



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

We celebrate Independence Day in the United States with parades, cookouts, and fireworks. Lots of fireworks! We get a day off from work, or maybe even a long weekend. In the summer.

Fireworks. Food. Holiday. Summer. Life is good.

That's what I'm usually thinking on the Fourth of July. Sometimes I have profound thoughts about the heat or lament that I don't have bug spray handy as I wait for the fireworks.

I like fireworks and food and summer and, oh yeah, independence. I like independence – when I stop to think about it. I rarely do that though. I spend little time focusing on the blessing of liberty boldly declared by brave men right here in Philadelphia.

Apparently, the celebration of liberty is very captivating. The contemplation of liberty not so much. Partying is more fun than pondering.

Thankfully, when it comes to our annual Freedom in Christ service, it is easy to celebrate AND to contemplate. Because Christ has set us free from sin, we are united despite our differences. It's almost impossible to read that last sentence without stirring a desire to party and to ponder the beauty of what Jesus has done and is doing in our midst.

Jesus Christ has brought us together. Think on that. Rejoice over it.

On Sunday, July 2, we'll outwardly acknowledge the nations God has brought together in Crossroads Community Church. At 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. we'll parade the flags, sing with joy, and consider the grace of God that unites us. We'll continue the party with a cookout around noon the same day.

There won't be any fireworks, but I hope you will think about the civic freedoms we have. In fact, I hope you'll thank God for the liberty we enjoy in the USA even as we celebrate our greater Freedom in Christ.

Exercise that freedom by blessing us with your presence. Bring some food to share if you can. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Use your freedom to lovingly serve one another.

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. -- Galatians 5:13 (NASB)

-- In His Service, Pastor Mike Quillen



The Session met on Monday, June 19th. 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 who had experienced deaths in their families, those who were going to have surgery, those who were seeking jobs and those with relatives and friends needing the gospel. They also prayed for Pastor Oommen and his wife who were visiting friends in Alabama.

After prayer and discussion, the Session addressed several matters including assigning new members to flocks, future new member interviews and officer nominations and training. The elders discussed the young adults and Pastor Quillen's plans for their Sunday School Class and a growth group. They also discussed various Presbytery matters including submission of minutes. Recognizing that Brandon Burks is currently interviewing for pastoral positions, the elders discussed the youth ministry and various options regarding that ministry. They prayed for Brandon and noted what a blessing he and Traci had been for the youth and the church as a whole.

The elders reviewed the financial summary for May noting with thanks that the church's bills were all paid. They reviewed an update from the Preschool Launch Committee and noted that the preschool furniture and other items looked very nice in the Sunday School rooms. Several people have been assisting Donna Martin with the transition, including Fred Nelson, Ron Burrell and others. An open house is scheduled for Saturday July 1st and the transition has been favorably received by parents and the local community. The elders also noted that the Deacons were considering a proposal to improve the current security system in light of the preschool.

The elders discussed several upcoming matters including the funeral for Margaret Cloak, meeting with Jean Legters who is visiting from Mexico and preparing for Freedom in Christ Sunday and the picnic to follow the services on July 2nd. They also reviewed the preaching schedule for the summer.

The Elders closed their meeting in prayer and asked the Lord for His continued guidance and direction.

Absent from the Body, Present with the Lord

On June 16, 2017, our sister Margaret Cloak went to be with her Lord. A member of Crossroads since 2000, Margaret was a committed Christian with a clear testimony of her faith in Jesus Christ. She was predeceased by her parents and two older brothers. Her nephew and friends bore witness to her Christian faith and godly life. The first person in her family to graduate from high school, Margaret was known for her generosity and her faithful church attendance. A woman of determination and energy, her nephew remembers walking with Aunt Margaret to the Philadelphia Zoo, a journey of 8 miles one way.

