



Crossroads Connections

Crossroads Community Church

March, 2017

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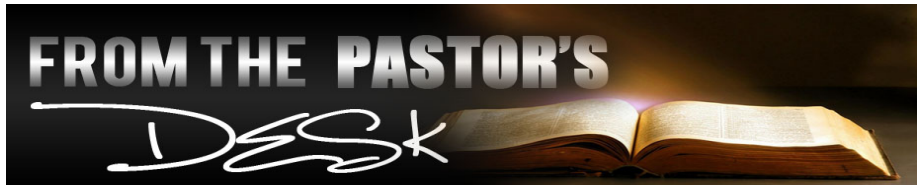
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Sunday Worship Services
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School / ESL
9:45 a.m.



Shepherding the Flock (Part 1)

Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.
-- 1 Peter 5:2-4 (ESV)

Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd (John 10:11, 14) and Great Shepherd (Hebrews 13:20), he is also the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4). Part of what that means for a local church is that Jesus raises up elders to shepherd the flock under Him (1 Peter 5:2).

My predecessor here at Crossroads Community Church, Pastor Timothy Witmer, wrote an excellent book (*The Shepherd Leader*) that explores the biblical view of elders and offers practical instruction for shepherding the flock. In my previous pastorate, we used that book to transform pastoral care from a weakness to one of our greatest strengths. Pastor Tim moved on three years ago, but we still use the biblical model and the tools he developed to care for the people of Crossroads.

"The fundamental responsibility of church leaders is to shepherd God's flock."
-- Timothy Witmer

The foundation of our care for you, the membership, is the ministry of the Word of God and prayer. The elders and deacons of Crossroads gather together monthly and prioritize praying together specifically for *you*. It is very encouraging to see the groups of officers scattered through the building in small groups praying for God's people by name.

To support our ability to pray for you and to shepherd the flock in general, we arrange the members into "flocks". A flock is simply a group of members that at least one elder and one deacon commit to focus on for pastoral care. At least once every month, an elder or deacon will contact each flock member to ask for prayer requests and follow up previous items of prayer. **If you are a member of Crossroads and you do not see this happening for you please let me know.**

Your elders and deacons desire to see you fulfill your calling from God (Ephesians 4:11-16). We are here to shepherd under the Chief Shepherd who laid down His life for you (1 Peter 5:1-4). We are eager to serve you after that pattern as best we can (we are still sheep too!).

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If you have personal or church related concerns, emotional or spiritual needs, financial troubles, health issues, **or really good news – of any kind!** – please let your Flock Elder know. We will care for you, pray for you, share biblical insight, and try to connect you with some form of assistance if necessary. (When it comes to meeting physical and financial needs, we are blessed with deacons who are especially gifted and willing to serve you.)

These personal-relational aspects of pastoral care, concern, and help are among the most important aspects for members to know about shepherding. However, there is much more to shepherding the flock. So, next month we will look at what else goes into caring for God's people in our local church.

Meanwhile, please pray for your elders and deacons as we pray for you.

-- In His Service, Pastor Mike Quillen

Missions Highlight



If you have a family history which has included both deployed military and overseas missionaries you come to understand the similarities of the conditions of their careers. It is no coincidence that their vocations are both identified by the term "mission". Soldiers (or sailors or guardsmen or airmen) and missionaries are called and sent respectively to a prescribed task, whether it is protecting their country "against all enemies, foreign and domestic", or propagating the gospel "against the schemes of the devil", for which each is required to stand firm.

A military operation or a mission assignment requires authority, dedication, leadership, planning (or strategy), training, and tactics including tools for both "offense" and "defense". The military has the authority of the Constitution; the dedication of love of country; the leadership of the chain of command; the planning for bringing various branches together; the training of individuals and units for their roles; and tactical use of weapons and battlefield conditions to advantage.

A Gospel mission, to the streets or to the world, has the same arrangement, if not the same purpose: the authority of God by His Word; dedication to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ; the leading of the Holy Spirit; a strategy for reaching the lost when they are encountered; training in Gospel sharing and language; and tactical development of relationships that foster opportunities to be heard.

