



SOMETHING TO GIVE

A Study of Ephesians

Love, Connect and Serve on the Journey with Christ

connect with us...

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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. 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.

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.
- 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 east or west doors (not the center, please).

marriage moment

We want to linger on the topic of kindness, exploring the idea of **shared joy**. "We've all heard that partners should be there for each other when the going gets rough. But research shows that being there for each other when things go *right* is actually more important for relationship quality. How someone responds to a partner's good news can have dramatic consequences for the relationship."

Offering cynical, half-hearted, distracted, careless, critical, or belittling responses as your spouse shares something good in his/her life become joy-killers. But "active constructive responding allows the partner to savor his/her joy and gives the couple an opportunity to bond over the good news." Genuine interest in the good things happening in your spouse's life is a gift of kindness.

"In most marriages, levels of satisfaction drop dramatically within the first few years together. But among couples who not only endure, but live happily together for years and years, the spirit of kindness and generosity guides them forward."

Prayerfully ask the Lord to reveal where fatigue, sarcasm, or insensitivity may be robbing your marriage of kindness.

Quotes from **Business Insider**, "Science Says Lasting Relationships Come Down to 2 Basic Traits", by Emily Esfahani Smith

announcements

- **Dive Student Ministry and Junction 56 Kickoff** is TONIGHT from 6-8pm. Remember to wear clothes that can get wet and bring a towel!
- **Ever wonder what IF:TABLE is all about...** If you didn't rsvp for the IF:TABLE, we invite you to still attend and find out. It's today after the 3rd service from 12:45 pm - 2:45 pm in the station. There will be plenty of food as this is a time to relax with women, time spent that leaves us with glad hearts, full hearts, grateful hearts!
- **Crossroads Women's Retreat - Ladies:** Are you struggling with balancing busyness in your life? Are you yearning to make connections with your fellow sisters in Christ? We have a wonderful solution for you. Join us for our Crossroads Women's Retreat, September 9th - 10th, 2016 at the Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana. Sign up today in the Connection Area, registration ends August 21st.
- We will be having a **Parent-Child Dedication** on August 28th. If you are interested in dedicating your child to the Lord, we ask that you attend a class on August 14th during 2nd service. Please contact the church office to let us know you will be coming.
- **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. August's donation items are macaroni and cheese. Donations benefit the Marshall County Neighborhood Center.

get connected at crossroads!

Interested in going deeper in your faith while doing life together with others seeking to do the same thing? If so, then joining a **Community Group** is the thing for you. Join a Community Group at our upcoming GroupLink Event (our on-ramp to join a Community Group) on Saturday, September 17th. Registration will begin on Sunday, August 28th. Life is Better Connected!

2016 crossroads harvest party - october 1st

The annual Crossroads Harvest Party is set to happen on Saturday, October 1st at Pastor Marc & Becky Read's home. Mark your calendar now and clear your families schedule to attend!

New to Crossroads and haven't attended a Harvest Party? You'll want to gather your family and perhaps invite a friend to join you at this all-church, family fun event! We'll gather together Saturday afternoon for a huge potluck, bounce-houses for the kids, a flag football tournament, cozy up around the bonfire, take a hay ride, enjoy a talent show and most importantly...connect with the entire Crossroads family!

During the month of September we'll begin to pass along more specific information about the event. We'll also be asking for some folks to help volunteer a small amount of time at the event to help things run smoothly. It's a great time and we hope you and your family will join us!