



Crossroads Connections

Crossroads Community Church

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Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

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

Sunday School / ESL
9:45 a.m.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What an exciting summer we are having! Graduations, father/son softball, and Crossroads in the Summer made for a wonderful June. In July, we started with a picnic for Freedom in Christ Sunday and ended with a picnic at Ridley Creek State Park (postponed for weather). In between scheduled picnics, we had another awesome time at **Camp Treasure Island** with over 150 children attending.



Those "Back to School" sales going on right now might make you think summer is over. It's not! We've got more than a month of fun left!

Crossroads in the Summer is still going strong. Bring some food and enjoy some fellowship at 6 PM on **August 7** (at the church building), **August 14** (at Ridley YMCA), and **August 28** (at the Styer home).



What about **August 21**? Great question, thanks for asking! We have a special movie night at the church building hosted by Mighty Men's Ministry. Come out at 5 PM to see "War Room: Prayer is a Powerful Weapon." This encouraging movie will build up Christians and provide an outreach opportunity with a clear Gospel message. The movie is from the same people who made *Courageous* and *Fireproof*. Invite some neighbors!



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Session Report



The Session met on July 11th 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, they discussed allocating the recently received new members to flocks as well as financial and property matters. In particular, they discussed upcoming events such as Camp Treasure Island, the July 30 Church Picnic, and a proposed Men's Ministry event for August 21 in lieu of Crossroads in the Summer. An update was received regarding the Deacon's Table ministry and changes to its operations.

The Session and Deacons separated and the Session continued their review of the church membership rolls. The Session discussed the upcoming calendar and preaching schedule as well as a possible leadership development class. Pastor Quillen provided an update on the PCA's General Assembly held in Mobile, Alabama. The Session noted concerns about certain of the actions taken at the General Assembly in particular the vote in favor of a study committee regarding ordination, the office of deacon and proposed changes to the Book of Church Order. Members of the session noted their opposition to this committee both to its subject matter and to the composition of the committee. Noting that the Scriptures and the BCO were clear on these matters, the Session agreed to monitor carefully the activities of the study committee and to continue to pray for the PCA that it would remain firm to its stated convictions.

The meeting closed with prayer for the matters discussed and for the congregation.

Deacon's Update



June - July 2016

The month of June was very busy helping many people through the Deacon's Table and for other needs. In the month of June the Deacon's table helped about a dozen individuals and families. In addition, the usual monthly gift to Amnion of \$500.00 for their ongoing work was made from the Deacon's Fund. All other needs have been taken care of. At the end of June the Deacon's balance was on the plus side thanks to your giving.

In July, the Deacons and other church members helped set up for the Freedom in Christ picnic. A special thanks to Pastor Dave for picking up the hot dogs for the picnic. The Deacons also helped one of our members move into a new place.

At the July Officers' Meeting a new plan for the Deacons table was discussed. We are looking into ideas on how we can enhance this program.

A few projects related to the upkeep of the church have been completed: the dripping water problem from the roof by parking lot door was fixed; the rugs in the ESL and Men's Sunday School classrooms were cleaned.

The Deacons Fund is on the plus side for the month of July. A few building projects are under consideration, but we want to be very careful with the Building Fund money. Work will be done if money is earmarked for a particular project.

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In **September** the fun includes Sunday School Rally Day, Pioneers kick-off, Crossfire kick-off, a Prayer Vigil, Fall Friend Day, and a sermon series on the Lord's Prayer.

Once summer is really over, the fun still doesn't stop. In the **Fall**, we head back to Romans, reach out with the Kids' Fair, host a Missions Conference, and more!

Praise the Lord with me for the great work God is doing in our midst through the amazing people of Crossroads Community Church.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike Quillen



Christian Rehabilitation, Uganda

Christian Rehab was started in 1992 when I went home during the 20 years of civil war in Lira, Lango in Northern Uganda. When I got there, most people were at the refugee camp. I asked six soldiers to walk me 10 miles away to my home where my parents were laid to rest.

After walking six miles we met three children on the road playing away from their house. We knew something was wrong, because children born in this district never play away from the back or front yard of the home. The children also looked very dirty. When I asked to see their mother, the four year old said, "Mummy is asleep". While walking about 100 yards away from the house there was a smell, then one of the soldiers asked us to wait while he entered the house and told us she was dead from maybe two weeks ago!

I went with these children to our home, and then we walked back to the camp where a car was waiting for me. I took the children to the church in Lira Parish and asked the pastor to keep them for a month until the school was open. One child was put into the boarding school and the other two, ages two and three, stayed with the pastor while I sent money for their maintenance.



