



# Crossroads Connections

Crossroads Community Church

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Sunday School / ESL  
9:45 a.m.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. -- 1 Peter 2:16 (NASB)*

### Freedom in Christ

During the nineteenth century a group of missionaries wanted to reach people on a nearby island with the gospel. The problem was that most of those people were slaves on the island plantations. According to Ray Hoo, "The plantation owners feared the gospel and its results, and would not even allow the missionaries to talk with the slaves. They would allow only other slaves to talk with slaves." (*Discipleship Journal*, July/August 1982).

So, the missionaries gave up.

Rather than quit their calling, they gave up their personal freedom. That is, to draw near to those in need; **they became slaves themselves**. According to Jesus, such an act of humility is a mark of true greatness for a disciple (Matthew 20:24-27). To give up what is yours to serve others is to follow the pattern of Jesus. He did not merely look out for his own interests, but also the interests of others (Philippians 2:4).

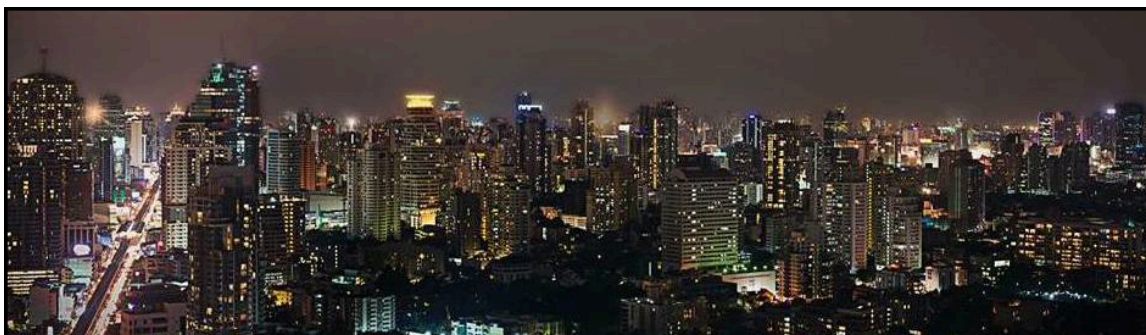
Jesus "did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28, NASB). He humbled himself, even to death, on the shameful cross (Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 12:2). In so doing, Jesus set us free from sin and guilt and shame (John 8:36; Romans 6:15-23; 8:1-2).

That is the greatest freedom. That is freedom in Christ.

This month, as we celebrate Independence Day in the United States, I am thankful for a nation with a history of religious freedom. I am more thankful that even though we could use our freedom to preserve our comfort, to keep our status, and/or to hoard our goods, Crossroads Community Church uses its civic freedoms to serve one another.



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Mark Sarracino, our long time supported missionary, departed on June 21st for Bangkok, Thailand to work with Saturation Church Planting (SCP) to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Southeast Asia and the Indian subcontinent. Mark will be working with the SCP team in India, training pastors and church planters who are reaching hundreds of thousands of people across their nation for Christ. His focus will be training them in biblical and missional principles. The goal is to raise up several trainers from among those being trained to equip their own people and see the Gospel saturate all of India and beyond!

Mark and his dear late wife Heidi were career missionaries with long-term service overseas in Italy and locally with City Net and LAMP pastoral training ministries. His experience in preparing pastors and church planters will hold him in good stead in this new environment. As Mark has pointed out, his continued devotion to missions has been his way of fulfilling the Great Commission and at the same time honoring Heidi's memory and her own dedication to Kingdom building; he knows she is well pleased with this new chapter.



Please pray for Mark as he begins this new adventure. He praises God for successful prostate surgery which will not require further treatment, meaning no delay in his travel plans; for the support of his children, Shannon, John and daughter-in-law Jamie; and for the continued prayer and material support of our churches. Let us also pray for his safety, the new relationships he will be establishing, and most of all a fruitful new ministry.

## From the Pastor's Desk from Page 1

We'll formally celebrate our tradition of humility and deference on "Freedom in Christ Sunday" (July 3, 2016). On that day, we'll outwardly acknowledge that the nations are welcome at Crossroads Community Church. Yet, we also show our freedom in Christ every day as we choose to serve one another in love.

