

# UPDATE FROM OUR PASTOR



**Dear Church Family,**

*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. -2 Corinthians 9:8*

What a Joy it is to be part of Crossroads Church. This is an amazing church filled with incredible people who have a deep conviction about Jesus. Crossroads church is **exceedingly generous** and **beyond gracious**. In the last couple of months since our Annual Meeting so much has happened. I wanted to remind us about the vision that God put upon my heart for Crossroads, to share a few moments where God has moved at Crossroads, and then to **invite you** into the **journey** as we move forward.

## REMEMBERING THE VISION

### GODLY GROWTH

**I believe God is doing something great at Crossroads!** I believe that God is going to grow Crossroads Church and that His presence is upon us. That he has planted the seeds in our hearts and the hearts of our community. Our **God is so good** that he will bring children, youth, families, and more leaders. That our church will have an abundance of life. That we will feel His presence every Sunday in worship, and we will bow down out of adoration for our God. He will move through each of us and the whole body to edify and glorify the one true King, Jesus. That the Holy Spirit will compel us to reach out to our friends, family, and those we encounter and share the Gospel with them.

### INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

As a church, we are investing in young people with a partnership with Young Life. We are investing in worship by upgrading our cameras, sound, and finding musicians/worship leaders to elevate our Sunday morning experiences. We are investing in missions and outreach through added giving and opportunities to serve. But most importantly we are **investing** in **our Faith** and the **faith** of **future generations**.

I believe that what God is doing right now, is preparing us for what is to come. He is cultivating our hearts so that when the harvest comes, we will be ready.

### TIME OF ACTION

I also believe that God is calling us into a **time of action** as we move into this next season. I am **inviting you** to join the leadership in praying for how you can be part of the journey with Crossroads. I am also inviting you to **come** along with us as we seek to make an **impact** on **your life**, in our **community**, and in the **world**.

**Crossroads is Moving to Connect Ourselves and Others to God!**



# HOW HAS GOD MOVED

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.” - John 13:35*

## WE LOVE FAMILIES

At our annual meeting, we committed to prioritizing resources for **kids, youth, and worship**. We desired to utilize our resources in a way that **blessed** and **attracted** **NEW families** to our church.

- One of the great joys has been kicking off a kid's ministry. Praise God!
- At the same time, we launched Wyldlife, a ministry that reaches middle school students. Wyldlife sees about twelve students from Hope Academy coming to it every other week along with a few students outside of Hope Academy.
- We held a Spring Festival for the kids and students at YVCS Preschool and Hope Academy. That included crafts, tie-dyeing, and decorating cookies hosted by members of our church.
- Do not worry, we did not forget about the teachers. Members of our church made cookies, put together bags, and bought coffee for the teachers.
- Throughout the last couple of months, we have cultivated this connection with YVCS and Hope.

## WORSHIPPING JESUS

At the beginning of January, we began looking for a part-time worship leader, who could help us **elevate Sunday mornings** and **cultivate a heart of Worship**.

- Dennis DeVilbiss has blessed our congregation for the last couple of months with his leadership.
- In March, Bob Kilpatrick joined us for a special Sunday.
- Jason Ingle, a sound technician, has been helping us behind the scenes with audio. His expertise has allowed us to produce a richer sound in church.
- We have also made a few upgrades to our sound and video equipment along with a generous donation of two professional cameras.

## CULTIVATING A WARM AND LOVING COMMUNITY

- Over the past several months we have seen over forty new visitors come to our church.
- God is doing something incredible at Crossroads.
- Some of those visitors are now regular attendees and we cannot tell you how excited we are about expanding our family; you might even be one of them.

## A CHURCH IN MOTION

- Have you seen the new lights in the sanctuary? Or the fresh new color of paint in the nursery? OR Outside we have installed a new fence around the play yard?
- Our facilities are constantly changing to create a more welcoming and warmer environment.

**PRAY**  
**SERVE**  
**GIVE**



## WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP



*17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth- Deuteronomy 8:17-18*

### WE EMBRACE AND SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY- USE PERMIT

Currently, we are working with the city of Concord to complete the updated use permit for our church campus. This would give Hope Academy full permission to be on our campus. Currently, they are limited where the kids can play and how much outside activity, they do because of city regulations. The **use permit requires** us to make **upgrades** to our current **facilities** like a new trash enclosure, a fence for the play yard, and adding plants.

### COST INVOLVED

We are also continuing to develop our worship, reach out to new families, building our relationship with YVCS, HOPE, and Iglesias De La Familia, and grow as a church. **Part of growing means** there is a **cost involved**. Our **current giving** is **below** what our current expenditures are. We knew upon approving the budget for this year that it was going to be a stretch. That part of growth requires us to invest more resources and spend more.

