



# Crossroads Connections

Crossroads Community Church

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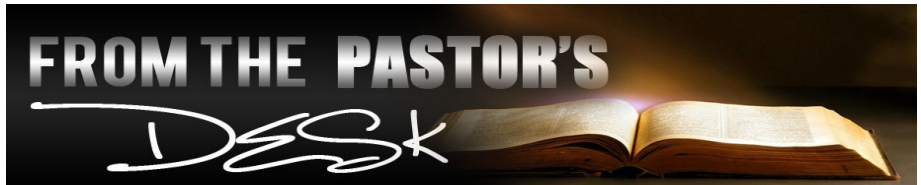
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Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

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

Sunday School / ESL  
9:45 a.m.



## THANKSGIVING

I once attended a special church service that had a dramatic presentation by a group called *Peculiar People*. They introduced one of their first pieces by emphasizing that all that followed was in the Bible.

It was moving. It was powerful. It couldn't be in the Bible!

Or, so I thought.

I was a recent convert to Jesus Christ. I was steadily reading my way through the Bible. However, I had yet to grasp the beauty of the Psalms, in particular, Psalm 136.

As the group read Psalm 136 dramatically, they alternated single voices with a chorus of voices all saying, "His love endures forever" (NIV). It was beautiful. It was moving. It was in the Bible!

Thanksgiving flowed from my heart as God's goodness and love dramatically hit me. From beginning to end Psalm 136 leads you to praise (see verses 1-3, 26). In fact, the Bible leads you there as well. From beginning to end.

All that God does, should lead you to Thanksgiving. Not only the food that satisfies and the land where you live, but every good and perfect gift comes down from our heavenly Father (James 1:17). Children, friends, homes, laughter, music, art, food – all come from God.

God provides not only these good things, but the very best thing. God has given us his son (John 3:16). Our greatest problem, sin, is taken care of. Thank God! Even the great wickedness of putting Jesus to death was turned around to great good by God's will. Everything – even the bad things of this life, even our mistakes and failures – will work out for the better because God is sovereign. Thank God!

The source of our blessings is God. He deserves the "thanksgiving" on a regular basis, not just in November nor on just one day. This Thanksgiving, give praise to God.

Thank God! His love endures forever!

-- In His Service, Pastor Mike Quillen

*The pilgrims made  
seven times more  
graves than huts...  
nevertheless, [they]  
set aside a day of  
"thanksgiving".*

~ H.W. Westermeyer

## Session Report



The Elders met on Monday, October 9 for their regular monthly Session Meeting. They discussed some shepherding issues and spent an extended time in prayer for the flock under their care.

The Session had the encouraging privilege of examining Ron Vessels as a candidate for Ruling Elder. Ron was nominated last year (2016) and has spent the time since receiving instruction in the qualifications and work of the office. Ron's thorough preparation showed as we discussed the Lord's call upon his heart, his understanding of the Bible, theology, and the role of an Elder. The Session unanimously agreed to present him to you, the congregation, for election as Ruling Elder at our Annual Meeting in February.

Following various ministry reports and updates, the Elders reviewed the idea of using a larger cup on the table for symbolic purposes when celebrating the Lord's Supper. While the larger cup would help people see the element better, it was decided that it could also be misunderstood. In particular, the separate cup might foster an idea that the ministers and the people (drinking from a small cup) are being treated differently. A few other points were debated, but in the end the Session decided to keep the current practice.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer, looking forward to gathering together for a longer planning and prayer day on October 14. Details from that day will be shared in the coming months and during the Annual Congregational Meeting in February.

## Family of the Month



### This month the Crossroads Connections spotlight is on the Tinubu family

Hakeem Tinubu is from Lagos, Nigeria. He came to the United States in 2009, and moved to Philadelphia in 2010. His wife, Jenn, is from a tiny town in central Pennsylvania called Mifflinburg, and she moved to Philadelphia in 2013. After searching for a church for quite a while, the couple found Crossroads in the summer of 2016. They were initially drawn to the church because of the variety of ministries offered. As soon as they began attending they felt right at home.

