## **NINETY-ONE**

You may have noticed that we are gathering contact information for everyone in our church. We are collecting this information to improve communication and connection. I am so thankful to Karen Hill for doing all the legwork on this.

As a kid, this was called a "Church Directory."

I remember taking a picture from Olan Mills and it being printed like a High School yearbook. Some of you know exactly what I am talking about because you have taken the same picture. Those were the days! What a time to be alive that was!

Yesterday, I was informed that we have 91 family names represented in our church.

91. Whew.

When I heard that, I couldn't believe it! But as I looked it over, I was overwhelmed with joy seeing your names together. It was genuinely moving to see the names of our children and youth listed as well.

We are no longer a small church. We have moved into the medium-sized world.

This growth has been nothing more than God bringing people our way and using you to do it. Our advertising budget is \$0.00. Our hope is placed in you to share the Gospel in everything, use social media as outreach, invite people to check out our website or app, or simply be the loving neighbor you are called to be.

While we are no longer small, we are responsible for ensuring that we continue to feel small. Intimacy and relationships with each other must be intentional. They never happen by accident.

So, in light of this, I want to leave you with two questions to consider:

- -Will you go out of your way to connect with others you do not know well in our church?
- -Will you ask someone new to join you in church soon? Studies have shown that over 90% of people who are personally invited will attend church! Sometimes, a personal invitation is all it takes.

You are loved.

Caniel Sitchel
Lead Pastor

## LAST WEEK @ CROSS CHURCH:

**WEEKLY NEEDS:** \$9,241.61

OFFERING: \$6,578.68

DIFFERENCE: -S2,662.93

## ATTENDANCE:

FAMILY NIGHT 105

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH 169

ONLINE 34

## **COMING UP:**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** 

APRIL 6TH

MARRIAGE RETREAT

MAY 3RD - 4TH

**TOGETHER WEEK** 

**JUNE 17TH - 21ST** 

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** 

JULY 31ST - AUGUST 2ND