Paul describes this military/missionary similarity to us in Ephesians 6:11-17. The same elements that describe a soldier's armament describe a missionary's preparation of his spirit to do battle against the "forces of darkness". But he adds in verse 20 the most important gift of the Soldier of the Gospel: to be an ambassador, to overcome spiritual opposition boldly, not by the power of force, but by the power of the Spirit.

But there is another, less glamorous, but no less important common attribute of a military or missionary operation. Logistics, the behind-the-lines support of any campaign, is no less important than all the other elements. A military will have a seemingly inexhaustible supply of materiel support through the tax revenue of the endangered country it protects; the distribution of that is the often-unrecognized job of units which keep the warriors on the front lines supplied. Our missionaries on the gospel front have no less need of our logistical support, but that is limited to the extent of the sacrificial giving of congregations like Crossroads who sponsor them. We should to keep that in mind as we pray for and give to the support of our missionaries.





The Session met on February 13th together with the Deacons. The meeting opened with prayer and an exhortation from Pastor Quillen. The officers received a presentation from Dolapo Olowu of Hallmark Cleaning and Janitorial Services regarding the current cleaning services being provided to the church. The Officers asked various questions regarding the presentation and the services. After the presentation was complete, the Officers discussed the history of cleaning services at the church and various concerns that have been mentioned to them. Noting the need to have clear standards identifying the church's expectations, a committee consisting of Gary Ladeau and Dudley Reese was appointed to review the existing documentation of cleaning standards and to develop a checklist of items that should be addressed in the weekly cleaning schedule as well as other items that should be addressed periodically. They were asked to have their report ready by Friday February 17th.

The Officers reviewed the monthly financial reports noting with thanks an increase in offerings compared to the same period in 2016. The Officers divided into groups to pray for their respective flocks and then resumed their meeting together. Everyone was encouraged to attend the Life Explored Winter Series on Wednesday evenings. The first meeting was well attended and ably led by Allen Ellis in the absence of Pastor Quillen. Officers were reminded to organize their flocks to address the weekly tasks on Wednesday evenings which are being rotated among the flocks.

The Officers also discussed the transition of the 69th Street Preschool to Crossroads which was approved at the February 5, 2017 Congregational Meeting. Some items addressed included building modifications, application for a permit and related items. It was agreed that the Session would appoint a committee to coordinate the transition and that the committee would provide written updates including action items to the Officers in time for each Officers' Meeting.

After ending their joint meeting in prayer, the Session and Deacons separated to address matters of particular concern to them. The Session discussed a proposal from the CHEER Steering Committee to reorganize the administration of CHEER and to incorporate parents that are not Crossroads members since the majority of the CHEER families are not Crossroads families and many of these families have been participating in the ministry for years. Part of the proposal included oversight from the Session which would have the added responsibility for vetting any non-Crossroads parents involved in administration. The Session agreed that these would be beneficial improvements and created a CHEER oversight committee consisting of Mike Quillen, Allen Ellis and Dudley Reese to oversee CHEER and coordinate the implementation of these improvements.

The Elders then discussed the transition plan for the 69th Street Preschool to Crossroads. A Preschool Launch Team was approved by the Session to be composed of Mike Quillen, Dudley Reese, Fred Robinson, Lyle Sine, Karen Ellis and Mary Oommen as well as one or two other individuals who were to be contacted by Pastor Quillen. This committee was tasked with meeting as soon as possible and creating and prioritizing items to be addressed. Some of these items would include a school name, signage, the Fall 2017 schedule of classes, a bank account, financial tools, a reporting structure, payroll questions, township permits, promotional materials, property improvements and related matters. The Preschool Launch Team was also tasked with identifying individuals to assist in the transition including cleaning, relocating storage and furniture and coordination with existing ministries. The Team will be under the supervision of the Session and will provide a monthly report to the Officers.

