

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 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 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.



Love, Connect and Serve on the Journey with Christ

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

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marriage moment...

Recently my wife and I were on the way to provide a couple with some marriage counseling. As we drove along, we spoke of sharing with the couple about how being well intentioned, alone, is not enough to best handle conflict. *"I didn't intend for what I did (said) to affect you that way!"* The problem is, it did. Rather than place all blame on our spouse, we must be willing to apologize for the impact, intended or not, and deal with it. As we continued driving to our destination, my wife commented, *Did you know that you veer toward the center line most of the time?* To which I promptly replied, *But I don't intend to!* After both laughing about that, we agreed the counsel we were about to offer this couple just found a great metaphor. While I certainly do not *intend* to stay a bit close to the center line, nevertheless, I do. Doing so puts us at unnecessary risk for a brush with oncoming traffic. Same with your marriage. You must correct your unintentional stressors so as to keep the relationship as safe as possible. Think about it!

Paul Spasic, Director of Marriage Mentors

announcements

- Please welcome Dr. Tiberius Rata as our guest speaker this morning!
- **Christmas Opportunity** - The Worship Team is seeking to put together an orchestra for our December 23rd Christmas services. If interested in participating or just learning more, please e-mail Michal Joy at mfalk@crossroads-efc.org. Please include your contact information and instrument you play as well as availability for weekly rehearsals.
- Our Culver campus will soon be **celebrating one year** of gathering for worship! They will have a celebration service Saturday, November 3rd. We're excited to have the first baptism during this service and take opportunity to give the Lord praise! You're invited to join in the celebration and attend the service!
- **Dive Student Ministry** - Winter Camp at SpringHill is January 18-20, 2019. Signups are open! The registration deadline is October 28th. Head to the Dive bulletin board in the Crossroads foyer and grab a camp brochure or go online to crossroadsefc.com/youth to download the brochure. Talk with Pastor Rich if you have any questions.
- **Fall Clean Up Opportunities** - Pastor Marc is organizing a few landscape clean-up projects with some of our Love Week Community Partners. The work will be done the morning of Saturday, October 27th. mread@crossroads-efc.org.
- Thank you for prayerfully considering the opportunity to participate in our **Year-End Debt Snowball Drive**. Information has been sent in the mail as well as shared last Sunday. We would love to eliminate our debt by the end of the year! Please let us know if you have any questions. Your questions or communication about participating with a pledge can be emailed to Pastor Collin at cseitz@crossroads-efc.org.

operation christmas child

It's time to start packing your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!

What is Operation Christmas Child? The Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child, collects shoebox gifts - filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items - and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 146 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

In 2018, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 11 million children in countries like Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda and Ukraine. Nearly 11 million shoebox gifts were collected worldwide in 2017, with more than 8.8 million collected in the U.S.

How Can You Participate? Stop by our OCC table today in the Connection Area to pick up a shoebox and information about how to pack a shoebox!

Learn more about OCC by visiting our website at crossroadsefc.com

It's more than just a shoebox full of things...
we're sharing Jesus with children and their families all over the world!

sermon notes

The Sound of Grace

Titus 2:11-14

The _____ of Grace (2:11, 14)

For the _____ of God has appeared (2:11)

G _____ R _____ A _____ C _____ E _____

The _____ of Grace (2:12-13)

Grace teaches us:

To _____ ungodliness and worldly passions (lusts) (2:12)

To live self-_____, upright and godly lives in this present age (2:12)

To _____ for our blessed hope (2:13)

To be _____ for good works (2:14)

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) _____

Phone _____

I heard about Crossroads
through _____

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Please update my information

Serve Opportunity: The Worship Team is seeking to put together an orchestra for Dec. 23rd Christmas services. Anyone who is interested in participating may indicate on the Connection Card or via e-mail to Michal Joy at mfalk@crossroads-efc.org. Please provide your name, contact information and instrument you play: _____

Best week day for rehearsal: __Sun __Mon __Tue __Wed __Thu __Fri __Sat

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