



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 *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 exit. Online giving is also available on our website at www.crossroadsefc.com

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.

We wanted you to know that...

- Assisted hearing devices are available during our services at the Welcome Kiosk.
- 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 as well as in other locations, and for marketing purposes, 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. Thank you for your cooperation.



Love, Connect and Serve on the Journey with Christ

sundays at 8:15, 9:45, 11:15 am

october 27, 2019

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our financial dashboard...

Month	Income	Expense	Net
1st Quarter	\$253,965.35	\$242,148.26	\$11,817.09
2nd Quarter	\$256,069.15	\$228,999.47	\$27,069.68
July 2019	\$77,483.45	\$96,812.90	(\$19,329.45)
August 2019	\$66,845.49	\$75,684.17	(\$8,838.68)
September 2019	\$80,221.36	\$70,676.12	\$9,545.24
3rd Quarter	\$224,550.30	\$243,173.19	(\$18,622.89)
2019 Totals	\$734,584.80	\$714,320.92	\$20,263.88
Mortgage Balance		\$46,681.60	
Monthly Budget Need		\$89,062.00	
Reserves		\$120,561.43	

announcements

- **Dive Student Ministry is going to Winter Camp at SpringHill** January 17th - 19th, 2020! Camp is open to 7th- 12th grade students. For more info and sign up details, visit the Dive bulletin board in the foyer, go to crossroadsefc.com/youth, or contact Pastor Rich at rgamble@crossroads-efc.org. The registration deadline is October 27th.
- **Upcoming Holiday Opportunities** - Believe it or not, in the next few weeks we'll find ourselves in the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. It's a time of opportunity to express tremendous generosity through gifts and service. Today you will find an insert attached highlighting the various holiday opportunities through ministries and organizations we partner with here at Crossroads. We know you love to be generous and we want to share these opportunities early, so you can plan accordingly as you are led by the Holy Spirit. You're welcome to pick up additional copies which are located at each round table in the back of the Worship Center as well as at the Welcome Kiosk.
- **On October 28th our nation will celebrate National First Responder's Day.** This is a time to show appreciation for everything they do for our community. Our Community Outreach Ministry Team will be leading community prayer time in front of the Police Station and Sherriff's Department beginning at 9:00 AM, then moving on to pray at the Fire Department. If you would like to join us, please sign up via a "needs list" which was e-mailed out to everyone this past week. Didn't receive the e-mail? Make sure you stop by the tables in the Connection Area to sign up and to fill out a Thank You card for our first responders.
- **Upcoming Town Hall Meetings** - Please note that we will have two Town Hall meetings at our Plymouth campus on Wednesday, October 30th at 7:00 pm and at 11:15 am on Sunday, November 3rd in Room 105/107. We will follow up with a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 10th at 4:00 pm at our Plymouth campus. Please see your bulletin insert for information regarding our 2020 budget, Elder nominees and changes to our Statement of Faith proposal.
- **The next Target Group, Dig A Little Deeper**, has been designed to help you put into practice the principles of Bible study you will learn the next couple weeks. Pastor Collin will be leading this Target Group, beginning Sunday, November 10th, and will be a great place to ask questions, practice and learn together with others. The information/ registration form is located in your seat pocket. Sign up today!
- **Are you expecting trick-or-treaters to be stopping by your home this Halloween?** Consider including a children's gospel tract along with your candy to share the good news of Jesus with the children & youth of our community! A supply of tracts are available for you to pick-up at the Welcome Kiosk starting today. Take what you can use - and be praying for those who receive both the candy and these gospel tracts this Halloween!
- **Pack a shoe box and make an impact on a child's life for Jesus!** Stop by the OCC tables today in the Connection Area to pick up your FREE shoebox. While you're there, please take some of the free items to start packing your shoe box! Our goal for Crossroads is 500 shoeboxes. *Don't forget to stop and get your picture taken! We're providing each family with one free picture to include in their shoe box. Learn more about OCC by visiting our website at crossroadsefc.com and clicking the OCC logo.

sermon notes

connect with us...

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connection card

- 1st time guest 2nd time guest Visiting family/friends Regular Attendee/Member

Name(s) _____

Email _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Date _____

Cell (His/Her) _____ I heard about Crossroads

Phone _____ through _____

Please update my information

Serve Opportunity: The Usher Ministry Team is looking for some additional men to serve on the team. This is a great way to serve on a Sunday morning, meet new people and assist families at Crossroads! You'll be assigned to a monthly Usher group and serve once every three months. Training is provided and you'll receive a team shirt!