When I came back home and shared pictures of my trip with my workmates, they encouraged me to start an organization. We started with three children and after seven months we had 139 children. Now we have 252 children, with a school and home for them. All was possible because of friends who told other friends who all helped.



This year we started to provide lunch at a school near us. In Uganda all public schools don't provide lunch, only boarding schools. People usually eat once a day, in the evening, so most children go to school without food. Also, we are in the process of taking in children who are young and live with their mothers in prison. In Uganda when a lady commits a crime while still breast-feeding, she goes to jail with her child. The child can be taken back home at the age of five, if one is fortunate enough to have family who cares. Also, if a woman is arrested while pregnant, and the child is born while the mother is in jail, the baby will also stay with the mother in jail.

Thank the Lord and praise Him for blessing the work in Uganda. Praise for the doctors who volunteer to give of their time and provide free treatment, and for the churches for supplying medications, clothing, towels, sheets, and so much more. Pray for those who hear the gospel as they wait to be seen by the doctors, and for funds to meet the needs of these schools.

In His Love,
Betty O'Dero
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By Julia Quillen

When I was a little girl and people asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up, I always answered, “First I’ll be a cup of chocolate milk. Then I want to be a stay-at-home mommy or a missionary.”

By the time I was 10, I had given up on the dream of being a cup of chocolate milk. As an adult I settled into the role of stay-at-home mommy. Then, last year around this time, God called me to travel to Spain on a mission trip.

In the 120°F+ temperatures, our team played with, ate with, and taught English to 140 Spaniards ranging in age from 5-18. When I came home with my passion for missions rekindled, my sweet husband told me he was in conversation with a church in Pennsylvania; a church with twenty-two nations of believers.



So often the way I expect God to work looks very different from how God actually accomplishes his purposes.

I thought I’d go to Africa. He brought Africa to me.

I thought I’d make lunches for my thirteen kids to go to public school, but instead I teach my seven kids at home.

When we accepted the call to Crossroads, I thought we’d be moving before Christmas and jumping into the ministry here at full steam. In reality, we accepted the call to Crossroads in September, notified our previous church family in October, and then didn’t move into our house in Upper Darby until the following May.



So now, here we are at the Crossroads, and I have stopped trying to figure out what this ministry-life will look like. I look ahead to what God will do, how He will choose to use our gifts, and where he will lead this international community of believers next as we spread the good news of Jesus together.

I look forward to inviting each of you (and I really, really hope you’ll accept!), into our home for food and fellowship, as we learn together what gifts God has brought to Crossroads and see the vision he has for our church. I look forward to knowing each eye, hand, and ear at Crossroads, and seeing how he plans to use us as we work together in the Spirit using the gifts he has provided!

“For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, “Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, “Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.” 1 Corinthians 12:14-18

PCA General Assembly Report



Our denomination's annual meeting took place from June 20 - 24. It was the eleventh time I've attended the General Assembly. Each time has been a positive experience.

On the personal level, I get to see old friends and hear what the Lord is doing in their lives and ministries. I always learn something from the various seminars offered. I greatly enjoy the worship services. Singing loud praise to God with 3,000+ bold voices can't help but lift your soul and even some Presbyterian hands!

This was my first year to serve on the Overtures Committee. This group of commissioners (official delegates from churches) debates various proposals from the regional groups of churches (Presbyteries). After debate, they make a recommendation for what the entire assembly ought to do with the proposal.

One of the most interesting proposals was a follow-up to discussions on racial reconciliation at the 2015 General Assembly. After much discussion, we approved a resolution confessing, condemning, and repenting of corporate and historical sins, especially during the Civil Rights era (see "Pursuing Racial Reconciliation and the Advance of the Gospel" on the next page).



The Assembly approved two other actions related to racial reconciliation: (1) we formed a study committee to figure out how to find practical ways we can live out our confession and repentance and (2) we established a "PCA Unity Fund" which will raise funds to support the training of future generations of minority Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders.

The Assembly also agreed to "form a study committee on the role of women in the PCA in local Church, Presbytery, and Assembly levels." This was a heated discussion and remains a controversial topic. Part of the controversy comes from the process by which the proposal came to the Assembly. That is, the proposal came from a denominational leadership committee rather than a Presbytery. A strong majority of the PCA has historically opposed such "top down" proposals in favor of initiatives that arise from local efforts ("bottom up" or "grass roots").

The other part of the controversy comes from the content of the proposal itself and what outcomes might arise from the work of the committee based on its membership. Some see this action as a step toward ordaining women to the office of deacon and opening up the potential for ordaining women as elders. Others see this action as a reasonable step towards clarifying how churches ought to recognize the gifts and calling of women while upholding a biblical view of ordination.

