

BYLAW REVISION VOTE

In the interest of clarity and consistency, the elders of Crossroads are recommending a statement reflecting our commitment to biblical marriage be added to our Church bylaws. Any change in the bylaws requires an affirmation of the membership which will occur following the services on Sunday, May 15. The elders are only recommending one change to the bylaws at this time, the addition of the following paragraph:

Statement on Marriage and Sexuality

As first described in Genesis and later affirmed by Jesus (Matthew 19:4-6), marriage is a God-ordained, covenant relationship between a man and a woman. This lifelong, sexually exclusive union brings children into the world and thus sustains the stewardship of the earth. Biblical marriage – marked by faithfulness, sacrificial love and joy – displays the relationship between God and his people (Ephesians 5:32). Any sexual activity outside of biblical marriage is contrary to God's will and design (1 Corinthians 6:18-20). This includes sexual activity before marriage, between members of the same gender, with multiple partners, or outside of the species. Crossroads Evangelical Church is committed to upholding biblical marriage within our membership and advocating biblical marriage within our culture.

This affirmation will be for members only immediately following the services on May 15. If you are a member, please read this statement carefully and be prepared to respond on May 15th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Matt or any of the elders. Thank you.

MIRACLE CAMP TABLE

Pick up information about sending your child to summer camp this year at the Miracle Camp table in the main lobby! Brochures, transportation sign-ups, and scholarship forms are all available. ***Scholarship forms are due to Matt Strader by Sunday, May 29th.*

SUNDAYS IN MAY

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| May 1 | Empowered: Acts 2:42-47 (Tyler Quillet) |
| May 8 | Empowered: John 14 (Matt Boyers) |
| May 15 | Empowered: Ephesians 5:18 (Caleb Barrows) |
| May 22 | Youth Sunday (Matt Strader) |
| May 29 | Baptism and Worship Service |

BAPTISM SERVICE

On Sunday, May 29th we will celebrate the new life in Christ for many in our church body through baptism! So that all can celebrate these lives being changed, we will be offering 2 identical services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the auditorium. There will be no 8:30 a.m. service in the chapel and no Connecting Communities that day.

CROSSROADS CAFÉ

If you are new or feeling disconnected here at Crossroads, we invite you to stop by the new Café before or after services for information on taking the next step of connecting at Crossroads or simply to meet new people. Join us any Sunday from 10:00-10:30 a.m. to learn more about the ministries of Crossroads and how you can connect here. The Hospitality Team is excited to meet you!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Over the past 9 months, we have offered 4 different Way of Life classes. If you attended those classes, you are now invited to Way of Life class #5. This class will be held on Sunday, May 8, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Way of Life classroom and is informational in nature for those of you who may be interested in formally becoming a member of Crossroads Church. It will cover things such as doctrine, history, how leadership teams works, the basics of the Crossroads budget, etc. If you are interested in attending this class, please RSVP to Darla Rupp at drupp@crossroadswauseon.org as soon as possible for set up purposes.

APPRECIATION MEAL

If you volunteered in any way with our Wednesday Night Children's Ministry this year, you are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Meal on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Come to enjoy a home cooked meal while we review the year and look forward to next fall! Childcare is provided.

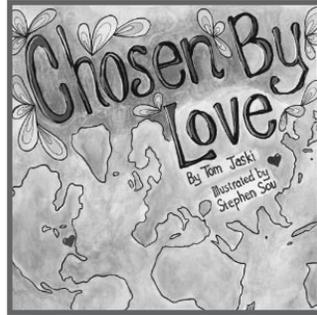
MORE NEW LIBRARY ITEMS

Be sure to stop by the church library to check out some of the great new items available for kids, teens and adults! Some of the items this month include:

For Kids—

Chosen By Love

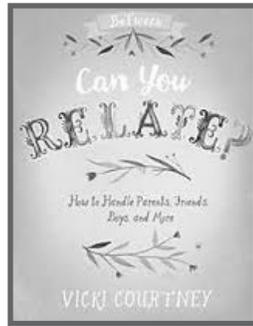
Adoption is both a gift and a blessing, but it can also come with difficulties. In "Chosen By Love", young Chloe experiences ridicule from other kids because she is adopted. Seizing the opportunity, Chloe's mom shares a secret with her that helps Chloe see just how special adoption is and how it points to an even bigger blessing!



For Teens—

Can You Relate?

