

Crossroads Church

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

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways,"

declares the LORD.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55.8-9

Some names that may be helpful in this piece:

Reyna – the lawyer in *El Almirante* community who is instrumental in developing ministry with and for youth. The leader of the marching team in the community to which 15 *Hands of Hope* sponsored youth belong.

Judith – Reyna's friend from Santo Domingo, RD who now lives in Maryland.

Claudia – Elderly woman to whom Vicki gives weekly hand massage.

Beverly – Claudia's daughter.

Seventh Day Adventist Church – The original congregation that owned what we now know as *Crossroads Church*.

Two weeks ago we were really excited when we heard that Reyna was in Maryland visiting Judith. Vicki worked hard at getting the two of them to come to Madison so you all could meet Reyna (she is key to the ministry in the Dominican Republic for us)! We thought it was going to happen, and then things fell through.

Many of you know Vicki well enough to know she would not settle for this defeat. She said, "If it didn't work last week, we'll make it work this week." And she did. Reyna and Judith are currently both in Madison, and we are excited about having Reyna share a little of her story tomorrow in worship.

But I digress!

Vicki volunteers by giving hand massages to persons who are terminally ill. One of these individuals is Claudia. Claudia was asking Vicki about herself awhile back and found out that Vicki went to *Crossroads Church* to which Claudia said, "That used to be our church!" Claudia belongs to the East Side *Seventh Day Adventist Church*.

This past week, when Vicki was at Claudia's, they were again talking and Vicki shared that Reyna and Judith were coming. Claudia asked a little about them, and it came out that Reyna is working on getting the marching team from *El Almirante* community to Wisconsin for the international competition. Claudia's eyes lit up, and she exclaimed, "My daughter is deeply involved in the planning of this competition!"

Longer story shortened, Reyna, Judith and Vicki are at this moment worshipping with the *Seventh Day Adventist Church* (Reyna and Judith are Seventh Day Adventists), and after the service they anticipate meeting Beverly.

What an amazing way for God to have Reyna meet someone who will be instrumental when the marching team comes to the states in August!

And what an amazing circle of church property being sold, and eventually leading to some of God's children connecting in ways to encourage and build up.

Crossroads and the Seventh Day Adventist church have more than just a real estate transaction connection. They also have fingers in ministries that change kids lives and introduce them to their Savior.

1. God moves in a mysterious way

his wonders to perform.

He plants his footsteps in the sea

and rides upon the storm.

2. Deep in unfathomable mines

of never-failing skill,

he treasures up his bright designs

and works his sovereign will.

3. You fearful saints, fresh courage take;

the clouds you so much dread

are big with mercy and shall break

in blessings on your head.

4. His purposes will ripen fast,

unfolding every hour.

The bud may have a bitter taste,

but sweet will be the flower.

5. Blind unbelief is sure to err

and scan his work in vain.

God is his own interpreter,

and he will make it plain. (God Moves in a Mysterious Way, William Cowper 1774)

Sunday Service

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday is the fifth Sunday in *Lent*. Our Bible reading is from Isaiah 43.16-21 – encouraging words for anyone feeling the harsh realities of life! I look forward to seeing you!

We will also be celebrating the Lord's Supper in our worship time.

Make worship a priority this week – someone is depending on you to share this worship time with them!

Offering for the Month of April: Dominican Republic Outreach

This month's offering is dedicated to providing financial assistance to the 15 children from El Almirante Community with whom Hands of Hope ministers. This assistance will help these children reach their dream of coming to the United States to perform in OshKosh, WI this August, in the International Pathfinders Camporee. The Deacons have set a goal of \$12,000 for this ministry, and we are excited to bring these kids to Madison, WI in August – an impactful way of making a positive difference for their futures!

Education for all Ages: Join us after the service for education classes.

This Week

Unashamed Youth

This Wednesday - April 10:

Worldview: Morality

ISLAND ATTIRE NIGHT!

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

Pastor Ryan Moorad by email: crossroadsmadisonyouth@gmail.com

KINGDOM KIDS

This Wednesday - April 10:

Ezra Reads God's Word

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Thursday Morning Coffee Break

*Every Thursday morning 9:00-10:45AM Studying a Coffee Break international bible study **The Book of Mark***

Mark Your Calendars

Geneva Campus Church invites you to join them on Friday, April 19th, at 6:30 PM for their Good Friday Service.

and

FRIESLAND COMMUNITY MEN'S CHORUS PRESENTS

"JESUS, THE SOURCE OF MY SONG"

AT

CROSSROADS CHURCH

ON

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 AT 9:30 AM

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