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*“To Celebrate the people and activities at Crossroad Community Church”*

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**Watch for:**

- Teen CBS will be starting Feb. 12th on Sunday nights
- 9th Annual Business Meeting Thursday, Feb 23rd at 7 pm
- Meet the Pastor’s Dessert Social Tuesday, Feb 28th at 6:30pm
- Men’s Breakfast Sat, March 3rd at 7:30am.

**THE ISSUE IS ALWAYS THE HEART . . . . .**

# *View from the Crossroad*

**Jim and Joyce Jester**

We both grew up in Milton and attended Milton Consolidated School. We were married December 23, 1959, while Jim was in the U.S. Army. All of our married life (52 years) has been spent in Milford. Our only separation from each other was when Jim served in Korea for 13 months.

Even though we had our ups and downs in life we have always been best friends, trusted each other and enjoyed being together, sharing the blessings and challenges God has given us. With God's grace we've tried to give each other space to be ourselves, but would still rather be with each other more than with anyone else.....well maybe with the exception of our grandchildren. God blessed us with two wonderful sons Jim and Dean and a wonderful daughter-in-law, Veronica. We are also blessed with five grandchildren that are the light of our lives; Amber(21), Noah(17), Ashley(16), Samuel(14) and Nathan(11).

God has made our marriage work. Looking back we can see His Hand upon us even before we were saved. The last 19 years as a Christian couple have been such a tremendous journey

for both of us as we have studied His word together and grown together in our Lord.

In 2005 Jim suggested we visit Crossroad Community Church and I



was somewhat reluctant because we had bonded with our church family in Maryland and I really didn't want to leave. After much talking and pleading with the Lord, I knew I needed to be obedient to my

husband and visit CCC. I asked God to deal with me and give me a heart of praise for Him. And you know our Lord, He never does anything halfway. One of my greatest joys now is praising God and receiving wonderful, heart-touching and eye-opening teaching from Pastor Rick each week. We have learned that God is who He says He is and He'll do what He says He'll do. Now we can see it was His plan for us to be part of the CCC family.

Attending CCC has been like no other church experience we have had. There's never a time we walk in the door without feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit in a tremendous way. We are a blessed people.

Many people have asked, why come to our Annual Business Meeting? Most members don't take time to attend. They think it is just a boring series of reports. To assist everyone this year, I thought it would be helpful to offer the "Annual Church Meeting Survival Guide". Here are the basic tips for survival:

1. Eat Dinner before you come. No Donuts or Buffet. Crossroad members know how to cook, just not on this night. Growling stomachs can be picked up by the microphones.
2. Pray before the meeting starts. If you have your head down during the meeting the speaker may think you are being bored to sleep.
3. Sit up front. No chance of being called up on stage, too much to get done.
4. Don't put your hand up unless you really did hear what the question was. If you're not paying attention, don't put your hand up, even if those immediately around you do. You could get a new job in the church.
5. Applaud with enthusiasm, especially for the brief presenters. It encourages everyone to keep focused.
6. Make it a Date night. Show your spouse a good time by taking them out to dinner and then bringing them to church.

Seriously: Pastor Rick would tell you seek your answer in the Bible. We can learn from the story of Nehemiah why meetings are important. Nehemiah came to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, which was impossible without the help of God. Nehemiah had a very difficult time and faced numerous challenges, but he understood the value of prayer and the value of meetings. Our annual meeting is our opportunity to get everyone on the same page, hold leaders accountable, celebrate the past, and set the path for the future of God's ministry.

Like Nehemiah, we are facing a world that offers challenges that are impossible without God's help. Now is the time to work together, pray together and raise up the name of Jesus. Participation in the annual meeting is one of the best ways to become more informed and involved in how Crossroad is working to bring more people to know

Jesus Christ.

Your participation in the annual meeting demonstrates your interest in what Crossroad is doing and how as a body we are using our resources to serve God, his people and those around us. Your engagement is encouraging to our church leaders and empowers them to move forward.

