



Crossroads Connections

Crossroads Community Church

June, 2016

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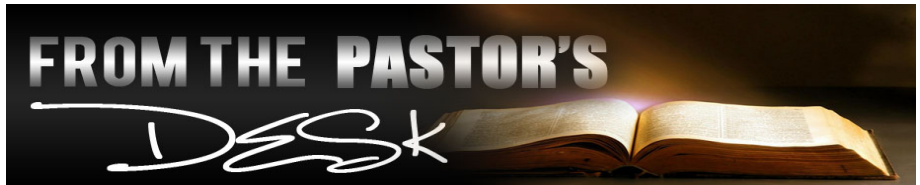
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Sunday Worship Services
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School / ESL
9:45 a.m.



Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you..." - Genesis 12:1 (NASB95)

The Quillen family has moved four times since Julia and I married. Each move occurred because God clearly seemed to be calling us to a new place. The move to Crossroads was no exception.

We were kind of like Abraham because we walked by faith into the unknown. We were kind of unlike Abraham because we didn't just uproot and go; we got a realtor and looked! We had Google Maps and airplane tickets, too.

We still needed faith though. Listing our house for sale in late November led to only a few showings through the winter. We had contracts on houses, but also contract issues. We sold our Tennessee house for less than we asked, but in the end we got a great house for a great deal in Pennsylvania.

Through blizzards and temporary housing, through return trips to Tennessee and missed opportunities, God was faithful.

So were you. You patiently waited. You prayed ceaselessly. You provided sacrificially. You persevered consistently. Your upheld us. Thank you. We are grateful.

That's the way churches live and grow. We weather the storms by gaining strength from one another. We reach the heights as we stand together.

With each of us rooted in Christ, we intertwine our lives. When trials come, we support each other. When there are needs we divide the load. When one stands, we all share some credit.

The Church is like a forest of California redwood trees, the tallest trees on earth. They withstand the wind and weather to reach heights in excess of 350 feet. They grow and thrive for thousands of years.

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Session Report



The Session met on May 9th together with the Deacons. The meeting opened with prayer and an exhortation from Scripture by Pastor Quillen. Those present divided into groups to pray for their respective flocks. Afterwards, financial and property matters were discussed. In particular, thanks were given to the Deacons and Jack Matsinger for the new storage cabinets installed in the Sunday School classrooms.

The Session and Deacons separated and the Session continued their review of the church membership rolls. On Sunday, May 22nd, there will be 10 new members received. It was noted that Pat Zarella went home to glory on Sunday, May 8. She was a faithful and active member of Crossroads for more than 50 years before moving to Texas a few years ago. The Session will continue to pray for her sister Marge and other members of her family.

The Session met with Traci Burks representing the Nursery Committee. After reporting on a number of things that had been accomplished in the past year, she noted that the biggest challenge was scheduling adequate numbers of nursery workers to cover both services and Sunday School. Some workers have proven not to be dependable, failing to show up for their designated turn while others who have served for years have become tired, often due to having to cover for those who fail to

show up, and have asked to be removed from the schedule. The Session thanked Traci for her commitment to this key ministry and agreed that they would seek to encourage church members to participate. This would include focusing on the parents of young children in the nursery; those who have served in the past; and church officers and their wives. By increasing the number of workers, the ministry will be strengthened and the work more equitably allocated.

The Session also met with Brook Batzel regarding the Pioneer Clubs Ministry. Due to changes in her work schedule as well as commencing the homeschooling of her children, Brook had informed the Session that, while continuing to be involved in the ministry, she would not be able to organize and administrate it in the fall. Although she has been looking for a suitable replacement, to date she has not found anyone and none of the existing Pioneer staff is prepared to take on this responsibility. Brook reviewed a number of items with the Session regarding the ministry. The Session thanked Brook for her faithful service to the church's children and discussed approaching individuals who had benefited from Pioneers in the past to determine if they might be interested in participating in this important ministry.

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Deacons Update



In this segment of the newsletter we will talk about the work of the Deacons. We will touch on projects that have been completed, projects that are on going, and future projects.

- Cabinets were purchased and installed in the Sunday School classrooms.
- The spotlight over the platform in the sanctuary was replaced.
- The problem of water seeping into the oil tank through the spout in the driveway was corrected and the driveway repaved. Problems with the heater caused by the water seepage were corrected.
- The projector in the sanctuary will be installed on the ceiling to provide more efficient operation. The ceiling bracket has been installed; the projector will be mounted and connected to the presentation computer.