This is clearly a matter for much prayer. We need to pursue biblical faithfulness for the denomination in a biblical manner. The way we act and interact matters as much as the results and outcomes of our actions. As the Word of God says, *"Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."* (1 Corinthians 10:31, NASB). As the "Session Report" in this newsletter says, your elders are praying and monitoring the situation. We will keep you posted.

On a more positive note, the denomination also chose a logo (see picture), and membership statistics showed slight growth in several areas (number of churches, total membership, and professions of faith) after several years of decline.



If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to me.

In Christ,
Pastor Mike

You can also get more information from the links on this page:

<http://www.pcaac.org/general-assembly/44th-general-assembly-actions-and-follow-up-information/>

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"Pursuing Racial Reconciliation and the Advance of the Gospel"

Be it resolved, that the 44th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America does recognize, confess, condemn and repent of corporate and historical sins, including those committed during the Civil Rights era, and continuing racial sins of ourselves and our fathers such as the segregation of worshipers by race; the exclusion of persons from Church membership on the basis of race; the exclusion of churches, or elders, from membership in the Presbyteries on the basis of race; the teaching that the Bible sanctions racial segregation and discourages inter-racial marriage; the participation in and defense of white supremacist organizations; and the failure to live out the gospel imperative that "love does no wrong to a neighbor" (Romans 13:10); and

Be it further resolved, that this General Assembly does recognize, confess, condemn and repent of past failures to love brothers and sisters from minority cultures in accordance with what the Gospel requires, as well as failures to lovingly confront our brothers and sisters concerning racial sins and personal bigotry, and failing to "learn to do good, seek justice and correct oppression" (Isaiah 1:17); and

Be it further resolved, that this General Assembly praises and recommits itself to the gospel task of racial reconciliation, diligently seeking effective courses of action to further that goal, with humility, sincerity and zeal, for the glory of God and the furtherance of the Gospel; and

Be it further resolved, that the General Assembly urges the congregations and presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America to make this resolution known to their members in order that they may prayerfully confess their own racial sins as led by the Spirit and strive towards racial reconciliation for the advancement of the gospel, the love of Christ, and the glory of God; and

Be it further resolved, that the 44th General Assembly call the attention of churches and presbyteries to the pastoral letter contained in Overture 55 as an example of how a presbytery might provide shepherding leadership for its churches toward racial reconciliation; and

Be it finally resolved, that the 44th General Assembly remind the churches and presbyteries of the PCA that BCO 31-2 and 38-1 provide potent and readily available means for dealing with ones who have sinned or continue to sin in these areas.



Dates to Remember



Crossroads in the Summer

Continues on Sunday evenings through August. It is a time for a potluck picnic, singing, testimonies, and fellowship. Bring a meal, salad or dessert to share with others. Where?

- Aug. 7 - At the church; sponsored by the Fallah family
- Aug. 14 - At the Ridley YMCA; sponsored by the Ellis flock
- Aug. 21 - 5:00 p.m. at the church; screening of the movie, "War Room"; sponsored by the Mighty Men's Ministry
- Aug. 28 - At the Styer home

Together Experiencing a Ministry (T.E.A.M.) Nights Wednesdays, August 3 and 17

Come join us in intercessory prayer, dynamic evangelism, friendship and encouragement, discipleship, and spiritual mentoring. Everyone can participate in one of five teams: Prayer; Encouragement; Evangelism; Discipleship; or Hospitality.

Jennifer Wilson & Nathaniel Nelson Wedding

Saturday, August 13 at 2:30 p.m.

The wedding ceremony will be at The Lownes Free Church (The Blue Church), 940 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, PA 19064. **Please RSVP at www.TheKnot.com if you plan to come.** If you can help in organizing a light reception of hors d'oeuvres and providing finger foods and drinks, please contact the Wilson family.

Officers' Meeting

Monday, August 15 at 7:15 p.m.

