

# *Crossroads Church*

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

Last week's e-mail started a conversation about verses that sustain – verses that have been instrumental or are currently instrumental in our lives. Below you will find some of these verses submitted by individuals who, like yourself, receive this e-mail every week. All of these verses come with a story. Some of these stories were shared and were very touching.

Before I give you these verses I remind you of the three verses we are on track for having memorized before tomorrow morning.

*John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

*Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

*1Peter 5:17 "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."*

Now for the verses others sent in. Here they are. Consider this as you read these: *How would my life change if I took one of these verses every day and lived in complete trust that what it told me was absolutely true?*

*The LORD your God is with you,*

*the Mighty Warrior who saves.*

*He will take great delight in you;*

*in his love he will no longer rebuke you,*

*but will rejoice over you with singing."      Zephaniah 3:17*

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17*

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – which is your spiritual worship.”*

*Romans 12:1*

*The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures,*

*he leads me beside quiet waters,*

*he refreshes my soul.*

*He guides me along the right paths*

*for his name’s sake.*

*Even though I walk*

*through the darkest valley,*

*I will fear no evil,*

*for you are with me;*

*your rod and your staff,*

*they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me*

*in the presence of my enemies.*

*You anoint my head with oil;*

*my cup overflows.*

*Surely your goodness and love will follow me*

*all the days of my life,*

*and I will dwell in the house of the LORD*

*forever. Psalm 23*

*"A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart, for the mouth speaks what the heart is full of." Luke 6:45*

*Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34*

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*Praise the LORD, my soul;*

*all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

*Praise the LORD, my soul,*

*and forget not all his benefits—*

*who forgives all your sins*

*and heals all your diseases,*

*who redeems your life from the pit*

*and crowns you with love and compassion,*

*who satisfies your desires with good things*

*so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*The LORD works righteousness*

*and justice for all the oppressed.*

*He made known his ways to Moses,*

*his deeds to the people of Israel:*

*The LORD is compassionate and gracious,*

*slow to anger, abounding in love.*

*He will not always accuse,*

*nor will he harbor his anger forever;*

*he does not treat us as our sins deserve*

*or repay us according to our iniquities.*

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,*

*so great is his love for those who fear him;*

*as far as the east is from the west,*

*so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

*As a father has compassion on his children,*

*so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;*

*for he knows how we are formed,*

*he remembers that we are dust.*

*The life of mortals is like grass,*

*they flourish like a flower of the field;*

*the wind blows over it and it is gone,*

*and its place remembers it no more.*

*But from everlasting to everlasting*

*the LORD's love is with those who fear him,*

*and his righteousness with their children's children—*

*with those who keep his covenant*

*and remember to obey his precepts.*

*The LORD has established his throne in heaven,*

*and his kingdom rules over all.*

*Praise the LORD, you his angels,*

*you mighty ones who do his bidding,*

*who obey his word.*

*Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,*

*you his servants who do his will.*

*Praise the LORD, all his works*

*everywhere in his dominion.*

*Praise the LORD, my soul.*

*Psalm 103*

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

*Romans 8:28*

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 8:37-39*

*“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”*      *2Corinthians 12:9a*

*For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*      *Jeremiah 29:11*

## **This Sunday**

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the season of Epiphany – of Jesus appearing to the world - and we are invited to follow Jesus even when the cost is high – this week’s invitation comes through two images we live with every day. Our Scripture lesson is from Matthew 5.13-20.

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

### ***Offering for the Month of February:***

***Luke Society*** - The Luke Society comes alongside indigenous health professionals who are called to serve their own people. Our primary purpose is to help them to provide quality medical care and health education as they share the Gospel of Jesus. We equip these Christian workers through encouragement, prayer support, mentoring and financial assistance.

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Children’s Offering - ***Child Evangelism Fellowship***

*CEF* works to bring Jesus into the lives of boys and girls and help them find a good church that will help them live for Jesus. *CEF* has many different ministries for children, but the primary ones are the *Good News Club* and the *5-Day Club*.

### Adult Education Classes

Con continues leading the study of the book of Isaiah.

Laurie Bauer continues the class entitled “*The Emotionally Healthy Church*” which will follow the book and workbook by Peter Scazzero.

Many passionate Christians still struggle with loneliness, grief and insecurity. She will help us look at six principles to help us grow.

Please contact Laurie with questions.

## *This Week*

### TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE 2020

### DR MISSION TRIP!

This year’s Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic has been scheduled for July 7 - July 14, 2020! Once again, this will be a combined team—both youth and adults. If you would like to join us on this trip or if you have any questions about joining this trip please contact Pastor Doug or Vicki.

Applications can be picked up in the office or can be e-mailed to you upon request. Deadline for the submission of your application is March 1, 2020.

### UNASHAMED Youth

*This Wednesday – February 12<sup>th</sup>:*

***Tyrese, Beau, and Arrow***

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

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## KINGDOM KIDS

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*Women's Bible Study*

*Thursday Morning Coffee Break*

All women are invited to join us on Thursday mornings at 9AM for Coffee Break Bible Study.

This week we will start a new study called "Twelve Women of the Bible". Instead of the typical women's study of Ruth, this Bible study looks at and discusses a variety of women (some unnamed) and the roles they played in God's Story.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Shirley.

# **MEN'S LIFE**

Please join us

**Saturday, February 15, 7:30am,**

**at Monona Family Garden Restaurant**

**at 6501 Bridge Rd., Monona.**

Men's Life exists to support men in their walk with Christ. We come together for breakfast to discuss the issues and problems that are common to men, to support each other, to pray for one another, and to glorify God. All men of all ages are welcome. Chapter 11: *Living Apocryphally*. If you need a book call Pastor Doug (Call/Text 608-469-0503).

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