

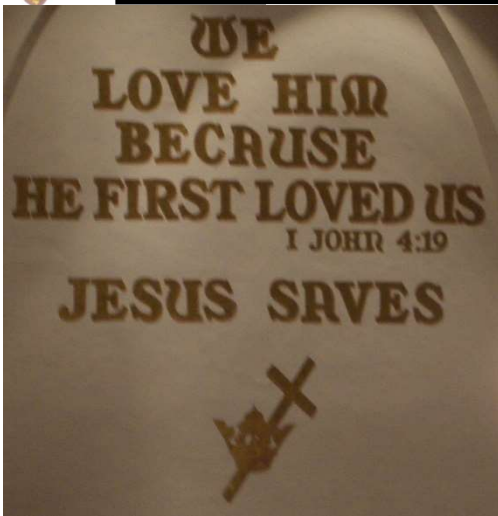


The Cross and Crown

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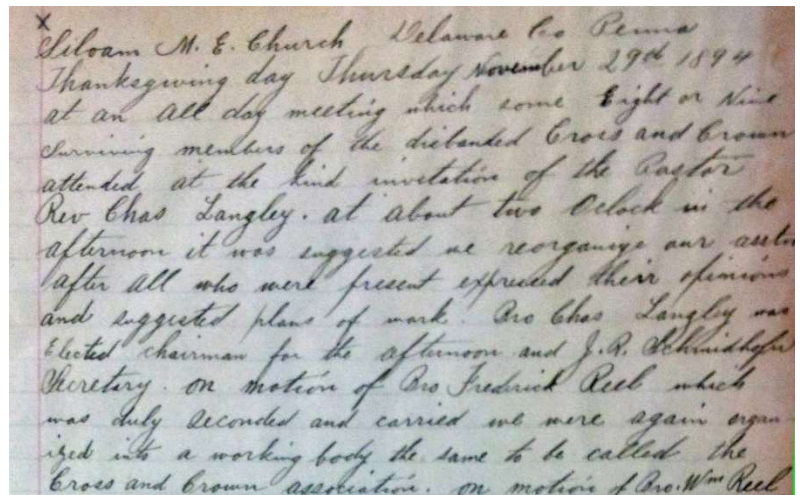
"No Cross,
No Crown"

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During the first service that I ever attended at Highway Tabernacle, in the spring of 1989, Florence Bogdan, standing behind the pulpit to give the announcements, pointed to her right towards some text and a logo painted in gold on the wall. She explained that the paint work was the final piece of restoration from the fire. I learned later that the church building had been devastated by fire three years earlier and that the text and the logo had featured in every building that Highway had occupied in its then-92 years.

In the first recorded minutes of what later became Highway Mission Tabernacle, it's written that, on Thanksgiving day, November 29, 1894, "some eight or nine surviving members of the disbanded Cross and Crown" met during an all-day prayer meeting, seeking a further move of God in Philadelphia. (In those days, Thanksgiving was celebrated on the last Thursday of November, rather than the fourth Thursday.)



In the thirty-four years that I have been associated with Highway, we have employed several mottos: "Over 100 years of continuous city ministry," "Building a family to serve a community," "Following God, Loving People, Sharing Hope," and, currently, "Reach, Teach, Mend, Send." Through it all, though, we've remained true to the principle of our logo, bearing the **cross** that we may wear the **crown**.

This Thanksgiving marks 129 years of God's faithfulness to Philadelphia through Highway Mission Tabernacle! Thank you for your faithfulness in standing with us!

By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted. (Proverbs 11:11)

(If you're interested in more of Highway's history, please watch the video at youtube.com/highwaytabernacle.)

Thanks for Praying!



The Cross and Crown logos at Resurrection Life
The text will be added between them.





We've come this far by faith – and your faithfulness!
Please continue praying with us for

- our Christmas outreaches in the community,
- several in our church and Academy family who have recently lost family members,
- discipling new believers, and
- planning and provision for the new year.

We're praying with you!

If you're on our mailing list*, you're on our prayer list! If there's anything specific that we can join with you in praying about, please let us know.

Thanks so much to those who keep in touch! It's so encouraging to hear from you!

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* **Important:** If you'd rather not be on our mailing list, we won't be offended! Just call or drop us a note, and we'll remove you. (We'll still keep you on our prayer list!)

If you'd rather receive this letter via e-mail, please let us know!

Did you know?



Our mission statement, “Reach, Teach, Mend, Send,” is based on the Great Commission. You can learn more about this statement in our “RTMS” sermon series on YouTube. To check it out, please go to ResLife.AG/rtms.

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (...) And these signs will accompany those who believe:

In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.” (Mark 16:15–18; Matthew 28:19,20)



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