



# Crossroads Connections

Crossroads Community Church

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*Sunday School / ESL  
9:45 a.m.*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I want you to think about tanks with me for a moment. Not fish tanks or gas tanks. I mean those big, armored vehicles that have tracks rather than wheels. They usually have a huge gun on a rotating turret and machine guns.

Imagine a heavily armed tank outfitted for battle. The main canon is loaded. Three or more machine guns are loaded. More ammunition is standing by. The powerful engine is idling. The 500-gallon fuel tank is filled. The crew is on board. About 140,000 pounds of man and machine are ready for battle.



Now what? The tank unit receives orders. They head out to the fight.

What happens when circumstances change during the battle? The tank uses its most important and most strategic asset. It's not armor or armament. It's the antenna for their communication device. With the antenna the tank crew can contact command to get status updates, to receive new orders, and to call in air support when help is needed.

This is the kind of situation Paul has in mind when he tells us to put on the full armor of God and then, in the same sentence, tells us to pray, pray, pray (Ephesians 6:10-20 in the original Greek). In other words, you must prepare for battle and pray through the fight to the very end (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18).

We are armed for a clash not with flesh and blood, but with spiritual forces (Ephesians 6:12). We will have to wait until Jesus returns to trade in our armor for robes. Meanwhile, we engage in this spiritual battle with confidence because God has given what we need to stand strong against the enemy (Ephesians 6:11, 13, 14).

The *War Room* movie was right on target in calling us to wage the war in prayer. Circumstances change quickly and our assessment is limited. We are finite and fallen creatures. We must stay in constant communication with our commander if we have any hope of being effective in the battle and responding appropriately.

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## MISSIONS TRIP TO INDIA

Mary Virginia Reese, Joe Barr, and Nathan Reese

### Mary Virginia wrote:

During my time in India, God taught me that this world is not our permanent home. Every person from every tribe and nation universally struggles and suffers; none are immune. While all our struggles may be different based on where we are in the world, we all need the same Savior Jesus Christ. The brokenness and hardships experienced on this earth make me eagerly long for the perfect home that is to come. But until that day, He is our Hope and Sustainer. "He said to me: It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give freely of the spring of the water of life." Revelation 21:6

### Nathan wrote:

Traveling to India this summer was an amazing and life changing experience. Being introduced into a whole new culture and environment was very eye opening. It took us nearly two days of traveling to reach our destination in India -- an eight hour plane ride from Philly to Paris, another eight hour flight from Paris to Delhi, then a nine hour van drive to the city of Dehradun and the home of India Village Mission. When I first stepped out of the Delhi airport I was smacked in the face by a wall of humidity, heat, and strange aromas. You could physically feel the air change due to the incredible humidity (close to 100%! ). During our van drive to Dehradun we saw every mode of transportation and passed many large trucks that were carrying dozens of people in the back and some kids hanging on as well. It was a sight like no other! Upon arrival in Dehradun I immediately saw a big difference from Delhi. Slums and small houses sprawled for miles in every direction in the middle of what would've been a jungle a few decades ago. One of the biggest surprises for me was the insurmountable trash problem and lack of clean water and hygiene in the slum areas.

It didn't take long to notice how conspicuous we were because of our skin color and clothing. Most of these people in Dehradun had probably never seen or met an American and they were very eager to take a photo with us. Despite the stares, the people we interacted with were always extremely kind and generous. The purpose of our visit to India was to work with India Village Mission through their after school tuition centers. Dozens of primarily Hindu kids would come to three different locations and we would teach them English, math, and even history; but more importantly we would share with them the good news of Jesus Christ. We would teach from Monday through Saturday and on Sundays there would be a special Sunday School service that all the kids were invited to and often we would find parents, teenagers, and other adults gathering outside by the door. We spent a lot of time with the IVM missionary family who are dear friends with Shibu and Mary. This family had three older kids and it was great to have some other people our age who could speak English well. They even took us around the city on their motorcycles. When we weren't working with the mission we toured the area and saw the many amazing sights of India. The Taj Mahal and a mountain town called Mussoorie were my favorite places.

This missions trip really showed me how diverse the world is and how many people there are that need to hear the gospel. I want to thank everyone at Crossroads for their support and especially Shibu and Mary for founding IVM and inviting us to minister with them.

