



*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 *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.

## faith community nursing

King Solomon encourages us by saying "...there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat, drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany them in their toil all the days of the life God has given them under the sun." (Ecc 8:15).

Some take this out of context with the mantra "Eat, drink and be merry", sometimes without regard to excesses! That is certainly not the intent in this instruction.....God wants us to enjoy each day, so that we may be content and encouraged to accept each day as it comes, with its daily measure of work, food, and pleasure. Learning to enjoy what God has given us will refresh and strengthen us to continue his work!

"In the Christian community, thankfulness is just what it is anywhere else in the Christian life. Only he who gives thanks for the little things received the big things.

We prevent God from giving us the great spiritual gifts He has in store for us because we do not give thanks for the daily gifts."

Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community' by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

## announcements

- **Special Offering Today** - This morning we will take a special offering to support our Women's Mission Team traveling to the Democratic Republic of Congo. The team plans to visit the Tabitha Center sponsored by our church in Kinsantu, DRC as well as minister to the GlobalFingerprints women who have been sponsored by Crossroads families. Your generous financial support will be a great encouragement as we send this team! Simply place "Women's Mission Team" in the memo section of your check when giving.
- **Attention Women of Crossroads!** Guess what? It's retreat year for the Women's Ministry! Woo Hoo! The dates for this year's retreat are September 11th and 12th and will be held at the Das Dutchman Essenhaus Retreat and Conference Center in Middlebury, IN. We are super excited and can't wait to dive in to what being a woman and a warrior for Christ looks like! So, make sure to get the dates in your calendar! Registration will be held in July.
- **A Friendly Reminder** - Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend. Be sure to spring forward your clock when you go to bed next Saturday night so you're not late Sunday morning!
- **Sign Your Kids Up for Day Camp!** That's right, Crossroads is hosting SpringHill Day Camps again and we want your kids, who have completed grades K - 5 to attend this exciting camp experience! Dates for camp are June 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>. Interested in learning more about camp? Need some help with the cost of camp? Would you like to sponsor a child? Learn more about SpringHill and more by visiting our SpringHill Day Camp table in the Connection Area today! Register for camp by going to [crossroadsefc.com](http://crossroadsefc.com) or at [springhillexperiences.com](http://springhillexperiences.com). Don't miss this opportunity!
- **Art of Marriage Follow Up** - We were excited to have 33 couples attend the Art of Marriage Event this past Friday evening and Saturday. We're grateful for the work that the Lord did in the midst of these marriages! We also want to thank those volunteers that helped make this event such a success!
- **Baptism Service Planned** - We wanted to let you know that a baptism service is planned for April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you want to be baptized, please mark your interest on your Connection Card today! We look forward to celebrating public steps of faith!
- **An Evening with the Yoder's** - Pastor Scott and Kelly are inviting the church family to join them on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at their home. It's an opportunity for you to get know Pastor Scott and Kelly as well meet others from Crossroads! Since space is limited, please contact the church office at (574) 935-3833 to RSVP. Their home is located at 10859 5B Rd. in Plymouth.

## volunteer for the operation christmas child event!

Last week we were excited to share that Crossroads will once again host the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Celebration Event for Northern Indiana. It will be held on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 pm.

In order to make this a successful event, we will need numerous volunteers to help with various aspects of the event. Volunteers are needed to help with the set up and tear down of the Worship Center, to provide food items, greet and assist our guests, help organize and serve the meal and more! \*You can sign up to help serve at this event starting next Sunday!

Visit the Operation Christmas Child table in the Connection Area NEXT Sunday to sign up to help! Our goal for the event is to express the love of Jesus to all who attend the event and bless them with our service! We hope you'll join us in doing just that!

## 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

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

**Serve Opportunity:** The Building & Grounds Team is looking for individuals/families who would be willing to lock up the church one Sunday a month after 3<sup>rd</sup> Service (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of month). This is a great opportunity for families to do simple serving together! Yes, I would like to serve:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

# IMPORTANT COMMUNITY GROUP INFORMATION FOR YOU

Unfortunately, we need to let everyone know that we will be cancelling our March 7<sup>th</sup> GroupLink Event.

You obviously have some questions. Keep reading to find out why we won't be offering GroupLink in March...

**Why Are You Cancelling GroupLink?** We simply don't have the leaders to start any new Community Groups.

**Why Aren't There Any New Community Group Leaders?** Some Community Group leaders continue to lead new groups after their previous groups end. Other group leaders take a break from leading for a while. We value giving our group leaders the ability to take a break. Group leaders on break are invited to return to start a new group every 6 months. Some leaders choose to return to start a new group while others find other areas of ministry inside and outside of Crossroads to serve.

**What About Finding and Developing New Community Group Leaders?** We find that our best new Community Group Leaders are found and developed within existing groups. The goal of the group leaders are to identify and help apprentice potential leaders over the duration of the group. It's a great way to train up new leaders however, not every group will produce new Community Group leaders.

We place an extremely high value on who leads our Community Groups because they are essentially leading a small home "church". Each group is an extension of Crossroads Church.

Even though we're bummed, we wanted to let you that there are a few options for you to still get connected!

Flip this sheet over to learn more...



**We're Introducing CONNECT GROUPS!** Starting on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Marc will be leading a three-month long group that will be similar to a Community Group.

**Who Is The CONNECT GROUP For?** This group is for those who signed up to attend the upcoming GroupLink Event as well as for those who are seeking a way to connect with others in a small group environment but are not already in a Community Group.

**Tell Me More About The Details!** The Connect Group will meet every Sunday morning during 2<sup>nd</sup> Service in Room 105 & 107. It will begin on March 8<sup>th</sup> and end on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**What Will The Group Do?** The goal of the Connect Group is to emulate a Community Group but in a shorter time frame. We'll work to build relationships with one another, engage in conversation about a Bible study and its application to our daily lives. Finally, we'll take some time to pray for one another.

**Do I Need Sign Up To Participate In The CONNECT GROUP?** For planning purposes, we need for you to let us know if you want to participate. Therefore, please see Pastor Marc in the New Connection Area this morning to sign up!

**Is There A Minimum / Maximum Number Of People In Order To Have The CONNECT GROUP?** Yes, there is. In order to get the most out of the small group experience, we need to have a minimum of 10 people. The most we can have in the group is 25. Yes, that's a big group but our goal is to "connect" people!

**What If The CONNECT GROUP Doesn't Work For Me?** There are so many different ways to connect with others at Crossroads and we want to help you find the right place! You can start by connecting with those that you serve with! Did you know that we have over 20 different ministry teams? Consider finding a place to serve on a Sunday morning. Join a Target Group or attend a ministry event / Bible study through the Men's & Women's Ministries. Over 50 years old? Attend a Ps92 Event! Have a heart for missions? Consider helping with Operation Christmas Child or Love Reach Projects. If you would like additional information on how you can get connected, please contact the church office at (574) 935-3833 or by e-mail at [churchoffice@crossroads-efc.org](mailto:churchoffice@crossroads-efc.org)

**Connect In A Community Group!** We're already planning our September GroupLink Event because we believe in connecting people in Community Groups! In the meantime, consider joining our new CONNECT GROUP!