



Love, Connect and Serve on the Journey with Christ

connect with us...

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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. You may return it to the seat pocket or place it in the box on the back table.

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.

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).

dashboard for 2016

Month	Income	Expense	Net	Here We Grow Giving
1st Quarter	\$203,306.89	\$194,576.42	\$8,730.47	\$30,574.76
2nd Quarter	\$196,955.45	\$206,267.48	(\$9,312.03)	\$53,514.55
3rd Quarter	\$191,188.36	\$201,297.17	(\$10,108.81)	\$112,331.95
October 2016	\$82,779.60	\$81,802.36	\$977.24	\$44,070.50
November 2016	\$68,023.70	\$74,888.63	(\$6,864.93)	\$17,719.45
December 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4th Quarter	\$150,803.30	\$156,690.99	(\$5,887.69)	\$61,789.95
2016 Totals	\$742,254.00	\$758,832.06	(\$16,578.06)	\$258,211.21
Monthly Budget Need			HWG Income from Nov 2013	
\$71,965.00			\$832,520.03	
Mortgage Balance			HWG Expenses from Nov 2013	
\$170,515.49			\$446,403.98	

announcements

- Please note that **the church offices will be closed** on December 26th and January 2nd
- **Happy New Year!** Please note that on Sunday, January 1st, we will only have Sunday morning worship services at 9:45 am and 11:15 am. There will be NO 8:15 am 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.
- **We've got a QR code for that!** You can use your smartphone to view a digital copy of our bulletin and inserts. Simply scan the QR code, which is located on the bottom of the sermon notes page. They are located on the tables where you enter the Worship Center.
- **Help Fight Hunger in Marshall County by donating food items to the Marshall County Neighborhood Center.** Donation items for the month of December are cereal and oatmeal (hot or cold). Please drop off your items at the Help Fight Hunger display in the Connection Area. Thank you for your generosity!

remember our core

God is changing lives and we are actively pursuing what we understand to be His purpose for the Church...to be disciples who make disciples. To make disciples takes a relational environment. This means a context where two or more people are connecting in a meaningful relationship and an intentional process – a specific determination to help one another pursue loving others and living like Jesus. That's what we are about.

As we look ahead to the New Year you'll be presented with various relational and intentional environments to participate in. Our hope is that you choose to get invested. However, as you try to decide what you'll get involved in, it could begin to get a little overwhelming.

Don't forget The Core - Our desire is that each person who is part of Crossroads is engaged in three ways: **1) faithful attendance on Sunday mornings; 2) authentic connection in a small group environment; 3) active service in at least one way.** We believe these three things are core to a disciple growing and making other disciples. Without each, there is something lacking that is needed to grow individually and corporately. This is expressed in our mission to love, connect and serve on the journey with Christ.

So, when you are personally tempted to feel overwhelmed by the opportunities, just remember the core: 1) faithful attendance on Sunday mornings; 2) authentic connection in a small group environment; 3) active service in at least one way. If you are engaged in these three ways, you are being intentional about your journey with Christ.

As a church family, let's remember the core and know that even though someone may not participate in one thing they may be connected in another. No one can or should participate in everything available. Let's pray for one another to have wisdom and discernment about when and how we engage. We each have a responsibility to prayerfully consider how God is leading us to participate in order to be encouraged and be an encouragement.