Yes, I'm interested in learning more: (name) _____

(phone) _____

**If you are visiting for the first time or are a regular attendee please take a moment to fill out this card.*

Today my next step is to:

- Receive Christ as my personal Lord & Savior (Rom 3:23; 5:8; 6:23; 10:9-10; Eph. 2:8-10) In response to today's message, I plan to: _____

Please send info or contact me about:

- Becoming a follower of Jesus Christ Being counselled through Crossroads
 How to get connected with people at Crossroads Crossroads Connecting Online (cco)
 Baptism - Going public with my faith Being added as a Prayer Warrior
 Become a member of Crossroads Serving opportunities at Crossroads

Comments, Prayer Requests:

Please place completed card in seat pocket. Thank you.

All prayer requests are shared with our prayer warrior group. Confidential for Pastoral Staff and Elders only

Crossroads Annual Congregational Meeting

November 10, 2019 @ 4:00 pm in the Station Room

In preparation for our Annual Congregational Meeting, here are some important items for you to know. Please remember, everyone is invited and welcome to attend this, however, only formal members are able to vote on the proposals.

1. Elder Nominees

The Elders propose **Joel Schumacher** and **Greg Gerard** as Elders to begin serving a three-year term in January of 2020. You can hear Joel and Greg's testimonies at the Town Hall meetings and you will be able to ask questions. Any biblical concerns regarding either of these nominees can be addressed with a current serving Elder. The Elders will be seeking the affirmation of these candidates from the congregation at the annual meeting. Absentee ballots are accepted for Elder nominees. Also, in January 2020, Bob Read and James Stone will be stepping off the Elder Team after completing a three-year term.

2. 2020 Proposed Budget

A booklet outlining the proposed budget for 2020 is now available. A summary page as well as a breakdown for each department is included. The booklets are available at the TV Kiosk labeled "2020 Proposed Budget Booklets". Feel free to pick up a copy and take it with you for review. The Elders will be seeking approval of the 2020 budget from the congregation at the annual meeting. Absentee ballots are not accepted for the budget proposal.

3. Proposed change to our Statement of Faith

This past June at the EFCA One Conference, 79% of the delegates present approved an amendment to Article 9 of the EFCA Statement of Faith (SOF) to read – *"We believe in the personal, bodily and ~~premillennial~~ **glorious** return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission."* Each local EFC has been invited to consider updating their SOF to reflect this change. The pastors/elders of Crossroads have reviewed the biblical/theological basis for this change and recommend that we adopt this change to our Crossroads SOF as per our Constitution.

Additional information on the change to the EFCA SOF is available on the resource tables at the back of the Worship Center

4. Town Hall Meetings

There are two Town Hall meetings prior to the Congregational Meeting available for discussion regarding any of these items. The dates are **Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00pm** and **Sunday, November 2 at 11:15am**. Both meetings will be held at the Plymouth campus in **Room 105/07**.

5. Appointed Ministry Team Leaders for 2020

Our Ministry Team Leaders are gifted volunteer leaders in our ministry. They lead various teams to carry out the area of their focus, in effort to accomplish our overall vision of *being disciples who make disciples*. These positions are appointed by the Elders and not affirmed by the congregation. However, we ask the congregation if there are any biblical concerns regarding these leaders. Please review the list below.

Building and Grounds – Jim Jenney

Community Outreach – Racheal Filley

Connection Team – Amy Gerard

Faith Community Nursing – Susie Cook

First Impressions (Plymouth) – Joe Binfet

First Impressions (Culver) – Bonnie Bennett

Global Outreach – Lynn Vernon

Hospitality – **Vacant**

Men of Crossroads – Adam Barden*

Ps92 – Dave and Kim Powell

Safety Team – Ryan Lebo

Setup/Tear Down (Culver) – Geno Price

Ushers (Plymouth) – Doug MacLain

Ushers (Culver) – Bill Surguy

Women's Ministry – Sherry Six

*The Elders will present a proposal to the congregation to permit Adam Barden to serve a fifth year as leader of the Men of Crossroads ministry because it would be an exception to the Ministry Team Leader guidelines put forward in our Constitution and By-laws.

CROSSROADS INVITES YOU TO CONSIDER



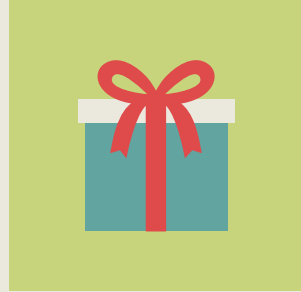
HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES



HERE ARE A FEW WAYS TO
GIVE AND SERVE DURING THE
HOLIDAY SEASON.

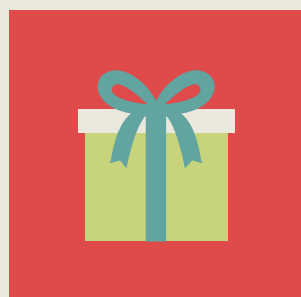
HOW WILL YOU BLESS OTHERS?