Jenn teaches private music lessons, and she has enjoyed using her musical gifts to serve the church. She sings in the choir and also teaches music in CHEER. Hakeem works at the Loews Hotel and is a real estate agent. Jenn assists Hakeem in that business while taking care of their one-year-old son, Juwon.



Jenn, who became a member this past summer, says about her family's time at Crossroads: "We love the atmosphere of Crossroads. It's so nice to be in a multicultural church, but more importantly to be in one that preaches and teaches the Word and has so many loving brothers and sisters to connect with."

*~ Written by Colleen Kelly*





## MISSIONS TRIP TO INDIA

By Dana Ellis

What can I say about India? Have you ever been somewhere new, someplace you've not yet experienced, and yet it automatically felt like home? India was that place for me. While there, God showed me some truths that were a blessing to my soul. Firstly, the church of Jesus Christ is EVERYWHERE!! Isn't that cool? It was amazing to witness it in person, although I've read other reports about the global church in the past. Sharing the gospel through stories, games, and songs and praying with the kids of India Village Mission brought so much joy to me. As I interacted with them daily and learned more about their lives, I longed for them to have a complete understanding of their value (and others) as image bearers of the one true God. We don't live in a society of castes here in America, but we do have social levels. Whether in American or India, what a blessing it is to know the feeling of being "untouchable" or "unimportant" for we are then free to embrace the gospel, knowing that we bring nothing to the table but our guilt and walk away RICH in all of Christ's eternal riches! The children at India Village Mission can hear and understand these truths, thanks to the quality interactions with the IVM staff.

There were two things that impacted me the most during our trip. The first was the dedication and work ethic of the IVM staff: Pastor Benjamin, his wife Sister Shyla, Solomon and the other IVM workers. Every day they are with the kids, teaching them, serving them, encouraging them... No sick days, no long vacations. Their dedication reminds me of the apostle Paul, working tirelessly for the gospel of Jesus Christ because of his LOVE for Jesus Christ. And yet they are not "super Christians". This is absolutely attainable for us as well, as we feed the Spirit and starve the flesh.

The second thing that impacted me (probably more than anything else) was the Saturday prayer group that IVM has for the young women. I was honored to be a part of it and to join in prayer (in English and Hindi!) with these young women. Their requests were much like ours, praying for the salvation of their loved ones, victory and healing from sickness and addictions, concerns for doing well in school. Much is the same across the ocean! I enjoyed seeing the similarities and differences as an American woman who knows much freedom and "independence", which I view as a blessing and a curse.

Praise God for the opportunity to see new things! Could that be what God has for you? Is he calling you to witness His power and might through the body of Christ in another country? I encourage you to prayerfully consider a trip like this! Look at it this way, the great commission in Matthew 28 could be viewed as a commandment to acquire more stamps in your passport, for His kingdom.





## Crossroads Kids Club

Crossroads Kids Club, formerly known as Pioneer Clubs, is a children's ministry of Crossroads Community Church that meets every Sunday evening at the church. The name was changed to Kids Club last year when the new Torchlighters curriculum from the Voice of the Martyrs and the Christian History Institute was introduced. This curriculum focuses on the experiences of Christians who, in response to God's call, dedicated their lives to commitment and service to Jesus. The children at Kids Club have the opportunity to watch videos and learn about missionaries and the countries in which they serve. On some occasions, church members from the countries being studied are invited to do a presentation about their countries. The children ask questions and then pray for the countries and missionary activities. This helps teach the children that the Gospel is for the whole world and every Christian should be a part of sharing it.