Homework: Read Nehemiah chapters 5-7

Attend our Annual Business Meeting Thursday February 23rd @ 7PM

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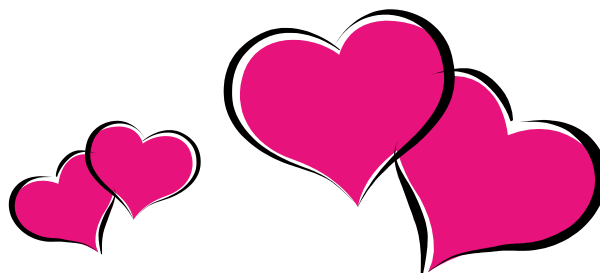
### *Children's Ministry*

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By: Gail Betts

Valentine's Day is a great time to show others that they are loved and can be especially fun for kids (except for boys of a certain age!). It can also be a time of outreach to your neighbors and family and can brighten cold winter days for them along with your own family. Why not bake cookies or cupcakes with your children and sprinkle them with lots of love (that would be red and pink sprinkles). After that, get out the paper, glue, markers, crayons and other odds and ends, and have your kids make homemade Valentines. It doesn't matter if you or your children are very creative; it is truly the thought that counts! You can put messages in the cards that say, "God loves you and so do I", or "Jesus loves you" and even a special Bible verse about love. Next, comes the outreach part. Take a card and a cookie or cupcake to a lonely neighbor or someone, (maybe even a family member) who is going through a hard time. What a blessing and encouragement it will be to those receiving, but also to those who have given of their time and of themselves to show others Jesus' love! You never know, God could use this experience to make a difference in someone's eternity.

Happy Valentine's Day and God loves you!





*“Blow me a kiss from across the room  
Say I look nice when I’m not  
Touch my hair as you pass my chair  
Little things mean a lot”*

Such go the words from the 1950’s song Little Things Mean a Lot and how true they are.

Whether the relationship is romantic, friendly, or familial, it is not the grand and elaborate that makes for love; it is the everyday tokens, the little things that grow the enormous love for which we long.

In the women’s Bible Study, *Falling In Love With Jesus*, we were reminded that we are the bride of Christ and He pursues our hearts relentlessly though we often fail to recognize it. Yes, He demonstrated His love through the momentous sacrifice of His life for ours, but He never stopped there. He loves us on a grand scale for sure, but He also draws us and keeps us through the little things as well.

This winter, three days into a bad case of tonsillitis, I lay curled up on the couch cold, feverish, and miserable. How I longed for the comfort of a fire in the woodstove, but was too sick to cut kindling and couldn’t ask my son, also in bed sick, to do it either. So I just closed my eyes and wistfully thought “Oh a fire would feel so good”. That was it--just a passing thought. But at that moment I heard a “Whoosh!” and opened my eyes to a blazing fire. I stared into the stove wondering if I was sicker than I’d realized and delusional, so I called to my children to come check it out. Yes, there was a real fire in an empty stove! I admit I was tempted to think it was just some old coals that caught ablaze again, but that was not the case and I became very aware of the presence of the Lord’s love. I felt warmed in a way that was more than bodily, touched by the reminder that the God who holds the universe in place would take the time to grant an unspoken and essentially unnecessary desire.

This was surely a little thing for the Lord, but it meant so much to me. I thought of how often I’ve let opportunities to do little things for others pass by. The great, momentous acts of our relationships are only occasional events. It is the genuine and spontaneous nature of the little things, the unexpected words, gestures, and actions that accumulate into the love of a lifetime.

What better time than now to create the habit of doing the little things for those we love.

Here are just a few ideas, but I know there are countless others you could add to the list:

- \* Put a simple note in a lunchbox.
- \* Draw a lipstick heart on the bathroom mirror.
- \* Look for a way to pay a sincere compliment.
- \* Send a card “Just because”.
- \* Slip a note under your spouse’s or child’s pillow that says “You’re special!”
- \* Do someone else’s chore without being asked--take out the trash, make dinner...
- \* Buy a favorite piece of candy, drink, or dessert and leave it on their desk, bed, etc.
- \* Greet your husband and children at the door.
- \* Let your wife have the remote just this once.
- \* Let your husband watch football interruption-free.
- \* Give a one-minute shoulder massage.
- \* Play a board game with your children.
- \* Smile--a Lot!
- \* And for those of you who really want to make an impression (what kind you can decide!), you can do like my husband and write “I love (your spouse’s name)” in tanning spray across your chest. Trust me, it will be memorable!

May you all reap a beautiful harvest of love from the seeds of kindness you sow today.



### *On The Road*

By: Pastor Ron

Precious Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

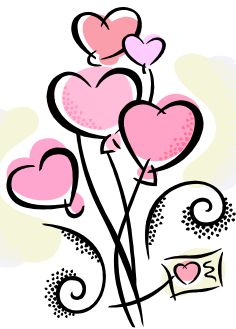
Are you excited in your walk with the Lord Jesus? In my travels I find that even though people are going through lots of trials they still show excitement about their relationship with Jesus. Brother Bob Young and I were on visitation and the excitement that we both had just filled my car. Most of our conversation centered around Christ Jesus, PTL! Jesus said that if He be lifted up that He would draw all men unto Himself. So why not lift Him up in our conversations. When I talk about the Lord Jesus I get so excited that I can’t sit still. This Valentine season is a wonderful time to celebrate your relationships with those you love but this year lets not forget our greatest love, our Lord and Savior, Jesus.



