

Events

- **Crossover Events**—June 5-11—Events nightly during the week. See the Crossover section or crossoverfest.org.
- **Hispanic Pastor's Breakfast**—*First* Tuesday of each month, 9:00am. Sharing Ministries Baptist Church
- **Minister & Spouse Retreat**—Please plan to join us for the annual Minister's retreat July 21-23. We'll be sending details and registration information in late May. Online registration is now open. Reservations due by June 24.

updates at catalinaassociation.org

Announcements

- Please pray for our pastorless churches: Manor Baptist Church, Twenty-Second Street Baptist Church.
- E-subscribers get the newsletter first! Help us reduce postage costs by switching to the electronic version of the Desert News. Send an email to office@catalinaassociation.org to subscribe.



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Tucson Refugee Ministry needs volunteers to minister to refugees from many countries relocated to Tucson. For details, contact Cherie Gray at 360-9195, cherie@tucsonrefugeeministry.com or visit www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com.

Crossover Arizona

Crossover Main Events Week of June 5-11

Day	Event	Place	Time
Sun	Cinema Festival	Purple Heart Park, Rita Ranch	7PM
Mon	Patriotic Concert	Lincoln Park, Pantano & Escalante	7PM
Tue	Live Jazz Concert	Riverfront Park, Oro Valley	7PM
Wed	Live Western Music	Udall Park, Tanque Verde	7PM
Thu	Mariachi Concert	Kennedy Park, Ajo & La Cholla	7PM
Fri	Classic Car Show	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Tucson	4-10PM
Sat	Arts Festival	Reid Park, Central Tucson	10AM-9PM

Event details at crossoverfest.org.

Many churches are also doing extra activities throughout the week. Contact your church to find out about additional ministry opportunities.

How can you help?

There are many events and activities planned for crossover week. Ask your pastor which events your church is involved in. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Prayer walking (happening now—virtual prayer walks online at crossover2011.org, click “pray for Arizona”)
- Event planning and implementation
- Sharing at events and door-to-door
- Follow-up

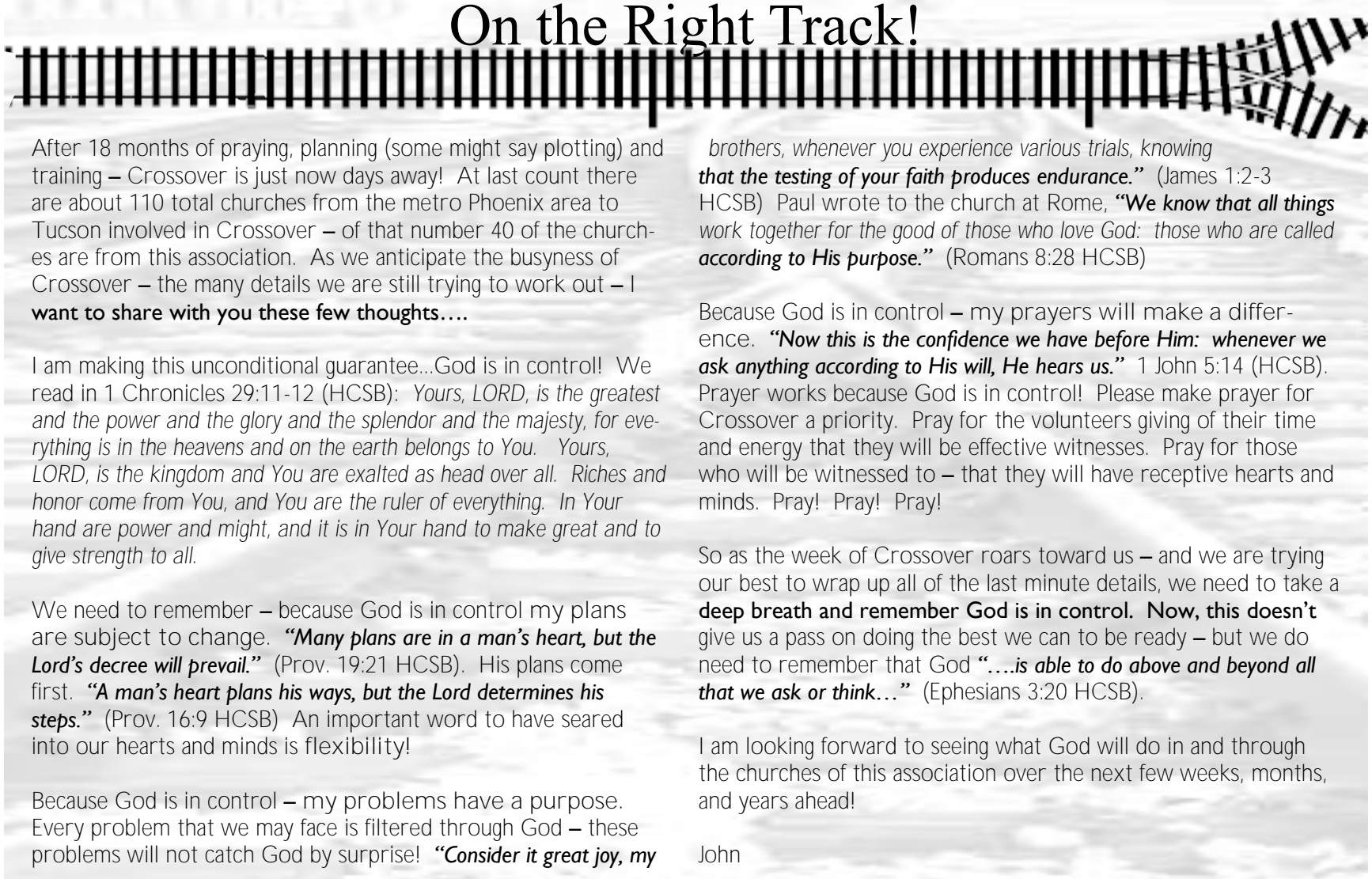
See the events section for training dates.