During her time working for Apex and subsequently for Philadelphia Gum, she engaged in cross cultural relationships for more than 50 years befriending Armenian and Hispanic co-workers and becoming Aunt Margaret to many. Margaret was particularly kind and giving to families with young children both in and outside the church, often providing them with hand made things and thoughtful gifts. Having suffered a stroke three years before her death, she was cared for by one of her co-workers, Miriam Lopez, who insisted that Margaret come to live with her and was determined that Margaret, who had ministered to so many others, would not be alone in her waning years.

We thank the Lord for blessing us with Margaret Cloak. May we profit from her example.

September 26, 1931 to June 16, 2017

Camp Treasure Island



Camp Treasure Island Reaches the World

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'" ~ Revelation 7:9-10



As I read this passage of Scripture, I think of this picture (above) of over a hundred children singing at the top of their lungs; people from all different places, crying out to the one and only God. We have been greatly blessed at Crossroads Community Church to have the resources to pull off Camp Treasure Island year after year. I am looking forward to seeing the sanctuary fill up with close to 200 voices as we gather to learn more about Jesus through creative crafts, active games, truth-filled songs, and captivating Bible stories that retell God's faithfulness throughout history.

The Lord has called us to bring glory to Him and to proclaim His name throughout the world. The week of July 24th-28th approaches and the anticipation is growing from within Crossroads and in the surrounding neighborhoods. This is a call to those within our church to join and be a part of what God is doing through this ministry as well as to those outside our church to come and experience the declaration of God's faithfulness. Join us, July 24th-28th from 9am-12pm and celebrate God's work within our community!

To Jesus Christ be the glory,
Josh Van Meerbeke, CTI Director

Deacons Update



Deacons' Building Projects in Progress

It has been a few months since the Deacons have reported to the congregation about building projects under consideration. Recently, the Deacons have been working on plans for the following projects that were topics for the June 26th Deacons meeting:

1. The Deacons evaluated the church's current security system and determined upgrades that would be required to support the new Preschool coming into the church building in September. After gathering information and consulting with security companies, the Deacons had the Invision Security company compile and present a proposal at the meeting for a new system. The system will be more up to date than our current security system and provide improved surveillance with greater camera coverage of the interior and exterior of the church. At the Deacons meeting on June 26th, the plan was approved by a unanimous vote.
2. The Deacons are also working on a project to fix the windows on the Barrington Road side of the church. The windows need to be replaced to help reduce the cost of heating the building. The Deacons unanimously approved implementation of this project over time at the June 26th meeting.

Both of these projects have been recommended to the Session for approval. Funding for both projects will come from the church Building Fund.



How does one recognize the call to missions? Of course, as Christ's disciples we are all called to mission service of some sort, be it in our family, among our friends, in our community, or in the world in general. But how does someone recognize the call to international missions, especially when there is no family background to influence the decision or even a faith environment to call on?



The Crossroads family of missionaries includes those serving in every corner of the world who inspire us to proclaim the Gospel to our own international community here in Upper Darby. Few churches can claim such a resource of diverse cultures and nationalities with which to interact. But what leads to taking up the cross in faraway places? There is no typical circumstance which leads to responding to the call to international mission service, but here is one:

He was a northerner who responded to a new family tradition of attending college in the south; she was a "Townie" attending that school. Neither was a professing Christian as we would recognize. But sometime in their college careers the Holy Spirit called them to faith and their relationship led to marriage. Their degrees led in the direction of the military and nursing, but their associations in the college Christian community piqued their curiosity about what to do with their faith after his military obligation ended. At a missions conference they became convinced that they should pursue international missions. But what was the process that would get them there?



One useful tool was to be formal biblical training. A course or two stretched into a Master of Divinity degree but the larger question became where to serve? Europe did not seem like the prototypical missionary location at first but they learned that there is a desperate need for the Gospel there in spite of, or because of, the modern culture. The other issue was what agencies to become affiliated with; they discovered that raising support would become a full-time occupation. However, they also found that they enjoyed this aspect

of missions, for the prayer and friendship it engendered has lasted through thirty-five years in multiple French cities and home assignments. He found time in the midst of the mission to become a Teaching Elder in the PCA. Their two children, raised in France, still felt the draw of their parents' southern college, but even after, one serves in missions in Eastern Europe.

