SEPTEMBER 2015

connecting the people & ministries of crossroads

WAY OF LIFE CLASS

Beginning the journey of discovering and growing to maturity and mission in Christ

Our desire is that every person who calls Crossroads home would be committed to growing personally in Jesus, connecting relationally with other believers in this local body, and living the mission of Jesus here, there, and everywhere. If you are ready to commit to live out this covenant or would like to learn more about this way of life we would invite you to participate in the Way of Life class. Classes will be held weekly, beginning on September 13 through October 4 during the Connecting Community hour (9:30 — 10:30). This class replaces the former membership class at Crossroads. Pastor Matt will give an overview of the gospel way of life on week one. Week two will equip you with tools to grow personally. Week three is all about connecting relationally with others in Crossroads and week number four will help you discern your "shape" for ministry and mission.

**Pre-register as soon as possible to receive class materials by calling the office or going to crossroadswauseon.org. Click on the "about" tab, the "Way of Life" tab, and follow the instructions there.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Hebrews was written to address the very real issues faced by Jewish Christian in AD 70, the persecution and pressure of advancing with what God was doing - a new and better thing in Christ - or reverting to their comfort zone of old attachments and patterns. Those same pressures still exist for Christians today. Hebrews encourages believers to continue (advance) with God in faith by learning to hear him speak and continuing to respond to Jesus. Let us advance in our faith by believing God is doing something better than we think - better than it seems - in our lives and context. Join us for the next several weeks as we learn relevant practical ways to advance in our faith.

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

September 6 The Seed Principle (Kevin Clark)

September 13 Hebrews 1:1-3 (Matt Boyers)

September 20 Hebrews 1:4 - 2 (Matt Strader)

September 27 Hebrews 3:1-19 (Matt Boyers)

THANK YOU!

You are an AMAZING church family Crossroads. Amanda and I cannot express our thanks enough for the love and support we have received from each of you over the past months as we've transitioned into Adrian. The number of gift cards we have received and the love expressed in them this month is absolutely humbling. Continue to pray for us as we do the hard work of starting over relationally - loving God, loving people, and trusting Him to form another powerful expression of his local church in Adrian.

Grateful to call Crossroads Family,
Nate & Amanda Hamblin & the boys

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - PRAYER

"Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it." 1Corinthians 12:27

Please pray for:

- Safety for the children and volunteers
- Unity among the teachers and volunteers
- Receptive hearts to the truth of God's Word
- Godly relationships would be formed between the children and volunteers
- Strength, patience, discernment, and joy, for volunteers, as they work with the children
- Hearts of unchurched parents
- A ministry that would glorify Jesus and point others to Him

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ROOM CHANGES

Starting Sunday, September 6th the following Connecting Communities will change locations:

- -Faithbuilders to the conference room (by the chapel)
- -H:10 to the dining room (in the tile lobby)
- -The Preserve to the Crossing Arcade

All others will remain in their current rooms.

2015 CROSSROADS NAPOLEON DR TRIP

Crossroads Napoleon will be sending a team to the Dominican Republic the week of November 14 - 21, 2015. There will be surgical, medical, and construction teams going. At this time construction team people are needed. Approximate costs are \$700-\$800 in airfare to Santo Domingo & \$700 for lodging, meals, and transportation etc. Some financial aid is available for Crossroads attendees. For more information, contact team leaders Doug and Terri Lindsey (419-341-9749 or osulindsey@gmail.com).

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Small groups at Crossroads are intended to connect people in Christ-centered relationships focused on applying the Bible to daily life. There are lots of different types of groups, but at their core, all of them are groups of 6-12 people who meet together regularly to pray for each other, love one another (by living out the Biblical "one another's") and to apply the Bible to daily life together. If you are interested in joining a small group, please contact Darla Rupp or visit www.crossroadswauseon.org/connect/adults.

2016 CROSSROADS WAUSEON DR TRIP

Crossroads will send a team to the Dominican Republic through Solid Rock Missions the week of February 18-26, 2016. There will be an initial informational meeting on Friday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Dining Room. It won't take more than an hour and does not commit you to go. If you have any interest in coming with us this year, please come to this meeting or contact Tony Uribes with your questions at turibes@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FOR ADULTS

Each week, men and women will spend the evenings meeting with Jesus through scriptural engagement, while inviting the Holy Spirit to convict, transform, and grow us in Christlikeness.

