



# Crossroads Connections

Crossroads Community Church

June, 2017

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

Sunday School / ESL  
9:45 a.m.



We've broken through walls, left gaping holes, rearranged, removed, restored, cleaned, and painted. We've planned and packed and moved. We are bringing the preschool into our building.

New doors, new flooring, and new paint – check! New furniture and new decorations in rooms B2, B4, and B5 – in process. New welcome boards for parents and new wall cubby coat racks in the hall – coming soon. New relationships with our community – on the way.

The Lord has provided. Many of you have graciously handled inconveniences and others of you have worked incredibly hard. Lots of prayer has been offered. Thank you! These things are not only a testimony to your endurance, but a sign that the Lord is bringing the preschool into our hearts.

Preschool classes start in September. A few challenges remain. New problems will pop up. Yet, I am confident God will provide solutions as we continue to prioritize 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.*

The children will build English language skills and prepare for kindergarten. They'll sing the ABC's and hear Bible stories. Their parents will appreciate the education, delight in their children's growth, and attend several programs. The preschool staff will instruct and relate with love.

What will you do? You will minister to the children and to the nations of our community. Thank you for persevering and prioritizing the mission!

More updates will come over the summer. Meanwhile, if you have ANY questions or concerns about the ministry, please call me or email me or catch me on Sunday.

Crossroads Community Preschool is coming – into our building and into our hearts.

-- In His Service, Pastor Mike Quillen

# Session Report



The Session met on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting opened with prayer and an exhortation from Pastor Quillen. The Elders prayed for individual members of their respective flocks with a particular focus on those with physical needs and those with relatives needing the gospel. They also prayed for Pastor Oommen who was attending a conference in Ohio.

After prayer and discussion, the Session addressed several matters including officer nominations and training as well as the young adults. They also discussed various Presbytery matters and the changes taking place among the Teaching Elders of several sister churches. After reviewing the financial summary for April, they noted with thanks that, although the current expenses were still in excess of income, the giving for the Current, Missions, Deacons, Building, and Lacy Funds were ahead of last year.

The Session reviewed and discussed the Life Explored Winter Series. While the overall feedback from the participants was positive, the clear consensus was that the video portion of this particular series was inferior to those from the past. It was agreed that for 2018 a different curriculum would be used.

Those who participated in the E. E. Day on May 6<sup>th</sup> gave a good report that the event was well attended and all of the financial needs had been fully met. The overall organization was even better than last year. Outreach in the neighborhoods around the church was positive; however, the colder than usual weather did limit the number of available prospects since fewer people were outside than in 2016. There were dozens of gospel presentations, at least ten professions of faith and more than one hundred twenty attendees as well as several prospects to be followed up. Some of those reached on Saturday came to church the following day.

The Elders reviewed the progress on the preschool's transition to Crossroads. Pastor Quillen summarized the result of his visit along with Elder Reese to Alden Union's preschool earlier that day and gave an update from the Preschool Launch Committee. The construction and painting projects are making progress and should be completed by the end of the month. The preschool will have their closing ceremony on May 19<sup>th</sup> and plan to move the last week of the month. Volunteers would be needed to help from May 22 to May 27.

The Session reviewed the preaching schedule for the summer and noted that Crossroads in the Summer will begin on Sunday evenings. The Elders closed their meeting in prayer and asked the Lord for His continued guidance and direction and prayed particularly for the Deacons who will be meeting later in the month and for those reached with the gospel on Saturday that the Holy Spirit would continue to draw them to Christ.

## Finances & Attendance



### Report for May, 2017

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
7	66	168	234	\$ 4,030.25	\$ 1,407.75	\$ 556.00	\$ 621.00
14	74	177	251	\$ 3,416.81	\$ 1,127.25	\$ 796.50	\$ 275.00
21	83	181	264	\$ 3,913.00	\$ 1,496.00	\$ 404.00	\$ 472.00
28	62	156	218	\$ 2,701.22	\$ 954.74	\$ 281.00	\$ 459.00
May Totals:				\$ 14,061.28	\$ 4,985.74	\$ 2,037.50	\$ 1,827.00
Current and Missions Fund May Budgets:				\$ 21,426.40	\$ 4,627.50		



## The Five Solas

The Protestant Reformation began 500 years ago, but its principles must not be lost to the ages. In every generation, the church is engaged in a battle for truth. Spiritual drift and worldly desire tempt God's people to compromise the gospel. Human pride and selfish ambition call for a man-centered salvation. If believers do not constantly contend for the core doctrines of the Christian faith, error will enter with its destructive consequences. Therefore, the church must always be reforming and seeking to recover the truths that are so easily set aside. Represented in five basic principles, the solas of the Reformation provide a solid outline of the core truths of Biblical faith. If we keep them close to heart, they serve as an anchor in an ever-shifting world.