*For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. -- Galatians 5:13 (NASB)*

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike Quillen

# Crossroads in the Summer



*Crossroads in the Summer may be new to some but it has been going on for a long time in the church. After Peter's sermon in Acts chapter 2 verses 14 and following it says, that the people were pierced to the heart. In other words, God spoke through Peter by the power of the Holy Spirit and the message pierced their heart. And it says that they asked Peter and the other apostles what they should do. Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call." Many placed their faith and trust in Christ Jesus that day and about three thousand people were added to the church.*

*What would all these new believers do? It says that they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer. It also says that all the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

At Crossroads, we are also committed to the apostles' teaching from the Word of God as we meet on the Lord's Day for Sunday morning worship and Sunday School. It was suggested several years ago that we begin a Sunday evening ministry called Crossroads in the Summer. During the summer months on Sunday evening starting at 6 pm we would gather at a home of one of the church members. We believe that we have a biblical precedent to gather in the homes of believers for fellowship, eating with one another, praising God, and enjoying the favor of all the people.

At Crossroads in the Summer we want to encourage those in the church to gather together for food, fellowship, praise, and prayer. Although gathering together for physical food is a wonderful incentive, our time together is full of spiritual nourishment as well. God truly desires that His people gather together. We usually begin the evening with everyone bringing some food to share, committing the evening to the Lord in prayer, and then enjoying all the various types of food and drinks that people bring. Each Crossroads in the Summer is special because someone from the church is willing to open up their home and be the hospitable host. We have traditionally kicked off our Crossroads in the Summer at the home of Elder Dudley Reese and his wife Julie where they provided typical American fare of hamburgers and hot dogs, supplemented by various types of food from our people at Crossroads. Although we had a severe rainstorm at the beginning of the evening this year, we had great opportunities to hear about two different ministries.

The first was from Katelyn Van Meerbeke who is serving as a missionary with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) at a secular University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reaching students for Christ and making disciples as well. Following Katelyn's report we broke up into groups and worked on a Crossword puzzle based on this past year's sermons. Although there was a team stacked with two pastors, it did not win. After this time of fun and fellowship we were privileged to hear another report from Betty O'Dero about Christian Rehab, her missions work with people back in her home county on Uganda. Continue to support these ministries through your prayers!



The next Sunday night we met at the home of Pastor Dave and his wife Cindy. Once again the evening began with prayer dedicating the evening to the Lord. Thanks to all who helped provide plenty of food for the evening. Joshua Van Meerbeke gave an update on Camp Treasure Island and the need for prayer and helpers to reach many children in our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. He also gave an update on the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship and the summer missionaries from our church. The evening closed with a time of singing praises to God led by Josh playing guitar.



In the weeks ahead, we will enjoy meeting at several other host families from Crossroads Church, including Pastor Mike. Please join us at Crossroads in the Summer. We look forward to seeing many more for food, fellowship, and praising God as we enjoy the favor of all of God's people.



# Session Report



The Elders and Deacons of Crossroads met on Monday, June 13, 2016:

- Pastor Mike opened the combined meeting with a devotional on Psalm 91 and prayer (especially focusing upon comfort for the Stromberg family).
- Eight new church members were assigned to flocks based on existing relationships and other considerations.
- As is the usual custom, the Elders and Deacons divided into smaller groups to pray for members of their respective flocks.
- The latest financial reports were reviewed as well as a list of upcoming events from the church calendar.
- Concerns about building lock-up responsibilities for Sundays were discussed.
- A request from a congregation to use our building was discussed and it was decided to decline the request.
- The sound system committee presented a proposal for improving the sound system in the sanctuary. The proposal is under consideration.
- The Deacons and Elders then separated for their respective meetings.

Elders' meeting:

- Most of the time was spent finishing a detailed review of the membership roll.
- Concerns about using the YMCA for a church event on a Sunday were discussed. It was agreed that follow-up research would be done on the subject.
- The meeting was closed in prayer with thanksgiving to God for his goodness in answering prayers for the meeting.

