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"Go to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you!" (Mark 5:19)

Crossroads Friends -

**This Sunday** (Oct. 26) Igniter Ministries will be with us for their 4<sup>th</sup> and final week. This week we will be taking a look back what God has shown us through these past 4 weeks and look toward the future. Pray and then share what **you** believe God wants from our community of Crossroads? If you want to make a "Cardboard Testimony" we'll get ready for at 9:30. Bible Study and Sunday school begin at 9:00 as usual, with the order of worship beginning at 10:15. (We'll start our praise time a bit early this week too, at about 10:00.)

**Here's an encouragement for you** who know Jesus but for whom temptations continue. Take a look at this brief "blog post" written today by Pastor Steve T. If you know how God has brought you through any tests or temptations, YOU have a testimony to share! Take a look at <http://equalsharing.blogspot.com/2014/10/testimony-for-today.html>

**Operation Christmas Child:** A small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, and/or lead him or her to faith in Christ. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift. We have been collecting items to be placed in these boxes for the last year. Now we are in need of people to fill them. There is a table in the Fellowship Hall that has most of these items and more. There is also a prayer that goes with it each item or you can pray your own prayer. Add items and pray over your shoe box until Nov. 9 when you can return it here for shipment. Each shoe box costs about \$7 to mail, so if you are able to please include that postage amount in your box when you turn it in. The kids that are receiving these boxes also like to know where the box has come from, so if you would like to add a note as to where you and your family are from and any personal message, you are welcome to do so. Empty boxes that need to be filled are located in the Fellowship Hall on the back wall.

#### **Youth Events:**

- Steve Nelson along with some youth from "Freedom Church" have been joining us on Wednesday evenings for our youth group. Steve N will be leading a 3 part series of teachings, about one per month, beginning this Wednesday, October 29. The plan, as of the now, is that, next Wednesday, we'll meet here at Crossroads as usual and then go to Holt Motors for the presentation on "Security."
- The DC Area Youth Leaders are planning a prayer walk on Friday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. We hope to gather more info on this. Let us know if you want it and we'll get it to you.
- Looking ahead, there is a "Dare to Share" weekend (Feb. 6-7<sup>th</sup> at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. We'll share more about this on Wednesday. Dare to Share is a large-scale, life-changing weekend where students are trained and equipped to live out Christ's calling to make disciples who make disciples Possible prayer walk on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Dassel-Cokato Love INC?** - Crossroads is taking the lead in the discernment process in regard to developing a local "Love INC" (Love In the Name of Christ) affiliate. There are Love INC affiliates in Wright County but neither serves the Dassel-Cokato area. Love INC *mobilizes local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ.* Pastor Steve T has been meeting with local pastors and is surveying the churches and community about this. Love INC is:

- A **Strategy** to help churches come together to help their neighbors in need
- A **Partnership** of local churches, that links Christian volunteers and ministries to people in need
- A **Movement** of Christian churches working together to show God's Love to those in need
- A **Model** for implementing Christ-like relational ministries that transforms lives - both those being served and those who serve
- A **Method** for mobilizing local church congregations to live out the two great commandments of loving God and loving their neighbor
- A **Network** of affiliates supporting and encouraging each other
- A **Collaboration** between local churches and their community (agencies, ministries, government, schools) to provide effective help for the disadvantaged
- A **Vehicle** that helps churches, collectively and individually, fulfill their biblical mandate to reach out to their community

A stapled packet of information about Love INC and how one might begin in our community can found at church, or go to [equalsharing.com/dc-love-inc](http://equalsharing.com/dc-love-inc).

**Romans 1-3 in November?** Looking ahead we're looking at a possible series of messages on the first three chapters of the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans—not as a verse by verse exposition but a focus on certain verses and ideas found in those chapters. Pastor Steve T would appreciate it if you would read those chapters and let him know what on high points or questions should be addressed.

God's perfect peace be with you today! Share this with a friend!

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Our administrative assistant is normally at the church office Tuesday through Thursday in the late afternoons (when school begins).

Thank you.

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