Crossroads Sermon Schedule August 2016

August 7

"Final Details"

1 Kings 7:13 - 8:13
Pastor David Van Meerbeke

August 14

"A Place for the Name"

1 Kings 8:14 - 26
Pastor Mike Quillen

August 21

"A Prayer in the Name"

1 Kings 8:27 - 53
Pastor Mike Quillen

August 28

"A Purpose from the Name"

1 Kings 8:54 - 66
Pastor Mike Quillen

Finances & Attendance



Report for July, 2016

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
3	64	183	247	\$ 3,968.50	\$ 1,533.50	\$ 360.00	\$ 281.15
10	67	177	244	\$ 4,138.78	\$ 1,343.00	\$ 793.00	\$ 466.00
17	73	180	253	\$ 3,143.05	\$ 1,227.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 570.00
24	62	198	260	\$ 6,619.24	\$ 1,458.09	\$ 225.00	\$ 443.00
31	72	159	231	\$ 9,760.05	\$ 685.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 568.81
July Totals:				\$ 27,629.62	\$ 6,246.59	\$ 2,064.00	\$ 2,328.96
Current and Missions Fund July Budgets:				\$ 29,347.10	\$ 5,477.79		

Birthdays & Anniversaries



August Birthdays

02 – Tamara Wheeler	15 – Sunila Gorde	23 – Stephen Weah
07 – Dan Barr, Jr.	15 – Mary Anna Pross	25 – Eric Fallah
07 – Ralph Suny	16 – Pete Agostini	25 – Shari Melbourne
07 – Sara Suny	17 – Nyenkan Boyah	25 – Nathan Reese
07 – Jared Widger	18 – Anne Cherian	26 – Charles Leake
08 – Dolapo Olowu	18 – Oyinka Sarah Olowu	27 – Jason Stromberg
10 – Tyreese Stafford	18 – Sue Stromberg	27 – Jim Wilkenson
10 – Idara Umoh	19 – Nyssa Smith	28 – Emmy Baldassarre
11 – Sumintra Bachan	20 – Haddon Burks	28 – Ron Burrell, Sr.
11 – Trinitee Stafford	20 – Ron Vessels	30 – Jacinth Chikkala
12 – Amber Leake	21 – Sunil Lindo	31 – Elvira Porter
14 – Tracy Downward	23 – Zipporah Ellis	
15 – Joshua Chenyanah	23 – Hannah Nwenyi	

August Anniversaries

02 – Ken and Dawn Wilson	12 – Farrell and Zonia Smith	26 – Wali and Marcia Ahmad
08 – Samuel and Rose Kagiri	13 – Michael and Queen Madu	26 – James and Susanna Mahn
08 – Jack and Donna Murtaugh	20 – John and Brook Batzel	26 – Hadden and Bobbie Smith
10 – Goodie and Uzezi Omuyeh	20 – Kevin and Lois Smith	30 – Jermaine and Alayna Jones
11 – Bernie and Pam Widger	24 – Shibu and Mary Oommen	

Nursery & Greeter Lists



Report at:

Nursery

Greeters

August 7

8:10 a.m.	Pam Widger; Jen Widger
9:30 a.m.	Aminata Sesay; Julia Quillen
10:40 a.m.	Julie Reese; Beth Mulgrew; Inf.: Colleen Kelly

Fran Froelich; Victoria Goodlin
Pat Cavaliere
Lynn Brown; Ron and Lynette Vessels

August 14

8:10 a.m.	Brandon and Traci Burks
9:30 a.m.	Pam Bronson; David Van Meerbeke
10:40 a.m.	Udo Umoh; Uzezi Omuyeh; Inf.: Christy Nelson

Zonia Smith; Doris Goe
Louines Louis
Dolapo Olowu; Amar Singh

August 21

8:10 a.m.	Sue Robinson; Jack Matsinger; Amalia Robinson
9:30 a.m.	Fran Froelich; Victor Sesay
10:40 a.m.	Peggy Styer; Allen Ellis; Inf.: Chimwemwe Doctor

Mary Finnerty
Maddie Barch
Ami Gbolo; Betty O'Dero

August 28

8:10 a.m.	William and Gloria Jarwood
9:30 a.m.	Sara Coffin; Heather Smith
10:40 a.m.	Bob Styer; Jhansi Chikkala; Grace Ellis; Inf.: Cindy Van Meerbeke

Ken Wilson; Anthony Yeboah
Sarah Melbourne
Kathy Ford; James and Susanna Mahn



August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Women's Call-In Prayer Line Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. Phone: 605-475-6006 Enter Code: 333732		<i>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.</i> <i>John 13:27</i>				
	1 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	2 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	3 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 pm T.E.A.M.	4 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	5	6
7 12:15pm Gospel Praise 6:00 p.m.- Crossroads in the Summer	8 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	9 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	10 GROWTH GROUPS	11 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	12	13 2:30 p.m. at the Blue Church Jennifer Wilson And Nathaniel Nelson Wedding
14 12:15pm Gospel Praise 12:15 Missions Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m.- Crossroads in the Summer	15 7:15 p.m. Officers Meeting	16 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	17 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 pm T.E.A.M.	18 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	19	20
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