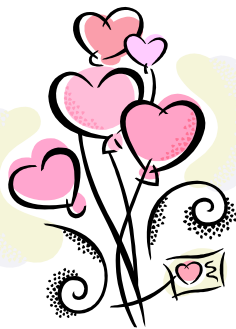
Love to all,  
Brother Ron

**Word Search**

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**FEBRUARY  
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POEMS**



**CARDS  
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VALENTINE  
DEAREST**



February and January were introduced in to the Roman calendar about 700 BC when the calendar was extended from ten to twelve months. Before that Romans considered winter a month-less period.



February was named after the Latin word "februa"- which means cleansing or purification, and reflects the purification ritual undertaken before Spring.

The Saxons called February the "sprout-kale" - from the sprouting of cabbage or kale. In Finnish, the month is called "helmiku", meaning "month of the pearl" - snow melting on tree branches forms droplets which freeze again resembling pearls of ice. Ukrainians call this month "lutyy" (fierce), the month of ice and hard frost.

February, having only 28 days in common years, is the only month of the year that can pass without a single full moon.

February 29th, known as a leap day, is added to the calendar during a leap year. This extra day is added every four years in order to keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical or seasonal year.

The flower of this month (for benefit of our Garden Cell Group) is a violet or a primrose and the birthstone is amethyst. The most known February holiday is St. Valentine's Day (14th), celebrated over most of the countries with varied legends of how it started. In the US, February is also Black History Month.

Why does February only have 28 days during the norm? Legend has it that August (name after Augustus Caesar) originally had only 30 days but he directed them to borrow one day from February to create 31 days. July which is named after Julius Caesar was not to be undone, so he too borrowed one day from February to be equal to Augustus. This may be bunk! My answer is "who cares"?

Even though February was hard on America's Plains Indians, they called March the "month of sore eyes", no doubt because of the wind-driven sand.

Along with these useless facts and legends about our shortest month, what with January's resolutions to exercise more either in full force or fully forgotten, lets look at 15 exercises all of us can do without in 2012.

- ~ Jumping on the bandwagon
- ~ Wading through paperwork
- ~ Running around in circles
- ~ Pushing your luck
- ~ Spinning your wheels
- ~ Adding fuel to the fire
- ~ Beating your head against the wall
- ~ Climbing the walls
- ~ Beating your own drum
- ~ Dragging your heels
- ~ Jumping to conclusions
- ~ Grasping at straws
- ~ Fishing for compliments
- ~ Throwing your weight around
- ~ Passing the buck



Scripture says, “As water reflects the face, so a man’s heart reveals the man.” Proverbs 27:19 (NKJV)

In this day and age we hear a lot about “heart health.” The media and medical community talk about heart healthy diets, heart healthy exercises, heart health assessments. And of course, Pastor Rick always mentions “the issue is always the heart.” So, since Valentine’s Day is celebrated in February and you see items with hearts plastered on everything this time of year, what better time to talk about YOUR heart.

What can you do to improve and protect your heart health? I am glad you asked. There are many things you can do to accomplish this goal.

1. Get active – this doesn’t mean you have to run a marathon or join a gym. Park a little further away from your destination, take short walks during your workday, take the stairs instead of the elevator, engage in active play video games, or play catch or Frisbee with your kids or grandkids.

2. Eat better – eat more vegetables, fruit, and whole grain; eat less fat and salt. When you go to the grocery store buy fresh or frozen vegetables and fruit instead of canned, whole grain items instead of white, lower sodium and lower fat items. Adjust recipes to include lower salt and lower fat items.

3. Lose weight – I know easier said than done. Getting active and eating better will help accomplish this goal. Set an attainable goal. For example: I would like to lose 1 pound a week. Find someone to help you stay on track with your goals.

4. Stop smoking – Again this is easier said than done, BUT it can be done. You must be committed to this in order to be successful. Look for programs that can assist you with this through your local hospital or public health.

5. Control your cholesterol – know your numbers. When you have blood work done they test for three things in this area: LDL – low density lipids, HDL – high density lipids, and total cholesterol. LDL is the



“bad” and should be less than 130; HDL is the “good” and for men should be less than 40 and for women less than 50. Low is bad and high is good, which is usually the opposite of what we think. Total cholesterol should be below 200. Activity and eating better can help with controlling these numbers some cases but for others it’s just in the genes.

6. Manage your blood pressure – the new standard for a normal blood pressure is less than 120/80. As with other things, increased activity, eating better, losing weight, and smoking cessation can help you manage your blood pressure. If you have high blood pressure, take your medication as prescribed and monitor your blood pressure.