## Finances & Attendance



### Report for June, 2016

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
<b>5</b>	66	176	242	\$ 6,230.50	\$ 1,873.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 695.00
<b>12</b>	85	173	258	\$ 2,831.67	\$ 910.23	\$ 565.00	\$ 375.00
<b>19</b>	68	199	267	\$ 4,660.65	\$ 1,524.25	\$ 608.00	\$ 806.00
<b>26</b>	63	143	206	\$ 2,820.21	\$ 985.00	\$ 231.00	\$ 380.00
<b>June Totals:</b>				<b>\$ 16,543.03</b>	<b>\$ 5,292.48</b>	<b>\$ 1,864.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,256.00</b>
<b>Current and Missions Fund June Budgets:</b>				<b>\$ 23,477.69</b>	<b>\$ 4,382.23</b>		

### For the First Half of 2016

	Budget	Income	+/-
<b>Current Fund</b>	\$152,605.00	\$106,732.17	-\$45,872.83
<b>Missions Fund</b>	\$28,484.50	\$30,453.79	+\$1,969.29

# Dates to Remember



## Crossroads in the Summer

Continues through July and August. It is a time for a potluck picnic, singing, testimonies, and fellowship. Bring a meal, salad or dessert to share with others. Where? Check the weekly Sunday bulletin for dates and locations.

## Freedom in Christ Sunday – Sunday, July 3

Highlighted by the Parade of Nations at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, and a picnic on the church lawn after the 11:00 a.m. service. The church will provide hot dogs and beverages for the picnic. Please bring a food dish to share. This can be an international dish, a salad, casserole, finger food, fruit, dessert, etc.

## Bridal Shower for Jennifer Wilson – July 16 at 12:30 p.m.

Sign up to bring refreshments

## Camp Treasure Island (Vacation Bible School) – Monday, July 25 to Friday, July 29

Helpers are needed for all days, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Background checks are required. Please contact Pastor Dave if you can help. Online registration is available on the Crossroads website, [crossroadspca.com](http://crossroadspca.com). Sign up your children early and avoid the Monday morning rush.

## Church Picnic – Saturday, July 30

From 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Ridley Creek State Park, Pavilion/Site 17. Bring a late afternoon meal and a covered dish to share. Beverages will be provided, or you may bring your own. Bring chairs, sunscreen, bug spray, and sports equipment. If you need a ride or directions, contact your flock elder or deacon.

The monthly **Crossroads Connections** newsletter isn't the only way to connect with the ministries and events at Crossroads Community Church...



## Crossroads Website ([crossroadspca.com](http://crossroadspca.com))

Be sure to check the Crossroads website often for the latest church information, event calendar, ministry pages, and multi-media presentations. Bulletins and sermon audio from the Sunday morning worship services are posted every week.



## Crossroads Facebook Page

If you're a Facebook user, be sure to "like" the Crossroads Facebook page to keep up with the latest news and events around the church. You'll love the many photos and videos.



## Crossroads Email Prayer Chain

If you're not on the Crossroads email list and would like to receive the latest church information and congregational prayer requests via email, please fill out the information request form available in the narthex or contact Wendy in the church office.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## July Birthdays

01 - Floriana Brindle	10 - Malachi Jones	25 - Jack Matsinger
04 - Anthony Yeboah	11 - Marcia Ahmad	25 - Rich Mulgrew
05 - Meena Chumber	13 - Riley McIntyre	25 - Anna Reese
05 - Kathy Ford	15 - Gabriella Needs	25 - Emmanuel Sesay
06 - Goodie Omuyeh	17 - Nelson Kweh	26 - Susan Zweig
07 - Jeff Needs	17 - Amar Singh	27 - Paul Martin
07 - Arthur Zelee	18 - Justin Coffin	27 - Heather Smith
08 - Jack Murtaugh	18 - Katelyn Van Meerbeke	28 - Ini Eckwere
08 - Louise Nagbe	19 - Shukuru Banza	28 - Gloria Olowu
08 - Bill Schick Tanz	22 - Lydia Cumming	30 - Joseph Chikkala
08 - Tymere Stafford	24 - Mercy Nwachuku	30 - Om Parker Chumber
09 - Tasheena Edwards	25 - Klay Geeh	31 - Joshua Smith
09 - Kimberly Rosander	25 - Jermaine Jones	31 - Joanna Weah

