



Crossroads Connections

Crossroads Community Church

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Sunday School / ESL
9:45 a.m.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, what are you thankful for this year?

Looking back on my first ten months as Senior Pastor of Crossroads Community Church, I am especially thankful for three things: (1) we get to glimpse heaven on earth every week; (2) we are blessed with gifted leaders; and (3) our core ministries are doing well.

Glimpsing Heaven. For the last 12 years (2003-2014) we've averaged 12 new international members per year. That means we've received more than 150 members from more than 20 people groups. Since most are still on the rolls, we are about 1/3 international. No wonder the most consistent comment about our worship is that it reminds people of Revelation 7. That is, visitors and members regularly say, "Every tongue and tribe and nation seems to be here!"

Gifted leaders. I am thankful for our staff. *Pastor William* has a heart of love and discernment that flows into community gathering and counseling (Acts 2:42-47). *Pastor Shibu* has a heart of faith that flows into prayer and evangelism (2 Corinthians 5:7). *Pastor David* has a heart for people of all ages and situations that flows into compassion, care, and celebration (Romans 12:15). *Wendy Toy* does an amazing amount of administrative assisting in a demanding environment. *Cindy & Lois* prepare their teams and pick music that glorifies God and edifies His people. *The Elders* are gifted and active. Their personal witness, discipleship efforts, and care for the flock make them shepherd leaders. Each elder shepherds a large flock in addition to demanding full time jobs and/or small businesses. The *deacons* have a range of gifts in mercy, helps, and stewardship.

Great ministries. I am thankful for our ministry to Children. *Camp Treasure Island* draws 150+ children who are served by 40-50 dedicated people, including lots of youth (teens, college, 20's). This is probably our most effective outreach. We are also fruitfully partnering with CEF through *Good News Clubs* and financial support for *Brenda Smith's* ministry. We invest in *Children's Sunday School*, *Crossroads Kids' Clubs* (formerly *Pioneers*), *Children's Choir*, *Junior Church*, and more.

I am thankful for our *Youth Ministry*. We staff youth ministry with an excellent intern (Brandon Burks) who not only leads *Crossfire*, but does a great job discipling the youth. *Crossfire* attendance is good and growing – numerically and spiritually.

We have a heart for youth and the Gospel. We have a heart for children and the Gospel! We have a heart for "strangers" and the Gospel – just look at *English as a Second Language (ESL)*. At least a dozen people attend every Sunday. Our partnership with Delaware County draws people into the building.

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In short, I am thankful that we have a heart for the Gospel. Our TEAM ministry is probably the best example of that. The Gospel goes forth not only through evangelism, but also through prayer, encouragement, visiting, and discipleship.

Looking to the future, I am thankful for a Thanksgiving Eve service (11/23), the Mission Conference (12/2-12/4), a kids' Christmas program (12/18), caroling (12/21), candlelight service (12/24), and Lessons and Carols on Christmas Day (Sunday, 12/25).

I am thankful that we are praying and planning for some great ministry opportunities in 2017 and beyond.

These are wonderful reasons for true Thanksgiving to God.

As you thank God for these things, please pray that we end the year strong. Pray that we will start the New Year with Thanksgiving – that God met our budget and blessed our efforts through his people: you!

-- In His Service, Pastor Mike Quillen

Deacons Update



The deacons have developed a set of guidelines and procedures for borrowing church tables and chairs for family events, e.g., birthday parties, showers, etc., held in the church or at another location. The goal is to better manage and track the temporary allocation of church property for personal use.

Guidelines for borrowing chairs or tables from Crossroads for family events:

1. Please notify the church office at least one week in advance in writing of the date, event and number of chairs and tables you would like to borrow. An email to the church office is sufficient.
2. The church secretary and deacons will check the church calendar for conflicts and respond prior to your event.
3. Please understand that there are times when it is not possible to borrow chairs and tables from the church if a large event or series of activities are planned. For example: borrowing items during VBS is not possible. There may be times during Lent when tables and chairs are needed in Armstrong Hall.
4. Care should be taken to transport chairs and tables carefully and to report any damage to the deacons by labeling the damaged item clearly with a note explaining what isn't working.
5. Please do not remove chairs and tables from Sunday School classrooms and the sanctuary. Use chairs and tables from Armstrong Hall.
6. If borrowing chairs and tables, please be informed that the church *does not accept responsibility for any injuries incurred in the lifting, moving, transporting, unloading or returning of the items*. Care should be taken by individuals at their own discretion to handle items. The church cannot accept responsibility. If there is a question about the safety of moving chairs or tables, please DO NOT move them or handle them. Borrowers are cautioned that the items are heavy and large. Caution and common sense should be used in handling and moving chairs and tables.
7. Chairs and tables should be returned by the date given by the deacons or by the next Saturday evening in advance of Sunday services. If something hinders return of items, please contact the church office or a deacon prior to Saturday evening or the date you were requested to return the items.
8. Any loss or theft of items should be reported to the church office and or deacons immediately upon discovery.
9. A chair and table sign out list will be kept in the church office.
10. Deacon approval is required for the borrowing of chairs and tables.

