



CROSSROADS CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 14, 2024

His Trust in Us

Matthew 28:16-20
Nathan Reynolds

The Importance of a Warm Welcome

"Greet one another with a holy kiss." (Romans 16:16)

During our recent trip to Florida, Chris and I attended church services on two Sunday mornings. The first week, we visited a congregation of about 140 in Bradenton. Although we were welcomed by two greeters as we entered the building, only a couple of other people spoke to us, and then only in a cursory manner. Although the church seemed to be very engaged with one another, we did not feel particularly welcomed.

The second Sunday, we attended a slightly larger congregation in Sarasota and had a completely different experience. Although the church family was engaged with one another, we were invited to join in. We were warmly greeted. One person led us across the auditorium to introduce us to a couple of transplanted Pittsburghers that we talked to for several minutes before the start of services. The minister warmly talked with us afterwards. Several members made a point of speaking to us. It made us feel welcome and at ease. Even though it was almost an hour drive, we would go back. Consider these verses:

1 Samuel 25:6 – *"And thus you shall greet him: 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.'" (ESV)*

Romans 15:7 – *"Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you." (ESV)*

Matthew 10:40 – *"Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me." (NIV)*

I think Crossroads does a good job of greeting visitors. However, we need to consistently remember the importance of making others feel welcome and comfortable when with us. As the saying goes, you only have one chance to make a good first impression!

Onward and UPWARD! Jim



Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

In Person and Livestream
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Sunday Morning Bible Classes: 9:30 AM

Adult Class:

2 Samuel 6:1-7:29
Auditorium

Teacher: Nathan Reynolds

Young Children's Class:

Fellowship Room
Teacher: Pam Tomay

Older Children's Class:

Big Questions
Upstairs Teen Class
Amanda & Chris Schardt

Wednesday Evening Bible Class: 7:00 PM

Things I Wish Jesus Hadn't Said
Chapter 6: Shake the Dust Off Your Feet
Nathan Reynolds

Serving This Week:

Worship Leader: Dave Smith
First Prayer: Paul Kearns
Communion: Jay Ramsey
Mark Downey, Dan Harlan
Scripture: Chris Schardt
Sermon: Nathan Reynolds
Announcements: Jim Robison
Prepare Communion: Vivienne Wolfe
Greeter: Carol Kearns
Monitor: Scott Kleinschnitz



You may have noticed that we have installed an **AED (automated external defibrillator) in the front foyer. We will be offering training on **Saturday, April 27 from 9:00-11:00 AM****

The church will pick up the training cost. The class will be limited to 15 participants. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. First Come - First Serve!



This year's MAGI boxes are available in the foyer. Please record your name and number of boxes, when you pick yours up, and mark the date when you return them. Further instructions are inside the lids. All boxes are due back by April 28

The Whitehall congregation is hosting a dinner, featuring representatives from Healing Hands International, on **Saturday, April 27, at 5:00**. We are invited to come and hear more about this organization, which coordinates the M.A.G.I. Project and many other good works. Please let Jim Robison know, by this Saturday, if you would like to attend.



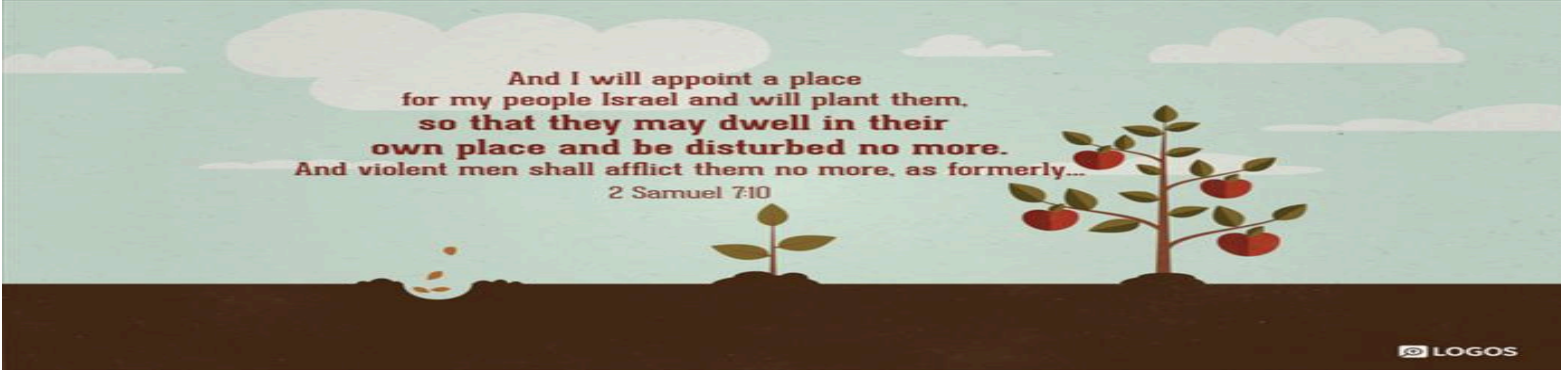
Some members of Crossroads recently had the opportunity to volunteer at the Light of Life Donation Center on the North Side. They helped to sort clothing and household items for distribution to the homeless. Thanks to Christie Schwab for organizing this event.



For your convenience contribution boxes are in the foyer and under the attendance/contribution registry in the front of the auditorium. If you are not able to attend our In Person Services please mail your contributions to:

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McMurray, PA 15317

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236 Thomas Road
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And I will appoint a place
for my people Israel and will plant them,
so that they may dwell in their
own place and be disturbed no more.
And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly...

2 Samuel 7:10

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Nathan Reynolds

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Jim Robison

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Deacons:

Danny Cooper

Paul Kearns

Clint Myers

John Sherbondy

“Do all that we can to grow closer to God and to one another so that together we might draw others to Him.”