

PARENTING WITH GRACE AND DISCIPLINE

The Bible isn't a manual on parenting. You can't look under "D" for "discipline" or "T" for "toddlers." The Bible is a story — the story of God's salvation. It tells the story of the creation of the world, the rebellion of humanity, the promises God made to Israel and the coming of God's Son, Jesus. It tells us how God designed the world, what's gone wrong and how God is putting the world right again through Jesus.

This class, held on Sundays (March 6–20) from 9:30-10:30 a.m., will show how this wonderful story intersects with the story of your family. The Bible's story can become the story of what God designed your family to be, what goes wrong in your family and how God can put your family right again through His Son, Jesus. Good parenting is not about adopting certain techniques. It's about living as part of God's story and letting God's good news shape your values, attitudes and behavior.

****If possible, pre-register by calling the office or going to www.crossroadswauseon/connect. Then click "sign up to connect".**

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 Sundays, February 7–28 during the Connecting Community hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.). This class will give an overview of the gospel way of life, equip you with tools to grow personally, help you connect relationally with others in Crossroads, and discern your "shape" for ministry and mission.

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

MARRIAGE RETREAT

This April, couples will have the opportunity to 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 brief retreat, led by Matt and Lanita and their team, 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. Sessions will be held in the chapel Friday evening, April 22 and Saturday, April 23 throughout the day. The cost is \$25 per couple. More details will be available soon.

5TH TUESDAY PRAYER

A message from Pastor Matt...

Some may not be aware that every time there is a 5th Tuesday of the month the pastors, staff, leaders and praying people of Crossroads gather to pray for the missional initiatives of Crossroads Church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this strategic time of prayer. The next 5th Tuesday prayer is Tuesday night, March 29th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This prayer time is extremely important given some recent developments with the Basque Team, Upcoming Pastor's Training Conferences in India and progress with the Adrian Initiative. We'll also be praying for Ashley Freytag in Mali and for her transition back to Wauseon for a 9 month North American assignment. So please join us. We need to bathe these missional pursuits in prayer.

SUNDAYS IN MARCH

March 6	Under Pressure: Mark 14:27-31 (Nate Hamblin)
March 13	Under Pressure: Mark 14:32-42 (Tyler Quillet)
March 20	Under Pressure: Mark 14:43-65 (Matt Strader)
March 27	Under Pressure: Mark 16:1-8 (Matt Boyers)

CHILDREN'S SENSORY ROOM

Our sensory room is now available for children with special needs. Please consider becoming a member of this service team. Contact Sensory Classroom Coordinator, Jessica Dunlap 614-551-0053 to volunteer.

MAN CAMP

Men, it's time to reserve your spot for a great weekend at Miracle Camp. Crossroads' men plan to attend Man Camp weekend 3, April 8-10, 2016. Register directly at www.miraclecamp.com

and list "Crossroads" as your roommate option. Spots are limited, so register early! Financial assistance is available by calling the office.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendar for this year's Women's Retreat, April 29-May 1, 2016. This women's conference is full of workshops, indoor and outdoor activities, and relaxing massages. There is great Bible teaching, passionate worship, and opportunities for you to connect with other women. Register directly at www.miraclecamp.com and list "Crossroads" as your roommate option. Spots are limited, so register early! Financial assistance is available by calling the office.



OPEN HEARTS MINISTRIES

Open Hearts Ministry is an international ministry for those desiring to learn biblical ways to journey towards recovery from the damage of life's wounds (specifically neglect through all forms of abuse). A 12 week group will begin in April, depending on interest. Contact the church office for more information.

COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING

On Saturday, April 30th, there will be a meeting for anyone interested in maintaining a garden plot this summer. The meeting will be held in the Crossroads lobby from 10:00 a.m. until noon. You may choose your garden plot (10'x20' or 20'x20') and receive helpful gardening information at that time. Individuals and/or families, even small groups, are welcome to sign up for a plot on which to grow fruits and vegetables for your own use or to give away. Participants are required to follow guidelines and care for the land. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the church office or David Smith at 419-337-7634.

