

Crossroads Church

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

What has been affirmed to me over the past months is that Crossroads people do life together. Please understand what I mean by this. I do not mean that we are in lots of programs together (although many of us are). Nor do I mean that we do many ministries together (although for our size we have plenty going one). I don't even mean that on any given Sunday morning most of us are together in worship (because we are not).

What I mean when I say Crossroads people do life together is that we live daily concerned for each other in a way that surpasses the typical fleeting thought or "maybe I should write a card" impulse. We live deeply concerned about how those of us who are struggling are doing or how those battling terminal illnesses are handling the life they've been handed.

Over these past months there have been days I have been inundated with inquires in how others are doing (physically and emotionally). These are not quick questions in passing as we encounter each other in a grocery store aisle. They are genuine concerns.

Nor are these questions from individuals who are bored, looking for something to do with their idle time or busybodies looking to fix another's life because they can't fix their own. No, these are questions from busy Moms with little ones in carts. The inquires come from grandparents busy raising another generation of little ones. I'm stopped by phone calls late into the evening because someone has just arrived home and felt called to care for someone else before they sink down into an easy chair for the night.

We do life together in everyday ways not manufactured by ministry together or assigned small groups (which are wonderful opportunities in and of themselves). Life together comes out of what I see as part of Crossroads' DNA – that DNA inherited from Gerry and Pearl Navis' Sunday lunch invites more than 50 years ago. And this DNA has, by God's grace and mercy, continued to infuse our very existence to this day.

I praise God for all of you who do life together with your brothers and sisters in your church. I pray that what is true of Crossroads' people is also true in thousands of other churches and fellowships. I pray it is true in your church.

We at Crossroads may go for weeks without seeing each other in worship, but we live doing life together. When one hurts, we all hurt. When one rejoices, we all rejoice. In this I see the heart of Jesus, and I praise Him for this.

Thank you!

Frequently Asked Questions

You do not want to miss our annual Christmas Drama - *Frequently Asked Questions* - this Sunday. It is sure to put a new perspective on exactly how you hear the familiar Christmas Story as told by Luke. **Please join us at 9:30 a.m.**

Offering for the Month of December: 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. If you would like to know more about Luke House or helping out on a Thursday Evening please talk with Pastor Doug.

This Week