7. Reduce your blood sugar – diet, weight, and exercise can improve these results. If you have diabetes, take your medication as prescribed, eat as prescribed and get active.

Crossroad Community Church will be hosting a preventative health screening event on April 12th. This will be conducted by Life Line Screening. This is an affordable way to find out your vital statistics. Screening tests that will be offered are the following:

Carotid Artery screening for stroke risk.

Peripheral Artery screening for hardening of the arteries.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening.

Heart rhythm screening to test for atrial fibrillation (irregular heart beat).

Osteoporosis screening to test for brittle bones.

Fingersticks to check cholesterol, glucose, and cardiac risk profile.

More information will be appearing in your bulletin in the coming weeks. Questions contact Kaye Bennett at 629-0111 x 118.

*“I give a new command: Love each other. You must love each other as I have loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other.” (John 13:34-35 NCV)*

Over the years when I was feeling sick or down, I loved to take a warm blanket out of the dryer and wrap myself with it.

After my husband, Rick, died I needed the blanket like it was a hug from him. I knew it didn’t replace his love, but it did make me feel emotionally better.

For the nine months following his death, I dealt with one health issue after another. I had two surgeries. I had numerous visits to the emergency room, even after the surgeries. On one visit they found a blood clot in the lung. *Oh no!* I thought to myself, *this can’t be happening again!* I cried out, “God why is this happening”? Lord, am I being tested? As the information sank in, I sure could have used a super duper sized blanket but the nurses were very busy.

When I got home, I became very anxious and depressed. I cried. I prayed. I read the Bible. I talked to

God everyday for long periods of time. Things just didn’t seem to be getting any better. Oh, I knew my health would take time to fix, but my mental outlook was my biggest enemy. I had a hard time sleeping. I finally had to say, “Spirit of anxiety go away in the name of the Lord!” I searched for a warm blanket and wrapped myself tightly in it. I found myself having a better mental outlook.

As time went on, I realized the warm blanket was just physical security. The warmth quickly left when the blanket turned cold. Relying on God gave me peace. The peace I received was like taking a warm blanket out of the dryer and wrapping it all over me, except the feeling of protection was much deeper than the skin layer. I knew God was in control. I no longer needed my physical security blanket.

I am now very sure, without any doubt that my security comes from God. He is with me wherever I go and whatever the circumstance. I call on God’s love to assist me. He is warmth enough!

*As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you . . . (Isaiah 66:13 NIV)*

**Prayer Opportunities**

***“We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties” ~Oswald Chambers***

- Lilly Barnett
- Glenn Derrickson
- Brad Diogo
- Bobby Dukes
- Fred Horne
- Pat Murphy
- Maynard Nisly
- Ursula Sheperd
- Mike & Holly Wallace
- Willard Wallace
- Henry Wilson
- Karissa Yoder



***Pray for our Missionaries to:***

- Azerbaijan
- China
- Dominican Republic
- Malaysia
- Mexico

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	Staci Marvel	422-3796	
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<b>Nursery</b>	Amy Schlabach	349-5176	
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Saturday Night 7 pm  
Sunday Morning 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Jesus said to His disciples,

“If anyone desires to come after Me,  
let him deny himself, and take up his  
cross and follow Me”

Matthew 16:24

Worship † Fellowship † Witness

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### *His Name Is Jesus!*

By: Pastor Rick Betts

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A few years ago there was a Bible Study here based on the book *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. This book told of the different ways people show and receive love. The five different languages are words of affirmation, quality time, receiving gifts, acts of service and physical touch. Our desire is that as we express our love, people would be able to hear, receive and understand that we love them. It can be very frustrating if we are sending out signals of love and a person doesn't receive or understand them. As we think about the greatest act of love given to us by God, it is the gift of His Son. Jesus chose to live a life dedicated to His Father's purposes. He then laid down that life on the cross to endure its pain and its shame. It was all because His Father wanted to express LOVE to the world. Can you see His love for you when He chose not to live for

Himself, but to do his Father's will? When He bore the stripes on His back and carried His own cross? When they pushed a crown of thorns on His head? Can you see His love for you when He took nails in His hands and feet to pay your sin-debt, and when He said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do"? Words of affirmation?...Absolutely! Acts of service?...Absolutely! Physical touch?... He bore all the physical pain on the cross for us. Quality time?...It was the greatest moment of time ever given for your soul. Receiving gifts?...Anyone who believes this receives the greatest gift of all – eternal life through our Lord Jesus. Jesus used every love language when he went to the cross. The only question is, are you open to receive it?



His name is Jesus!