## July Anniversaries

07 - Danton and Mary Sue Barr	09 - Bill and Joanie Muth	19 - Massa and Kaur Chumber
07 - Chuck and Tysheda Stafford	15 - Victoria Collins and Mac Dennis	25 - Dudley and Julie Reese

# Nursery & Greeter Lists



## Report at:

## Nursery

## Greeters

### July 3

8:10 a.m.	Sue Robinson; Jack Matsinger; Amalia Robinson
9:30 a.m.	Aminata Sesay and Victor Sesay;
10:40 a.m.	Allen Ellis; Beth Mulgrew; <b>Inf.:</b> Colleen Kelly

Fran Froelich; Doris Goe  
Maddie Barch  
Onye Briggs; Emilia Adah, Ami Gbolo

### July 10

8:10 a.m.	William and Gloria Jarwood
9:30 a.m.	Pam Bronson; Julia Quillen
10:40 a.m.	Christy Nelson; Udo Umoh; <b>Inf.:</b> Uzezi Omuyeh;

Mary Finnerty  
Sarah Melbourne  
Lynn Brown; Ron and Lynette Vessels

### July 17

8:10 a.m.	Brandon and Traci Burks
9:30 a.m.	Fran Froelich; Jocelyn Groff
10:40 a.m.	Peggy Styer; Julie Reese; <b>Inf.:</b> Chimwemwe Doctor

Zonia Smith; Ken Wilson  
Louines Louis  
Amar Singh; Udo Umoh; Helen Davies

### July 24

8:10 a.m.	Sarah and Shari Melbourne
9:30 a.m.	Sara Coffin; Heather Smith
10:40 a.m.	Bob Styer; Jhansi Chikkala; Grace Ellis; <b>Inf.:</b> Anne Kelly

Victoria Goodlin; Anthony Yeboah  
Esther Cooper  
James and Susanna Mahn; Kathy Ford

### July 31

8:10 a.m.	Brook Batzel; Dudley Reese
9:30 a.m.	John Batzel; Joyce Buchanan
10:40 a.m.	Jermaine and Alayna Jones; Faith Ellis; <b>Inf.:</b> Naomi Mureria

Brad Wilks; Oretha Dahn  
Anne Cherian  
Jocelyne Keke; Debbie Barrolle



## July 2016

*"With my mouth I will give thanks abundantly to the Lord; And in the midst of many I will praise Him." -Psalm 109: 30*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Women's Call-In Prayer Line</b> Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. Phone: 605-475-6006 Enter Code: 333732					1	2
<b>3</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> <b>FREEDOM</b> <b>IN CHRIST SUNDAY</b> Picnic after 11:00 service  NO EVENING MEETINGS	<b>4</b> <b>INDEPENDENCE</b> <b>DAY</b>	<b>5</b> Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	<b>6</b>  6:00 Discipleship 7:00 T.E.A.M.	<b>7</b>  11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 12:15pm Missions Committee Mtg. 4:00 Crossfire 6:00 p.m. Crossroads in the Summer (Ladeau)	<b>11</b> 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	<b>12</b> Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	<b>13</b>  GROWTH GROUPS	<b>14</b>  11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	<b>15</b>  Deacons Mtg.	<b>16</b>  Bridal Shower for Jennifer Wilson at 12:30 p.m.
<b>17</b>  4:00 Crossfire  6:00 p.m. Crossroads in the Summer (Nelson)	<b>18</b> 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	<b>19</b> Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	<b>20</b>  6:00 Discipleship 7:00 T.E.A.M.	<b>21</b>  11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Set Up for Camp Treasure Island
<b>24</b> 12:15 pm Gospel Praise 4:00 Crossfire 6:00 p.m. Crossroads in the Summer (Quillen)	<b>25</b> 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	<b>26</b> Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Church Picnic at Ridley Creek State Park 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
<b>31</b> 12:15 pm Gospel Praise  No evening mtg,						