The call is still strong. While they have spent the last two years in the states as she recovers her health, they look forward to fulfilling their reassignment to Eastern Europe.

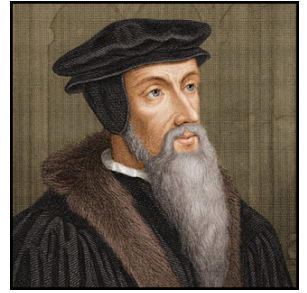
So, what can this example show us?

- Accept that the call is God's.
- Be open to His "where" possibilities.
- With prayer let Him take care of "how".
- As a couple, work to be on the same page.
- Expect surprises.
- Never limit the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Jesus' Great Commission.



The Five Points of Calvinism

According to Calvinism, salvation is accomplished by the almighty power of the triune God. The Father chose a people, the Son died for them, the Holy Spirit makes Christ's death effective by bringing the elect to faith and repentance, thereby causing them to willingly obey the Gospel. The entire process (election, redemption, regeneration) is the work of God and is by grace alone. Thus God, not man, determines who will be the recipients of the gift of salvation.



The Five Points of Calvinism are easily remembered by the acrostic TULIP:

T - Total Depravity (Total Inability)

Total Depravity is probably the most misunderstood tenet of Calvinism. When Calvinists speak of humans as "totally depraved," they are making an extensive, rather than an intensive statement. The effect of the fall upon man is that sin has extended to every part of his personality -- his thinking, his emotions, and his will. Not necessarily that he is intensely sinful, but that sin has extended to his entire being.

The unregenerate (unsaved) man is dead in his sins (Romans 5:12). Without the power of the Holy Spirit, the natural man is blind and deaf to the message of the gospel (Mark 4:11f). This is why Total Depravity has also been called "Total Inability." The man without a knowledge of God will never come to this knowledge without God's making him alive through Christ (Ephesians 2:1-5).

U - Unconditional Election

Unconditional Election is the doctrine which states that God chose those whom he was pleased to bring to a knowledge of himself, not based upon any merit shown by the object of his grace and not based upon his looking forward to discover who would "accept" the offer of the gospel. God has elected, based solely upon the counsel of his own will, some for glory and others for damnation (Romans 9:15,21). He has done this act before the foundations of the world (Ephesians 1:4-8).

This doctrine does not rule out, however, man's responsibility to believe in the redeeming work of God the Son (John 3:16-18). Scripture presents a tension between God's sovereignty in salvation, and man's responsibility to believe which it does not try to resolve. Both are true -- to deny man's responsibility is to affirm an unbiblical hyper-calvinism; to deny God's sovereignty is to affirm an unbiblical Arminianism.

The elect are saved unto good works (Ephesians 2:10). Thus, though good works will never bridge the gulf between man and God that was formed in the Fall, good works are a result of God's saving grace. This is what Peter means when he admonishes the Christian reader to make his "calling" and "election" sure (2 Peter 1:10). Bearing the fruit of good works is an indication that God has sown seeds of grace in fertile soil.

L - Limited Atonement (Particular Redemption)

Limited Atonement is a doctrine offered in answer to the question, "for whose sins did Christ atone?" The Bible teaches that Christ died for those whom God gave him to save (John 17:9). Christ died, indeed, for many people, but not all (Matthew 26:28). Specifically, Christ died for the invisible Church -- the sum total of all those who would ever rightly bear the name "Christian" (Ephesians 5:25).

This doctrine often finds many objections, mostly from those who think that Limited Atonement does damage to evangelism. We have already seen that Christ will not lose any that the father has given to him (John 6:37). Christ's death was not a death of potential atonement for all people. Believing that Jesus' death was a potential, symbolic atonement for anyone who might possibly, in the future, accept him trivializes Christ's act of atonement. Christ died to atone for specific sins of specific sinners. Christ died to make holy the church. He did not atone for all men, because obviously all men are not saved. Evangelism is actually lifted up in this doctrine, for the evangelist may tell his congregation that Christ died for sinners, and that he will not lose any of those for whom he died!