The Deacons maintain a list of projects that need to be done. They are being completed in the order of importance, or as the funds become available.

Ongoing support by the Deacons includes a monthly gift to Amnion for their important ministry, and operation of a monthly "Deacons Table", providing food for families in need. Due to a lack of volunteers to support the purchase and distribution of food, the Deacons are currently distributing gift cards. We would like to go back to the purchase and distribution of fresh food – if you're interested in helping, please let us know.

In upcoming months we will discuss the proceedings of the monthly Deacons' meetings, and provide more information on the physical maintenance of the church building, manse, and Centennial House.



To Go on a Mission

In Genesis 12:1, God commanded Abraham to **go** to the land which God showed to him and in Mathew 28:19, Jesus asked His disciples to **go** and make disciples...!

In both of these situations we feel some uncertainties but God follows with a promise; I will bless you and I will be with you. But that applies only after obedience to the call. If you go...!

If you were in Abraham's place, how would you respond? If you were one of the apostles, how would you take that command to go?

Going to a new place or going into an uncertain situation are always difficult from a human perspective. How about going to a place where you know the trauma and challenges ahead? The risk may be the same, but obedience makes the difference. It is a matter of trust. Faith and action go together in this process. Our forefathers of faith did the same. Whether it is near or far, the challenge is the same. God calls us every day to go on His mission. It may be in the streets of our neighborhood, or in far places but the question is - Are we ready to obey that call?

On May 30th Pastor Shibu and Mary are going to India on a three-month mission trip. There are known and unknown challenges for their trip but they trust in the Person who called them. During this trip they will be traveling to various places as part of their ministry, spending most of the time in Dehradun with India Village Mission in the Northern part of India. Later in July, a few members of Crossroads will be joining them in India on a short-term mission trip to work with India Village Mission.



INDIA VILLAGE MISSION (IVM) is a non-profit, Public Religious Charitable Trust, registered in the city of Dehradun in the State of Uttarakhand, India. Shibu started the Mission when he was a seminary student. He was challenged to do something that would impact the lives of people for good, which would also afford opportunities to share God's love to those in need.

Today IVM's activities consist of work among the under-privileged and marginalized slum dwellers in three different places. They have two tailoring centers and three informal education centers (where children are provided free tuition), with presently about 80 children benefiting daily from the program. Some of them also learn at the tailoring centers. They have a Sunday School where about 30 children attend regularly. They also reach out to parents of slum children and give Spiritual counseling and occasional medical camps for the people. Five full time staff works with them to meet the needs of the mission.

Pastor Shibu and Mary would appreciate your earnest prayers for safety, provisions, divine appointments, and fruitful witnessing during their trip.

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How? They interlock their roots in the soil. When strong winds blow and trouble comes, they support each other from the ground up. They draw strength from all of those nearby.

God has given us strength through you. We look forward to planting our roots here for some time and continuing to interlock our roots with you in Jesus.

That won't take away the need for faith. The future is still unknown, but we are confident that God will provide. Thank you so very much for helping us see that.

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. -- Colossians 2:6-7 (NASB95)

In His Service,
Pastor Mike Quillen



Camp Treasure Island Reaches the World



School will soon be out for the summer and parents' thoughts are turning to keeping their children occupied during the long, hot days ahead. Vacations, camps, and pools are a lot of fun, but Camp

Treasure Island offers fun and so much more! Partnering with *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® (CEF®) for more than 25 years, Camp Treasure Island shares the saving gospel of Jesus Christ with the children of the world living in our community. Through the years, many hundreds of children have been reached with the message of salvation and hundreds have trusted in Jesus Christ. In 2015, over 170 children attended Camp Treasure Island and 31 made public professions of faith! Praise God for His faithfulness!



This summer, Camp Treasure Island will be held July 25th -29th from 9am-12pm at the church. Once again, CEF will be partnering with Crossroads and will be teaching on the life of Paul with a focus

on the Armor of God. The gospel will be shared through energetic songs, dynamic Bible lessons, life changing Scripture memorization, active games, and creative crafts...and the children will have fun!

As we are expecting over 150 children again this year, we need **many** helping hands in the following areas:



- Camp set up – Saturday, July 23rd and after church on Sunday, July 24th
- Prepping craft materials
- Volunteers during camp – group leaders, game leaders, registration, snacks, or general helpers. You can still volunteer even if you're not available every day. **All** volunteers must have current background clearances completed.
- Funds are needed to purchase snacks and donations should be made payable to *Crossroads* and designated for Camp Treasure Island.