Kids Club aims at reaching the children with the Gospel and helping them grow in their Christian faith. This is done through teaching Bible verses and review games, Bible lessons, hands on activities related to the lessons, and Children's Choir. The children come in at 6:00 p.m. and play games till 6:15 p.m. They study and review Bible verses from 6:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., then listen to the Bible lesson and do related activities till 7:00 p.m. They then have choir rehearsal till 7:25 p.m.

The pastors and members of Crossroads Community Church have been volunteering their services to this ministry. Other members are also welcomed to help out on a weekly or occasional basis.



## Children's Choir

The Children's Choir, directed by Cheryl Chewkanes, meets most Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for about 30 minutes, following the Crossroads Kids Club. They learn and rehearse songs that they will sing once a month at the 11:00 a.m. service. They are given a CD with the music so that they can practice at home. The children also prepare songs to sing at a Christmas concert and a Palm Sunday concert. On alternate years, the Christmas concert is a program with costumes and scripted lines. The children also have a chance to play bells at the concerts. All children are welcome to come and sing with the choir.



## Junior Church

Junior Church was started by Bobbie Smith's parents back in 1948 as a means of teaching children about the Gospel while their parents listen and enjoy the sermon during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Junior Church begins at 11:30 a.m. at the beginning of the pre-sermon hymn and ends when the service ends. There are two family worship Sundays when there is no Junior church: the 4th Sunday in Advent for the service of Lessons and Carols, and Easter Sunday. Junior Church is for children 4 to 10 years old. Older children should remain in the sanctuary with their parents during the sermon.

While in Junior church, the children receive a Gospel lesson, have a snack, work on a craft that goes with the lesson, and participate in a quiz on what they learned. If there is time, they may also play a game depending on how well the lesson goes. Once a month, as a treat, they see a Veggie Tales episode or movie as reward for good behavior. At Christmas, the children have a "Happy Birthday Jesus Party" on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, where they receive a Christmas gift. In the summer, there is a "Staycation Party" where the children play games and have special food.

The Prosses have been leading Junior Church for 15 years, and it warms their hearts to see children so happy to attend with a desire to learn. However, they can always use additional help. Come downstairs and observe a Junior Church class, and ask about how you can provide help on future Sundays.



# Volunteers Needed



## Preschool Thanksgiving

Crossroads Preschool will need helping hands for their Thanksgiving celebration. They will need help in the kitchen with setting up, getting foods heated and ready, and serving the food for their Thanksgiving meal.

There will be three different meal times since there are three different classes:

Tuesday, November 21, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday, November 22, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday, November 22, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Can you help with the meals at any of these times? Please call Donna Martin (610-352-4092), call the church at 610-352-3130, or email the church at [crossroadschurchpca@gmail.com](mailto:crossroadschurchpca@gmail.com).

## Preschool Shopping

Do you like to shop? If so, the Crossroads Preschool can use your services. In order to cut back on expenses, the preschool is in need of someone who will shop periodically for refreshments for the children's daily snacks. Currently, the groceries are ordered from Giant and delivered via their Peapod service with added expense. If you can help, please call Donna Martin (610-352-4092), call the church at 610-352-3130, or email the church at [crossroadschurchpca@gmail.com](mailto:crossroadschurchpca@gmail.com).

## Parking Lot Attendant

Parking lot attendant for Friday mornings when CHEER and Preschool both need the parking lot. Need a couple of people to work 45-60 minute shifts, 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, and/or 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. See Pastor Mike for more information.

## 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).

## Services Available

### Experienced Babysitter Available

Whether you are in need of a babysitter for a night out, or need someone who can get your child off to school, Diane Young, a member of Crossroads, is available to care for your child. Diane has years of experience babysitting children and would love to hear from you to discuss your babysitting needs. To contact Diane Young: Phone number: 267-847-3280, Email: [autumn90@msn.com](mailto:autumn90@msn.com)

