



CROSSROADS CONNECTIONS

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From the Pastor's Desk

“Even in old age they will still produce fruit.” Psalm 92:14 NLT

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

BY REV. LARRY LAWMAN

I appreciate and respect the wisdom that often comes from a lifetime serving God. In a society that worships youth, we often neglect the need for senior adults to interact with the younger generation. There is much to be gained on both sides when we stay active for the Lord. Bill Bright (the late founder and President of Campus Crusade for Christ International) offered this insight on this subject:

Dear friends: Oliver looked forward to retiring in three years. As an adult Sunday school teacher in his church, he had served God faithfully for many years. One Sunday morning, the church boys club leader asked him to teach fourth grade boys on Wednesday nights. At first, he wanted to say no, since he had never taught children before. But after praying about the opportunity for a couple of days, he decided to work with the boys.

In the beginning, Oliver found it difficult to relate to them. Then he began to understand how much they wanted him to be their spiritual model. As he taught them week after week, he saw them respond and grow, and his love for them grew deeply.

After Oliver retired at 65, he continued working with the boys. Then several years later, as he was approaching 70, he and his wife were asked to teach for a week at a children's Bible camp. Again, he felt God was leading him into a new area of ministry. After teaching at camp, he could not decide whether he or the children had been more blessed. ...

One never retires from being a servant of the great King nor gets too old. Whether or not you have 20 years left, ten years, one year, one month, one day, or just one hour, there is something very important God wants you to do that can add to His kingdom and to your blessing.

If you are still mobile and active, there are innumerable things you can do. If you are mobile or not mobile, you can have the most important job of all. You can be a prayer intercessor, even while confined to a bed or a wheelchair. ... Whether we are young or old, as long as we have breath, let us be about “*making the most of your time, because the days are evil*” (Eph. 5:16 NASB). With the psalmist, we should praise the Lord as long as we have breath (Psalm 150:6).

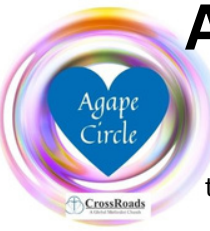
Yours for helping to fulfill the Great Commission each year until our Lord returns. — *Bill Bright*

Please prayerfully consider how you might be used by God in our church today!

God Bless-

Pastor Larry





Agape News

At our meeting on Oct. 12th, we discussed more plans for our kids event The Great ADVENT-ure. We handed out over 300 bracelets with the invitation to come!! This event is an interactive journey through each of the Advent Sundays, with crafts, songs, stories and FUN. We are blessed with such a great Church campus to be able to do this perfectly. We are hoping for this to be an event that every Church member can be a part of! We are needing:
stuffed animals of all shapes and sizes (these will be the “flocks by night”) Collecting in the Library.

Monetary donations (crafts, snacks, take home treats, etc.)

Your help setting up, preparing snacks, etc

If you wish to give to this event, please see Kate Parsons or Debbie Fisher. You can also indicate on your check or envelope “Adventure”.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY NOV 14th, 6 PM S-I-X PM

The Loveable Lagniappe

By Kate Parsons

What a blessedly busy October! We had a great day at the Fall Fest downtown on Oct. 14th. Huge shout out to Danielle Shepard and her mother for making candied nuts! I can't put the description of that aroma into words!!! People were just drawn to it! We handed out almost 300 bracelets, and well over 100 pamphlets. The bracelets listed out our exciting Christmas ventures coming up! It's so important to keep Christ in Christmas and CrossRoads will have a few things to offer the community that does just that! This month we also wished a fond “Happy Retirement” to Kristi Williams. She has been such a solid rock for us and will be missed! Which brings about another giant shout out to Debbie Fisher for stepping in temporarily while CrossRoads is looking for a new hire! What would we do without you Debbie?!!

November will be slightly calmer on the activity front. It will be a month of planning and working out the details of the Christmas season events. But, let us not forget to give our Thanks for all the things during this Thanksgiving season. While not an official, Christian holiday, there is never a wrong time to give our thanks and praise to God! It is my fervent prayer that we all get swept up in the joy of Christ this season. The Holy Spirit remains with us and keeps fanning the flames to make things happen. I really hope you all are feeling it. Please continue to pray for us to welcome new people, new opportunities and new blessings at Crossroads!

love ya!

-Kate



Thank You!

Just want to express my gratitude for all the encouragement, volunteering, patience, wisdom, help, prayers and love from my church family whilst I'm finding my footing and following what I'm feeling called to do! You are the Church, We are the church TOGETHER!!! KP

MUSIC MINISTRY



The choir has been busy on Wednesday nights (and soon to add Sunday rehearsals) hosting the holiday community choir. We are learning from the Canticle of Christmas Collection of holiday music. Solos have been handed out, and the group is focused on learning notes and perfecting their songs. We have enjoyed meeting and working with singers from other communities, and at present we are hosting singers from Puxico, Fisk, Dexter, Malden, Bernie, Bloomfield, Essex, Morehouse and Cape Girardeau, MO.

--Mary Ruth Boone

December 17th
10:30 AM & 5:30 PM

The Canticles of Christmas

as performed by the Regional Vocal Ensemble of
Southeast Missouri

Directed by:
Mary Ruth Boone

A note of Thanks!