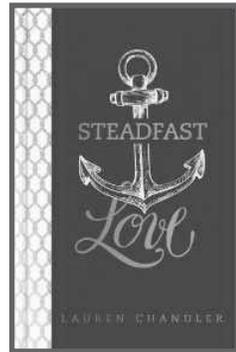
In the classroom, on the team, at the dinner table, online – you share your life with a lot of people. Best selling author, Vickie Courtney, offers just-what-you-need advice on handling and growing relationships with parents, friends, boys, and everyone else who fills your day.



For Adults—

Steadfast Love

There are times when worship overflows easily and effortlessly from a heart full of gratitude and praise. Yet, there are other times when God seems far and we can feel we have nothing to offer. We are tired, thirsty, or imprisoned by our own devices, or caught in the waves of a tumultuous sea. This is when God shows us His steadfast love.



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

God intends us to be people who are moving toward each other in community as we are "being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit" (Ephesians 2:22). If you desire deeper relationships within the body of Crossroads, we encourage you to prayerfully consider checking out one of our adult Connecting Communities, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Communities meet weekly to deepen their relationship with Christ and each other. For help finding a community that is the "right fit", contact Pastor Tyler.

MISSIONARY ADDRESSES

Cards of encouragement or small gifts may be sent to our young missionaries at the addresses below.

Ashley Freytag

Mission Evangelical Protestant / GMU
BP149

26005 Kedougou
Senegal, West Africa

Courtney Mosier

San Lorenzo 51

1 DR

20560 Onati (Gipuzkoa)
Spain

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

The end of the school year is almost here!! On Sunday, June 5th, all children will be promoted to their new Sunday school classes based on the grade they will enter this fall. Junior High and Senior High students will also be promoted to participate in any summer youth activities.

MIRACLE CAMP SUMMER CAMP!

If you're considering sending your child to Summer Camp, now is the time to register them as the weeks are filling up fast! 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. To 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. Check out miraclecamp.com for details on summer camp and to register your child. For information on scholarships, please contact Matt Strader.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEEDS

ADRIEL “FOSTERWARE” PARTY

Adriel Foster Care and Adoption Agency will offer an informal informational meeting for those who may have questions about foster / adoption. The meeting will be held on Monday, May 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the new Café space. Call the Crossroads office to rsvp or for more information.

JULY 4TH FIREWORK FUNDRAISERS

Please show your support by eating at the locations on the dates listed below. These businesses will donate a percentage of their sales to help fund the Wauseon Fireworks celebration on Monday, July 4th at Biddle Park.

Thursday, May 12 - Los Mariachis (15% of sales)
11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Monday, May 16 - Tano’s Pizza (10% of sales)
11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 - Burger King (20% of sales)
2:00-6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 6 - McDonald’s (20% of sales)
11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 13 - Marco’s Pizza (15% of sales)
4:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 19 - Tiny’s (free will donation)
11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 3 - Chicken BBQ @ Biddle Park
11:00 a.m. until gone (\$7.50 per plate)

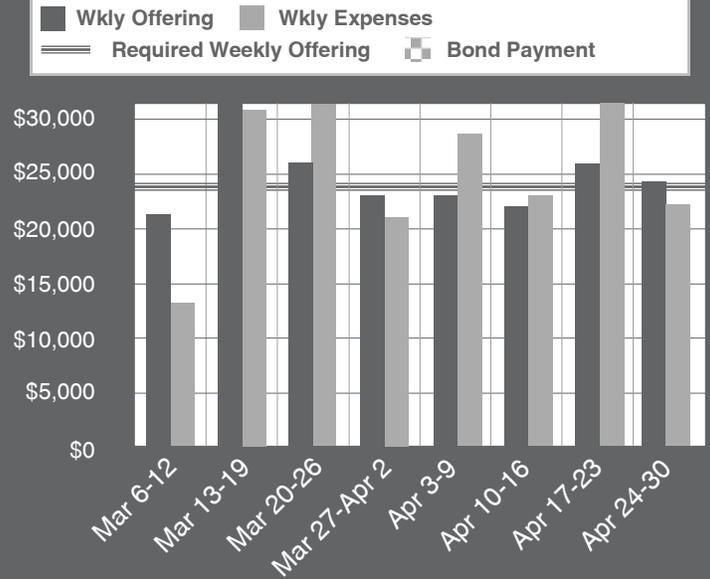
RELAY FOR LIFE USED BOOK SALE

The Relay for Life Used Book Sale needs donations of clean used books, DVDs, CDs, board games, and jig-saw puzzles. Bring your donated items to the collection box located in the chapel lobby at Crossroads. For pick-up call Sanders at 419-337-4394. The book sale will be June 9 through June 11 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds.

