

Crossroads Church

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Christians passionately dedicated to impacting our world with God's love, one person at a time.

The rains of last evening have various Bible verses racing through my mind. It feels like the old VCR tapes where the strand of film keeps running through the rollers. When finished, it rewinds in fast order and starts all over again.

One of these verses in particular flashes in prominence. In Psalm 147.8 the writer announces, *"He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills."* What I find interesting about this verse is not first of all that this is a reason for the Psalmist to *"Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp."* (previous verse). Rather, what surprises me is the Psalmist's use of rain and clouds to accentuate our God as one who is not impressed with power, but is instead delighted (impressed) by those who fear Him, who trust in His unfailing love.

For some reason, just coming off one political convention and anticipating another next week, I find the Psalmist's reminder refreshing, renewing and inspiring.

I am tempted to write more; however, I think the above is enough to contemplate regardless of which political camp you find yourself.

Sunday

Sunday: This Sunday we continue our study of Paul's letter to the early Christian Church in Philippi. Our Scripture reading is from Philippians 4.1-7. Please join us as we Praise our God for His rich blessings!

Our offering will be for **Dynamic Youth Ministries** - Affiliated with our Denomination, Dynamic Youth Ministries ("DYM") brings children and youth into a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Out of DYM flows Calvinist Cadet Corps (boys' ministry), GEMS (girls' ministry) and Youth Unlimited (Jr/Sr High ministry).

Check it Out!

Thank You for Your Help

This past Wednesday, we had our carpets professionally cleaned in a number of our rooms. We want to thank everyone who helped "knock down and re-assemble" the rooms.

Listening & Discussion Session #3

The Listening & Discussion Session #3 that was scheduled for next Sunday, July 31st, has been cancelled. The next session will be held Sunday, October 30th.

DR Youth Team Returns

On Tuesday, July 26st, our Youth DR Mission Team along with the Youth from High Point return home. We pray for a safe return and that all the youth have experienced God's Spirit in a new and exciting way.

Unashamed of the Gospel Youth Schedule

Please check on the sign-up table for a new revised *Summer Event Schedule*. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Pastor Ryan.

Mallards Baseball Game

Don't forget to sign up for the Mallard's Baseball game on Sunday, July 31st which starts at 4:05pm. The cost of \$10.00 includes a Mallard's baseball cap, a hot dog and a drink. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Questions? Contact Patty. We hope you join us for an afternoon of fun. The last day to sign up is this Tuesday July 26th

CRC Leadership Forum

Set aside Sunday afternoon August 28th for the 2016 Classis WI Leadership Forum at Brookfield CRC, 14135 W. Burleigh Blvd., Brookfield, WI. The cost is \$20 per person which includes the seminar and dinner. People involved in ministry at any level of church are welcome to attend. Information and registration can be done online at www.classiswisconsin.org. Brochures are available on the signup table. Register early.

Have a wonderful Weekend! Enjoy the gifts God has given you. Honor Him in all you do, and I look forward to seeing you Sunday!!

May Jesus' love be your strength.

Pastor Doug

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