



# 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

Imagine someone purchased a flawless 72.22-carat gem like the one in this picture. What do you think they would do with it?

I'm sure they would keep it safe, but I doubt they would hide it away forever. They would most likely look at it – often! They would gaze upon this rare jewel and appreciate its beauty. They would show it to their friends.

They would enjoy it.

You and I have something even more valuable than this rare diamond and we didn't have to pay for it. We have a relationship with the living God through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Psalmist captures how we ought to feel in Psalm 27:4 (NASB):

*One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.*

The Lord made us to delight in him. Yet, we put our time and energy and love into so many other things that never satisfy.

Our **2017 Winter Series, Life Explored**, is all about appreciating the precious jewel that is the true God.

Come to renew your appreciation for His beauty.

Share this rare jewel with others by inviting them to come.

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

-- In His Service, Pastor Mike Quillen





## What is The Best Gift God Could Give You?

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	Date	Session	Discussion	Scripture
1.	February 8	The Good God	What's the best gift God could give you?	Psalms 19
2.	February 15	The Trustworthy God	What's your current view of God, and how did you reach that viewpoint?	Romans 1
3.	February 22	The Generous God	What keeps you going in difficult situations?	Luke 19
4.	March 1	The Liberating God	Often we feel our lives would be happier "if only" we had someone or something. What's your "if only"?	Matthew 11
5.	March 8	The Fulfilling God	What are you hoping will bring you fulfillment in life?	Luke 15
6.	March 15	The Life-Giving God	What, if you lost it, would make you feel that life wasn't worth living?	Acts 17
7.	March 22	The Joyful God	What's the best gift God could give you?	Matthew 22

## Session Overview

We will start with a shared meal brought by those who attend and specific members invited to help by Pastor William. After the meal, there will be two short films and two Bible passages in each lesson. There will also be a large group discussion and a small group discussion.

## Large Group Time (Armstrong Hall)

The first film is an original story set around the world, and in different points in history. The stories are designed to engage emotions as well as minds, as they open up an aspect of life which people may recognize in themselves. Each highlights a particular "idol" and reveals its tragic shortcomings. Participants discuss a simple question based on this parable-like first film.

Following a Bible reading, the second film is shown. The teaching films explore the Bible passage, are presented by evangelist Rico Tice, and the course authors Barry Cooper and Nate Morgan Locke.

## Small Group Time (Breakout rooms)

Participants then go to breakout rooms where they look at a Bible passage together and answer some questions from the discussion guide.

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**Schedule (timing has some flexibility)**

| 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. | Meal Armstrong Hall | Pastor William |

| 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Large Group Time | Armstrong Hall | Pastor Mike |

- Film 1 (10 minutes)
- Discussion 1 (5 minutes)
- Bible Reading (2 minutes)
- Film 2 (15 minutes)

| 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Small Group Time | Breakout rooms | Group Leaders |

- Bible Reading (3 minutes)
- Discussion 2 (25+ minutes)
- End on time

## Sunday School



### Don't be Too Cool for Sunday School Six Reasons Sunday School Is Important

**1. Sunday School** improves your Bible knowledge. When you know and understand God's Word for yourself, you are more likely to obey the Lord. The Bible knowledge gained in Sunday School also helps you become more proficient in using God's Word, the Bible.

**2. Sunday School** assists your spiritual growth. Think of Sunday School teachers and class members who have modeled the Christian life. You learned from their examples how to live for Jesus. Most importantly, spiritual growth often occurs best in the context of small group Bible study. That's Sunday School.

**3. Sunday School** provides a "place to belong." In a Sunday School class you are known, personally recognized and transparency is more likely to occur. You can share needs and concerns from your life. As you participate in class discussions, you become part of the group.

**4. Sunday School** helps you build meaningful relationships. You meet people, learn their names, hear their stories, and meet their families. You share fellowship times with class members. You minister alongside others.

**5. Sunday School** gives you opportunities to serve and minister. Contacts with sometimes "unchurched prospects" gives you the privilege of sharing your faith. You show the love of Jesus by ministering to class members who have needs.

**6. Sunday School** has a place for the whole family. In one trip to church your entire family can participate in the important purposes of Bible study, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism. You gain the assurance of knowing every member of your family is involved in weekly, small-group Bible study, which is growing their Bible knowledge and helping them grow spiritually.

**Sunday School at Crossroads is from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. every Sunday. There are classes for children and adults of all ages. Check out [crossroadspca.com](http://crossroadspca.com) for more details.**

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## Session Report



The officers of Crossroads met for our monthly meeting on January 9, 2017. After opening with a devotional and prayer, we broke into our flock groups to prayer for the members and ministries under our care.

After coming together again, we gave final approval to a General Fund and Missions budget to present to the congregation at our annual meeting on February 5. We also discussed some details about cleaning services.

We spent considerable time discussing the idea of taking oversight of responsibility for the 69th Street Alliance Preschool which has met across Chestnut street from Crossroads for more than 25 years. The preschool is a ministry that seems to fit very well with our mission to meet people at the crossroads of life with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to help one another along the road of spiritual growth. It complements existing ministries (e.g. ESL, Kids' Fair, Camp Treasure Island, Good News Clubs, etc.), but might add complexity for other ministries (e.g. CHEER, our own children's ministries that use the same space, funeral services, etc.).

The founder and main administrator of the school, Donna Martin, is looking to hand the operation over to a ministry or church that will continue the Gospel work now going on there. She will be available for one year of transition, so finding someone to fill her role is a key to success.

In the end, the consensus was that none of the challenges were insurmountable. We unanimously agreed to recommend the congregation approve making the preschool a ministry of Crossroads Community Church. Look for more information on this issue before a vote on it at the annual meeting (2/5). Meanwhile, pray for the Lord to continue to lead our discussions.