GARDEN TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

In order to offer the community garden this year, our Garden Team is in need of a few more members to help with organization and care this summer. If this is something you enjoy and would be willing to help, please contact Donna Smith at 419-337-7634.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is a nation wide ministry that helps people find healing from all of their "Hurts, Habits and Hang Ups" in a safe place with Christ and the change only He can bring as the focus. CR seeks to help people heal from a wide variety of abuse and addictions including: chemical dependency, codependency, eating disorders and food addictions, past physical or emotional abuse, anger issues, addiction to being in a relationship, and more. Informational brochures are available on the bench display in the lobby. CR meets every Thursday evening from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in the Way of Life room.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

VBS SAVE THE DATE!!

VBS in the Park planning has already begun! Before you begin to plan out your summer vacations, be sure to mark off July 17-21, 2016 to ensure that your children (completed grades K-5) won't miss out and that you are able to help serve during this fun week of ministry! Looking forward to watching God use the people of Crossroads in the lives of our community again this year!

MIRACLE CAMP SUMMER CAMP!

Believe it or not, there's no better time than right now to start planning to send your child to summer camp. Miracle Camp and their amazing staff of counselors offer campers a high energy, fun-filled week of spiritual growth for kids entering grades 2 through 12. However, the cost of a week at camp can be expensive. We'd encourage you to begin putting aside money for this purpose right now and to think of creative ways to help your child raise the required funds (babysitting, mowing lawns, snow shoveling, work around the house, etc). To further help offset the costs, we're happy to partner with you through a **partial scholarship** to make sure your kids don't miss an opportunity to deepen their knowledge of Jesus. These weeks fill up fast, so be sure to check out miraclecamp.com for details on summer camp and to register your child. For information on scholarships, please contact Matt Strader.

THANK YOU!

We sincerely thank you for your generous decision to continue to support Solid Rock's REVOLUTION project. We are truly thankful for the many ways your church has chosen to become involved with this project that will be used to touch and change so many lives. We are so very grateful for all that you have done and continue to do! Be blessed!

Joe and Shannon Zimmerman, Solid Rock

I just wanted to thank everyone for the care package. That was so awesome! It made my day! It means a lot to a college student that can't afford snacks! You guys are great! Thank you again!

Kevin Boyers

Just writing all of you a thank you note for all of your support through prayers, letters, cards, and visits which hardly seems adequate. I received over 20 Christmas cards even from a few I have never met! I very much appreciate your willingness and effort to reach out to me. And being that I enjoy being creative, I love receiving the beautiful cards! It warms and touches my heart to be continually reminded that I am thought of. Your prayers have been fruitful. I would say my relationship is very close with the Lord right now and am becoming more bold in my witness—thanks to all of you and your faithful service to Him! I am fortunate to be part of such a loving body of believers with huge servant hearts! I love and miss you all. Again, your many kindnesses are deeply appreciated!

Candy Sherman

Thank you so much for the Valentine's Box! It was such a great surprise! It makes me feel really good to know that my Crossroads family thinks of me even while I'm away at college! - Krista Theirry

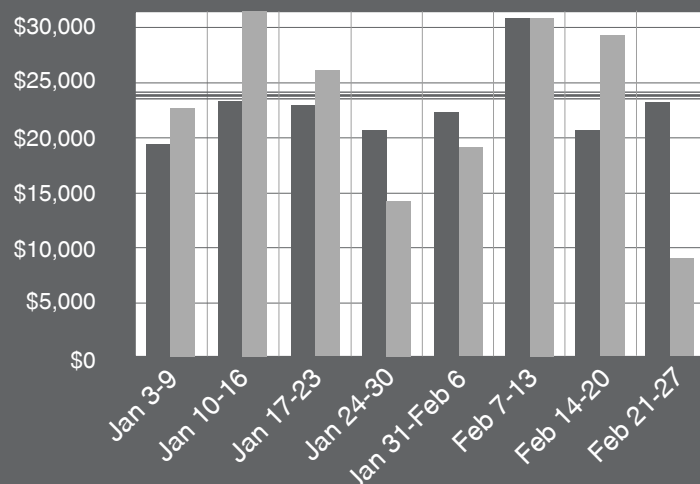
I am so blessed to have a church family like you! Thank you so much for sending me a Valentine's package. It was so unexpected and such a great reminder of all the people at home praying and thinking of me. You all are always going above and beyond for our church and I want you to know how much it is appreciated! - Sarah Ballmer