The Session noted that Renewal PCA in Devon may relocate to Ardmore and that Teen Challenge has inquired about their choir visiting Crossroads. It was suggested that "Crossroads in the Summer" might be a good venue for the Teen Challenge Choir. The Session also discussed the Evangelism Day to be hosted by Crossroads in May.

The need for a plan to revitalize and renovate Armstrong Hall was also discussed. The addition of the preschool will only add to the need for this project. The Elders agreed that there should be a dedicated committee to research and propose various options to make Armstrong Hall into a modern and efficient multipurpose room for fellowship, dinners, CHEER, the preschool, Kid's Club, Winter Series, Sunday School Classes, seminars, receptions, etc. Some key tasks will include addressing the water issues, redoing the kitchen and updating the stage area as well as attractively integrating the surrounding areas. Jack Matsinger and Allen Ellis were both appointed to a committee entitled The Armstrong Hall Renovation Team and will seek one or more Deacons and others to join them on this committee.

The Session also discussed the church's audio visual system and what would be needed in the upcoming decade. It was agreed that an integrated plan and budget should be prepared in the upcoming months. These matters have been assigned to The Audio-Visual System Team whose members include Jack Matsinger, Warren Smith, Rosie Ladeau, Cindy Van Merebeke and Lois Smith. The Session added Allen Ellis to this key committee.

The Session allocated new members to various flocks. The Elders closed their meeting in prayer and asked the Lord for His continued guidance and direction.

Women in the Church (WIC)



WIC Planned Events

The Women in the Church (WIC) Steering Committee held a planning meeting on Monday, February 20. At that meeting, the following events were tentatively planned:

All Church Event at Theatre 7000 – “I AM the Power”

Saturday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m.

“I AM The Power” is a superhero retelling of the Book of Acts in which I AM- aka- Jesus, the superhero of all superheroes, is sending His Spirit to give His emissaries power. Their mission is to spread His message, and train new initiates across the world. This live action stage show happens inside a 360-degree projection dome with flying actors, moving seats, and special effects like wind, scent, mist, snow and bubbles.

Narberth Community Theatre – “Once Upon a Mattress”

Friday, March 17 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 6378 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151

Ticket Prices: \$19.00 (\$16.00 for Seniors). If we have 15 or more, the group rate is \$17.00 (\$14.00 for Seniors)

See Cheryl Chewkanes for all ticket purchases and questions

All Church Clean-up Dates

Saturday, April 1

Saturday, July 29

Saturday, November 4

Couples Dinner

Saturday, May 20

Finances & Attendance



Report for February, 2017

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
5	62	165	227	\$ 4,534.81	\$ 1,707.54	\$ 756.00	\$ 477.00
12	70	191	261	\$ 4,088.50	\$ 1,158.50	\$ 497.00	\$ 367.00
19	71	151	222	\$ 3,585.28	\$ 1,098.04	\$ 348.00	\$ 451.00
26	72	174	246	\$ 2,678.00	\$ 1,007.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 542.00
February Totals:				\$ 14,886.59	\$ 4,971.08	\$ 1,971.00	\$ 1,837.00
Current and Missions Fund February Budgets:				\$ 21,426.40	\$ 4,627.50		

Dates to Remember



2017 Winter Series – Life Explored

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22

Life Explored is a seven-session series featuring a combination of short films - shot around the world - and Bible interaction. It's 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.

Mighty Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, March 4 at 8:00 a.m.

Studying through the book, Every Man a Warrior: Helping Men Succeed in Life by Lonnie Berger.

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Communion Services

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

Officers' Meeting

Monday, March 13 at 7:15 p.m.