I - Irresistible Grace

The result of God's Irresistible Grace is the certain response by the elect to the inward call of the Holy Spirit, when the outward call is given by the evangelist or minister of the Word of God. Christ, himself, teaches that all whom God has elected will come to a knowledge of him (John 6:37). Men come to Christ in salvation when the Father calls them (John 6:44), and the very Spirit of God leads God's beloved to repentance (Romans 8:14). What a comfort it is to know that the gospel of Christ will penetrate our hard, sinful hearts and wondrously save us through the gracious inward call of the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 5:10)!

P - Perseverance of the Saints

Perseverance of the Saints is a doctrine which states that the saints (those whom God has saved) will remain in God's hand until they are glorified and brought to abide with him in heaven. Romans 8:28-39 makes it clear that when a person truly has been regenerated by God, he will remain in God's stead. The work of sanctification which God has brought about in his elect will continue until it reaches its fulfillment in eternal life (Phil. 1:6). Christ assures the elect that he will not lose them and that they will be glorified at the "last day" (John 6:39). The Calvinist stands upon the Word of God and trusts in Christ's promise that he will perfectly fulfill the will of the Father in saving all the elect.

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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 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.

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.

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

Finances & Attendance



Report for June, 2017

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
4	65	177	242	\$ 14,370.00	\$ 1,829.00	\$ 826.00	\$ 736.79
11	68	184	252	\$ 3,837.64	\$ 1,119.22	\$ 451.50	\$ 357.00
18	72	174	246	\$ 3,401.50	\$ 1,284.50	\$ 331.00	\$ 441.03
25	76	179	255	\$ 3,923.90	\$ 1,269.96	\$ 302.00	\$ 1,356.00
June Totals:				\$ 25,533.04	\$ 5,502.68	\$ 1,910.50	\$ 2,890.82
Current and Missions Fund June Budgets:				\$ 21,426.40	\$ 4,627.50		

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?

July Schedule

- 2** - Picnic after church. No Crossroads in the Summer
- 9** - At the Quillen home
- 16** - At the Adah-Umoh home
- 23** - At the Finnerty home
- 30** - No Crossroads in the Summer

Freedom in Christ Sunday, Communion Services, Picnic Sunday, July 2 - Services at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Picnic at 12:15 p.m.

Parade of Nations at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services and a picnic on the church lawn after the 11:00 a.m. service. The church will provide hot dogs and beverages. Please bring a meal to share.

Together Experiencing a Ministry (T.E.A.M.) Nights Wednesdays, July 5 and 19

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.

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.

Combined Session & Deacons' Meeting Monday, July 10 at 7:15 p.m.

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 page 6. Online registration is now available on the Crossroads website, crossroadspca.com. Sign up your children early and avoid the Monday morning rush.

Church Picnic at Ridley Creek State Park Saturday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Crossroads Sermon Schedule July 2017

July 2

"Captive's Compassion"

2 Kings 5:1-5
Pastor Shibu Oommen

July 9

"Hide and Seek"

1 Kings 14
Pastor Mike Quillen

July 16

"The Long & Short of It: Grace"

1 Kings 15
Pastor Mike Quillen

July 23

"From Bad to Worse"

1 Kings 16
Pastor David Van Meerbeke

July 30

"Downs & Ups"