# Finances & Attendance



## Report for October, 2017

Date	Attendance			Offerings			
	8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Total	Current Fund	Missions Fund	Deacons Fund	Building Fund
1	77	165	242	\$ 3,961.02	\$ 1,649.47	\$ 535.61	\$ 416.00
8	68	166	234	\$ 4,480.75	\$ 1,128.25	\$ 575.00	\$ 570.00
15	79	153	232	\$ 2,909.91	\$ 1,102.97	\$ 216.00	\$ 376.00
22	64	182	246	\$ 8,628.00	\$ 1,142.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 485.00
29	66	144	210	\$ 3,401.38	\$ 854.50	\$ 398.00	\$ 457.18
October Totals:				\$ 23,381.06	\$ 5,877.19	\$ 1,904.61	\$ 2,304.18
Current and Missions Fund October Budgets:				\$ 26,783.04	\$ 5,784.30		

## Dates to Remember



### Together Experiencing a Ministry (T.E.A.M.) Nights Wednesdays, November 1 and 15

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, November 4 at 8:00 a.m.

This month the discussion is based on: "When God Wants to Build a Man". The assignment for the men, younger and older, is to try to have a Quiet Time with the Lord on these passages: James 1:1-12; 1 Peter 4:1-19; 1 Peter 2:18-25; Corinthians 1:3-11.

### Communion Services Sunday, November 5 at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Session Meeting Monday, November 6 at 7:15 p.m.

### Anniversary Sunday Sunday, November 19

### Crossfire Progressive Dinner Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m.

### Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Come share the joy as we thank God for His faithfulness and the many blessings with which He has covered us.

### Decorating Church for Christmas Saturday, November 25 at 10:00 a.m.

### Deacons' Meeting Monday, November 27 at 7:15 p.m.

## Crossroads Sermon Schedule November 2017

### November 5

#### "Foundation of the Church #6: Prayer"

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Pastor Mike Quillen

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### November 12

#### Topic TBD

Pastor William Jarwood

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### November 19

#### Anniversary Sunday

#### "Foundation of the Church #7: Unity"

1 Timothy 2:8

Pastor Mike Quillen

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### November 22

#### Thanksgiving Eve

#### "Christian Thanksgiving"

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Mr. Zack Groff

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### November 26

#### "Giving Thanks"

Pastor David Van Meerbeke

## 2017 Crossroads Community Church Missions Conference

December 2-3, 2017

Theme: Romans 10:15;

**"HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS..."**

### Schedule for the Missions Conference weekend:

<b>Saturday, December 2</b>	8:00 a.m.	Mighty Men's Ministry Breakfast
	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Prayer Vigil
	5:30-6:45 p.m.	International Dinner
	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Mission Reports
<b>Sunday, December 3</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship (Communion)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Hour - Mission Reports
	11:00 a.m.	Worship (Communion)
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Service
		Mission Reports
		Missionary Christmas Card Signing

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## November Birthdays

01 - Susanna Kehyee Mahn	07 - Timothy Brindle	17 - Wali Ahmad
01 - Daniel Quillen	07 - Stephen Tolentino, Jr.	17 - Linda Howard
01 - Lorelei Linnebur	09 - Lyle Sine	18 - Sara Coffin
02 - Kate Baer	10 - Joshua Frazier	18 - Beth Mulgrew
03 - Lynn Brown	10 - Dotty Kelly	19 - Chauncey Sneh
03 - Joseph Toy	11 - Victor Gbolo, Sr.	19 - Marianne Suny
04 - Ida Brown	11 - Anthony Vincent	20 - Francisca Afantchao
04 - Comfort Davies	12 - Emilia Adah	20 - Marilyn Bradly
04 - Andrew Leake	12 - Farrell Smith	20 - Gloria Jarwood
05 - Bryan Ford	12 - Zonia Smith	21 - Zeph Ellis
05 - Eloho Omuyeh	13 - John Peter Quillen	23 - Bintou Wilks
05 - Prince Omuyeh	14 - Esther Ekwere	25 - Sharon Mitchell
05 - Vivicah Vincent	14 - Mary Shibu Oommen	27 - Alysson Tchoudjuin
06 - Mary Ellen Finnerty	15 - Jim Buchanan	28 - Betty Berchie
06 - Joanie Muth	15 - Adam Toy	30 - Stephen Cunerd