### 1. Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)

Scripture alone serves as the authority for a believer's faith and practice. The pages of the Bible are nothing less than God's inerrant word, revealing both the state of man and the mind of God. It proclaims the way of salvation and the purpose of life. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Jude 1-3, Acts 17:11, Hebrews 4:12)

### 2. Sola Christus (Christ Alone)

Jesus Christ has accomplished everything needed for the salvation of sinners. By His perfect life, righteousness has been earned. By His sacrificial death, forgiveness is offered. Salvation is found in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone. (John 14:6, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Acts 4:12)

### 3. Sola Fide (Faith Alone)

Human works can accomplish nothing except condemnation. Salvation is granted to those who by faith place their trust in the perfect work of Jesus. As one repents of sin and places faith alone in Christ, life is found. (Romans 10:17, Romans 5:1-2, Romans 3:28, Galatians 2:16)

### 4. Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)

The granting of salvation is a free gift of God. Through grace alone does the Lord work in the lives of deadened sinners to bring about conviction and faith. Truly, spiritual life is an unmerited gift from start to finish. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23, 1 Peter 2:9, Acts 16:31)

### 5. Soli Deo Gloria (To the Glory of God Alone)

The end of mankind is found in the glory of God alone. In the kingdom to come, believers will look back and give all glory to God for their salvation. From beginning to end, the Lord is deserving of all praise. (Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Matthew 5:16, Philippians 2:9-11)

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## Volunteers Needed



### Camp Treasure Island

Camp Treasure Island this year is from July 24 through July 28 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Help will be needed in the following areas: setting up and decorating; cleaning up; games; crafts; snacks; group leaders; sight and sound booth for slides and music; taking pictures throughout the week; greeters; registration; nursery; counselors; and more. Please contact Josh Van Meerbeke by email at: [josh.vanmeerbeke@covenant.edu](mailto:josh.vanmeerbeke@covenant.edu) and let him know when you can help and what your first, second and third choices of interest are. We usually have a need for 50 or more volunteers as we have been having around 150 children or so come to Camp Treasure Island. Also, please don't forget the meeting on Sunday June 4 at 9:45 a.m. in the back of the Sanctuary.

### Transportation Ministry

Volunteers are needed to transport older members or members who cannot drive to church, doctor's appointments, etc. If you are interested in being on a list of available driving volunteers, or want more information, please contact Pastor David at 610-804-2788 or [pastordavidvan@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavidvan@gmail.com).

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### Preschool Transition

We need a team of people to use their heads and hands - and backs! - to help transition the Preschool into our building as we add this ministry to serve the CHILDREN and NATIONS of our community. Please consider offering time and energy to help in setting up and preparing classrooms, and helping with the many administrative tasks that need to be done. Contact Pastor Mike for more information.

### Preschool Teaching Assistants

Teaching assistants are needed for the Crossroads Community Church Preschool. Our teachers have 24 years of experience educating and nurturing young children from many different cultures! Part time teaching assistant positions are available for the 2017/18 school year. You do not need a degree for this position. Experience working with young children preferred. This is an opportunity to work and minister in a very ethnically diverse community. For more information call: (610) 352-4092

## Sunday School



The Sunday School Summer Semester starts on Sunday, June 4, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Sunday School is a place for the whole family with classes for all. Sunday School improves your Bible knowledge, assists in your spiritual growth, and provides fellowship with other believers. Following is the curriculum for the new semester:

### Crossroads Sunday School, Summer 2017

#### NURSERY (infants to age 2½)

##### PRESCHOOL (ages 3 - 5)

##### **"SERVING THE SAVIOR"**

Learning to trust and obey Jesus through New Testament lessons

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

##### YOUNGER ELEMENTARY (grades K & 1)

##### **"PLEASING GOD"**

The Ten Commandments: growth in Christian character

**Teachers:** Dotty Kelly, Heather Smith, Bobbie Smith

##### MIDDLE ELEMENTARY (grades 2 & 3)

##### **"GOD'S SERVANTS"**

Stories of the little-known people of the Old and New Testaments

**Teacher:** Mary Shibu

##### OLDER ELEMENTARY (grades 4 & 5)

##### **"HEBREWS TO REVELATION"**

Christ the Messiah; King of Kings & Judge of the Universe

**Teacher:** Sue Robinson

##### MIDDLE SCHOOL (grades 6 to 8)

##### **"GOD'S WORD IN TODAY'S WORLD"**

The place of God's word in the believer's life

**Teachers:** Jack Matsinger and Lyle Sine

##### HIGH SCHOOL (grades 9 to 12)

**Teachers:** Brandon Burks and Bob Styer

#### CROSSROADS YOUNG ADULTS

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

Using the New Testament as a stepping stone into discovering God's will for our lives

