

# *Crossroads Church*

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

As many of you know, in this life we lost our dear sister Vonna. She will be missed here, and welcomed with celebration and joy in heaven. I imagine Rev. Pritchard has already greeted her and personally welcomed her. I cannot begin to imagine what the two of them have already been talking about.

Shortly before her death Vonna said she was ready to go to the place made ready for her. She was speaking of Jesus preparing places for all his friends and family (see John 14).

Vonna was ready, and clearly Jesus had readied her place.

And this reminds me of the countless times Vonna would make the church ready for weekly worship and education. She would do so by making sure the correct banners were hung in the proper places. She would, oh so carefully, replace the needlepoint pictures appropriate for the seasons.

And while doing all this, if she saw things out of place, or papers on the carpet, she would stoop down, pick up the paper or candy wrappers, and throw them away. Pulpit furniture was straightened, and the Bible was, if it were up to her, always turned to the passage of the week even though our lessons were never read from that Bible.

Vonna saw to it that, as far as it depended on her, the church was ready for God's People to worship with minimal distraction and maximum beauty.

And all was done with the usual Vonna smile – a smile filled with joy and just a hint of mischief. Which gave one yet another window into Vonna's heart. She loved to make others happy.

All of which makes our loss in this life all the deeper, and makes the anticipation of the next life that much richer.

She was ready. And even as she expressed this a few short hours before she died, she had a hint of that smile which makes one wonder if she had already been given a brief preview of what shortly awaited her.

We will miss you deeply, Vonna! And we will continue to be ready and make things ready for Jesus' coming again!

## This Sunday

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday we continue our series on the book of Chronicles. We will be covering the story found in 2Chronicles 27-28. I encourage you to read this chapter before Sunday morning.

We will also be celebrating the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism.

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

***Offering for the Month of August:*** GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL - The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While we are often recognized for our work with hotels, we also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

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