## Finances & Attendance



### Report for January, 2017

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
1	64	179	243	\$ 4,167.25	\$ 956.75	\$ 502.00	\$ 560.00
8	40	138	178	\$ 3,933.78	\$ 1,046.25	\$ 315.00	\$ 361.00
15	75	183	258	\$ 3,243.25	\$ 1,144.75	\$ 236.00	\$ 375.00
22	68	175	243	\$ 3,345.31	\$ 904.75	\$ 250.00	\$ 272.00
29	71	183	254	\$ 4,705.29	\$ 632.00	\$ 515.50	\$ 487.00
January Totals:				\$ 19,394.88	\$ 4,684.50	\$ 1,818.50	\$ 2,055.00
Current and Missions Fund January Budgets:				\$ 26,783.00	\$ 5,784.34		

## Dates to Remember



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

**Wednesday, February 1**

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, February 4 at 8:00 a.m.**

Super Bowl LI. Guys wear your favorite team's shirt, hat, or gear.

### **Crossfire Rock Climbing**

**Saturday, February 4**

### **Communion Services**

**Sunday, February 5 at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

### **Crossroads Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, February 5 at 1:00 p.m.**

### **2017 Winter Series – Life Explored**

**Wednesdays, February 8, 15, and 22**

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### **Officers' Meeting**

**Monday, February 13 at 7:15 p.m.**

### **Mighty Men's Ministry Bible Study**

**Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

## **Crossroads Sermon Schedule February 2017**

**February 5**

**"God Building Us  
Together"**

Ephesians 2:19-22  
Pastor Mike Quillen

**February 12**

**"Remnants"**

Romans 11:1-12  
Pastor David Van Meerbeke

**February 19**

**"Grafting"**

Romans 11:13-24  
Pastor Mike Quillen

**February 26**

**"All..."**

Romans 11:25-32  
Pastor Mike Quillen

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## February Birthdays

01 – Credo Afantchao	12 – Beverly Nurmela	17 – Faith Ahmad
01 – Rebecca Ilinski	12 – Julia Quillen	18 – Zack Nelson
03 – Fred Nelson	12 – Cindy Van Meerbeke	19 – Chiku Okechukwu
05 – Ime John Ekwere	13 – Dana Ellis	20 – Pamela Wheeler
05 – Christy Nelson	13 – John Imhof	21 – Cheryl Coffin
07 – James Louis	13 – Micah Quillen	23 – Acee Geeh
08 – Uzezi Omuyeh	14 – Helen Davies	23 – Lynette Vessels
10 – Chimwemwe Doctor	14 – Naomi Mureria	24 – Sonny Nwachuku
10 – Preston Kagiri	15 – Mickey Murphy, Jr.	24 – Pastor Mike Quillen
10 – Doug Rosander	15 – Jesse Robinson	26 – Shreekumar David
10 – Michael Smith	15 – Luke Stromberg	27 – Lydia Reese
10 – Jonathan Stout	15 – Matthew Stromberg	27 – Daniel Leake

## February Anniversaries

22 – Ashim and Aminata Sesay

# Nursery & Greeter Lists



### Report at:

### Nursery

### Greeters

#### Feb. 5

8:10 a.m.	Sarah and Shari Melbourne
9:30 a.m.	Pam Bronson; Bobbie Smith
10:40 a.m.	Udo Umoh; Uzezi Omuyeh
	<b>Inf:</b> Cindy Van Meerbeke

Fran Froelich; Doris Goe  
Pat Cavaliere  
Ron and Lynette Vessels; Kathy Ford

#### Feb. 12

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

Victoria Goodlin; Zonia Smith  
Louines Louis  
Dolapo Olowu; Emilia Adah; Udo Umoh

#### Feb. 19

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

Mary Finnerty  
Maddie Barch  
James and Susanna Mahn

#### Feb. 26

8:10 a.m.	William and Gloria Jarwood
9:30 a.m.	Sara Coffin; Heather Smith
10:40 a.m.	Bob Styer; Jhansi Chikkala

Anthony Yeboah  
Sarah Melbourne  
Lynn Brown; Betty O'Dero





## February 2017

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>  6:00 Discipleship 7:00 p.m. TEAM	<b>2</b> Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Prayer at church 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>3</b> 8:45a.m. C.H.E.E.R.	<b>4</b> 8:00 a.m. MMM Breakfast  Crossfire Rock Climbing
<b>5</b> COMMUNION  Annual Congregational Meeting 1:00 p.m. No evening services	<b>6</b> 7:00 p.m. Prayer Centennial House	<b>7</b> 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>8</b> <i>Winter Series</i> <i>Life Explored</i> 5:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> 11:00 a.m. Prayer at church  7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>10</b> 8:45a.m. C.H.E.E.R.	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:15 p.m. Officers Meeting	<b>14</b> 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>15</b> <i>Winter Series</i> <i>Life Explored</i> 5:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> Women's Bible Study 10:00am 11:00 a.m. Prayer at church 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>17</b> 8:45a.m. C.H.E.E.R.	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	<b>21</b> MMM Bible Study 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	<b>22</b> <i>Winter Series</i> <i>Life Explored</i> 5:30 p.m.	<b>23</b> 11:00 a.m. Prayer at church  7:30 p.m. CHOIR	<b>24</b> 8:45 a.m. C.H.E.E.R.	<b>25</b> Presby. Meeting @ Olive Street PC, Coatsville
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	<b>28</b>	<p><i>"For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness."</i></p> <p><i>~ Psalm 84:10</i></p>			