### Joe wrote:

It's not easy to admit, but as I first stepped onto a busy, cramped street in Dehradun, India, I thought to myself "what have I gotten myself into." Just down the decrepit road, a stream flowed beneath a bridge, full of trash with pigs wallowing in it. The stream's smell was less than desirable and could easily ruin an appetite. I had come half way around the world to teach and love children who didn't receive the best educations and needed to discover that God loves them.

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### Missions Highlight from Page 2

I'd have to weave my way through troves of unkempt people, crowd into filthy buses, and fear drinking the public water in order to accomplish this goal. But I asked the Lord to put these hindrances to the side. I never wanted an Indian to see me cringe when I saw people living in small, dirty huts, or a man picking through piles of rubbish. The Indian's needed to see that I didn't look down upon them, but I looked on them with compassion. The Lord answered my prayer, and after a few days, I began to notice the smells a little less, enjoy the bus rides, and admire the people who through a strong work ethic showed that they had immense value and purpose in the kingdom of God.

Getting a chance to teach kids who were so eager to learn English, was a tremendous blessing to me as I settle in for my first semester of college. I pray to God that I have the same enthusiasm and determination to learn more about His creation. The second biggest takeaway from the trip was a reminder to always be content with what you have. I knew I would feel convicted as soon as I began to observe the populous in India. I wondered, "how could I ever be upset with my circumstances when they are many times superior to what these people live through day after day." *"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'"* (Hebrews 13:5). The lesson of being content can never be reverberated enough and I appreciated the stark reminder while in India, that God has provided everything I need.

This trip proved beneficial in numerous ways in addition to those two major takeaways above. From getting to know Nathan, Mary, Anne, Shibu, and Mary better, to meeting an absolutely outstanding IVM staff. One staff member, Solomon, befriended me and was even willing to accompany me on my early morning runs and we were able to build a friendship that will last a lifetime over the distance of an ocean. Additionally, Shibu really encouraged me to develop my prayer life through his constant prayers and weekly prayer meetings; at almost every turn we stopped to pray. The list of benefits goes on and on, including small things like learning how to navigate airports to having a positive experience to put on my resume. Finally, and most importantly, about a hundred kids heard the gospel and were exposed to the love of God. Within twenty-four hours of our arrival in India, we had a room packed with children singing "Jesus Loves Me"; that is powerful, so powerful that only the Lord could facilitate it. The trip was made tangible by the support from members of Crossroads Church and the Missions Committee of CCC. I cannot thank the individuals that supported me enough. I hope between Nathan's, Mary's, and my own report, supporters understand that their investment enabled extreme growth in the three of us. I am in the process of writing a much more in depth journal which will probably take a while to complete with school beginning, but I'll make sure CCC receives multiple copies. Thank you and to God be the glory!



### From the Pastor's Desk from Page 1

We are going to focus on prayer in September and October. We have a prayer vigil scheduled September 23 & 24. On September 25 we start a series on the Lord's Prayer. In October, the elders will have a day of prayer and planning for next year.

The war is already won. Jesus is risen. Death is defeated. The Enemy still has some fight, but greater is he who is in you than he who is the world (1 John 4:4).

Please take a post in the prayer vigil. Call in air support for the battle. Lift up your fellow soldiers. Pray for the Great Physician to heal wounded warriors body and soul.

Pray for the supplies we need. Ask The Commander to use us strategically for His battles.

Watch *War Room* again if you need more motivation!

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil... praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication."*

*-- Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV)*

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike Quillen

# Sunday School Rally Day



## Going Back to School! *By Pastor David Van Meerbeke*

As the summer is coming to an end, many of us will be heading back to school. For some this will be exciting and challenging. Our daughter Becca has already been engaged in teaching kindergarteners half way across the world in Thailand. We just dropped off our son Josh at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia where he will be studying Biology for the next four years. Our daughter Katelyn, who just graduated from Geneva College this past spring, is now at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where she will be working with the Coalition for Christian Outreach engaging in ministry to college students there.

There are many students who will be heading back to school whether it is public, private or home school. The society in which we live requires that students go to school and for good reasons. It is during our schooling that we learn reading, writing, arithmetic and a host of other subjects. Some people finish their formal schooling after high school while others become lifelong learners.