HOLIDAY GIVING & SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



Operation Christmas Child (Crossroads; Plymouth & Culver) PACK A SHOE BOX

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. The world's largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child (OCC) uses gift-filled shoe boxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Visit the OCC tables in the Connection Area beginning October 20th to find out how you can participate. Collection of completed shoe boxes is from November 18th - 25th.



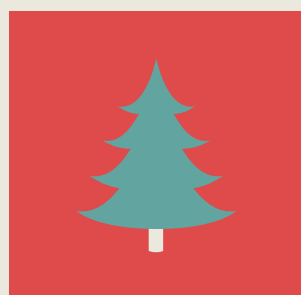
COLLECTION WEEK VOLUNTEERS

Crossroads serves as our area's official OCC Collection Center during November 18th - 25th. Volunteer to help collect, sort and box up shoe boxes OR volunteer to provide some food items for our guests and shoe box collection volunteers. Sign up notifications will be sent by e-mail via CCO. Not receiving weekly e-mails via CCO from the church office? Sign up for CCO by contacting the church office at (574) 935-3833 | churchoffice@crossroads-efc.org.



Thanksgiving Baskets (Marshall County Neighborhood Center; Plymouth & Culver) FOOD DONATIONS

Help the Neighborhood Center provide a Marshall County family in need with a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. You can take a Thanksgiving Food Basket purchase list and purchase the food items OR you can simply donate \$25.00 to the Center. All donations must be delivered to the Center by November 22nd. *Pick up a food purchase list at the Fight Hunger Kiosk on the west end of the Connection Area or contact the Neighborhood Center at (574) 936-3388 | 402 W. Garro St. in Plymouth.



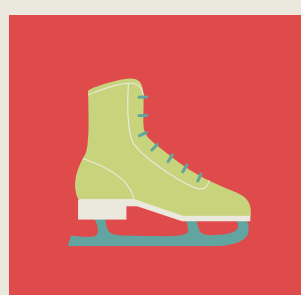
Christmas Sponsorship (Marshall County Neighborhood Center; Plymouth & Culver) SPONSOR A FAMILY

This is a special time of year for many families; for others it is a time of stress. Caregivers long to provide Christmas for their children, but simply can't. We help bridge that gap by providing Christmas assistance. You can sponsor a family by stopping by the Center and selecting a family to sponsor. Then, simply purchase gifts and a food-only gift card to help with special holiday food items. You can deliver directly to the family or return items to the Center by December 16th. *Contact the Neighborhood Center at (574) 936-3388 | 402 W. Garro St. in Plymouth.



Hats and Gloves Donations (Crossroads; Plymouth & Culver) GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH

From December 14th - January 18th, the Children's Ministry (2/3's, preschool, kindergarten and elementary) will be collecting kid's hats, gloves, and mittens. There will be Christmas Trees set up to be decorated with the donations. These items will be taken to the Marshall County Neighborhood Center. Information will be sent home with families as the date draws closer. Contact Kristi Nate at (574) 935-3833 | knate@crossroads-efc.org with questions.



Behavioral Health Center (BHC) (Crossroads; Plymouth) CARE ITEMS

Please consider helping our Access Ministry Team celebrate the gift of Jesus with kids receiving inpatient care at the Behavioral Health Center by donating various care items. Donations can be dropped off at the Access Room (Room 104) on or before December 15th or monetary donations can be placed in an offering box - just be sure to indicate it is for BHC Christmas. Donation lists will be distributed in November. If you have any questions, please contact Misty Werley (574) 935-3833 | mwerley@crossroads-efc.org

LOOKING TO DO MORE? CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE IDEAS!

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



1

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted boxes are available online.

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Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.

Select a quality **"wow"** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.

2



5



A donation of **\$9** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.*

Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

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Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.

To Follow Your Box, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

Our goal is 500 shoe boxes and you can help us get there!

Stop by our OCC tables in the Connection Area today to pick up a **FREE** shoe box and items to pack in your box!

Don't forget to include a picture and note in your shoe box. Please include \$9.00 to ship your shoe box across the world to a child!

SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



"WOW" ITEM

- outfit
- shoes
- musical instrument
- soccer ball with pump
- stuffed animal
- doll

TOYS

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

ACCESSORIES

- socks
- hats
- sunglasses
- hair clips
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, and sharpeners
- crayons and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

A PERSONAL NOTE

- a message to the child
- a photo of yourself, your family, or group

If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

QUALITY CRAFTS

- hair bows
- finger puppets
- friendship bracelets

Check out the Operation Christmas Child boards on Pinterest for specific suggestions.



Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

For more gift suggestions organized by gender and age, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

