



# Crossroads Connections

Crossroads Community Church

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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

### New Year's Resolutions

January has long been a time when people reflect upon the past and resolve to make changes for the future. In other words, January is a doorway where we look back and look forward. That is most likely why the month is named after Janus, the two-faced Roman "god" of doors and entrances.

In January, we often resolve to lose some weight. We join a health club or start going again. Sometimes, we keep it up for a while. Sooner or later, it becomes hard to continue. It's easier to sit home than get moving. It's easier to eat than to exercise.



The times I have kept exercising were periods when I was not alone in the effort. A couple of years ago my family was a tremendous support. The kids reminded me to watch what I ate as we sat down for meals. They cheered when I reported any weight loss. Julia, the older kids, and I all started the same running routine. We kept each other going when it was challenging. I found I could go further with them and gave up way sooner without them.

Did you know that teamwork is the secret to getting and staying spiritually fit? The team you need is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (John 3:16; John 14:16; Romans 5:1-11; Ephesians 2:1-10; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17). That team works with you directly as you worship, pray, and read the Bible.

That team also works through other teammates as you worship, pray, read the Bible, and serve together (Hebrews 10:19-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Ephesians 4:1-16). We grow in our relationship with God as we spend time with other Christians (cf. Isaiah 35:3-4; Acts 2:42; Romans 1:11-12; 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14-15). We encourage one another during struggles (Galatians 6:1-5; Hebrews 10-13) and rejoice in successes (Romans 12:15; 15:30-33).

The team is a family. Our theme verse for 2017, Ephesians 2:19-22, brings this out:

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.*

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If you want to gain spiritual strength and lose sin weight, several opportunities are available:

- ***Now: Join a Growth Group, prayer group, and/or Sunday School***
- ***In February-March: Participate in the Winter Series "Life Explored" (more information in this newsletter on page 4).***
- ***In April: Join the TEAM ministry as we renew our focus on equipping the team members for prayer, encouragement, discipleship, hospitality, and, of course, evangelism (stay tuned for more information in February).***

Whatever you do, don't try to do it alone. Take advantage of the rest of your body. That is, the whole body of Christ. Or, as our theme for 2017 puts it, resolve to see...

### ***God Building Us Together***

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike Quillen

## **Missions Highlight**



Your Missions Committee thanks you, the congregation of Crossroads Church, for your participation in last month's Missions Conference, and for your ongoing support of our missionaries, active and retired, through your faithful and generous financial contributions and prayers. We have received wonderfully positive responses from each guest missionary for the welcome they received and the interest you have shown in their ministries.

Our focus moving forward will be to encourage our members, especially those of the younger generations, to find their niche in the mission field, be it in the myriad opportunities around the world, or right here in our community. The stereotype of missionaries living in grass huts in a jungle somewhere (although that is never out of the question) is belied by the reality of the diverse activities that our visitors shared:

- The Newbranders (ISI) ministering to newcomer international students in University City.
- The Andersons (CHAIM) sharing the Messiah with Jews (and a surprising number of Muslims).
- The Oommens and the Petrellas (PEF) working street corners and train platforms with the Gospel message; and Shibu, Mary, and Ann working with young people, ours and those of India Village Mission in Derudun.
- The Sawyers (Melvin Floyd's Neighborhood Crusades) ministering in local urban communities, countering the cynical cultural trends that lead to alienation and violence, with the love of Jesus.
- The Hudsons (PMI) working with newly formed churches of Portuguese speakers.
- Brenda Smith (CEF) and her teams bringing the Gospel to children in schools everywhere, even right up the street.
- Professionals like Ralph Eckardt (Interserve) and Betty O'Dero (CRU) who, as they have pursued their careers, have heard the call and used their gifts to obey the Great Commission.

We will pray that these and our many other supported missionaries will inspire the next generation stepping up; the Katelyns, Annes, Rebeccas, Mary Virginias, Joes, and Nates of our church, to follow in the footsteps of the Cal and Carolyn Renschs, be it in our church, our neighborhood, or our world.



The Session met on December 12th together with the Deacons. The meeting opened with prayer and an exhortation from Scripture by Pastor Quillen. The officers received the report of the budget committee along with their recommendations. After reviewing and discussing the budget in detail, the officers adopted the tentative budget for 2017 subject to having final actual figures for December 2016. The officers also discussed the committee's recommendations regarding effective utilization of the gifts and talents of the human resources of the church including reviews, goal setting, the committee structure, and church education. It is expected that many of these improvements will be implemented in 2017.

