

From Pastor Tom

Good morning! I'm glad you're here!

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent includes the four Sundays prior to Christmas, and also Christmas Eve.

"Advent" means the arrival, or coming, of a person, thing, or event that was anticipated. It's the coming into place, or coming into view, or coming into being of something people were waiting for !

The world was waiting for the coming of the Savior ! Today, we are waiting for His return to reign on the earth. So, we are, in a way, celebrating two Advents this season !

We'll mark Advent by lighting two candles on the Advent wreath today. We'll also worship the Lord today by partaking of the Lord's Supper. You do not have to be a member at Crossroads to receive this meal of remembrance.

May God bless us and grow us as we worship !

-- Tom

Announcement & Events

Elders Meeting

There is an elder meeting today following worship. Please pray for our Crossroads elders ! Thank you !

Christmas Eve Service

There will be a Christmas Eve service on December 24, 6:30 pm, here at the Y. We would love for you to join us and others as we celebrate the Lord's birth. Think about inviting a friend or family member for this special service !

We're going to have refreshments after the Christmas Eve service. We're in need of some people to volunteer to bring some sweets and drinks. Please let Michaela Walker know (417-684-3118) if you would like to bring something. Thank you !

January Congregational Meeting

January 10 is the date for our next Congregational meeting. We'll meet following the worship service for the purposes of electing someone to the Elder Board, and for approving a 2021 budget. This is an important meeting and is open to anyone who considers Crossroads to be their church home.

Worship through Offerings & Tithes

As a part of our worship today, an offering box is available on the back table. The ministry at Crossroads depends on the regular giving of the church family. Giving offers us a way to express our faith that God will care for us just as He cares for the lily and the sparrow. Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon Notes

Refried Christianity Colossians 2:16 – 3:17

The term “refried beans” literally means “well-fried beans.” They’re not fried twice, but they are cooked twice. Sometimes the Christianity we become accustomed to is like refried beans – hard, dry, and almost over-cooked ! In this second of Colossians, Paul compares a kind of refried, external Christianity to a vibrant, internalized, living relationship with the Lord Jesus.

I. Externalized religion ...

- ... is _____ 2:16-19
- ... is _____ 2:20-22
- ... is _____ 2:23

II. An internalized, living relationship with Jesus ...

- ... is _____ 3:1-4
- ... is _____ 3:5-7
- ... is _____ 3:8-17

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Welcome to Crossroads Community Church !

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. If this is your first time visiting us, please take a moment to fill out visitors card and leave it in the offering box. You will find the visitor cards on the back table. You can also find us at nevadacrossroadschurch.org and on Facebook.

Order of Service for December 6th, 2020

Welcome
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Worship Around the Advent Wreath
Worship Through Prayer
Worship Through God's Word
Worship Through the Lord's Supper
Closing
Tithes & Offerings

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