



THE GENEROUS LIFE



Love, Connect and Serve on the Journey with Christ

sundays at 8:15, 9:45, 11:15 am

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Welcome

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE! Thanks for joining us today! We don't want to miss the opportunity of connecting with you. So, whether you are visiting for the first time or are a regular attendee please take a moment to fill out the *Blue Connection Card* in the seat pocket in front of you. Please return it to the seat pocket or leave it on your seat.

If you would like to give toward the ministries of Crossroads Church, please place your gift in one of the Tithes and Offerings Boxes located at each Worship Center exit. Online giving is also available on our website at www.crossroadsefc.com

Looking for more information? If you'd like to learn more about something you heard during Crossroads announcements regarding upcoming events or the ministries at Crossroads, please visit our Welcome Center Kiosk located in the Connection Area or visit our website at www.crossroadsefc.com.

We wanted you to know that...

- Assisted hearing devices are available during our services at the Welcome Kiosk.
- Once a worship service has begun, we ask that all entering and exiting the Worship Center use the east or west doors (not the center, please).
- Misplaced something? If so, please check the Welcome Kiosk for lost & found items.

In order to make our services available online and in other locations, photography and video recordings may take place while you're here at Crossroads. Your presence signifies your consent for Crossroads Church to use your image. Thanks for your cooperation.

marriage moment...

Some people make you feel safe and comfortable. Resting and letting down your guard in their presence happens naturally when you can express yourself freely, becoming vulnerable. Such genuine people allow for civil discussion even when perspectives differ.

Others put you on guard, making you uneasy. They quickly correct what you say, belittle, and can't be trusted not to repeat your confidences to others. You fear to share deeply with them.

How safe are you for your spouse? Can your spouse share with you, knowing you will listen, process rationally, respond thoughtfully, and act charitably? Does a sharp and critical tongue obstruct the flow of conversation, or do jumping to conclusions and a know-it-all-attitude shut down interaction? What can you do to become more safe, drawing your spouse toward you?

announcements

- If you have been attending Crossroads for a few weeks or the past few months and you would like to attend a **Newcomer's Luncheon** to get more information about Crossroads, please mark the RSVP option on the front of the Connection Card. The free luncheon will be on Sunday, September 30th, after the third service in the Station.
- The Women's Bible Study Team is looking for 3 childcare workers for their upcoming study that starts next Tuesday morning. Workers would be needed each Tuesday from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and will be paid for their time. The study runs for 8 weeks from Sept. 18 - Nov. 13 with a week off for Fall Break on Oct. 16. Anyone interested in helping out in this way should call Liz Collins at (574) 952-3780.

being in community is "sweet"!

It's Scoops From Groups Sunday! Today after service make sure to stop in the Connection Area to enjoy a small cup of vanilla, chocolate or sherbet ice cream compliments of the Community Group Ministry Team!

Our Community Group Leaders (aka: The Blue Crew) will be serving ice cream and making themselves available to talk with you about Community Groups! So, if you have ANY questions about Community Groups, then today would be the perfect time to ask! Go ahead, ask away! Don't be afraid to ask what it's really like to participate in a Community Group. Our team is ready!

Whether or not you'd like some ice cream, please take a quick moment to stop in the Connection Area to learn more about Community Groups!

Life Is Better Connected!

you need community... and somebody in community needs you!

Are you ready to move out of the row you're sitting in and into a circle of people who are ready to connect with others in a more meaningful way? If you're ready to engage in community with others, then it's time to join a Community Group! Community Groups are small groups that meet each week in someone's home to develop relationships with one another, engage in God's Word, support one another through prayer and to build friendships outside of Sunday mornings. You can join a Community Group through our upcoming GroupLink Event on Saturday, September 29th, at 6:00 pm. This fun, interactive event allows you the meet new group leaders and select the group that works best for you and your family! Register today! See the GroupLink Registration Card in your seat pocket.

sermon notes

connect with us...

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connection card

☐ 1st time guest ☐ 2nd time guest ☐ Visiting family/friends ☐ Regular Attendee/Member

Name(s) _____

Email _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Cell (His/Her) _____

Phone _____

**If you are visiting for the first time or are a regular attendee please take a moment to fill out this card.*

Date _____

I heard about Crossroads through _____

☐ Please update my information

RSVP: I/we plan to attend the Newcomers Luncheon on September 30th, there will be # _____ attending: (names)

Today my next step is to:

☐ Receive Christ as my personal Lord & Savior (Rom 3:23; 5:8; 6:23; 10:9-10; Eph. 2:8-10)

☐ In response to today's message, I plan to: _____

Please send info or contact me about:

- ☐ Becoming a follower of Jesus Christ
- ☐ How to get connected with people at Crossroads
- ☐ Baptism - Going public with my faith
- ☐ Become a member of Crossroads

- ☐ Being counselled through Crossroads
- ☐ Crossroads Connecting Online (CCO)
- ☐ Being added as a Prayer Warrior
- ☐ Serving opportunities at Crossroads

Comments, Prayer Requests:

Please place completed card in seat pocket. Thank you.

