



Love, Connect and Serve on the Journey with Christ

sundays at 8:15 & 9:45

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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 digital *Connection Card*.

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. Online giving is also available on our website at www.crossroadsefc.com

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...

- 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).
- Misplaced something? If so, please check the Welcome Kiosk for lost & found items.

In order to make our services available online as well as in other locations, and for marketing purposes, photography and video recordings may take place while you're here at Crossroads. Your presence signifies your consent for Crossroads Church to use your image. Thank you for your cooperation.

faith community nursing

Remember that the Apostle Paul suffered from a "thorn in his flesh" that he begged God to take from him? But God said, no, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor 12:7-9) This was a great revelation to Paul. It was actually a blessing from God to see God's strength and to show the world that Christ is better than health or even life! THAT was Paul's joy.

"The coronavirus pandemic is the experience of loss - from the smallest loss of convenience to the greatest loss of life. And if we know the secret of Paul's joy, we may experience the loss as gain." (Excerpt from '*Coronavirus and Christ*', by John Piper)

"I learned He never gives a thorn without this added grace, He takes the thorn to pin aside the veil which hides His face.

From "*The Thorn*" by Martha Snell Nicholson.

announcements

- **Dive Student Ministry resumes on August 9th!** We'll welcome our new 7th graders and launch into the new school year together! For more info, head to www.crossroadsefc.com/youth and read our Parent Newsletter or Weekly Update. Parent of a new 7th grader this school year? New 7th grade families can stop by the student ministry bulletin board in the foyer (next to the men's restroom) and pick up a "Welcome to Dive" letter and don't forget to have your student join us on August 9th!
- **Children's Ministry and Preteen Videos Online Update** - Hey parents, is your family watching the Children's Ministry or Preteen videos online? Our license to use those videos now requires that we use a password. That password is "**crossroadskids**" for all of our children's and preteen online content!
- **Serve Opportunity** - Crossroads Church is looking for people who love God, love people, and are eager to see the next generation grow a vibrant and authentic faith! We have openings to serve in Nursery all the way up through High School right now. If you're interested in learning more about how you can join our team, go to www.crossroadsefc.com/children or www.crossroadsefc.com/youth and click the "Volunteer With Us" link. Fill out the brief interest form and one of our team members will follow up with you!
- **Rebroadcast of Sunday Services** - We're excited to let you know that we will now be rebroadcasting our 9:45 am service each Sunday at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm! Simply go to www.crossroadsefc.com and click on the "Watch Our Service Live" icon. We hope this will give our church family more flexibility to engage in our services each week. We will continue to post the message to our sermons page on Monday mornings, however this posting will only contain the message.

love reach - august projects has begun!

We started Love Reach with a bang yesterday! Our **Community Wide Food Drive** at Martin's and Kroger was a huge success. We're so grateful for all of our Crossroads volunteers who gave of their time and energy to collect donations and get them transported to the Marshall County Neighborhood Center. Thank you for blessing our community!

Today we're collecting **back-to-school supply kits** that will bless the students at Jefferson Elementary School. Our goal was 50 kits but due to the generosity of our church we will be dropping off 77 kits! Thank you! *If you forgot your kit this morning, please drop it off at the church office tomorrow morning.

This Wednesday we will provide **lunch to our neighbors at the Lighthouse Autism Center** as a way to encourage and show our appreciation for all that they do! Food items are to be dropped off at the church on Wednesday by 10:00 am. Thank you for helping us love on our neighbors!

sermon notes

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