As important as this type of education is to so many people, going back to Sunday School can be even more important. Our church wouldn't even be in existence if it weren't for people going to Sunday School. The history of Crossroads Church extends back to 1863 when members of the Patterson Memorial Church in Philadelphia began a Sunday School in the rural area just outside of West Philadelphia. Meeting in a member's home, it was led by Superintendent Dr. Edward Anderson. Subsequently, it was moved to the Keystone Schoolhouse in 1883. The Anderson Memorial Chapel was built in 1906 when the Chester Presbytery organized the congregation. The church was particularized and incorporated in 1908. So we see that Sunday School has had a rich heritage in the beginning and throughout the history of Crossroads Community Church.

The reason why we continue to provide Sunday School for all ages is to promote the growth of people towards maturity in Christ. As Christians, we are all to be continually growing in our relationship with Christ. In the gospel of Matthew chapter 22 verses 36 and following, a disciple said to Jesus, "Teacher,

which is the greatest commandment in the law?" And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment." And so we see Jesus as a teacher to his disciple or student telling him that the most important thing that we are called to do is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind. Jesus included the mind because that is a very important way that we grow in Christ. In 2 Peter 3:18 it tells us that we are to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." As Christians, we are called to continue to grow in our knowledge of Christ through the Scriptures. At Crossroads, Sunday School provides a wonderful opportunity to grow in our knowledge of Christ. Besides growing in knowledge, Sunday School helps us to grow in character. In 1 Timothy 4 verses 7 and 8 it says, "...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness. For... godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." As we learn and grow in Sunday School, we are able to grow in godliness. So as we grow in knowledge and in godliness, we are also able to grow in love. The gospel of John chapter 13 verse 34 Jesus says, "A new commandment I give to you: that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." As we sit in Sunday School with one another, one of our goals is to grow further and further into the image of Christ and his perfect love. As we do this, we grow in our love for one another as well.

Although we have Sunday School for all ages all year long, we have a special Sunday School Rally Day in which we recommit ourselves to the purposes of Sunday School. On Sunday, September 11, at 9:45 in the morning, we will all gather (young and old) in the Sanctuary. It is a wonderful time to gather and honor all of our devoted Sunday School teachers, have a Bible quiz, worship together and learn all about the various Sunday School classes that we will be offering. Please join us for another wonderful year of Sunday School together. Below is a list of all our teachers and what they will be teaching this fall! Don't miss out on this great blessing at Crossroads!

### PRESCHOOL (ages 3 - 5)

#### **"GOD'S FAMILY"**

**Teachers:** Gloria Jarwood, Shari and Sarah Melbourne

### YOUNGER ELEMENTARY (grades K & 1)

#### **"OBEYING GOD"**

**Teachers:** Dotty Kelly, Sara Coffin, Heather and Bobbie Smith

### MIDDLE ELEMENTARY (grades 2 & 3)

#### **"GOD'S GRACE IN THE LAW"**

**Teachers:** Paul and Lori Martin

### OLDER ELEMENTARY (grades 4 & 5)

#### **"MATTHEW TO JOHN"**

**Teacher:** Sue Robinson

### MIDDLE SCHOOL (grades 6 to 8)

#### **"GOD'S GRACE TO YOU"**

**Teachers:** Jack Matsinger and Lyle Sine

### HIGH SCHOOL (grades 9 to 12)

#### **"A STUDY OF FIRST & SECOND PETER"**

**Teachers:** Brandon Burks and Bob Styer

### CROSSROADS YOUNG ADULTS

#### **"NEW TESTAMENT"**

**Teachers:** John Melbourne and Shibu Oommen

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

**Teachers:** Dudley & Julie Reese

### WOMEN'S CLASS

#### **"A SHEPHERD LOOKS AT PSALM 23"**

**Teachers:** Brenda Smith and Cindy Van Meerbeke

### MEN'S CLASS

#### **"TITUS"**

**Teacher:** Steve Cunerd

### ADULT ELECTIVE -- MATURITY 101

#### **"CHRISTIANITY 101 - INTRODUCTION TO CROSSROADS AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"**

**Teachers:** Allen Ellis & Tim Brindle

### ADULT ELECTIVE -- MATURITY 103

#### **"STEWARDSHIP"**

**Teachers:** Pastor William Jarwood & Ron Vessels

### ADULT ELECTIVE -- MULTIPLICATION 405

#### **"CHURCH LEADERSHIP: BELIEFS, CHARACTER, AND LIFE"**

**Teacher:** Pastor Mike Quillen

# CHEER Homeschool Ministry



For the past twenty years (or so) Crossroads has been home to CHEER homeschool ministry. CHEER, (which stands for Christian Home Education Enrichment Resource) is a ministry of Crossroads that helps parents with teaching the non-core classes to their homeschooled students.