For additional information about Crossover, visit catalinaassociation.org, crossover2011.org, or crossoverfest.org

We are praying for a great harvest all across Arizona!



On the Right Track!



After 18 months of praying, planning (some might say plotting) and training – Crossover is just now days away! At last count there are about 110 total churches from the metro Phoenix area to Tucson involved in Crossover – of that number 40 of the churches are from this association. As we anticipate the busyness of Crossover – the many details we are still trying to work out – I want to share with you these few thoughts....

I am making this unconditional guarantee...God is in control! We read in 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (HCSB): *Yours, LORD, is the greatest and the power and the glory and the splendor and the majesty, for everything is in the heavens and on the earth belongs to You. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom and You are exalted as head over all. Riches and honor come from You, and You are the ruler of everything. In Your hand are power and might, and it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all.*

We need to remember – because God is in control my plans are subject to change. **“Many plans are in a man’s heart, but the Lord’s decree will prevail.”** (Prov. 19:21 HCSB). His plans come first. **“A man’s heart plans his ways, but the Lord determines his steps.”** (Prov. 16:9 HCSB) An important word to have seared into our hearts and minds is flexibility!

Because God is in control – my problems have a purpose. Every problem that we may face is filtered through God – these problems will not catch God by surprise! **“Consider it great joy, my**

brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.” (James 1:2-3 HCSB) Paul wrote to the church at Rome, **“We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose.”** (Romans 8:28 HCSB)

Because God is in control – my prayers will make a difference. **“Now this is the confidence we have before Him: whenever we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”** 1 John 5:14 (HCSB). Prayer works because God is in control! Please make prayer for Crossover a priority. Pray for the volunteers giving of their time and energy that they will be effective witnesses. Pray for those who will be witnessed to – that they will have receptive hearts and minds. Pray! Pray! Pray!

So as the week of Crossover roars toward us – and we are trying our best to wrap up all of the last minute details, we need to take a **deep breath and remember God is in control. Now, this doesn’t** give us a pass on doing the best we can to be ready – but we do need to remember that God **“...is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think...”** (Ephesians 3:20 HCSB).

I am looking forward to seeing what God will do in and through the churches of this association over the next few weeks, months, and years ahead!

John



Whether you’ve been serving your church for many years or are new to the ministry, additional education serves to sharpen you as a practitioner and communicator of God’s word. Classes will be useful for lay leaders as well as pastors. Please contact the Arizona Campus office at 480-941-1993 or arc-info@ggbts.edu for additional information.

Fall 2011 Schedule of Tucson Classes

Old Testament Introduction I—Alternate Thursdays, 5:00—10:00 p.m.

This course is an introduction to the content, background, and critical studies of the Old Testament, with a survey and study of the books of the Torah and the first two books of the Former Prophets. Dr. Paul Smith Class meets: 8/25, 9/8, 9/22, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1

Pastoral Ministry—Alternate Thursdays, 5:00—9:00 p.m.

A study of pastoral ministry with an emphasis on the understanding and nature of pastoral care within the local church setting. Dr. David Johnson Class meets: 9/1, 9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1, 12/15

Both Classes are required for all GGBTS degree programs. Apply for admission by July 15, 2011. Application available at www.ggbts.edu or by calling the Arizona Campus at 480-941-1993

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Budget Requirements 2011

Annual Budget	\$165,432
Monthly Requirement	\$13,786
Contributions April	\$9,339
Over (under) for month	(\$4,447)
Contributions YTD 2011	\$46,972
Over (under) 2011	(\$8,172)