**Teacher:** John Melbourne

##### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Students improve their English language skills, using God's Holy Word, the Bible

**Teachers:** Dudley & Julie Reese

##### WOMEN'S CLASS

##### **"WOMEN OF THE BIBLE"**

**Teacher:** Sue Zweig

##### MEN'S CLASS

##### **"HEBREWS"**

Studying the New Testament, this class will help you consider what God would have you learn and apply in your life

**Teacher:** Steve Cunerd

##### ADULT ELECTIVE -- MATURITY 101

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

Come learn more about how to grow in your faith and what it means to be a Christian in today's world. An overview of the blessings and challenges of walking with Jesus

**Teacher:** Allen Ellis

##### ADULT ELECTIVE -- MATURITY 103

##### **"BOOK STUDY: LOVE WALKED AMONG US: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE JESUS"**

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

# Dates to Remember



## **Crossroads in the Summer**

Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. through August (Crossfire in the Summer meets at 4:00 p.m.). It is a time for a potluck picnic, singing, testimonies, and fellowship. Bring a meal, salad or dessert to share with others. Where?

### **June Schedule**

- 4 - At the Reese home
- 11 - At the Styer home
- 18 - Father's Day (No Meeting)
- 25 - At the Van Meerbeke home

## **Communion Services**

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

## **Camp Treasure Island Staff/Volunteer Meeting**

**Sunday, June 4 at 9:45 a.m.**

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

**Wednesdays, June 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.

## **Father/Son Pizza Night**

**Saturday, June 17 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

## **Session Meeting**

**Monday, June 19 at 7:15 p.m.**

## **Deacons' Meeting**

**Monday, June 26 at 7:15 p.m.**

## **Officer Nomination Period Closes June 30**

Nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon may be submitted through the end of June. Copies of the "Procedure for the Nomination and Election of Officers" document and nomination forms can be found on the Crossroads website, [crossroadspca.com](http://crossroadspca.com), or in the church narthex.

## **White Water Rafting (Sponsored by the Mighty Men's Ministry)**

**Saturday, July 8**

A contingent of men and boys from the church, ages 8 and older, plan to carpool to Jim Thorpe, PA, about 90 minutes from Crossroads. Their mission? To receive the gift of God's wonderful love and blessings through the activity of white water rafting.

**Find more information and register today on the Crossroads website ([crossroadspca.com](http://crossroadspca.com)). Payment is due by June 3.**

## **Camp Treasure Island (Vacation Bible School)**

**Monday, July 24 to Friday, July 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**

Once again, Crossroads will be partnering with Child Evangelism Fellowship. The gospel will be shared through energetic songs, dynamic Bible lessons, life changing Scripture memorization, active games, and creative crafts...and the children will have fun! Want to help?... Check out the "Volunteers Needed" article on pages 3-4.

Online registration is now available on the Crossroads website, [crossroadspca.com](http://crossroadspca.com). Sign up your children early and avoid the Monday morning rush.





Crossroads Summer Spiritual Heritage Series

## Fanning the Flickering Flame: Kings & Prophets

A Study of 1 Kings 9 to 22

June 4 to August 27, Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### Crossroads Sermon Schedule June 2017

**June 4**

#### **“Looking Forward”**

1 Kings 9:1-25

Pastor Mike Quillen

**June 11**

#### **“Wealth, Weapons, Women, Worship”**

1 Kings 9:26-11:8

Pastor Mike Quillen

**June 18**

#### **“The Wheels Fall Off”**

1 Kings 11:9-12:24

Pastor David Van Meerbeke

**June 25**

#### **“Priority #1”**

1 Kings 12:25-13:34

Pastor Mike Quillen

The monthly **Crossroads Connections** newsletter isn't the only way to connect with the ministries and events at Crossroads Community Church...



