



## Welcome...

**We are glad you are with us!** 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. You may return it to the seat pocket or place it in the box on the back table.

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.  
Thank you!

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**OUR MISSION:** Love, Connect, and  
Serve on the Journey with Christ.



## Welcome to Crossroads!

Thank you for joining our worship service today. We do not want to miss the opportunity of meeting you. Please take a moment to fill out the *Blue Connection Card* located in the seat pocket in front of you. You may also share any prayer requests you have on this card as well. We'd love to have the opportunity to pray for you!

**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).

## Just So You Know...

- Assisted hearing devices are available during our services at the Welcome Kiosk.
- Binders with printed lyrics are available on the back tables in the Worship Center.

*Once a worship service has begun, we ask that all entering and exiting the Worship Center use the west door.*

## operation christmas child - collection week has begun

**Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoeboxes collection week begins TODAY and ends on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Our goal, as a church family, is 500 shoeboxes! This is an easy, fun and impactful service opportunity for every family at Crossroads to participate.

It's not too late to pack a shoebox! Please visit with Shannon Buckland, Crossroads' Operation Christmas Child Coordinator, at the OCC table in the Connection Area today to learn more about how you can help! Shannon will provide you with all of the information you need to put together your shoeboxes!

Again, collection week for the shoeboxes at Crossroads begins today and ends on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Feel free to drop off your shoeboxes at the church office this coming week or bring them to church with you next Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Not familiar with Operation Christmas Child? Learn more at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) or feel free to contact Shannon Buckland at [4buckland@gmail.com](mailto:4buckland@gmail.com) or by calling (574) 780-3161 for more information.



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## announcements

- Welcome **Wayne and Sheryl Gasser** with ReachGlobal Africa. ReachGlobal is the missions branch of the Evangelical Free Church.
- **Ladies of Crossroads** - Come celebrate "The Festival of Tables" on December 5<sup>th</sup> here at Crossroads Church at 6:30 pm. Tables will be decorated in a variety of Christmas themes that you will not want to miss. Refreshments, desserts, carols, door prizes and a special speaker will be a wonderful way to start your holiday season. Sign up begins today for just \$3.00 per person. Invite your family members, friends, neighbors or co-workers to come celebrate the Reason For The Season! If you are interested in hosting a Festival Table, please contact Sherry Six or Gloria Seitz.
- **You can partner with the Marshall County Neighborhood Center to help fight hunger right here in our community!** Helping out is as easy as picking up a few extra items at the grocery store and dropping them off at the "Fight Hunger" display in the Connection Area. November's food pantry donation items are stuffing and boxed mashed potatoes.
- Crossroads would like to welcome Dwight and Sandy Laidig, Orlin and Kelly Miller, and Steve and Kati Pletcher as **new members** to the church family. Welcome!

## community group news

- **One of our Community Groups is doing a service project and would like to invite you to join them!** They will be collecting new or gently used coats for distribution to our Crossroads family and the Marshall County Neighborhood Center. Collection will be Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, between services. Coats can also be dropped off at the church during office hours November 16<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Interested in learning what Community Groups are?** Join us for the *Connecting in Community Class* on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. This class is a great introduction to those who have never participated in a Community Group at Crossroads. If you're interested in getting connected at Crossroads, then joining a Community Group is the place for you! *Life Is Better Connected!* \*Classes are free and held during 2<sup>nd</sup> service in room 105.

## congregational meeting for 2016 budget

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be today at 4:30 pm. Plan to join us as we discuss some ministry plans for 2016 and vote on our 2016 annual budget and the three Elder nominees. Please be reminded that only members are permitted to vote but everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. *\*Please Note: No child care is provided for the annual meeting.*

We have three Elder nominees for consideration this year: Nathan Beyler, Greg Gerard and Tod Stillson. The **proposed budget** for 2016 is \$862,583. This represents a 11% increase from 2015's budget. Detailed budget booklets are available at the Information Kiosk for anyone who would like a copy.