MEN (MAN UP): Conference Room (down the hall by the chapel).

WOMEN (STEP BY STEP): Dining Room (in the tile lobby).

**Both groups meet from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE RETREAT

Miracle Camp's Marriage Retreat is approaching quickly! This year, couples will learn about how men and women, so very different from each other, can come together in a delightful marriage that lasts. The Bible indicates that husbands and wives need not only tolerate their differences but can actually value and delight in differences. This retreat, lead by Matt & Lanita Boyers, will help married couples understand, appreciate and maximize their differences for their joy and the glory of God who created marriage and our gender differences. As always, this annual retreat will include laughter, intimate time away, biblical content and powerful life changing stories from real couples trying to make marriage work.

Two weekends are available: October 30 - November 1 and November 13 - 15. Cost is \$298 per couple (partial scholarships are available through the church office). Register on line at www.miraclecamp.com/marriage to reserve your spot!

MIRACLE CAMP-FREE OF CHARGE!

Miracle Camp is chartering buses to transport senior citizens to camp for a whole day in October! They realize that there are many who have not been to camp for years and are hoping that you will take this opportunity to spend the day with them and see how the place has changed! Buses will depart Archbold Evangelical Church at 7:00 a.m. and will return at 7:00 p.m. on October 3rd. All meals are provided. There will be NO CHARGE for either meals OR transportation! Please call Miracle Camp at 269-624-6161 to reserve your spot on the bus BEFORE SEPTEMBER 19TH!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF

Wednesday Nights begin on **September 16th!**

6:15 p.m. Pizza

6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Classes

Something for ALL ages!

Kids ages nursery through 5th grade can be pre-registered in the lobby on Sunday mornings leading up to September 16th. Thank you, parents, for filling out these forms once again for the upcoming school year!

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH TAILGATE

Junior and Senior High students and parents are invited to Reighard Park on Friday, September 25th for a tailgate party! We'll kick things off at 5:00 p.m. and have an awesome night of games, free food and drinks until the kickoff.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEEDS

BENEFIT FOR THANE WOOLEY

A special benefit for Thane will be held on Sunday, September 27th at 4:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall in Defiance (111 Elliot Road). The benefit will include a meal, an auction and musical performances by local artists. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased before September 21st at Ace Hardware, Wauseon, Bill's Sports Center, Wauseon or The Corner Gallery, Archbold. Contact Marlene Huber at 419-445-8161 or a Wooley family member for more information. **If you cannot attend but would like to offer support, checks can be made to "Trees of Life" and sent to Deb Weisgerber at 1051 Wayne Ave, Defiance OH 43512.

SARA'S GARDEN FUNDRAISER

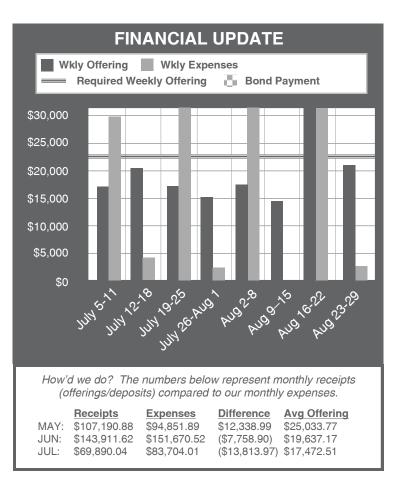
Construction of the new handicap accessible playground at Sara's Garden is almost complete! You can help support the project by purchasing a personalized paver in the patio surrounding the playground. This is a great way to honor family, friends, organizations or businesses! For further information visit www.SarasGarden.org or call Jackie Rice at 419-335-7272 ext. 202.

