

Crossroads Church

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

It is Father's Day this coming Sunday. It is a day we traditionally honor fathers. For some, this becomes a difficult day because the task of honoring a father who has been less than kind or good brings to mind too many things preferred forgotten.

Recently someone said to me, "It's hard to find a Father's Day card." She wasn't referring to the non-existence of cards, nor even the lack of choice in cards. Her comment was in reference to finding an appropriate card when relationships are less than good, and the hurts and pains are often all too fresh.

I suspect there are many dads who, when receiving a card from their children, feel some sense of shame in knowing they have not been the Father portrayed in the card. Dad's know their failings. Sometimes cards convey a silent message only the recipient can feel.

In either of these situations the Bible reminds us of our Heavenly Father who is the perfect father. He not only has all the right characteristics (love, faithfulness, patience, loving correction, integrity, honesty, strong, protective, etc.), He also lives these characteristics at precisely the right time. He is never too patient (a push over). He is never late (unfaithful). He never fudges on a promise nor makes promises he cannot keep.

As wonderful as the memories are of my father, my hope in life is that I live in the hands of our perfect Heavenly Father. Therefore, I can *trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God, and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.* (Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 26)

Regardless of how this Father's Day is for us we all can live in joy and security knowing our Heavenly Father is loving and caring for us in beautiful and wonderful ways we cannot even begin to imagine.

Sunday Service

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 a.m. We continue our stroll through the Psalms as we look at Psalm 8. I look forward to seeing you! **Make worship a priority this week – someone is depending on you to share this worship time with them!**

We also will be commissioning the DR Mission Team this Sunday morning.

REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR *Care Net* BABY BOTTLES TODAY!

Your change, checks, and cash will make a difference. When you fill a baby bottle you are helping provide life affirming resources to women and men facing unintended pregnancies through the ministry of Care Net Pregnancy Center.

Our Offering: Luke Society - The Luke Society provides resources and support for international Christian health visionaries passionate about ministering to needs in their own cultures. Our ministry empowers nationals to share the saving grace of the Gospel through preaching, teaching and healing.

Coming Up

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP

Please continue to remember the team traveling to the Dominican Republic on the 19th. Our team includes the following from Crossroads Church: Pastor Ryan, Kaden & Reese, Bonnie, Heather, Eli, Reed, Sam, Linda, Roel, Tia and Tiara, Pastor Doug & Vicki. They will be joined by 11 others from High Point church. Please pray for safety in travel, for health physically, emotionally and spiritually, for team unity, and for the Holy Spirit to work mightily in the team and in the *El Almirante* community.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BLOG

As in the past, it will be our goal to get a daily blog (information sheet) to you from the Dominican Republic. I will be sending this blog to everyone on my weekly e-mail group lists. If you normally receive the weekly e-mail and are not receiving these blogs please contact Christine in the office (222-1159). She will gladly do this provided she has received the blog herself (sometimes on-line access is spotty in the DR).

Come sign up for AARP's Smart Driver Course!

You will learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, and new traffic laws and rules of the road. It will be held on Wednesday, June 27th, 9am-1pm, at Crossroads Church.

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