1 Kings 17
Pastor Mike Quillen

Birthdays & Anniversaries



July Birthdays

01 - Floriana Brindle	11 - Marcia Ahmad	25 - Richard Mulgrew
04 - Anthony Yeboah	11 - Annie Johnson	25 - Anna Reese
05 - Meena Chumber	13 - Riley McIntyre	25 - Emmanuel Sesay
05 - Kathy Ford	15 - Gabriella Needs	26 - Susan Zweig
06 - Goodie Omuyeh	17 - Amar Singh	27 - Paul Martin
07 - Jeff Needs	18 - Justin Coffin	27 - Heather Smith
07 - Arthur Zelee	18 - Katelyn Van Meerbeke	28 - Ini Ekwere
08 - Jack Murtaugh	19 - Shukuru Banza	28 - Gloria Olowu
08 - Louise Nagbe	22 - Lydia Cumming	29 - Alysia Coffin
08 - Bill Schick Tanz	24 - Mercy Nwachuku	30 - Joseph Chikkala
08 - Tymere Stafford	25 - Klay Geeh	30 - Om Parkash Chumber
09 - Tasheena Edwards	25 - Jermaine Jones	31 - Joanna Weah
10 - Malachi Jones	25 - Jack Matsinger	

July Anniversaries

07 - Danton & Mary Sue Barr	09 - Bill and Joanie Muth	25 - Dudley & Julie Reese
07 - Chuck & Tysheda Stafford	15 - Victoria Collins & Mac Dennis	

Nursery & Greeter Lists



Report at:

Nursery

Greeters

July 2

8:10 a.m.	Brook Batzel; Jack Matsinger	Inf: Chimwemwe Doctor
9:30 a.m.	Aminata Sesay; Julia Quillen	
10:40 a.m.	Peggy Styer; Dana Ellis	

Fran Froelich
Maddie Barch
Onye Briggs; Kathy Ford; Lynn Brown

July 9

8:10 a.m.	Pam Widger; Dudley Reese	Inf: Colleen Kelly
9:30 a.m.	Sara Coffin; Heather Smith	
10:40 a.m.	Julie Reese; Beth Mulgrew	

Doris Goe
Sarah Melbourne
Ami Gbolo; Ron and Lynette Vessels

July 16

8:10 a.m.	Brandon Burks; Jen Widger	Inf: Cindy Van Meerbeke
9:30 a.m.	Traci Burks; David Van Meerbeke	
10:40 a.m.	Bob Styer; Jhansi Chikkala	

Zonia Smith; Victoria Goodlin
Louines Louis
Udo Umoh; Emilia Adah; Seeh Geah

July 23

8:10 a.m.	William Jarwood; Gloria Jarwood	Inf: Alayna Jones
9:30 a.m.	Fran Froelich; Pam Bronson	
10:40 a.m.	Naomi Mureria; Faith Ellis	

Anthony Yeboah
Esther Cooper
James and Susanna Mahn; Dolapo Olowu

July 30

8:10 a.m.	Sue Robinson; Amalia Robinson	Inf: Grace Ellis
9:30 a.m.	Joyce Buchanan; Bobbie Smith	
10:40 a.m.	Udo Umoh; Dana Ellis	

Brad Wilks
Anne Cherian
Jocelyne Keke, Kathy Ford, Betty O'Dero



July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Women's Call-In Prayer Line Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. Phone: 605-475-6006 Enter Code: 333732						1
2 COMMUNION FREEDOM IN CHRIST SUNDAY Picnic after 11:00 service NO EVENING MEETINGS	3 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	5 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 T.E.A.M.	6 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	7	8 White Water Rafting Trip
9 12:30 MMM mtg. 4:00 Crossfire 6:00 p.m. Crossroads in the Summer	10 7:15 pm Session Joint Meeting	11 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	12 6:00 Discipleship GROWTH GROUPS	13 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	14	15
16 4:00 Crossfire 6:00 p.m. Crossroads in the Summer	17 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	18 Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	19 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 T.E.A.M.	20 11:00 a.m. Revival Prayer	21	22 Set Up for Camp Treasure Island 10:00 a.m.
23 4:00 Crossfire 6:00 p.m. Crossroads in the Summer	24 7:00 p.m. Prayer at Centennial House	25 Women's Prayer Line at 9:00 p.m.	26 6:00 Discipleship GROWTH GROUPS	27	28	29
30 No evening meeting	31					