I just wanted to let the church body know that I appreciated the care package! It's always exciting to get mail at college! Thanks! - Megan Beck

Thank you and Crossroads for the gift box! It was super thoughtful (especially the homemade cookies!).
- Brooke and Bailey Hardy

FINANCIAL UPDATE

■ Wkly Offering ■ Wkly Expenses
===== Required Weekly Offering ■ Bond Payment



How'd we do? The numbers below represent monthly receipts (offerings/deposits) compared to our monthly expenses.

	Receipts	Expenses	Difference	Avg Offering
NOV:	\$155,148.04	\$82,378.50	\$72,769.54	\$30,460.77
DEC:	\$96,790.17	\$109,613.49	(\$12,823.32)	\$23,916.54
JAN:	\$106,145.15	\$92,313.73	\$13,831.42	\$21,702.50

Thank you for the Valentine's care package. Thank you all for the love and support over the years. I am blessed to be a part of this church family. God Bless!

Winter Fricke

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEEDS

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

Due to fires, floods and storms these last few years in the United States, there is a great need for volunteers to clean up, repair and rebuild. For more information on Mennonite Disaster Services and how you can be involved, contact Vernon Oyer at 419-335-3447.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

You are invited to Shiloh Christian Union Church (2100 County Road 5, Delta) for a Women's conference titled "Joy in the Journey". The conference will be held Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join us as we learn and grow in our understanding of the Savior and the joy he brings to our journey! For more information call 419-822-4261.

***Any submissions for the April *Link* should be turned into the office by Wed, March 30, 2016.**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

1 Addison Cook	8 Sarah Ballmer	14 Kevin Boyers	20 Sam Beck	Amy Warncke
2 Zoe Siefker	Carson Burget	15 Jillian Martin	21 Nate Hamblin	25 Angie Behnfeldt
3 Delight Fricke	Jim Moden	Eunice Oyer	RuthAnn Kast	Sid Ramirez
Brannon Wurster	9 Elyse Mosier	Max Rufenacht	Mackayla Kearney	Andrea Robinson
4 Matt Stump	10 Elizabeth Garlinger	Cherie Schenck	Collin Sintobin	26 Fawn Hartman
Lincoln Tester	Timothy Rettig, Jr.	Greg Wells	22 Ashley Zimmerman	Toby Spengler
Mike Thompson	Sid Siebert	16 Blake Hitchcock	23 Aaron Brazier	27 Sage Marshall
5 Josh Beck	11 Matt Boyers	Leisa Onweller	Bobbie Jo Duncan	29 Nicky Grime
Larry Conrad	Kerry Morris	Wade Wooley	Rachel Jagodzinski	Renee Quillet
Revie Stevens	12 Angie Bernicke	Brogan Zeigler	Elijah Seibel	Lance Ramirez
6 Tessa Herring	Sherrie Heldman	Landon Zunk	Micah Strader	30 Jaret McDermott
Anneli Shaw	Scott Sugg	18 Vicki Miller	24 Jessica Dunlap	David Saffell
Jake Yoder	13 Jacob Buchhop	Jensi Shaw	Audrey Fricke	31 Railey Boyers
Larry Zimmerman	Tyler Deck	Barbara Weis	Helen Lead	Megan Brazier
7 Benjamin Morris	Elizabeth Flores	Barb Zimmerman	Andy Roth	
Lindy Zeigler		19 Madyson Yackee	Joan Vance	

ANNIVERSARIES

^ 25 - 49 years * 50 years or MORE

Mar 4	Joe & Jamie Beck
Mar 6	Olen & Mary Ann Stutzman*
Mar 16	Ron & Jean Hefflinger
Mar 28	Don & Peggy Wood^
Mar 31	Zachary & Ashley Franz

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-If your anniversary is not listed or is incorrect,
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