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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 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.
- 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).

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.

town hall meetings

The budget season is well under way. Printed budgets, as well as a list of Elder nominees, will be available for you the weekend of October 29th. The following week there will be two Town Hall Meetings to address any questions you may have. The first meeting is on Wednesday, November 1st, at 7:00 PM and the second Town Hall Meeting is on Sunday, November 5th, at 11:15 AM (during third service).

help fight hunger

Did you notice we have permanent "Help Fight Hunger" display in the Connection Area? Marshall County Neighborhood Center feeds over 300 families a month. Please consider helping meet the hunger need by donating food. Check out the display and pick-up a list of suggested items: monthly items or regularly needed items. Let's do our part to fight hunger!

announcements

• Crossroads Women: You are invited to a women's self-defense class taught by the martial arts instructors from Plymouth Family Taekwondo. Check out the bulletin insert today for more information.

road to culver - upcoming key dates

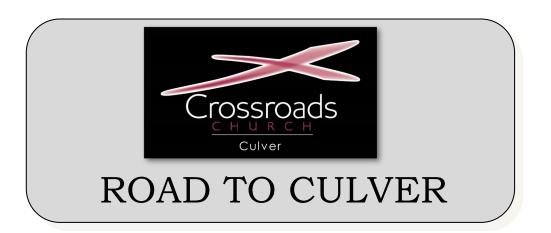
- October 22nd All three morning worship services at Crossroads Plymouth This is a very significant time in our process of sending a portion of our church family to minister fully and effectively in Culver. We will have a time of prayer and dedication in each service. If you are committed to our Culver ministry, please make every effort to be present on this morning and participate in this time. We simply will ask you to gather at the front for a time of prayer. We hope for you to participate in more than one service if possible.
- October 28th Church On Wheels Training Day (8:00 am-3:00 pm) Everyone who is committed to our Culver ministry is encouraged to block out as much time as possible from 8am-3pm for a time of training in our setup and tear down process, maintaining the equipment, as well as technical training. This will be a fun time of team building and equipping that you won't want to miss! Due to the nature of the day, it is encouraged for families to find care for their younger children.
- October 29th (Sunday) Preview Service @ 6:30 pm This preview service will be an opportunity for our Crossroads family to walk through what a typical Saturday evening will be like. We'll set up, fellowship and worship together, then tear down and store everything. This will be a powerful connecting point for all those invested in the Culver ministry; together in one place identifying as Crossroads Culver!
- November 4th (Saturday) Public Launch @ 6:30 pm!! We plan to have an amazing evening of worship as we hold our first public service! Invite your unsaved and unchurched friends and family to join us not only for a worship service, but to a journey of following Jesus alongside others who are following Jesus. Posters and invite cards are available in the new Connection Area for you to take and help spread the word!

PRAY!

- Pray for the unchurched and those who don't know Jesus in and around the Culver community. Pray they will hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus.
- Pray for our Culver Community Groups and others in preparation for the launch and as they continue to share the love of Jesus with those in the community.
- Pray for ongoing good relationship with the Culver school administration. We are very thankful for their hospitable spirit toward us using the school facility.







As we draw closer to our first public Saturday evening worship service, we want to 1) encourage you to continue to keep praying and 2) make you aware of some key upcoming dates.

FIRST, WE IMPLORE YOU TO KEEP PRAYING!

This endeavor has been, and must continue to be, a matter of

constant prayer. Only the Spirit of God can change hearts and that is what we desire. Pray for our Community Group leaders as they continue leading their groups into this key transition to gathering for worship in Culver and for courage to continue sharing Christ with family and friends who live there. Pray for Pastor Adam and Sarah as they lead this aspect of our Crossroads ministry. Pray for those who don't know Jesus as Savior and yet will come to a service because they are intrigued by what is happening. Pray they are drawn, by the Spirit and the love they see among us, into a personal relationship with Jesus.

SECOND, PLANNING. We want to share with you some key dates and planning opportunities for all of us as we approach our public launch

of worship services at the Culver Elementary School on November 4. Ready? (get your calendar out so you can mark these down) Here we go...

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 6:30PM. FOR ALL INVOLVED. If you are planning to be part of our Culver ministry, we would like you to be at this gathering if at all possible! If you are not yet sure about being involved, please come. At this Culver ministry gathering, we will pray together, spend some time in the Bible and communicate some key information like: how the layout of the space will look; what leaders are in place for Children's Ministry, Assimilation Team and the Usher Team; and, what opportunities are available to jump in and help make a difference. We will hold this one at our Crossroads Plymouth campus.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 6:30PM. This opportunity will be for additional training and equipping of those who have volunteered to be a part of one of the teams, who will be ready on November 4 to actively express the love of Christ as we gather. Our desire is to meet at the Culver Elementary School for this event. We're awaiting final confirmation.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 DURING ALL THREE PLYMOUTH CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICES.

This will be a key time in our entire process. We will have a time of commissioning and sending all those committed to going to Culver. This will be their last Sunday before beginning to gather for worship in Culver. We want to send them with prayer and blessing!!

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28-29. This is the training and preview weekend. Saturday will be a time of training with the equipment from Church On Wheels so we become familiar with how it sets up and tears down. There will be two representatives here from Church On Wheels to walk us through this process. Time has not yet been determined for this. Sunday evening at 6:30 will be the preview service. This service will function just as Saturday nights will in the future. It's a "practice," if you will, from set up, to worship, to tear down.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 6:30PM. PUBLIC LAUNCH! This is the date to share with your family and friends who may be interested in being part of Crossroads Culver. We will begin promoting this date publicly through many outlets like newspapers, social media, etc. We will also have some invite cards available for you to take and pass out beginning in October. Posters will also be available if you would like to put one up in your place of business or places you know of around town that would be open to that. Spread the word!

It is truly exciting to be part of something bigger than us! We have seen God answer prayer and we've been trusting God all along in a manner of faith and planning. Let's offer God our whole selves as His servants and entrust changed hearts to Him.

Women's Self Defense Class

When: Saturday November 4th @ 10 AM

Where: Crossroads EFC

Who: Females 7th grade and older

How Much: \$5 per person



Invite a friend and join us for a fun time of learning and fellowship.

Master Trella will be leading the class along with fellow instructors.

All physical abilities are welcome, simply do what you can.

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