

Only He Gets The Glory

The Family

Gina and I stay busy with family and ministry. Gina works many hours preparing lunch for community and helping After School @ The Learning Center going. This fall, we have more volunteers to help with the daily operation at The Lord's Café and The Learning Center. This helps me to work on the administrative side of the ministry and preparing for preaching and teaching times. We are blessed to have a faith family getting more involved with the ongoing ministries.

Our homeschool year is nearing the half-way point. Now, the kids watch the weather forecast with anticipation of snow. We are blessed to have three kids who are fluid. This school year, I actually have an office to work out of, and the kids have an area to do school. It works.

Amanda is in eighth grade this year. She is facing the pre-algebra and introduction to chemistry this school year. She continues to grow more in love with Christ and her friends continue to blossom.

Harrison is in sixth grade. He has a love for the outdoors and all things outside. He is becoming a knowledgeable knife collector. Continue to pray for Harrison; he is having continuing issues with his stomach.

Mia is in fifth grade. She is a serious student that does not want to see anything lower than an "A". This is an interesting dynamic to balance to parent. God continues to fuel her love and care for others.

Over the past two months, we have been given the opportunity to visit family in both Texas and South Carolina. God has also opened up the door to preach and share in many churches. We love to share the story and watch God work in other faith families!



Faith Family

Our faith family continues to grow in Christ and in number. Through the various ministries God allows Crossroads to

accomplish, more individuals are connecting in. We are not seeing a rapid increase; but a steady connection. We have sent out many prayer requests over the past few weeks.

We are encountering many different spiritual battles. Marriages are under attack; addictions are being exposed; calling to ministry is being challenged; health concerns are arising; financial stresses are present. We believe God is in control. We know we must stay focused on the calling to live out Christ to the community. Nevertheless, we struggle, we pray, and we stand in Christ alone. In many ways, our faith family continues to grow.

Romans 5:2-5

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

@ The Learning Center

Coat Give Away



This year's Coat Give Away went very well. Thanks to many donations from many churches and individuals, we had more than enough coats, hats, scarfs, gloves, hoodies, and jackets to give away. We hosted the event at The Learning Center to accommodate the larger crowd. Hosting the event at The Learning Center also gave community an opportunity to see the inside of the build. Many had not been inside the facility since Malony's was open; Malony's closed in the mid-80's.

Over 1,500 coats, 800 scarfs, gloves, and hats were donated. During the week of the give-away, we had mission teams here helping us continue the weekly ministry and prepare for Saturday's event. At 10AM, the line started to form; the line extended from the outside door of the worship area all the way to in front of child protective services. At 2PM, the doors opened. Twenty people were greeted by a "personal shopper" to help select and size coats. Socks, hoodies, scarfs, and other winter wear were also given away. As each person moved through the building, they were not only showed the love of Christ, they heard the Gospel message. Almost four hundred individuals received coats. Two weeks later, Crossroads passed along coats to the school for their give-away. There is no reason for anyone to go cold this winter in McCreary County.

We are still raising money for the left station to complete the bathrooms in the Mission Housing @ The Learning Center. The project exceeds \$9,000.

After School @ The Learning Center



This school year, we are open five days a week for After School @ The Learning Center. We have a few returning students from the previous school year, and many new faces. We average twenty five students each day. Our primary focus is homework packets, math enrichment, and writing skills. Many of the students have seen real improvement in their grades. Each day begins with a little free time and then focus on the Word in devotion. Following devotion, a healthy snack is provided through the Walmart donation.

As important as the educational enrichment is time and love given to each student. Of the twenty five students attending, only two students live with both their mom and dad. One of the goals for After School @ The Learning Center is to provide families more quality time together without the struggles of schoolwork. These kids are great kids.



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Amazing! This year as we began to pray and plan the Thanksgiving Dinner, we believed God was leading us to prepare for nine hundred. It seemed like a crazy high number, but we know our God is a great God and provides. Two weeks before the dinner, we did not have any extra food. By the time of the dinner, all the food was available to prepare 900 dinners. In addition to food needed, we needed volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up.



On the day of the Thanksgiving Dinner, 950 dinners were served! We had plenty of food, and some left over. We truly serve the same God who provided the fish and loaves to feed the masses. God also provided volunteers from four states representing over fifteen churches. One body of believers working together not only to feed community, but to share the Gospel multiple times. Many seeds were planted! We praise God for such an awesome day!



Week Day Lunch

(Monday, Wednesday, & Friday)

God is good! This fall, our average attendance for lunch is about one hundred on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; this up by over forty from last winter. We have also added more community volunteers. We have about ten Crossroads and community plus staff helping to serve. Walmart donations provide the meat each day. We serve anything from meatloaf to grilled steak to ribs to brisket. Walmart provides food each of the same days we serve. At three o'clock, we reopen for fresh food give-away. New faces come into the café each day; many relationships are being made.



We still need donations for each day's meal. In the come months, we will be starting some more construction projects at The Lord's Café. During the summer, we discovered termites in two locations; we also have to repair some water damage in the dining room. Our parking lot is need of repair and repainting. Please pray that God will provide the resources to get these projects completed.



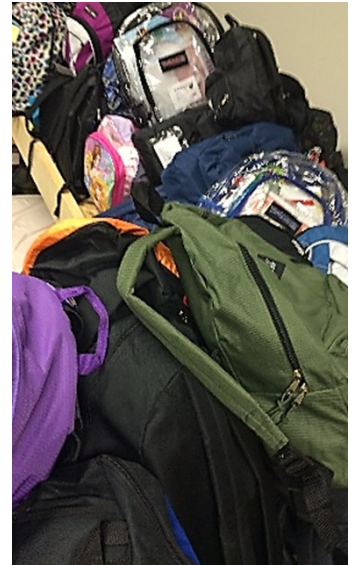
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Upcoming

The Georgia Baptist have blessed our region with Christmas Backpacks! Crossroads will be giving away 300 Christmas Backpack on Saturday, December 14th. We are planning on welcoming two groups of families at noon and 1:30P. The children's ministry will be performing their Christmas play at each Christmas Backpack Party. We are excited about this opportunity to share the Gospel with families in our area!

Although we are entering the winter months, we are looking forward to the spring and the summer months. If you are interested in partnering with Crossroads this spring or summer, please book now. We have many churches already committed.



Support

This year has flown past! Our family and the ministries of Crossroads depend on the support of individuals, Sunday School classes, and churches. As a family, our monthly expenses has increased over this past year. Unfortunately, we have lost a couple of supporters. If you are interested in giving a one-time end of the year gift, or become a monthly supporter, you may send donations through Crossroads Community Baptist Church. If the donation is for our family, simply add "Pastor" to the memo. Thank you for your prayer and any other support you can provide.

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We are also available to come and share what God is doing in Kentucky with your church. Please contact us if you are interested in having us come speak.

Romans 8:26-28

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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