## November Anniversaries

10 - Shreekumar & Shanthi David	13 - Warren & Brenda Smith	28 - Louines & Monique Delivay Louis
11 - Victor & Ami Koroma-Gbolo	15 - Roy & Sue Zweig	

# Nursery & Greeter Lists



## Report at:

## Nursery

## Greeters

### Nov. 5

8:10 a.m.	Pam Widger; Jen Widger	
9:30 a.m.	Jennifer Tinubu; Victor Sesay	
10:40 a.m.	Naomi Mureria; Faith Ellis	<b>Inf:</b> Alayna Jones

Lana Aris  
Esther Cooper  
Dolapo Olowu, Udo Umoh, Emilia Adah

### Nov. 12

8:10 a.m.	Brook Batzel; Jack Matsinger	
9:30 a.m.	Joyce Buchanan; Bobbie Smith	
10:40 a.m.	Dana Ellis; Grace Ellis	<b>Inf:</b> Uzezi Omuyeh

Victoria Goodlin  
Mary Finnerty  
James & Susanna Mahn, Betty O'Dero

### Nov. 19

8:10 a.m.	Natalie Tibbels; Gloria Jarwood	
9:30 a.m.	John Batzel; Julia Quillen	
10:40 a.m.	Peggy Styer; Udo Umoh	<b>Inf:</b> Chimwemwe Doctor

Zonia Smith  
Pat Cavaliere  
Ron & Lynnette Vessels, Kathy Ford

### Nov. 26

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

Brad Wilks  
Louines Louis  
Oretha Dahn, Onye Briggs, Lynn Brown



## November 2017

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

*This is the day which the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
~ Psalm 118:24*

**Women's Call-In Prayer Line**  
Tuesday at 9:00 p.m.  
Phone: 605-475-6006  
Enter Code: 333732

**1**

6:00 Discipleship  
7:00 p.m. TEAM

**2**

Women's Bible  
Study 10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
Revival Prayer  
7:30 p.m. CHOIR

**3**

**4**

8:00 a.m.  
MMM  
BREAKFAST

**5**

(Daylight Savings)  
COMMUNION

**6**

←  
7:15 p.m.  
Session  
Meeting

**7**

7:00 Prayer at  
Centennial House  
9:00 p.m.  
Women's Prayer  
Line

**8**

GROWTH GROUPS  
6:00 Discipleship

**9**

→  
11:00 a.m.  
Revival Prayer  
7:30 p.m. CHOIR

**10**

**11**

**12**

Anniversary  
Sunday

**13**

7:00 Prayer at  
Centennial House

**14**

9:00 p.m.  
Women's Prayer  
Line  
Presbytery@  
Proclamation

**15**

6:00 Discipleship  
7:00 p.m. TEAM

**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. CHEER

**18**

**19**

Gospel Praise  
Rehearsal  
12:15 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. Crossfire  
Progressive Dinner

**20**

←  
7:00 Prayer at  
Centennial House

**21**

9:00 p.m.  
Women's Prayer  
Line

**22**

GROWTH GROUPS  
THANKSGIVING  
EVE SERVICE  
7:00 p.m.

**23**

→  
THANKSGIVING

**24**

No CHEER  
Classes

**25**

Christmas  
Decorating  
10:00 a.m.

**26**

Gospel Praise  
Rehearsal  
12:15 p.m.  
No Evening  
Meetings

**27**

7:15 p.m.  
Deacons Meeting  
7:00 Prayer at  
Centennial House

**28**

9:00 p.m.  
Women's Prayer  
Line

**29**

6:00 Discipleship  
NO TEAM

**30**

11:00 a.m.  
Revival Prayer  
7:30 p.m. CHOIR