



*Love, Connect and Serve on the Journey with Christ*

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# Welcome

**WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!** Thanks for joining us today! We don't want to miss the opportunity of connecting with you. So, whether you are visiting for the first time or are a regular attendee please take a moment to fill out the *Blue Connection Card* in the seat pocket in front of you. Please return it to the seat pocket or leave it on your seat.

If you would like to give toward the ministries of Crossroads Church, please place your gift in one of the Tithes and Offerings Boxes located at each Worship Center

**Looking for more information?** If you'd like to learn more about something you heard during Crossroads announcements regarding upcoming events or the ministries at Crossroads, please visit our Welcome Center Kiosk located in the Connection Area or visit our website at [www.crossroadsefc.com](http://www.crossroadsefc.com).

## We wanted you to know that...

- Assisted hearing devices are available during our services at the Welcome Kiosk.
- Binders with printed lyrics are available on the back tables in the Worship Center.
- Once a worship service has begun, we ask that all entering and exiting the Worship Center use the east or west doors (not the center, please).
- Misplaced something? If so, please check the Welcome Kiosk for lost & found items.

In order to make our services available online and in other locations, photography and video recordings may take place while you're here at Crossroads. Your presence signifies your consent for Crossroads Church to use your image. Thanks for your cooperation.

## missions moment...

Please give a warm welcome today to **Paul Parsons** as he shares an update on next month's regional "Third Culture Kids" (formerly Missionary Kids) regional retreat in Jones, Michigan. Crossroads has partnered with Paul over the last several years as he has sought to encourage and cast a vision for these young adults in their journey with Christ. Many of these individuals are away from "home" and their missionary parents for the first time. As they convene at Bair Lake Bible Camp, please pray that their hearts would continue to be drawn closer to God and that God would move in a significant way in each of their lives. Also pray for their safe travels as they gather together for this enriching weekend with their 'third culture' peers.

## announcements

- **Share Your Thanks** - Please take a moment to stop at the kiosk in the Connection Area to write a thank you note to Chris Garner. Chris has served on the church staff for 13 years as our Children's Ministry Director and will finish that role at the end this month. We want to give our church family an opportunity to write a personal note of thanks to Chris for all that she's done at Crossroads. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to show your appreciation to Chris!
- **Attention Parents of Journey Junction kids (grades 1-4)** - On December 24<sup>th</sup> we will not be offering Journey Junction and your children will be sitting with you during our Christmas Eve Service.
- **Reminder from the Finance Office** - As you prayerfully consider the many year-end donation requests you are beginning to receive, please consider a special year-end gift to the ministries of Crossroads Church. Your faithful giving will help ensure a strong finish to this year and add momentum to the ministry opportunities God is giving us in the New Year. Our office is happy to facilitate any arrangements that need to be made for your year-end giving to Crossroads.
- **Christmas Services** - Please note that we'll have our normal Sunday morning services on December 24<sup>th</sup>. If your December schedule is getting hectic and you aren't able to attend on the 24<sup>th</sup>, please consider attending our Saturday evening service at our Culver campus. The service time on December 23<sup>rd</sup> is 6:30 pm at the Culver Elementary School (401 School St.). \*The message in Culver will have some new content from the previous week's Plymouth campus message.
- **Please note** - The church office will be closed on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> as well
- **Help Fight Hunger** - Please consider helping meet the hunger need in Marshall County by donating food. Check out the display in the Connection Area to find out how you can help make a difference! Food donation items for the month of December are soup, crackers and quick fix meals.

## Christmas giving opportunity....

We have a Christmas Giving Opportunity that we'd like to make you aware of...

**Sponsor a Family for Christmas!** The Marshall County Neighborhood Center, a community partner of Crossroads, has 350 families that are in need of being sponsored for Christmas. All of these families are located in Marshall County. These families are in need of assistance to help provide some Christmas gifts for their children as well as help putting food on their tables for Christmas. If you'd like to help or need additional information, please contact the Neighborhood