

Love, Connect and Serve on the Journey with Christ

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

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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 *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](http://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](http://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.

## marriage moment

Peace, or Shalom in Hebrew, encompasses much more than just an absence of hostilities or the presence of an inner calm. The meaning includes "wholeness," "completeness," "finished word," "perfection," "safety," or "wellness." "Shalom comes from living in harmony with God." (quotes from *Praying the Names of God*, by Ann Spangler)

As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, step back from the search for the perfect material gift and contemplate prayerfully how you can give the eternal gifts of peace to your spouse, gifts of speech, looks, expectations, and communication that foster wholeness, safety, wellness, gifts that encourage well-being and harmony. If peace does not accompany our giving, our giving possesses little meaning.

## announcements

- **Holiday Giving and Serving Opportunities** - You have an opportunity to bless a family at Christmas! Christmas is a special time of year for many families but for others it is a time of stress. Caregivers long to provide Christmas for their children, but simply can't. You can help bridge that gap by sponsoring a family for Christmas. Stop by the Marshall County Neighborhood Center and select a family to sponsor. Then, simply purchase gifts and a food-only gift card to help with special holiday food items. Visit the Neighborhood Center at 402 W Garro St. in Plymouth or call them at (574) 936-3388.
- **Free Blood Pressure Checks Today!** Members of our Faith Community Nursing Ministry Team (FCN) will be available in the Connection Area today between each service to do free blood pressure checks. Stop by and visit with our FCN Team!
- **Joy Story Event Follow Up!** Thank you so much for sharing your children with our Children's Ministry Team for the Joy Story Event this past Friday evening! It was a fun filled night of playing games, making crafts and most importantly grasping the wonder and power of Jesus coming as a baby. Please pray for those children who participated that their hearts would be captured by the truth of Jesus for the rest of their lives. We also want to thank all of our Children's Ministry Team Volunteers for making it such a wonderful event! Thank you for making an investment in to our kids at Crossroads! **\*\*Attention Parents** - please make sure to pick up your child's Joy Story Craft in their classroom this morning!

## a great christmas idea!

**Give the Gift of SpringHill Day Camps for Christmas!** Since Christmas is just 24 days away, we thought now would be a great time to share a meaningful Christmas present idea with you! Perhaps you have a grandchild, a niece, a nephew or a close relative that you'd like to bless with a gift that will impact them in a huge way. Why not give them the gift of attending SpringHill Day Camp at Crossroads this summer! Crossroads has been partnering with SpringHill for the last 20 years and we've seen the impact it has had on our kids. Camp is a way for kids to experience God in a fun and exciting environment that incorporates thrilling camp activities, high energy biblical teaching and safe small groups where God's Word is applied to their lives! It can be life changing!

SpringHill Day Camps will be at Crossroads June 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> and is for children K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration for camp opens on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Early bird cost for camp will be \$199.00 per child.

If you have questions about SpringHill Day Camps, please contact Pastor Marc (mread@crossroads-efc.org) or Pastor Rich (rgamble@crossroads-efc.org).

## sermon notes

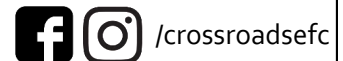
## connect with us...

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# connection card

- 1<sup>st</sup> time guest    2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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**Serve Opportunity:** Help serve our church family once a month by participating on the Communion Team! This team is responsible for working behind the scenes to prepare the elements served during communion. On Communion Sunday mornings, members of the team help refresh the communion supplies between services, followed up by staying after to clean and put away the communion trays and supplies. Please contact me::

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

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



## THE CHRISTMAS *Story*

# *Ps 92 Christmas Caroling Party*

**Saturday, December 14th 1:30-5:00 pm.**

**Crossroads Church and Miller's Merry Manor**

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT MILLER'S**

We will be caroling and greeting the residents at Miller's to bring them Christmas cheer! You don't have to be good at singing!

### **CARRY IN DINNER**

Bring a soup or chili, salad, or dessert to share. A needs list will be sent out on CCO so that you can indicate what you will bring.

### **FESTIVE HOLIDAY SWEATER CONTEST**

The more festive the better with the winner getting a *special prize!*

### **CHRISTMAS TREASURE SHARING TIME**

Bring a special ornament or other item from your past that you can share about.

***We will meet on the west side of Crossroads Church at 1:30 to drop off food and carpool to Miller's. After caroling we will meet back at the church for sharing, prayer and a chili feast!***

***To RSVP or for more information, text or call Pastor Collin or Gloria at (574) 315-1858***





*Please consider helping our Access Ministry Team celebrate the gift of Jesus with kids receiving inpatient care at the Behavioral Health Center by donating the following items:*

**Deodorant**  
**Toothbrushes**  
**Toothpaste**  
**Youth and Adult Socks**  
**Pillow Cases**  
**Fleece Blankets**

**Coring/Activity Books**  
**Crayons**  
**Craft Supplies**  
**Board/Card Games**  
**Adult/Youth Pajama Pants**  
**Movie Theater Size Candy**

*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.*

**If you have any questions, contact Misty Werley**  
**574-935-3833 | [mwerley@crossroads-efc.org](mailto:mwerley@crossroads-efc.org)**