

# 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 *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](http://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](http://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 as well as in other locations, and for marketing purposes, 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. Thank you for your cooperation.



*Love, Connect and Serve on the Journey with Christ*

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

**november 10, 2019**

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## marriage moment

The fifth wall, constructed in marriages, creating barriers to intimacy and deeper relationships, is the **Wall of Humor**.

"Humor is a great trait to have and sometimes using it to relieve the tension of a hard situation can be beneficial. But using humor and sarcasm as a *replacement* for dealing with important conversations will end up building a wall between you and your spouse, keeping you at a distance emotionally rather than giving you the opportunity to connect deeply."

Do jokes come more readily than dealing with hard issues, sharing honestly, or talking through differences? Avoid the type of humor that shuts out your spouse, obstructs meaningful dialogue, and builds walls.

"The Walls in Your Marriage," by Debra Fileta, Focus on the Family Magazine (June/July 2019)

## announcements

- **New Phone System** - The church office is currently in the process of switching to a new phone system. Our TEMPORARY phone number is (574) 248-4244. We hope to have everything back to normal soon. Thank you for your continued patience as we have our phone service transferred.
- **Congregational Meeting** - Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held this afternoon beginning at 4:00 pm. Please see your bulletin insert for information regarding our 2020 proposed budget, Elder nominees and changes to our Statement of Faith proposal. Budget booklets are available at the TV Kiosk in the Connection Area.
- **Nov 24<sup>th</sup> deadline for 2020 Women's Mission Trip to Kinshasa!** The deadline for applications to be submitted for the June mission trip to Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available at the Global Outreach Kiosk in the Connection Area or through the church office. For more information, contact Gloria Seitz at (574) 315-1858.
- **Thank You Veterans!** Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is Veterans Day. It is a day we, as a nation, honor and celebrate the service of all US military veterans. To those who have served, we thank you!
- **Crossroads Children's Ministry presents..."Joy Story"**. This event is for children in preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. It will be held at Crossroads on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. It is a ticketed event since dinner will be served! Pick up your free tickets by visiting the kiosk in the Connection Area.

## operation christmas child - one week left!

**Have You Packed Your OCC Shoebox Yet?** We still have plenty of FREE shoe boxes and FREE items that you can use today to pack your shoe box! Simply stop by the OCC tables in the Connection Area to start your shoe box. Collection begins next Sunday!

**Drop Off Your Shoe Boxes Next Sunday! We will be collecting all of Crossroads' shoe boxes next Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, so just bring it with you to church.**

**Don't Forget About Shipping Costs** - If you can, please make sure to provide a \$9.00 donation to help cover shipping costs for your shoebox. Simply make your check out to Samaritan's Purse and place it inside your box on the top of your gifts. You can also go online to [www.samaritanspurse.com](http://www.samaritanspurse.com) to make a shipping donation there.

**Volunteer To Help** - We are looking for volunteers to help during National Collection Week at Crossroads (Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>) as well as volunteers to help with food needs. A "needs list" was e-mailed earlier this week. Please contact Pastor Marc if you didn't receive the e-mail or if you have questions. \*Volunteers who help during Collection Week must attend one of the training meetings on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, in Room 105 / 107 during 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> service.

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN** - If you would like a FREE picture to place in your shoe box, then make sure to have your picture take by Pastor Marc in the Connection Area. You can then pick up your picture next Sunday and place it in your shoe box before turning it in!

## sermon notes

## connect with us...

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# connection card

- 1<sup>st</sup> time guest    2<sup>nd</sup> time guest    Visiting family/friends    Regular Attendee/Member

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cell (His/Her) \_\_\_\_\_ I heard about Crossroads

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

Please update my information

**Serve Opportunity:** The Usher Ministry Team is looking for some additional men to serve on the team. This is a great way to serve on a Sunday morning, meet new people and assist families at Crossroads! You'll be assigned to a monthly Usher group and serve once every three months. Training is provided and you'll receive a team shirt!

Yes, I'm interested in learning more: (name) \_\_\_\_\_

(phone) \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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    Being counselled through Crossroads  
 How to get connected with people at Crossroads    Crossroads Connecting Online (cco)  
 Baptism - Going public with my faith    Being added as a Prayer Warrior  
 Become a member of Crossroads    Serving opportunities at Crossroads

## Comments, Prayer Requests:

Please place completed card in seat pocket. Thank you.

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

## Crossroads Annual Congregational Meeting

November 10, 2019 @ 4:00 pm in the Station Room

In preparation for our Annual Congregational Meeting, here are some important items for you to know. Please remember, everyone is invited and welcome to attend this, however, only formal members are able to vote on the proposals.