Noting that their efforts were primarily on expenditures, the budget committee also recommended that attention be given to the revenues of the church with a reminder of the joy and responsibility of giving and a focus on stewardship and membership. Building on their 2016 budget review and recommendations, the committee noted that all building equipment and repairs and replacements as well as improvements would be the responsibility of the Building Fund in 2017, while day to day consumables, utilities, maintenance contracts, landscaping, snow removal, and cleaning would continue to be paid out of the Current Fund. Consequently, an annual budget for the Building Fund should be prepared for officer review and approval at the January meeting. Together with this building budget, the committee recommended the development of a master plan for future church facilities projects including the renovation of Armstrong Hall with the goal of setting a clear vision for the church regarding the use and maintenance of its facilities. Finally, the committee noted that there were many smaller projects in the church that could be addressed internally by using the gifts and talents of individual church members to assist the Deacons. To accomplish these goals, the Officers were encouraged to develop a list of those individuals who might be able to assist in these projects along with a plan for their mobilization.

The Officers discussed the results of the meeting of Pastors Quillen, Van Meerbeke and Oommen with Donna Martin regarding the day school. It was agreed that this was a productive Christ-honoring ministry that would be complementary to the current ministry focus of the church. Several questions were still pending and these are to be answered by the January meeting.

The Officers reviewed the church calendar for December as well as several property matters including the need to have a clear policy regarding responsibility for cleanup and setup following ministry events at the church. It was agreed that this responsibility would rest with the ministry sponsoring the event. To make sure that these expectations are clear, the Deacons will develop a checklist to be given to those using the church facilities. This should be emailed to them by the church office. In addition, the Officers discussed the cleaning of the church and changes in the contractor. To avoid confusion, it was agreed that the church's cleaning standards including frequency and priorities would be reviewed and updated and submitted to the contractor.

With regret, the Officers received the news that Pianist Ben Hoffman would be unable to continue as pianist since his wife Bonnie has become church music director at Christ the King PCA. The Officers gave thanks to God for Ben and Bonnie and trust that the Lord will continue to use their considerable gifts and talents for His glory. To allow Crossroads to locate a replacement, Ben will remain until the middle of January.

After prayer, the Session and Deacons separated to address matters of particular concern to them. The Session discussed the planned New Year's Eve Service and agreed that there would not be communion since communion will take place on New Year's Day in the morning. They discussed leadership developments for growth groups and CYA. Regarding the winter series, Pastor Quillen and Allen Ellis will be meeting to discuss the format and materials to be used. The 2017 EE Day will be either April 8 or May 6 and the EE Committee will be finalizing the date in the upcoming weeks. The meeting concluded with a review of proposals presented at Elder Planning Day.

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



# What is the greatest gift in the universe?

## Life Explored

Life Explored is an exposé of the little gods that promise us so much happiness, yet deliver so little. As it explores the Bible story (creation, fall, redemption, new creation), Life Explored shows how our deepest desires for happiness can only be satisfied in one person, Jesus Christ. The best gift God can give us is himself.

Life Explored has been designed to speak powerfully to those who don't consider themselves to be religious and have never read the Bible. But it will also provoke good discussions among followers of Christ, too.

Life Explored tells six original stories that beautifully articulate and explore our inherent longing for more. They provide an outstretched hand to begin discovering what it means to trust in Jesus and are a tool to engage with the people around us on themes of purpose, meaning and faith.

We all want to be happy. During seven Wednesday night sessions we'll explore some of the ways we try to find that happiness, and ask the question, "Are we looking in the right place?"



Wednesdays | 6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | February 8 – March 22 | Share a meal 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.



## Dates to Remember



### Communion Services

Sunday, January 1 at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

Wednesdays, January 4 and 18

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.

### Mighty Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, January 7 at 8:00 a.m.

### Officers' Meeting

Monday, January 9 at 7:15 p.m.

### Sanctity of Life Sunday

Sunday, January 15

### Mighty Men's Ministry Bible Study

Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m.

### All Church/Crossfire/Kids Club Ice Skating

Saturday, January 28 at the Haverford Skatium

Don't forget to pick up your 2017 Offering Envelopes  
on the table in the narthex

## Crossroads Sermon Schedule January 2017

### January 1

#### "Aware & Engaged"

Psalms 90

Pastor Mike Quillen

### January 8

#### "Strength for God's People 1"

Joshua 1:1-9

Pastor Mike Quillen

### January 15

#### Sanctity of Life Sunday

Psalms 139

Pastor David Van Meerbeke

### January 22

#### "Strength for God's People 2"

Joshua 1:1-9

Pastor Mike Quillen

### January 29

#### "Sign of God's Presence"

Joshua 22

Pastor Mike Quillen

## Finances & Attendance



## Report for December, 2016 \*

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
4	80	191	271	\$ 6,323.25	\$ 2,184.75	\$ 950.00	\$ 721.00
11	85	153	238	\$ 3,987.75	\$ 1,639.25	\$ 719.00	\$ 343.89
18	77	213	290	\$ 20,087.33	\$ 1,518.94	\$ 678.00	\$ 600.00
25	-	253	253	\$ 20,302.00	\$ 954.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 231.38
December Totals:				\$ 50,700.33	\$ 6,296.94	\$ 2,602.00	\$ 1,896.27
Current and Missions Fund December Budgets:				\$ 23,477.69	\$ 4,382.23		