CHEER meets on Friday mornings for twelve weeks during the fall and twelve weeks during the spring. Classes offered include: art, music, drama, physical education, Latin, and this year we are adding robotics. Most of our teachers are parents of the homeschooled students, with a teacher or two from Crossroads or the homeschool community.

Each fall and spring the students put on a program for their parents. The program consists of various songs and skits the students have learned during the semester, with a display of their art projects in Armstrong Hall.

A CHEER day starts at 8:45 a.m. with a short opening in the sanctuary. The students are then dismissed at 9:00 a.m. to attend their four morning classes. The younger students have one of the CHEER parents with them to shepherd them from one class to another. At 12:15 p.m., the morning classes end and some of the families stay to have lunch in Armstrong Hall. This year, there will also be a robotics class for students ages 7 – 12 during the afternoon.

Homeschool parents and students alike feel that coming to CHEER is a highlight of their week. Students get to learn, have fun and visit with their friends. Parents who spend their weeks teaching their students at home, get to unload their burdens to each other, pray with each other, and receive encouragement to continue in this path of homeschooling as God has called them.

To find out more about CHEER, you can check out our website at: [cheergroup.weebly.com](http://cheergroup.weebly.com).



## Session Report



The session met with the deacons on August 15th at 7:15 PM. Due to travel and ministry, many officers were unable to attend. Pastor Mike opened by reading John 15:1-11 and praying. Due to the light agenda and limited attendance, we opted to forego our normal habit of breaking out to pray through the flock lists. We reviewed the financial reports, received an update on the Sound System project from Jack Matsinger, discussed upcoming vacation schedules, and approved a request for use of the building by a member. The meeting adjourned in prayer around 8:30 PM.

### **APARTMENT/HOUSE needed by September 20<sup>th</sup>**

The deacons are assisting some families looking for 2 and 3 bedroom apartments or houses in UD School District to rent. The earliest deadline is September 20th. Any referrals or leads appreciated. We ask for your prayers in finding housing quickly. Contact Fred Robinson at 610-742-8841.





## 2016 Camp Treasure Island



## Dates to Remember



### Communion Services

Sunday, September 4 at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Sunday School Rally Day

Sunday, September 11 at 9:45 a.m.

Come and learn about the new classes and meet the teachers. Enjoy fun and games and refreshments, too.

### Officers' Meeting

Monday, September 12 at 7:15 p.m.

### Together Experiencing a Ministry (T.E.A.M.) Nights

Wednesdays, September 7 and 21

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.

### Prayer Vigil

Friday, Sept. 23 at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday, Sept. 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Sign up on the sheets in the narthex, and come pray for the church, the community, and those you are inviting to Fall Friend Day. Prayer request forms are on the radiators in the sanctuary.

### Fall Friend Day

Sunday, September 25

Invite your friends to come and enjoy the worship and fellowship that Crossroads has to offer. Pioneer Clubs and Crossfire Kick-Off Parties.

## Crossroads Sermon Schedule September 2016

### September 4

**"The Importance of God's Word!"**

2 Timothy 3:16 - 17

Pastor David Van Meerbeke

### September 11

**"Great Together"**

Genesis 11:1 - 9

Pastor Mike Quillen

### September 18

**"Danger: God at Work!"**

Acts 4:32 - 5:11

Pastor Mike Quillen

### September 25

**"Reaching Heaven"**

The Lord's Prayer, Part 1

Pastor Mike Quillen

## Finances & Attendance



## Report for August, 2016

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
7	62	156	218	\$ 4,169.58	\$ 1,479.70	\$ 455.00	\$ 323.00
14	75	140	215	\$ 3,789.50	\$ 954.50	\$ 875.00	\$ 875.00
21	68	174	242	\$ 3,304.98	\$ 1,179.30	\$ 380.00	\$ 212.00
28	72	197	269	\$ 3,853.28	\$ 1,164.08	\$ 217.00	\$ 340.00
<b>August Totals:</b>				<b>\$ 15,117.34</b>	<b>\$ 4,777.58</b>	<b>\$ 1,927.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,750.00</b>
<b>Current and Missions Fund August Budgets:</b>				<b>\$ 23,477.69</b>	<b>\$ 4,382.23</b>		