To Everett
Hessling for his
dedication to
being the sound
tech for our
group!



**HANDBELL
CHOIR**

NEW

Sundays 4:30 pm
Stands are in!!!!!!!



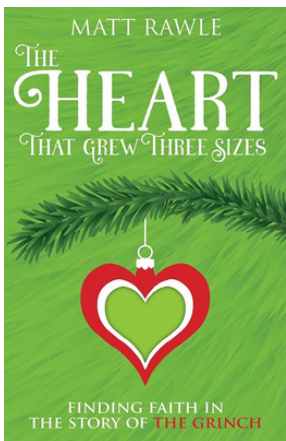


Church Library Book Review

By Doreen Lawman

From the cover, this book by Sadie Robertson- of Duck Dynasty- appears to be written for teens, but readers of all ages can benefit from her Biblical advice about dealing with fear. In the chapter *Connect the Dots*, she explains, “*Though we can’t see where life will take us, He can. And He knows every little dot we need to go through in order for the big picture to look like it’s supposed to.*” Each dot we experience is in the “big picture” and, though we can’t see it, God does! I found many parts of her book interesting and insightful. Sadie includes Bible verses and prayers to help you grow in your faith. Check it out in the [CrossRoads](#) Library!!!

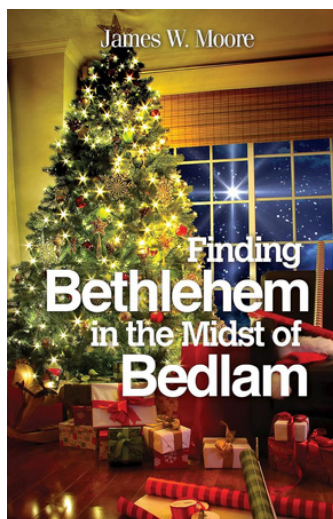
Yes, there is a church library! It is located in the main building near the stairs to the education wing! CHECK IT OUT!!!



Finding faith in the story of The Grinch during the Advent season. Lead by Kate Parsons

6 PM -
Dec 5, 12, 19 and 22nd

Let Kate or Karen know if you are interested. Sign up sheets available in the back!



Join Karen Peters as she leads you through how Christ breaks through the bedlam of Christmas.

Sundays in
December @9:15 AM

grateful

Thank you to all who have helped spruce up the place!

Thank you Debbie Fisher, Linda Gibbs and Kathy Viers for being the office temps! We'd be lost without you!

We thank you!

THANK YOU!

Thank You

Thank you Patty Shell and Donna + Megan Keller for doing all you do!

Pastor Larry and Doreen- your pressure washing skills are on point!

DeeDee S., Linda H., Karen P & Virginia
Many thanks for helping with the Children's Home benefit!!

THANK YOU
😊

Thankful & Blessed



November

Birthdays

- 11/8** Debbie Fisher
- 11/13** David Clark
- 11/15** Molly Miller
- 11/18** Michael Williams
- 11/20** Barbara Mills, Jerry Overfelt
- 11/25** Pam Jean
- 11/29** Heather Waddle

Happy Anniversary

Don & Deana Jones
Nov 17th

PRAYER REQUESTS-

We want to make sure and get everyone's prayers lifted up. If you have a request please email, direct message or call to the office.

crossroadsdextermo@gmail.com
Facebook- CrossRoads
573-624-3344

NOVEMBER

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday Worship Times 8:15 AM, 9:15 AM and 10:30 AM			1 6 PM- Praise Band WH 7 PM- Choir	2 6:30 Class- WH	3	4 WH- RESERVED
5 2:30-4 Choir 4:30 P- Bell Choir	6	7	8 6 PM- Praise Band WH 7 PM- Choir	9 1 P -WW Society 6:30 Class- WH	10	11
12 2:30-4 Choir 4:30 P- Bell Choir	13 6:30 -Church Council Mtg	14  6 P- Agape Circle	15 6 PM- Praise Band WH 7 PM- Choir	16 6:30 Class- WH	17	18
19 2:30-4 Choir 4:30 P- Bell Choir	20	21	22 6 PM- Praise Band WH 7 PM- Choir 	23	24	25
26 2:30-4 Choir 4:30 P- Bell Choir	27	28	29 6 PM- Praise Band WH 7 PM- Choir	30		
					WH- Wesley Hall	



Dec 2nd, 9a- Noon

Kiddos 3-10 yrs




please join us for
Christmas dinner
December 10, 2023
Following the 10:30 AM Worship Service
More details to come!

Dexter Parks and Recreation



EAST PARK, DEXTER MO

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAYS
DECEMBER 3RD-31ST**

DISPLAY SET UP - NOVEMBER 28TH-DECEMBER 2ND
DISPLAY REMOVAL - JANUARY 2ND-JANUARY 6TH
BUSINESS INTERESTED IN SETTING UP MAY REGISTER ONLINE OR
IN THE PARK OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 20TH
\$20 FOR BUSINESS SIGN PROVIDED BY DPR

Live Nativity

December 9
5:30 to 8:00



CrossRoads a Global Methodist Church
501 South Walnut Street
Dexter, Missouri

Christmas Eve Service



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