\* Does not include December contributions received after 12/25/2016

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## January Birthdays

01 - Anaya Fraz	09 - Ada Okechukwu	23 - Brendan Hill
01 - Gurdev Kaur Chumber	10 - Mercedes Henderson	23 - Joshua Howard
01 - Lori Martin	11 - William Jarwood, Jr.	23 - Shibu Oommen
01 - Utheri Wagura	12 - John Henry Jarwood	23 - Joseph Yeboah
02 - Oneil Varney Bropleh	14 - Faith Ellis	25 - Anthony Mitchell
04 - Benjamin Batzel	15 - Sikander Shad	26 - Debbie Barrolle
04 - Brook Batzel	17 - Awa Dia	26 - Rickie Weah
04 - Angel Love	17 - Marion Judge	28 - Bonnia Lyon
04 - Christopher Wilson	20 - Shanti Shreekumar	30 - Aniela Briggs
06 - Epiphane Afantchao	21 - Winston Bachan	30 - Michelle Hill
07 - Victor Gbolo, Jr.	21 - Joshua David	30 - Kyle Rosander
07 - Micah Jones	21 - Britne Hill	30 - Cheryl Wheeler
07 - Ken Wilson	22 - Sarah Melbourne	30 - Marc Wheeler, Jr.
08 - Gary Ladeau, Jr.	22 - Elana Porter	31 - Nate Quillen

## January Anniversaries

None

# Nursery & Greeter Lists



### Report at:

### Nursery

### Greeters

#### Jan. 1

8:10 a.m.	Sarah and Shari Melbourne
9:30 a.m.	Pam Bronson; Bobbie Smith
10:40 a.m.	Udo Umoh; Uzezi Omuyeh

Fran Froelich; Doris Goe  
Maddie Barch  
Onye Briggs; Kathy Ford

#### Jan. 8

8:10 a.m.	Brooke Batzel; Dudley Reese
9:30 a.m.	Fran Froelich; Victor Sesay
10:40 a.m.	Peggy Styer; Grace Ellis <b>Inf:</b> Chimwemwe Doctor

Mary Finnerty  
Sarah Melbourne  
Ron and Lynette Vessels

#### Jan. 16

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

Victoria Goodlin; Zonia Smith  
Louines Louis  
Udo Umoh; Emilia Adah; Helen Davies

#### Jan. 22

8:10 a.m.	Brandon and Traci Burks
9:30 a.m.	Sara Coffin; Heather Smith
10:40 a.m.	Bob Styer; Jhansi Chikkala

Anthony Yeboah  
Esther Cooper  
James and Susanna Mahn; Dolapo Olowu

#### Jan. 29

8:10 a.m.	Sue and Amalia Robinson
9:30 a.m.	Joyce Buchanan; John Batzel
10:40 a.m.	Naomi Mureria; Faith Ellis <b>Inf:</b> Alayna Jones

Brad Wilks  
Anne Cherian  
Jocelyne Keke; Lynn Brown; Debbie Barrolle



## January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. -- Philippians 4:8</p>						
<b>1</b> COMMUNION  No Evening Service	<b>2</b>  7:00 pm - Prayer at Centennial House	<b>3</b>  9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>4</b>  6:00 Discipleship 7:00 p.m. TEAM	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer  7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>6</b>  	<b>7</b>  8:00 a.m. MMM Breakfast
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  7:15p.m. Officers Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm - Prayer at Centennial House  9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line ←	<b>11</b>  Growth Groups →	<b>12</b>  11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer  7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Sanctity of Life Sunday	<b>16</b>  7:00 pm - Prayer at Centennial House	<b>17</b> 7:30 MMM Bible Study  9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>18</b>  6:00 Discipleship 7:00 p.m. TEAM	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer  7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>20</b>  8:45 a.m. CHEER First day of Spring Semester	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  12:10 pm Gospel Praise Ensemble	<b>23</b>  7:00 pm - Prayer at Centennial House	<b>24</b>  9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line ←	<b>25</b>  Growth Groups →	<b>26</b> 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer  7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  All Church Ice Skating
<b>29</b> 12:10 pm Gospel Praise Ensemble	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Women's Call-In Prayer Line Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. Phone: 605-475-6006 Enter Code: 333732			