As we step out in faith of what God is doing at Crossroads, we need to **increase our giving by \$3,500 per month to meet our current YTD spending deficit.**

### PRAY & GIVE

As God's people, we recognize that all of creation—the earth, Scripture, relationships, talents, possessions—all good things come out of God's provision and are a gift of which we are stewards. GOD **calls** US to be **givers, generous sharers** of this **abundance**. In our giving, we participate in God's work in the world, and WE **participate** in the **transforming work** GOD wants to do in each of us.

As **stewards** of **creation**, we are **stewards** of **God's grace** every day. Along with such generous gifts come responsibility and a great number of questions, one of which asks,

**"What are the best ways to steward God's resources?"**

We **invite** YOU to **prayerfully** join Christ's church in furthering the gospel through your generous stewardship of time, talent, treasure, creation, and all of life. The words **loving** and **giving** are **scripturally synonymous**, and we can never place too much emphasis on love. Be encouraged that what we do together to share this love is never wasted. **God** has **given** US **all** the **resources needed** to accomplish his work. He trusts our stewardship to reflect the love modeled in Christ.

**Will you allow God to transform us from people "living to get" into people "living to give"?**  
May we journey together in stewardship—God's resources deployed through God's people to accomplish God's mission.

## WILL YOU GIVE?

**Please prayerfully consider a one-time gift and/or increase of your regular giving.**



## HOW TO GIVE?

If you have any questions or concerns about our mutual vision, ministry activities, facility upgrades, spending, opportunities to help, etc. — please don't hesitate to contact me or someone on the Leadership Team if you prefer.

**ONLINE** | Tithes, gifts, and offerings can be made online through our Processing Partner.

[www.wearecrossroads.church](http://www.wearecrossroads.church)

**TEXT** | You can text your gift to us by **texting** the **amount** to **84321**.

If this is your first time there may be a text prompt

**IN PERSON/MAIL** | You can bring it to church on Sunday, the office, or mail it to us at: 5353 Concord Blvd, Concord, Ca 94521



## Our Mission

Moving To Connect Ourselves and Others to God

## Our Values | What drives us Forward

We believe the Bible is the Word of God and our standard for living.

We follow Jesus.

We are welcoming and loving.

We embrace and support our community worldwide.

We are a church in motion.

## Our Vision

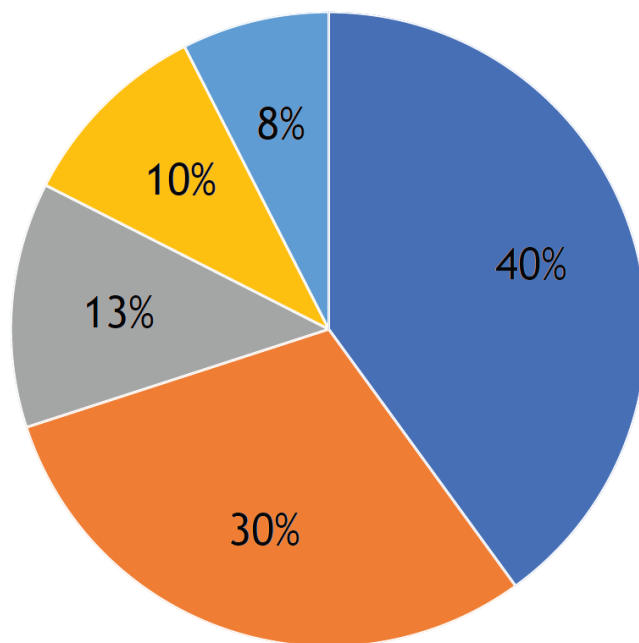
Crossroads Covenant Church desires to make an impact on your life, in our community, and in the world for Jesus Christ.

## WORD for 2023 | CONNECT

### Scripture for 2023 | Philippians 2:1-4

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Expenses



- Worship
- Ministry/Christian Formation
- Outreach/Local (+some Benevolent)
- Care/Hospitality/Benevolent
- Missions (Global/Foreign, Regional)

| Projected Income                    | Year              | Monthly          |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Tithes & Offerings (51%)            | \$ 184,217        | \$ 15,351        |
| Facilities Use (19%)                | \$ 67,680         | \$ 5,640         |
| “Stretch” Income (30%)              | \$ 111,177        | \$ 9,265         |
| <b>TOTAL Income</b>                 | <b>\$ 363,074</b> | <b>\$ 30,256</b> |
| <b>Projected Expenses</b>           |                   |                  |
| Worship                             | \$ 145,230        | \$ 12,102        |
| Ministry/Christian Formation        | \$ 108,922        | \$ 9,077         |
| Outreach/Local (+some Benevolent)   | \$ 45,384         | \$ 3,782         |
| Care/Hospitality/Benevolent         | \$ 36,307         | \$ 3,026         |
| Missions (Global/Foreign, Regional) | \$ 27,231         | \$ 2,269         |
| <b>TOTAL Expenses</b>               | <b>\$ 363,074</b> | <b>\$ 30,256</b> |

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