PRESCHOOL JOB OPENING

Emmaus Christian Preschool in Wauseon is in search of a Preschool Teacher/Administrator for the 2016-2017 school year. The teacher/Administrator is accountable to the Preschool Board for carrying out policies established by the board, implementing a curriculum that is age appropriate for the children and meets the stated purpose of the Preschool, among other teaching preschool duties. Applicants must have completed at least 2 years of training in an accredited college. The school year is from July 1st -

FINANCIAL UPDATE



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

| | Receipts | Expenses | Difference | Avg Offering |
|------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| FEB: | \$96,879.88 | \$75,425.92 | \$21,453.96 | \$24,077.07 |
| MAR: | \$103,187.03 | \$107,217.48 | (\$4,030.45) | \$25,914.51 |
| APR: | \$91,625.26 | \$111,067.89 | (\$19,442.63) | \$23,878.82 |

June 30th. Please prayerfully consider joining their Pre-school family. Interested candidates should send a resume to:

Emmaus Lutheran Church
Attention: Preschool Board Members
841 N. Shoop Avenue
Wauseon, OH 43567

MUSIC, TESTIMONY AND FILM

On Friday, May 6th, there will be a pre-screening of the new Christian film, “Alison’s Choice”, an amazing story of a young girl who is pregnant and finds herself in a Women’s clinic. The film has a powerful message of God’s love for His children, as well as His mercy and heart break over aborted babies. Presenting the film that evening with testimony and a musical performance will be song writer and musical artist Caitlin Jane. The event will take place at 7:00 p.m. at The Back Bay in Pettisville (400 Commercial Street). Please direct any questions to Kim Lauber at 419-583-9897.

***Any submissions for the June *Link* should be turned into the office by Wed, May 25, 2016.**

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

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| 2 Elizabeth Reber Joel Schroeder | 9 Blake Kuntz | 17 Chase Murry Beth Nafziger | 24 Alicia Rutledge | 30 Kylee Vershum |
| 3 Winter Fricke Courtney Meyer | 10 Ron Burget Hallie Woodard | 19 Jesse Carter Justin Knierim | 26 Janna Mennetti Joshua Wilson Jacob Wilson | 31 Elizabeth Shannon Nathan Wonderly |
| 4 Michael Christman | 11 Dave Heckerman Greg Quillet | 20 Amy Seibel Carter Uribes | 27 Isaac Ballmer Luke Boyers Eli Hamblin | |
| 5 Emily Franklin Betty Grieser Jaxson King | 13 Doug Evans | 21 Cliff Macklin Melissa Mann | 28 Matt Gerig Kevin Hardy Owen Jagodzinski Tina Jones Shawn Ramirez Darrah Kate Shaw | |
| 6 Terry Johnson | 15 Robert Brazier Marel Harris Marvin Rittenhouse | 22 Dave Armstrong Sharon McCarley Wally Meiring Candy Sherman Shelby Swartz | 29 Amy Nulph | |
| 7 Jude Boyers Tamera Schmunk Gloria Thompson | 16 Ed Meier | 23 Kyra Blosser | | |
| 8 Grant Knierim Kevin Kreiner | | | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

^ 25 - 49 years * 50 years or MORE

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| May 3 | Jim & Tamera Schmunk |
| May 5 | Jeff & Karen Lugbill Jarred & Linde Zeigler |
| May 6 | Mike & Robin Knierim^ |
| May 8 | Mike & Diana Burkholder Michael & Peggy Christman Jeff & Sid Siebert |
| May 9 | Kevin & Deb Micham |
| May 10 | Greg & Deb Perkins |
| May 12 | Roger & Fawn Hartman^ |
| May 15 | Bill & Kelly Hitchcock |
| May 16 | Chris & Jamie Evans Doug & Wanda Nafziger^ |
| May 18 | Matt & Lanita Boyers^ |
| May 20 | John & Beth Nafziger |
| May 24 | Jared & Kacie Wanemacher |
| May 25 | Tyler & Cathie Quillet Ryan & Jackie Yackee |
| May 27 | Mick & Katelyn Britenriker |
| May 29 | Chuck & Sharon Riegsecker* |
| May 31 | Lawrence & Leisa Onweller^ Levi & Rachel Stuckey |

-If your anniversary is not listed or is incorrect, please contact the church office for corrections.

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