The sign out serves as a record of items borrowed, date of pick up, anticipated return and the name of the member(s) requesting the items. Non-members will not be permitted to borrow items without review by the deacons.

Chairs and tables may be borrowed for family events. They are not intended for use in commercial enterprises, fundraising outside the church or other activities deemed unacceptable by the deacons and/or officers of the church.

Session Report



The Session met on October 10th 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 the need to remind church members desiring to participate in church ministries related to children that they must complete their background checks prior to participating in such ministries in order to comply with church policy and state regulations. New members who have recently joined the church were assigned to flocks.

The upcoming church calendar was discussed, and officers were encouraged to attend the men's breakfast, which was being held at the CEF pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday October 15. All present were encouraged to pray for the upcoming Good News Club at Stonehurst Hills Elementary School starting October 13 and for the Amnion banquet that evening.

Thereafter a number of facility related matters were discussed including a report from the officers who are working on the Sound System Project and concerns about the elevator and a slight leak in the Narthex. The encouragement of participation by the congregation in the provision of after-service snacks in the Narthex was discussed and special thanks were noted for Gretchen Wilson, who has been coordinating this effort.

Finally the officers were encouraged to continue to pray for Pastor Shibu and Mary Oommen who will have their visa interview at the US Consulate in Mumbai on Tuesday October 18. In light of the nine and ½ hour time difference, everyone was reminded to pray on Monday evening.

After prayer, the Session and Deacons separated to address matters of particular concern to them. The Session met with Tim Brindle to discuss needs of international students enrolled at Westminster Seminary. While in the distant past the church worked with international seminary students, usually they were related to church supported missionaries and support was modest. It was noted that the current missions support policy was focused on missionaries in the field. The Elders and Tim prayed for these students and for the seminary.

Pastor Quillen gave an update on the leadership class which he is teaching during Sunday School along with an update on the Sunday evening children's program which has undergone a name change from Pioneer Clubs to Crossroads Kids Club. The Children's Choir will be integrated into the new program which should benefit both of these ministries by providing music and singing for the Club and more practice time for the Choir.

Two separate requests related to support groups were also discussed. Both proposals were deemed interesting; however, there were several items regarding the proposals that required clarification. Pastor Quillen and Pastor Van Meerbeke will be in contact with the requesting parties to further discuss their proposals.

The Session reviewed the proposed preaching schedule for Sunday morning and evening for the rest of 2016 and into 2017. Everyone agreed to pray for the Missions Conference during the first weekend in December and to pray that the Lord would guide and assist the Missions Committee in making the necessary arrangements for the weekend. Remembering the excellent 2015 Missions Conference with church son, Cal Rensch, the Session noted with concern that he would begin a new immune-therapy regimen to address the cancer, which has been attacking his body. In the upcoming weekend, Cal will be traveling with his sister Bobbie to attend their sister Dorothy's memorial service in West Virginia. It was Dorothy's coming to work for Crossroads, a/k/a J.R. Miller Memorial, about 70 years ago which brought the Rensch family to the church and they have been positively impacting its work ever since.

The meeting closed with prayer for the matters discussed, for the congregation and particularly for our beloved brother and co-laborer in the gospel, Cal Rensch.

Post Meeting Note: Our dear brother in Christ, Cal Rensch, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, October 28. Please be in prayer for the Rensch / Smith family during their time of loss.



2016 Crossroads Community Church Missions Conference

December 2-4, 2016

Theme: Matthew 5:14-16; "...Let your light shine before men..."

The featured preacher at this year's conference will be Shibu Oommen,
Pastor and missionary to the community and the world.