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Crossfire Disc Golf

Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Crossroads Sermon Schedule March 2017

March 5 **“To God Be the Glory”**

Romans 11:33-36
Pastor Mike Quillen

March 12 **“Conformed or Transformed?”**

Romans 12:1-2
Pastor Mike Quillen

March 19 **“Gifted Body”**

Romans 12:3-8
Pastor Mike Quillen

March 26 **“The Many Faces of Love”**

Romans 12:9-21
Pastor David Van Meerbeke



March Birthdays

01 - Timna Gorde	09 - Ed Kelly	18 - Fran Sine
02 - Ecom Davies	10 - Zoey Groff	19 - Blessed Johnson
03 - Faith Chenyanah	10 - David Wagura	19 - Kevin Smith
03 - Joshua Gill	10 - Brad Wilks	20 - Jeremiah Vincent
03 - Robert Goe	11 - Brad Ferrara	21 - Dave Owen
03 - Brenda Smith	11 - Seth Wilson	22 - Linda Baba
03 - Peggy Styer	12 - Demilade Michael Olowu	22 - Bill Muth
05 - Ruth Dalieh	12 - Lydia Vessels	24 - Chris Matsinger
05 - Lee Hirst	13 - Karl Froelich	24 - Austine Sneh
05 - Myron Pross	13 - Nathaniel Nelson	25 - Alexis Wilson
06 - Vesta Gomado	13 - Hadden Smith	27 - Sekela Coles
08 - Paul Barch	14 - Amalia Robinson	27 - Andy Styer
08 - Benjamin Doctor	14 - Bobbie Smith	27 - Edidong Umoh
08 - Saeyee Lyon	15 - Stephen Weah, Sr.	29 - Nancy Pross
08 - Eva Wilson	16 - Prince Dalieh/White	30 - Ryland Griffin
08 - Anthony Yeboah, Jr.	16 - Ami Gbolo	

March Anniversaries

22 – Joe and Wendy Toy

Nursery & Greeter Lists



Report at:

Nursery

Greeters

Mar. 5

8:10 a.m.	Sue and Amalia Robinson	
9:30 a.m.	Joyce Buchanan; Bobbie Smith	
10:40 a.m.	Naomi Mureria; Faith Ellis	Inf: Alyn Jones

Zonia Smith; Doris Goe
Esther Cooper
Ron and Lynette Vessels; Seah Geeh

Mar. 12

8:10 a.m.	Sarah and Shari Melbourne	
9:30 a.m.	Pam Bronson; David Van Meerbeke	
10:40 a.m.	Udo Umoh; Uzezi Omuyeh	Inf: Dana Ellis

Mary Finnerty; Anthony Yeboah
Louines Louis
James and Susanna Mahn; Betty O'Dero

Mar. 19

8:10 a.m.	Dudley Rese; Pam Widger	
9:30 a.m.	Fran Froelich; Victor Sesay	
10:40 a.m.	Peggy Styer; Grace Ellis	
		Inf: Chimwemwe Doctor

Victoria Goodlin
Anne Cherian
Udo Umoh; Lynn Brown; Debbie Barrolle

Mar. 26

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

Brad Wilks
Pat Cavaliere
Jocelyne Keke; Dolapo Olowu; Ami Gbolo



March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." ~ Romans 5:9</i>						
Women's Call-In Prayer Line Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. Phone: 605-475-6006 Enter Code: 333732			1 5:30 p.m. <i>Winter Series</i> <i>Life Explored</i>	2 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	3 8:45 a.m. C.H.E.E.R.	4 8:00 a.m. MMM BREAKFAST 7:00 p.m. All Church Event attend Theatre 7000
5 COMMUNION	6 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House	7 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	8 5:30 p.m. <i>Winter Series</i> <i>Life Explored</i>	9 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	10 8:45 a.m. C.H.E.E.R.	11
12 Daylight savings <i>(Turn clocks forward one hour)</i>	13 7:15 p.m. Officers Meeting	16 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	15 5:30 p.m. <i>Winter Series</i> <i>Life Explored</i>	16 Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	17 8:45 a.m. C.H.E.E.R. 8:00 p.m. Narberth Community Theatre	18
19	20 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House	21 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	22 5:30 p.m. <i>Winter Series</i> <i>Life Explored</i>	23 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	24 8:45 a.m. C.H.E.E.R.	25 Crossfire Disc Golf 9:30 a.m.
26	27 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House	28 9:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Line	29 No TEAM	30 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	31 8:45 a.m. C.H.E.E.R.	