### 1. Elder Nominees

The Elders propose **Joel Schumacher** and **Greg Gerard** as Elders to begin serving a three-year term in January of 2020. You can hear Joel and Greg's testimonies at the Town Hall meetings and you will be able to ask questions. Any biblical concerns regarding either of these nominees can be addressed with a current serving Elder. The Elders will be seeking the affirmation of these candidates from the congregation at the annual meeting. Absentee ballots are accepted for Elder nominees. Also, in January 2020, Bob Read and James Stone will be stepping off the Elder Team after completing a three-year term.

### 2. 2020 Proposed Budget

A booklet outlining the proposed budget for 2020 is now available. A summary page as well as a breakdown for each department is included. The booklets are available at the TV Kiosk labeled "2020 Proposed Budget Booklets". Feel free to pick up a copy and take it with you for review. The Elders will be seeking approval of the 2020 budget from the congregation at the annual meeting. Absentee ballots are not accepted for the budget proposal.

### 3. Proposed change to our Statement of Faith

This past June at the EFCA One Conference, 79% of the delegates present approved an amendment to Article 9 of the EFCA Statement of Faith (SOF) to read – *"We believe in the personal, bodily and ~~premillennial~~ **glorious** return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission."* Each local EFC has been invited to consider updating their SOF to reflect this change. The pastors/elders of Crossroads have reviewed the biblical/theological basis for this change and recommend that we adopt this change to our Crossroads SOF as per our Constitution.

Additional information on the change to the EFCA SOF is available on the resource tables at the back of the Worship Center

### 4. Town Hall Meetings

There are two Town Hall meetings prior to the Congregational Meeting available for discussion regarding any of these items. The dates are **Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00pm** and **Sunday, November 3 at 11:15am**. Both meetings will be held at the Plymouth campus in **Room 105/07**.

### 5. Appointed Ministry Team Leaders for 2020

Our Ministry Team Leaders are gifted volunteer leaders in our ministry. They lead various teams to carry out the area of their focus, in effort to accomplish our overall vision of *being disciples who make disciples*. These positions are appointed by the Elders and not affirmed by the congregation. However, we ask the congregation if there are any biblical concerns regarding these leaders. Please review the list below.

Building and Grounds – Jim Jenney

Community Outreach – Racheal Filley

Connection Team – Amy Gerard

Faith Community Nursing – Susie Cook

First Impressions (Plymouth) – Joe Binfet

First Impressions (Culver) – Bonnie Bennett

Global Outreach – Lynn Vernon

Hospitality – **Vacant**

Men of Crossroads – Adam Barden\*

Ps92 – Dave and Kim Powell

Safety Team – Ryan Lebo

Setup/Tear Down (Culver) – Geno Price

Ushers (Plymouth) – Doug MacLain

Ushers (Culver) – Bill Surguy

Women's Ministry – Sherry Six

\*The Elders will present a proposal to the congregation to permit Adam Barden to serve a fifth year as leader of the Men of Crossroads ministry because it would be an exception to the Ministry Team Leader guidelines put forward in our Constitution and By-laws.

# HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



1

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted boxes are available online.

4



Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.

Select a quality **"wow"** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.

2



5



A donation of **\$9** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.\*

Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

3



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Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.

To Follow Your Box, visit [samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ)

Our goal is 500 shoe boxes and you can help us get there!

Stop by our OCC tables in the Connection Area today to pick up a **FREE** shoe box and items to pack in your box!

Don't forget to include a picture and note in your shoe box. Please include \$9.00 to ship your shoe box across the world to a child!

# SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



## "WOW" ITEM

- outfit
- shoes
- musical instrument
- soccer ball with pump
- stuffed animal
- doll

## TOYS

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

## ACCESSORIES

- socks
- hats
- sunglasses
- hair clips
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

## NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, and sharpeners
- crayons and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

## A PERSONAL NOTE

- a message to the child
- a photo of yourself, your family, or group

*If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.*

## QUALITY CRAFTS

- hair bows
- finger puppets
- friendship bracelets

*Check out the Operation Christmas Child boards on Pinterest for specific suggestions.*



**Do Not Include:** Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

For more gift suggestions organized by gender and age, visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)





*Women's Ministries  
invite you and a friend to*

## **Festival of Tables**

*A Women's Christmas Event*

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm at  
Crossroads Church  
1650 N. Oak Dr.  
Plymouth, IN**

**Guest Speaker: Maggie Paulus  
Author of: Finding God at the  
Kitchen Sink: Search for Glory  
in the Everyday Grime.**

Enjoy a lovely Christmas atmosphere,  
fellowship, scrumptious desserts, and  
Christmas carols as we celebrate the joy of  
the season amidst festively  
decorated tables.

**R.S.V.P.** at the Women's Ministries table  
in the Connection Area by  
Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

**TICKETS: \$5.00**