#### **Crossroads Website ([crossroadspca.com](http://crossroadspca.com))**

Be sure to check the Crossroads website often for the latest church information, event calendar, ministry pages, and multi-media presentations. Bulletins and sermon audio from the Sunday morning worship services are posted every week.



#### **Crossroads Facebook Page**

If you're a Facebook user, be sure to "like" the Crossroads Facebook page to keep up with the latest news and events around the church. You'll love the many photos and videos.



#### **Crossroads Email Prayer Chain**

If you're not on the Crossroads email list and would like to receive the latest church information and congregational prayer requests via email, please fill out the information request form available in the narthex or contact Wendy in the church office.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## June Birthdays

01 - Chioma Nwachuku	13 - Marc Wheeler	22 - Lisa Frazier
02 - Lee Coles	13 - Fred Robinson	22 - Titi Kaliku
02 - Tayhue Gbolo	14 - Abraham Zelee	22 - Lois Smith
03 - Samuel Kagiri	15 - Lorinda Yeboah	22 - Stephen Smith
04 - Eddie Davies	17 - Jensine Chikkala	24 - Stephanie Quillen
07 - Shifra Gorde	18 - Imo Ekwere	25 - Michelle Barr
07 - Donna Murtaugh	18 - Tyler Jones	25 - Joseph Styer
07 - Eric Wilson	20 - Pat Cavaliere	27 - Ethan Hill
09 - Cai'Yan Cai	20 - Seana Doctor	28 - Stacy Sneh
09 - Udo Umoh	20 - David Kelly	29 - Mac Dennis
10 - David Van Meerbeke	21 - Micaiah Brindle	30 - Ashley Downward
11 - Wendy Toy	21 - Cheryl Chewkanes	30 - Allen Ellis
12 - J.C. Barr	21 - Caleb Coles	30 - Aminata Sesay
13 - Melissa Griffin	21 - Tom Howard	30 - Benjamin Wilson

## June Anniversaries

02 - Justin & Sara Coffin	06 - Ron & Lynette Vessels	25 - Timothy & Floriana Brindle
04 - Doug & Crystal Rosander	18 - Fred & Susan Robinson	29 - Fred & Grace Lee
06 - Mickey & Mary Jean Murphy	19 - Lou & Kathy Ford	

# Nursery & Greeter Lists



## Report at:

## Nursery

## Greeters

### June 4

8:10 a.m.	William and Gloria Jarwood	
9:30 a.m.	Sara Coffin; Heather Smith	
10:40 a.m.	Julie Reese; Beth Mulgrew	<b>Inf:</b> Colleen Kelly

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

### June 11

8:10 a.m.	Pam Widger; Jen Widger	
9:30 a.m.	Pam Bronson; John Batzel	
10:40 a.m.	Bob Styer; Jhansi Chikkala	
	.	<b>Inf:</b> Cindy Van Meerbeke

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

### June 18

8:10 a.m.	Brandon and Traci Burks	
9:30 a.m.	Fran Froelich; Victory Sesay	
10:40 a.m.	Naomi Mureria; Faith Ellis	<b>Inf:</b> Alayna Jones

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

### June 25

8:10 a.m.	Sue Robinson; Amalia Robinson	
9:30 a.m.	Joyce Buchanan; Bobbie Smith	
10:40 a.m.	Udo Umoh; Uzezi Omuyeh	<b>Inf:</b> Grace Ellis

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



## June 2017

June 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Women's Call-In Prayer Line</b> Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. Phone: 605-475-6606 Enter Code: 333732				<b>1</b> 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> Gospel Praise Rehearsal 12:15 p.m. 4:00 Crossfire 6:00 Crossroads in the Summer	<b>5</b> 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 TEAM	<b>8</b> 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (last of season)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Gospel Praise Rehearsal 12:15 p.m. 4:00 Crossfire 6:00 Crossroads in the Summer	<b>12</b> 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House	<b>13</b> Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	<b>14</b> PCA General Assembly 6:00 Discipleship GROWTH GROUPS	<b>15</b> 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:00 p.m. Father Son Pizza Night
<b>18</b> Father's Day No evening meetings	<b>19</b> 7:15 Session Meeting	<b>20</b> 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 pm	<b>21</b> 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 TEAM	<b>22</b> 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 4:00 Crossfire 6:00 Crossroads in the Summer	<b>26</b> 7:15 Deacon Meeting 7:00 Prayer at Centennial House	<b>27</b> Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	<b>28</b> 6:00 Discipleship GROWTH GROUPS	<b>29</b> 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	<b>30</b>	