All prayer requests are shared with our prayer warrior group. ☐ Confidential for Pastoral Staff and Elders only



Want to learn more about Crossroads? Who we are? What we membership at Crossroads? Answers to these questions and more can be found by participating in our Connecting on the Journey Target Group class!

This is THE best way to get to know more about Crossroads Church and how you and your family can get plugged in with the Crossroads ministries

- COJ classes begin on October 7th & end November 4th (5 wks)
- Classes meet 1st Service (8:15 am) on Sunday in Room 106
- RSVP by completing the bottom portion of this card and placing it in one of the Tithe & Offering Boxes
- Sign-up ends September 30th
- There is no cost to participate in this class

- SIGN UP TODAY -

Instructions: If you'd like to sign up for *Connecting on the Journey* class, please:
1) complete this form and 2) place it in one of the Tithe & Offering boxes

Participant Name(s): _____



Who should participate in the Connecting on Journey Target Group Class? Connecting on the Journey (COJ) classes are geared for anyone attending Crossroads that would like to learn more about who we are, what we believe and so much more!

Considering formal membership at Crossroads? We strongly encourage anyone considering formal membership at Crossroads to participate in this class before applying. Why? This class will best prepare you to understand our ministry and how you can best Love, Connect and Serve at Crossroads!

What are the topics covered during the 5 week class? There are 5 topics covered. They are: 1) Welcome to Crossroads 2) What We Believe 3) Serving at Crossroads 4) Meet the Staff, and 5) Connecting in Community.

How is this Target Group Class connected with the Newcomer's Luncheon? Even though this is a stand alone Target Group class, we strongly encourage those who attend our Newcomer's Luncheon to take the class. Those who have taken the class have commented that it is the BEST way to learn about Crossroads and truly understand the vision and mission of the church.

How do I sign up? What does it cost? Simply fill out the form on the back of this sheet and slip it in one of the Tithe & Offering boxes in the Worship Center. The class is free!

GET CONNECTED AT CROSSROADS

COMMUNITY groups

What are Community Groups? Community Groups are our small group ministry for adults at Crossroads. It's a place where 8 – 12 adults meet weekly, in someone's home, to develop healthy relationships and engage in God's Word while working to provide care, support, and accountability with one another. They are for adults of all ages, stages of life and spiritual maturity.

Why Community Groups? We want to be disciples who make disciples. We believe that the most effective way to do this is within the context of small groups.

Where do Community Groups meet and how often do they meet? Groups gather together weekly in homes.

What's the format of a Community Group? A typical group meeting might be structured as follows:

- 30 minutes: Social time (snack food is often available; some groups even share a meal together)
- 1 hour: Bible, book, video or curriculum study
- 30 minutes: Prayer requests and prayer

What would be expected of me if I were to join a Community Group? There are three simple things that will help you get the most out of participating in a Community Group...

Show Up = Make a commitment to get connected to your group.

Join In = Participate in the conversation; begin to connect relationally with the people in the group

Be Real = Open up about who you are...who you really are.

How can I join a Community Group? To join a Community Group you simply need to attend our GroupLink Event on Saturday, September 29th. To learn more about the GroupLink Event, just flip to the other side of this insert!

****REGISTER FOR GROUPLINK TODAY***
see your seat pocket for more information!*

what is GroupLink?

GroupLink is a two hour event where you will meet and connect with others in your area of town and stage of life to start a Community Group. Community Groups are small groups of approximately eight to twelve adults that meet weekly in someone's home to develop healthy relationships and engage in God's Word while working to provide care, support, and accountability with one another. They are for adults of all ages, stages of life and spiritual maturity.

GroupLink is the primary way to get connected into a group. At GroupLink, we don't place you in a group — you choose your own.

upcoming GroupLink info.

Saturday, September 29th

At Crossroads Church

Registration begins at 6:00 pm

Event kicks off at 6:20 pm

Appetizers will be served.

**There is no childcare provided*



what is expected of me?

There are three simple things that we ask every family to do when joining a new Community Group: Show Up, Join In, Be Real

We ask you to initially commit to meet with your group for eight weeks. You will spend that time getting to know each other and doing a short Bible study. At the end of the eight weeks, you can choose to continue with your group or choose to join a new group at the next GroupLink Event.

To sign up for the next GroupLink Event please fill out the GroupLink Registration Card found in the seat pocket in front of you.