ADULTS IN ADRIAN WHO CAN'T READ

Ever been interested in helping someone learn to read? There is a significant percentage of adults in Adrian who are functionally illiterate - meaning their reading level is below that of a 2nd grader. Pastor Nate has met with the leadership of the Adrian Rea Literacy Center and wanted Crossroads to be aware of a free 12 hour certified training workshop being offered Sept 25-26 (Fri: 5-9pm; Sat 8am-4pm) on Siena Height's Campus in Adrian. If you have any interest in developing a tutoring relationship with someone in contact Adrian. please Nate nbhamblin@gmail.com. Or register with the Literacy Center directly - 517-266-4260; adrianrealiteracy.org.

NECESSARY CONVERSATIONS

A special presentation on the importance of conversations between adult children and their aging parents. Gerald and Marlene Kaufman, co-authors of the book, *Necessary Conversations*, draw from nearly 40 years as counselors to offer practical suggestions for dealing with the difficult topics of finances, medical care, driving and living arrangements. Presentations will be held Sunday, September 13th at 5:00 p.m. and Monday, September 14th at 10:00 a.m. at Fairlawn Chapel in Archbold. For more information call 419-445-3075 or go to fairlawnarchbold.com.



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County is currently accepting applications for NEW CONSTRUCTION and EXISTING HOME REPAIR partner families, through September 30, 2105. Habitat for Humanity gives a Hand UP not a Hand OUT to people willing to work for what they need. If you would like to learn more or get involved in anyway, please at Heidi Kern 419-335-7000 contact director@habitatfco.org.

CPC WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE WALKATHON & FAMILY FUN DAY

The CPC Women's Health Resource has scheduled their annual Walkathon fundraiser and family fun day on Saturday, September 19th. 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. at MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena in Bryan. For more information or to register for the walkathon, contact Gina at 419-636-5692 or email gina@cpcnwo.org.

*Any submissions for the Oct. *Link* should be turned into the office by <u>Wed, Oct. 28th, 2015.</u>

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

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Todd Armstrong
Winston Fricke
Brenda Lippert
Samantha Martin
Vickie Stone
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Carson Fenicle
Justin Reckner
Cody Sheller
Alexis Sintobin
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Jettie Burget
Doug Nafziger
Connie Stoll
5
Levi Damman
6
Drew Krall

7 Laura Karl Peggy Wood Melanie Yoder
Tony Kile Ben Mosier
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Glenn Hudspeath 12
Janet Burget Peggy Christman
Cindy Evans Melissa Stutzman
Mike Zimmerman
Marcus Miller Ishai Mosier
Abigail Wilson

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Andrew Micham
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Matthew Froelich
Curt Jones
Shannon Leu
Will Yoder
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Mike O'Neill
Hope Wood
Ethan Woodard
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Frank Ziehm
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Heidi Schlatter
Charlene Yoder
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Brock Mealer Esther Rettig

Zeb Siefker

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Sue Coll
Russ Reiser
Jean Tilton
23
Benjamin Hartmar
Morgan Murry
L.T. Sugg
Brady Swartz
Ryan Yackee
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Kelly Borton
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Scott Garlinger
Abby Pennington
Beverly Pettengill
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Sarah Bennett
Darla Rupp

Zeph Siefker

Meghan Thompson

27 Katie Bronson Karen Lugbill Alexis Reber
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Alexis Rebei
Salina Santiago
Maggie Sugg
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Katelyn Britenriker
Kenlee Bronson
Michael Harman
Jack Simon
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Nathan Buchhop
Trent Thomas
Myriah Wooley
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Megan Gilders
Kim Murry
Carla Reber

Katalya Cuttan

ANNIVERSARIES

^ 25 - 49 years * 50 years <u>or MORE</u>

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Sept 1	Jeremy & Nicky Grime
	Larry & Barb Zimmerman
Sept 4	Matt & Janna Mennetti
	Matt & Kerry Morris
	Joe & Kelly Munger^
Sept 10	Junior & Joan Vance*
Sept 16	Frank & Sue Soellner
Sept 17	Jim & Carolyn Miller^
	Terry & Vickie Stone
Sept 18	Randy & Gwen Wills^
Sept 19	Joe & Laura Rodriguez
Sept 22	Adam & Paige Froelich
Sept 24	Dallas & MaryBeth Guilford/
Sept 25	Justin & Linde Knierim
Sept 27	Larry & DeAnn Frey^
	Brian & Julie Schaffner^
Sept 29	Jim & Beth Holman [^]

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