around us than the eternal hope of Christ. When we believe strongly that God will come through on his promises to us, then we are stirred to let our hope spill over into those around us. Choose hope this Christmas season and let it be contagious.

C.S. Lewis said:

*"Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next."*

It is easy to be overwhelmed by the state of our world, but don't lose heart, **Jesus has overcome the world.**

Stop believing the lies that things will never change. Choose to find hope in the promises of God. Choose to believe that Jesus' birth changes everything. Each day we can be defeated by darkness or find victory in the light of Christ. Choose hope! And share it with others.

The Best Christmas Ever series can be much more than just a sermon series—it can be the beginning of a spiritual transformation in you that ushers in the advancement of God's Kingdom in the hearts of those who are currently far from God. Let's join together in praying that God will use the events surrounding this series in a deep and powerful way.

God bless, and Merry Christmas,  
Troy and Mindy Drayer



## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Santa will arrive in the Fellowship Hall following service!!

Stay after church and join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and pictures with Santa!



Merry Christmas  
*for unto us a child is born*

Join us ~ Sunday, December 22  
Fellowship Hall, 9:30am

Breakfast will be served.



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

1 – Aspen McCool  
2 – Amanda Tolen  
8 – Jerry Wilson  
8 – Carson Thiele  
8 – Luke Thiele  
9 – Jill Yount  
10 – Jada Johnson  
11 – Keaton Jones  
11 – Brenda Tolen  
12 – Deb Baker  
15 – Bill Byrd

17 – Peggy Wilson  
18 – Ceaten Brubaker  
21 – Kevin Deakyne  
21 – Kari Green  
24 – Joyce Dahlquist  
25 – Mia Myers

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 – Gary & Jill Yount  
16 – Ron & Cynthia Wartzok  
31 – Chod & Claudia Boxell

First Christian Church of Warren  
202 East Second Street

Christmas  
Candlelight Service  
Join us Tuesday, December 24, 11pm



# Love like Jesus

Our "Love Like Jesus Box" contains thoughtfully handpicked items to enhance your daily walk with Jesus. Each box contains a book or devotional and 3-4 other items for you to enjoy. A new box will come out every 2 months. They will be boxed so they are easy to wrap for gifts or ship through the mail. Or of course you could treat yourself to one! The best part is not only will you be receiving these great items, your purchase of a "Love Like Jesus Box" will purchase a bible for a Huntington County student through the By the Book Program. All for just \$45! Find more information on the back table in the sanctuary. Contact the church office to make your purchase while supplies last.

**\*\* ONLY 3 LEFT!! \*\***



## What's in the box?

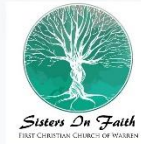
- Devotional: A Mustard Seed Faith
- Wooden Prayer Bowl with Prayer Cards
- Wooden Prayer Cross to Hold During Prayer
- Goats Milk Soap
- 2 Facial Cloths (assorted colors)
- Multicolored Beaded Bracelet
- Jesus Figurine
- Assortment of Bible Verse Stickers

\$15.00  
each



## Sister's Fundraiser

These beautifully decorated glass wares are for sale by Sister's In Faith. All glass dishes are heirlooms of our church. We would love for everyone to have an opportunity to take home a piece of our church history.



All profits will be given to  
FCCW Sisters In Faith.  
Thank You for your support!



We still have a few left!  
These are a great keepsake for yourself or would make a great Christmas gift for a friend.

Please make  
checks  
payable to  
Sister's In Faith!

**\* ONLY 5  
LEFT!!**

