





Love, Connect and Serve on the Journey with Christ

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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. 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).

## faith community nursing moment...

Celebrate Life this Easter! Throughout the Gospels, time and time again, there are references to Christ sharing a meal. He loved to eat. He ate at banquets and in the homes of the Pharisees and other religious leaders. He shared meals with farmers, fishermen and tax collectors. He ate with friends, rich and poor alike. He shared the Last Supper with the apostles. After he arose from the dead, he broke bread and ate fish with the apostles. Have no doubt, there is much symbolism connected to meals shared and communion.

Perhaps more than the actual flavors and nourishment of food, Christ loved the sense of community and the fellowship of a meal. Sharing a meal creates a bond. It gives people a chance to talk and to share. During this Easter, particularly as you reflect on Christ's sacrifice, honor Him by enjoying a meal with others. Share stories, listen, laugh and celebrate life! (Shared with permission from www.faithfoodhealth.com)

## announcements

- Help fight hunger right here in our community! Helping out is as easy as picking up a few extra items at the grocery store and dropping them off at the "Fight Hunger" display in the Connection Area. March's donation items are pasta and spaghetti sauce. Donations benefit the Marshall County Neighborhood Center.
- Sign up today for our next Target Group class titled, #Struggles, which begins on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Bestselling author Craig Groeschel examines the problems of living in a selfie-centered world and gives Christ-followers five biblical values to help them restore contentment, intimacy, authenticity, compassion, and rest. Please see the seat pocket insert for more information and to register for the class!
- Get ready to spring forward... Daylight Savings Time BEGINS on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- We apologize, the **Here We Grow Total Income and Expenses** were reported incorrectly on the Dashboard last Sunday. Correct Total Income is \$583,891.52 and correct Total Expense is \$385,472.36.

## Good Friday, Easter and Seder Meal information

Easter is a critical time to have important conversations with friends and family about the Gospel. We have several opportunities for you this Easter season to celebrate our Risen Savior and to share the Gospel with others.

Good Friday Services - This year, we are having services on Good Friday (March 25<sup>th</sup>) to help spur on those conversations. We'll host two services in the evening at 6:30 pm (with children's ministry for infants to age 5) and 8:00 pm (no children's ministry). Dan Jarvis from Life Action will be speaking at these services. This will be a free, ticketed event so we have an idea on how many to anticipate. Please visit the Welcome Center Kiosk today to pick up your tickets.

**Easter Services** - We will be celebrating Easter on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have our normal three Sunday morning services. Pick up invite cards and pass them out to your unsaved family, friends and co-workers who need to hear about the Gospel! Invite cards are available today at the tables located in the Worship Center as well as at the Welcome Center Kiosk.

Passover Seder Meal - Levi and Stephanie Hazen will be leading a Passover Seder for us on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. This promises to be a great evening of meaningful fun as we celebrate the journey of Israel out of Egypt and the ultimate fulfillment of the true Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ, who leads us out of slavery to sin and into eternal life. Every item of food carries meaning in this celebration! Tickets are \$8 each person with a \$40 maximum for a family. You must RSVP by March 21<sup>st</sup>. Learn more about the meal and register to join us by checking out the seat pocket cards.

**Evangelism Bibles** - Do you know of someone who needs to be told about Jesus but you could use some help leading them through the salvation message? Pick up a free Evangelism Bible at the Welcome Center Kiosk today! This a great tool to clearly share the Gospel with someone. We simply ask that if you don't use it to simply return it so someone else can.