For more information about background clearances or to volunteer to help, please contact the church office.

Reese Kauffman, President of CEF recently said, "*You might not be able to change the whole world, but you can change one child's world.*" Upper Darby has become a hub for all the nations and through Camp Treasure Island, we are reaching the world and changing the lives of children. You won't want to miss it!

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Among other items, the Session agreed to make the church available to host the 2017 EE Day in light of the overwhelming success of this year's April 23, 2016 EE Day at Crossroads which brought more than 150 participants from a hundred mile radius representing dozens of churches. Many of these individuals contributed to Crossroads' mission to meet people at the crossroads of life with the gospel of Jesus Christ by going

into the surrounding neighborhood to share the good news. Those who participated agreed that it was a powerful day in the life of our church.

The Session also reviewed the Winter Series, which everyone agreed was a blessing, and made tentative plans for the Elder Planning Day in the fall. The meeting closed with prayer for the matters discussed and for the congregation.

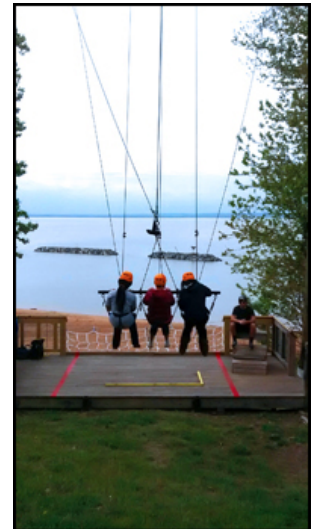
Crossfire Happenings



Contributing over 30 youth and volunteers, Crossroads teamed up with fellow PCA churches Springton Lake, Christ the King, and Proclamation in this year's "Ultimate Retreat (UR)" youth retreat. A total of over 100 youth travelled to North Bay, Maryland for several days of teaching, worship, team-building activities, and fellowship. From rope courses and giant swings to paddleboats and various team competitions, not even youthful energy was a match for the demands of the retreat.

Pastor Tommy Keene of Christ the King (PCA) in Conshohocken was this year's plenary speaker. The topic: Big questions. In his sessions he spoke regarding the "big questions" many youth have. For example, why do evil and suffering exist? Or why is it important to be part of a local church? The youth also had opportunity to ask questions to a panel consisting of four leaders (including Zack Groff and Brandon Burks).

Many thanks to those who made this retreat possible. We thank especially our adult volunteers: Dan Barr Jr, Dana Ellis, Doris Goe, Gloria Jarwood, Mary Finnerty, Traci Burks, Cindy Van Meerbeke, Jocelyn Groff, and Barbara Harris. From the youth giving of their time, to parents giving financial support to the volunteers who worked many long hours preparing food, this retreat would not have been possible without your support. And many thanks also to Pastor Dave who worked with the leaders from Springton Lake, Proclamation, and Christ the King to work out many of the administrative logistics that made this retreat possible.



Finances & Attendance



May, 2016 Report

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
1	62	151	213	\$ 4,239.25	\$ 1,410.75	\$ 455.00	\$ 407.00
8	72	188	260	\$ 3,718.50	\$ 1,372.50	\$ 866.00	\$ 819.00
15	70	190	260	\$ 3,842.00	\$ 1,122.00	\$ 317.00	\$ 418.00
22	63	187	250	\$ 3,044.50	\$ 973.50	\$ 430.00	\$ 630.00
29	55	166	221	\$ 4,275.25	\$ 693.75	\$ 322.00	\$ 233.90
May Totals:				\$ 19,119.50	\$ 5,572.50	\$ 2,390.00	\$ 2,507.90
Current and Missions Fund May Budgets:				\$ 29,347.10	\$ 5,477.79		



Crossroads Summer Spiritual Heritage Series
King Solomon: The Promise of One Nation Under God
A Study of 1 Kings 1 to 8
June 5 through August 28, Sundays at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Crossroads in the *Summer*

Sunday evenings in June, July, & August
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Potluck picnic, fellowship, testimony,
and singing for the whole family.
Check the weekly bulletin for locations.

