

## Crossroads Church

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

I was convicted again this morning.

I am reading a chapter of *The Rabbi's Heartbeat* (Brennan Manning) each day. Today I read,

“When I shut Jesus out of my consciousness by looking the other way, the icy finger of agnosticism touches my heart. My agnosticism does not consist in the denial of a personal God; it is unbelief growing like lichen from my inattention to the sacred presence. The way I spend my time and money and the way I interact with others routinely testifies to the degree of my awareness or unawareness.”

And as I read I realize how little I consciously carry the awareness of the presence of the risen Christ with me. For instance, I never recall thinking that Christ is with me when I have walked into PDQ (now Kwik Trip) and grabbed a couple of sodas. I have seldom been aware of Christ standing just behind me off my right shoulder when I'm complaining to the manager about how long I had to stand in line when three employees are standing behind the counter talking and laughing together.

Nor have I thought about Christ coming with me when it comes time to decide which restaurant we will choose on a Tuesday evening. When I walk from the house to the mail box, encountering neighbors on either side, seldom has the thought of Christ walking with me been entertained.

Someone has identified this type of life as “agnosticism of inattention”. I believe in a personal eternal God who reveals Himself in Jesus and whose presence is constantly with me. I simply act as if I'm unaware of the truth I hold most dear.

This morning, as I was getting out of bed, I wondered what practical difference the celebration of Easter makes. I'm not talking about the hope when tragedy strikes, or the hope of eternal life. I wonder if I (and you) really get the reality that because of the resurrection we now have the risen Christ with us every moment of our lives. And if so, what difference does this make.

One of the differences of which I became aware as I write is my complaining or feeling I deserve something other than I have. Above I wrote regarding complaining about service at the counter of PDQ. If I had been aware of the living presence of Christ I have little doubt I would have been giving thanks for the privilege of having enough money to be able to choose to buy the sodas, as opposed to feeling I deserved better.

So my question for this week is, “What will you do this week that will make you intimately aware of the presence of Christ with you every moment of your day?”

How you answer this will radically alter you and those around you!

## In Concert – The Browns

**Tonight** April 7<sup>th</sup>, *The Browns* will be appearing in Crossroads Church in a free concert!

We look forward to another wonderful evening with the *The Browns*! We'd love for you to join us in this!!

Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:15 p.m.

## Sunday Service

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 a.m. as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Our Scripture Lesson is from John 20.10-18. I look forward to seeing you! **Make worship a priority this week – someone is depending on you to share this worship time with them!**

### Our Offering:

The Voice of the Martyrs is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to serve persecuted Christians.

## Also this Sunday

### From Your Fellowship Committee:

You're invited to a chili luncheon and a movie viewing - tomorrow after the service. Love for you to join us!

## Get Involved!

### Unashamed Youth

All youth 6th-12th grades are invited to join us on Wednesday nights 6:15-7:45PM! Our goal is to help young men and women grow spiritually and have fun while learning.

***This Wednesday – April 11<sup>th</sup>:***

## ***Ultrazone Laser Tag***

*For more detailed information and if you have any questions, please contact:*

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## **KINGDOM KIDS**

All children ages 4 through 5th grades are invited to Kingdom Kids on Wednesday nights 6:15-7:45PM.

We have a Bible lesson, some challenging crafts and super fun games! We and encourage you to invite and bring friends along with you!

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## **Women's Bible Study Groups**

### **Thursday Morning Coffee Break**

*Every Thursday morning 9:00-10:45AM Studying a Coffee Break international bible study “**Discovering the Whole Bible**”*

### **Wednesday Evening Coffee Break**

*Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday evening 6:15-7:45PM Studying the book of John, Chapters 13-17 with “**Lessons from the Upper Room**”*

**Get Added to the List**

If someone forwarded you this e-mail, and you are not currently on our church's "e-mail list" but would like to be included in future mailings please send a return e-mail requesting this.

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