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### September Birthdays

01 – Lydia Love  
05 – Karen Ellis  
05 – Tim Witmer  
06 – Traci Burks  
06 – Zack Groff  
07 – Wayne Widger  
08 – Tyheem Stafford  
10 – Isaiah Watkins  
11 – Kimberly Lynch  
11 – Douglas Wagura

12 – Dudley Reese  
12 – Daud Shad  
12 – Shannon Tchoudjuin  
12 – Diane Young  
13 – Wynnefred Geeh  
15 – Jocelyn Groff  
15 – Angelina Mensah  
16 – Eno Umoh  
17 – Ajiri Omuyeh  
17 – Ujiri Omuyeh

18 – Grace Ellis  
18 – Brandon Sneh  
22 – Boota Gill  
23 – Mary Leake  
23 – Robert Suny  
25 – Crayton Duncan  
26 – Lou Ford  
26 – Serrah Shad  
27 – Rose Kagiri

### September Anniversaries

02 – Jack & Debbie Matsinger  
04 – Robert & Doris Goe  
04 – Joshua & Holly Smith

17 – Gary & Rosie Ladeau  
19 – Jim & Joyce Buchanan  
24 – David & Cindy Van Meerbeke

26 – Darlene & Ron Burrell  
28 – Zack & Kate Baer  
29 – Ed & Dotty Kelly

## Nursery & Greeter Lists



### Report at:

### Nursery

### Greeters

#### Sept. 4

8:10 a.m. Sarah Melbourne; Shari Melbourne  
9:30 a.m. Joyce Buchanan; Bobbi Smith  
10:40 a.m. Jermaine Jones; Faith Ellis; **Inf.:** Alayna Jones

Zonia Smith; Doris Goe  
Esther Cooper  
Ron & Lynette Vessels; Emilia Adah

#### Sept. 11

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

Mary Finnerty; Anthony Yeboah  
Louines Louis  
James & Susanna Mahn; Debbie Barrolle

#### Sept. 18

8:10 a.m. Brook Batzel; Dudley Reese  
9:30 a.m. Pam Bronson; John Batzel  
10:40 a.m. Udo Umoh; Uzezi Omuyeh; **Inf.:** Christy Nelson

Ken Wilson; Victoria Goodlin  
Anne Cherian  
Helen Davies; Lynn Brown; Dolapo Olowu

#### Sept. 25

8:10 a.m. Brandon and Traci Burks  
9:30 a.m. Fran Froelich; Victor Sesay  
10:40 a.m. Peggy Styer; Grace Ellis; **Inf.:** Chimwemwe Doctor

Brad Wilks; Oretha Dahn  
Pat Cavaliere  
Kathy Ford; Jocelyn Keke; Udo Umoh





## September 2016

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				<b>1</b> 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> COMMUNION  No Evening Mtg.	<b>5</b> LABOR DAY	<b>6</b> 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>7</b> 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 pm T.E.A.M.	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (tentative) 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	<b>9</b> 8:45 am CHEER Fall Semester Starts	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY 12:10 pm Missions Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Evening Service resumes	<b>12</b> 7:15 p.m. Officer's Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>14</b>  GROWTH GROUPS	<b>15</b> 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. CHOIR Resumes	<b>16</b> 8:45 am CHEER	<b>17</b> 9:00 a.m. Presbytery at Tenth Presbyterian
<b>18</b> 12:15pm Gospel Praise	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	<b>20</b> 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>21</b> 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 pm T.E.A.M.	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>23</b> 8:45 am CHEER 6:00 p.m. All-Church Prayer	<b>24</b>  to 6:00 p.m. All-Church Prayer
<b>25</b> FALL FRIEND DAY 12:15pm Gospel Praise Fall Kick-off for Pioneer Clubs and Crossfire	<b>26</b> 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	<b>27</b> 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>28</b>  GROWTH GROUPS	<b>29</b> 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>30</b> 8:45 am CHEER	