The following members of our missionary family will be presenting reports:

Rick Anderson	CHAIM
Tom Hudson	Presbyterian Mission International
Betty Otero	Christian Rehab Uganda/America
Nathan Reese	CCC India
Dan and Esther Sawyer	Neighborhood Crusades
Mary Shibu	India
Brenda Smith	Child Evangelism Fellowship

Schedule for the Missions Conference weekend:

Friday Evening	7:00 p.m.	Young Peoples' Missionary Roundtable
Saturday Afternoon	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Missionary Prayer Vigil
Saturday Evening	5:30 p.m.	International Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Missionary Reports
Sunday Morning	8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	Worship Services
	9:45 a.m.	Missionary Reports during Sunday School
Sunday Evening	6:00 p.m.	Missionary Reports and Christmas card signing

Finances & Attendance



Report for October, 2016

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
2	55	174	229	\$ 4,817.83	\$ 1,659.95	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 544.00
9	61	143	204	\$ 4,059.94	\$ 1,267.98	\$ 265.00	\$ 530.00
16	76	172	248	\$ 4,472.00	\$ 1,442.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 414.84
23	77	174	251	\$ 3,252.50	\$ 1,187.50	\$ 314.00	\$ 391.00
30	66	206	272	\$ 6,053.44	\$ 657.25	\$ 513.00	\$ 515.00
October Totals:				\$22,655.71	\$ 6,214.68	\$ 3,392.00	\$ 2,394.84
Current and Missions Fund October Budgets:				\$29,347.10	\$ 5,477.79		

Crossroads Kids Club



On Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m., there is a new children's program called Crossroads Kids Club for children in Preschool through grade 5. The children are learning about different cultures and countries around the world and the Christians from those countries who currently, or who in the past, have faced struggles for their faith. We are using *"The Torchlighters: Heroes of the Faith"* materials from the Christian History Institute as well as *"The Voice of the Martyrs"*. In addition, church families are being asked to come and share their experiences and teach us about their home countries.

We recently learned about Nigeria when the Omuyeh family shared stories about their home country and told us how we can pray for Nigerian Christians.

Shortly, we'll be learning about Samuel Morris, a Liberian tribal prince who, after an extraordinary escape from death, came to America to learn more about God and whose deep faith and life story inspired young people to serve as missionaries in Africa.



In January we will learn about China and the missionary, Gladys Aylward. Gladys was an uneducated, poor, and seemingly ill-equipped missionary whom God used mightily to dramatically transform the country of China. She chose to trust her God with childlike faith amid impossible circumstances time and time again. Her story demonstrates what is possible when we simply walk forward with faith and choose to take God at His Word.

We use games, crafts, DVD's, and other activities to help make the lessons fun for the children. Sue Robinson and Gloria Jarwood are leading the club. Special activities coming up include the Kids Club Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11, and the Children's Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18.

If you have any questions or would like to offer your help, please email Sue at fsrobinson1@juno.com.

Crossfire Happenings



As the Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers begin a new school year, so too does Crossfire begin afresh: walking alongside each student, giving them a sense of community, and expanding their understanding of God's Word. Our verse this year comes from 2 Corinthians 11:3, which says, "But I fear that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be seduced from a complete and pure devotion to Christ." We keep our minds from being led astray and maintain a "complete and pure" devotion to Christ by knowing His word, and by living in community with God's people.

This year, Crossfire will be growing deeper in God's Word by learning about the Minor Prophets, and by walking through both 1 Corinthians and 1 John. Crossfire will also grow in community through various activities. For example, we will be going rock climbing, ice skating, disc golfing, and, of course, we will join other PCA churches for our annual Youth Retreat, set to take place April 21 to 23, 2017.



If you are in grades six through twelve, we would love for you to come out and join us each Sunday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. We usually begin each meeting by joining the evening service in worship. After worship, we move to the Crossfire room and play a game that helps us to get to know one another. Subsequent to our game, we will have a Bible lesson where we grow in our understanding of the Scriptures and how they apply to our lives. We conclude each meeting breaking into smaller groups where we can discuss, more personally, applications of the text and pray of each other.

As a new school year begins, come join us as we seek to know God and live life in community.

Dates to Remember



Mighty Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, November 5 at 8:00 a.m.

All men are welcome to this fellowship committed to service, mutual encouragement, and growth in the Lord Jesus Christ. The theme this year is, "Money, Sex, Work, Hard Times, Making Your Life Count", from Book 3 in the "Every Man a Warrior: Helping Men Succeed in Life", by Lonnie Berger.

Communion Services

Sunday, November 6 at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

Wednesdays, November 2 and 16

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.