CROSSROADS CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday, July 30, 2016
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

RIDLEY CREEK STATE PARK

Pavilion / Site 17

Camp Treasure Island

For Children Ages 5-11

July 25 - July 29
9:00 a.m to 12:00 Noon

Bible Stories * Games * Crafts * Refreshments

Birthdays & Anniversaries



June Birthdays

01 - Chioma Nwachuku	14 - Abraham Zelee	22 - Titi Kaliku
02 - Lee Coles	15 - Lordina Yeboah	22 - Lois Smith
02 - Tahyue Gbolo	17 - Jensine Chikkala	22 - Stephen Smith
03 - Samuel Kagiri	18 - Imo Ekwere	24 - Antonio Bagwell
04 - Eddie Davies	18 - Tyler Jones	25 - Michelle Barr
07 - Shifra Gorde	20 - Pat Cavaliere	25 - Joseph Styer
07 - Donna Murtaugh	20 - Saana Doctor	27 - Ethan Hill
07 - Eric Wilson	20 - LaRonda Jackson	28 - Herb Myers
09 - Cai'Yan Cai	20 - David Kelly	28 - Stacy Sneh
09 - Udo Umoh	20 - Chidera Madu	29 - Mac Dennis
10 - David Van Meerbeke	21 - Micaiah Brindle	30 - Ashley Downward
13 - J.C. Barr	21 - Cheryl Chewkanes	30 - Allen Ellis
13 - Melissa Griffin	21 - Caleb Coles	30 - Aminata Sesay
13 - Marc Wheeler	21 - Tom Howard	30 - Benjamin Wilson
14 - Fred Robinson	22 - Lisa Frazier	

June Anniversaries

04 - Justin and Sara Coffin	06 - Ron and Lynette Vessels	19 - Lou and Kathy Ford
04 - Doug and Crystal Rosander	07 - Charles and Mary Leake	25 - Timothy and Floriana Brindle
06 - Mickey and Mary Jean Murphy	18 - Fred and Sue Robinson	29 - Fred and Grace Lee

Nursery & Greeter Lists



Report at:

Nursery

Greeters

June 5

8:10 a.m.	Traci/Brandon Burks
9:30 a.m.	Pam Bronson; John Batzel
10:40 a.m.	Christy Nelson; Flo Brindle ; Infants: Jocelyn Groff

Doris Goe, Zonia Smith
Esther Cooper
Emilia Adah, Ron and Lynette Vessels, Lynn Brown

June 12

8:10 a.m.	Brook Batzel; Dudley Reese
9:30 a.m.	Fran Froelich; Udo Umoh
10:40 a.m.	Peggy Styer; Fred Nelson; Infants: Chimwemwe Doctor

Mary Finnerty, Victoria Goodlin
Louines Louis
James and Susanna Mahn, Seretha Nyenswah

June 19

8:10 a.m.	Sarah Melbourne; Shari Melbourne
9:30 a.m.	Sara Coffin; Heather Smith
10:40 a.m.	Bob Styer; Jhansi Chikkala; Infants: Cindy Van Meerbeke

Ken Wilson, Anthony Yeboah
Anne Cherian
Udo Umoh, Helen Davies, Debbie Barrolle

June 26

8:10 a.m.	Pam Widger; Jen Widger
9:30 a.m.	Joyce Buchanan; David Van Meerbeke
10:40 a.m.	Jermaine/Alayna Jones, Faith Ellis; Infants: Anne Kelly

Brad Wilks, Oretha Dahn
Pat Cavaliere
Kathy Ford, Jocelyne Keke, Dolapo Olowu



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"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." – Romans 8:28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Women's Call-In Prayer Line Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. Phone: 605-475-6606 Enter Code: 333732			1 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 TEAM	2 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 COMMUNION 12:15 p.m. Gospel Praise 4:00 Crossfire 6:00 Crossroads in the Summer	6 7:00 p.m. Prayer Oommens	7	8 GROWTH GROUPS	9 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (last of season)	10	11
12 12:15 Missions Committee Mtg. 12:15 Gospel Praise 4:00 Crossfire 6:00 Crossroads in the Summer	13 7:15 p.m. Officers Mtg.	14 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Oommens' Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	15	16 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	17 Deacons Mtg.	18 Mighty Men's Ministry Softball Game and cookout
19 Father's Day No evening meetings	20 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Oommens'	21 Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 pm	22 GROWTH GROUPS	23 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	24	25
26 4:00 Crossfire 6:00 Crossroads in the Summer	27 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Oommens'	28 Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	29 No T.E.A.M. meetings	30 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer		