Crossroads America

Connecting the Unconnected

***Breaking Barriers** to God; **Building Bridges** to one another; **Blessing Others** by serving.*

This Week
7.31.16

Sunday	**Crossroads gathers to worship**.....10am @ Prayer Garden
Wednesday	Real Band Practice.....7pm @ Tabernacle
Thursday	First Day of School for Effingham Co
Saturday	Raising the building .....7:00am @ Hayfield

F.Y.I.

THIS THURSDAY
School starts this week for Chatham and Effingham Counties. Thank you for providing two uniforms and school supplies for 5 students in our area.

NEXT SUNDAY
We invite all educators to join us for a challenge and blessing for the new school year during our service. Invite your educator friends to join us!

SATURDAY AUG. 13TH
All school campuses will be open for folks to pray over the school, faculty, staff and students for the coming school year. Historically Crossroads has gone to Marlow. You are encouraged to pray even if you cannot go.

We need some more helpers! If you will help use a communication card or contact **Brandy Dixon!**

Care Givers:
7.31.16 None Needed
8.7.16 Audrey/Barbara

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Ladies we are planning a one day retreat just for women. A day to meet new friends, renew old friendships and establish or reestablish a relationship with God.

Sweet Life Café
Where Women Savor Time With God

Tentatively we are looking at a Saturday in October! Interested? See Audrey Archer for the fine details!

Raising the Roof: You can see in the photo that the roof is on. We will be back at it Saturday, Aug. 6. We will work on the siding completion. See you at 7am until Noon!

Welcome to Crossroads Church!

There is an information card located on the back table near the door that will tell you about us. Please take one with you. It will help answer some of your questions and may spark more. Questions? That's great, ask away. But seeing is believing and you are already doing that. Come back and become a part by connecting with our family. We are so glad to see you!

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Series: Crazy Questions
Message: Where do we look?

Psalm 24:7-10 HCSB
7 Lift up your heads, you gates! Rise up, ancient doors! Then the King of glory will come in.
8 Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, you gates! Rise up, ancient doors! Then the King of glory will come in.
10 Who is He, this King of glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah Psalm 24:7-10 HCSB

***Christ Holds It All Together* Colossians 1:15-29 The Message**
15-18 We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

18-20 He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

21-23 You yourselves are a case study of what he does. At one time you all had your backs turned to God, thinking rebellious thoughts of him, giving him trouble every chance you got. But now, by giving himself completely at the Cross, actually dying for you, Christ brought you over to God's side and put your lives together, whole and holy in his presence. You don't walk away from a gift like that! You stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust, constantly tuned in to the Message, careful not to be distracted or diverted. There is no other Message—just this one. Every creature under heaven gets this same Message. I, Paul, am a messenger of this Message.

24-25 I want you to know how glad I am that it's me sitting here in this jail and not you. There's a lot of suffering to be entered into in this world—the kind of suffering Christ takes on. I welcome the chance to take my share in the church's part of that suffering. When I became a servant in this church, I experienced this suffering as a sheer gift, God's way of helping me serve you, laying out the whole truth.

26-29 This mystery has been kept in the dark for a long time, but now it's out in the open. God wanted everyone, not just Jews, to know this rich and glorious secret inside and out, regardless of their background, regardless of their religious standing. The mystery in a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you, so therefore you can look forward to sharing in God's glory. It's that simple. That is the substance of our Message. We preach Christ, warning people not to add to the Message. We teach in a spirit of profound common sense so that we can bring each person to maturity. To be mature is to be basic. Christ! No more, no less. That's what I'm working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me.

The Coming of the Son of Man Luke 21:25-28 HCSB
25 "Then there will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars; and there will be anguish on the earth among nations bewildered by the roaring sea and waves. 26 People will faint from fear and expectation of the things that are coming on the world, because the celestial powers will be shaken. 27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 But when these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near!"
Luke 21:25-28 HCSB

Financial 411!	JUNE '16
Monthly Budget	$4,775.15
Actual Gifts	$3,461.25
Monthly shortfall/surplus	($1,313.90)
2016 Budget YTD	$29,063.40
2016 Actual YTD	$25,273.55
Budget shortfall/surplus	$3,789.85