Crossfire Bowling

Saturday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Anniversary Sunday

Sunday, November 13

Officers' Meeting

Monday, November 14 at 7:15 p.m.

Mighty Men's Ministry Bible Study

Friday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Eric Wilson will be leading this study, on the topic of "Walking With God" from *Book 1 in the "Every Man a Warrior: Helping Men Succeed in Life" series*.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Come share the joy as we thank God for His faithfulness and the many blessings with which He has covered us.

Decorating Church for Christmas

Saturday, November 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Crossroads Sermon Schedule November 2016

November 6 "Rags & Riches"

Romans 9:19-29
Pastor Mike Quillen

November 13 "Stumbling in the Light"

Romans 9:30-33
Pastor Mike Quillen

November 20 "Heart & Mouth"

Romans 10:1-13
Pastor Mike Quillen

November 27 "Hearing Faith"

Romans 10:14-21
Pastor David
Van Meerbeke



November Birthdays

01 – Susanna Kehyee	07 – Timothy Brindle	17 – Linda Howard
01 – Daniel Quillen	07 – Stephen Tolentino	18 – Sara Coffin
01 – Lorelei Serafim-Linnebur	09 – Lyle Sine	18 – Beth Mulgrew
02 – Kate Baer	10 – Joshua Frazier	19 – Chauncey Sneh
03 – Lynn Brown	10 – Dotty Kelly	19 – Marianne Suny
03 – Joseph Toy	11 – Victor, Sr. Gbolo	20 – Francisca Afantchao
04 – Ida Brown	11 – Anthony Vincent	20 – Marilyn Bradly
04 – Comfort Davies	12 – Emilia Adah	20 – Gloria Jarwood
04 – Andrew Leake	12 – Farrell Smith	21 – Zeph Ellis
05 – Bryan Ford	12 – Zonia Smith	23 – Bintou Wilks
05 – Eloho Omuyeh	14 – Esther Ekwere	25 – Sharon Mitchell
05 – Prince Omuyeh	14 – Mary Shibu	27 – Alysson Tchoudjuin
05 – Vivicah Vincent	15 – Jim Buchanan	28 – Betty Berchie
06 – Mary Finnerty	15 – Adam Toy	30 – Stephen Cunerd
06 – Joanie Muth	17 – Wali Ahmad	30 – Holly Smith

November Anniversaries

10 – Shreekumar & Shanthi David	15 – Roy & Susan Zweig
11 – Victor, Sr. & Ami Gbolo	28 – Louines Louis & Monique Delivay
13 – Warren & Brenda Smith	

Nursery & Greeter Lists



Report at:

Nursery

Greeters

Nov. 6

8:10 a.m.	Sue Robinson; Amelia Robinson
9:30 a.m.	Sara Coffin; Heather Smith
10:40 a.m.	Bob Styer; Jhansi Chikkala; Inf: Cindy Van Meerbeke

Fran Froelich; Doris Goe
Pat Cavalier
Lynn Brown, Ron and Lynette Vessels

Nov. 13

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

Zonia Smith; Victoria Goodlin
Louines Louis
Dolapo Olowu

Nov. 20

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

Mary Finnerty
Maddie Barch
Kathy Ford, James and Susanna Mahn

Nov. 27

8:10 a.m.	Jack Matsinger; Jen Widger
9:30 a.m.	Pam Bronson; David Van Meerbeke
10:40 a.m.	Udo Umoh; Uzezi Omuyeh; Inf: Christy Nelson

Anthony Yeboah
Sarah Melbourne
Ami Gbolo, Betty O'Dero



November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Women's Call-In Prayer Line Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. Phone: 605-475-6006 Enter Code: 333732		1 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	2 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 pm T.E.A.M.	3 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	4 8:45 am CHEER	5 8:00 a.m. MMM Breakfast
6 Communion	7 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	8 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	9 Growth Groups	10 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	11 8:45 am CHEER	12 Crossfire Bowling
13 Anniversary Sunday 12:10 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	14 7:15 p.m. Officer's Meeting	15 7:00 p.m. Prayer Centennial House 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	16 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 pm T.E.A.M.	17 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	18 8:45 am CHEER 7:30 p.m. MMM Bible Study	19
20 12:15pm Gospel Praise	21 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	22 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	23 Thanksgiving Eve Service	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 9:00 a.m. Decorating for Christmas
27 First Sunday in Advent	28	29	30	<i>O give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name; make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders.</i> <i>~Psalm 105: 1- 2</i>		