

Crossroads Church

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

Christmas, more than Thanksgiving, is the time I come to grips with the reality of how richly blessed I am materially.

I realize this when it comes time to buy gifts for the grandkids. We don't go overboard with getting them gifts. The gifts under the tree are piled quite high, but that is only because we have 13 grandkids. I realize how materially blessed I am as I'm checking off the suggested gift list our kids have given us for the grandkids. We can afford the list. We don't have to wonder what we will have to do without if we buy these items. God has been very good to us!

My blessings are even more prominently on display when I am asked what I want for Christmas. Since the basement cleaned out or the old files gone through doesn't fit with the question being asked I am at a loss as to how to respond. The only thing I really need is too expensive to expect our kids to get me, and I don't need more clothes or shoes.

The one thing I still like is a new tie, and that brings a chuckle. "What did you get Dad for Father's Day?"

"We got him a tie."

How much more blessed can one be than to be unable to list anything one really wants or needs? More stuff only creates more problems for our kids when we are no longer in the land of the living as they will have to dispose of it. Knowing how excited they are when we offer them things from the house right now, they won't be keeping much of anything we currently own.

This Christmas I will be truly happy again, and thankful, for the richness of all of God's blessings – materially, emotionally and spiritually.

I wonder what is on your Christmas list this year, and what it may say about you.

Sunday Service

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent – a time of waiting for the coming of Jesus. This we continue to listen to Matthew as he tells us his story of the One for whom he was waiting. Our Scripture Lesson is from Matthew 1. 18-24. I look forward to seeing you! **Make worship a priority this week – someone is depending on you to share this worship time with them!**

Luke House

The Luke House Community Meal Program is staffed by nearly 40 faith communities from around the city. Each one takes responsibility for one meal a month – preparing the food, serving the food, and sharing the meal. On the second Thursday of every month Crossroads Church members prepare a delicious ham dinner for over 100 guests. The Luke House meal is a great way to work together for a good cause.

Coming Up

December 20th:

Youth Christmas Dinner at Pastor Doug and Vicki's. 6:15 p.m. (formal dress – no blue jeans, sweat shirts or T-shirts)

December 24th:

Invite your neighbors and friends to our annual Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 7:30 p.m.

Have You Considered . . .

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE DR MISSION TRIP!

Have you considered joining the 2018 DR Mission Team? Do you have questions about the trip? Pastor Doug and Vicki would love to talk to you about the trip. Dates for the adult trip are June 19-26 and youth trip will be June 12-19.

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