

“A Scandalous Love”
Hosea 1 - 3
Wes Hoffmire

This morning we start a teaching series through the book of Hosea, called “A Scandalous Love.” God’s love for His people is scandalous, shocking and outrageous. The book of Hosea provides a picture of God’s love for a people who turned away and rejected Him.

Hosea (The Person)

He was a prophet from the northern kingdom of Israel. Hosea served God during the reigns of 6 different kings of Israel. While Hosea lived in a time of great political and religious turmoil it was also a period of material prosperity. God’s people were heavily influenced by Canaanite cult-worship. This “worship” involved drunkenness, ritual prostitution, acts of violence, and indulgence in pagan forms of worship. Male and female deities were worshipped in the form of a bull and a cow. God gave Hosea the job of calling His people back to Himself. God used Hosea’s own marital relationship as a picture of a God who remained faithful when the people were unfaithful.

Hosea (The Book)

The first of 12 Minor Prophets. They were called “minor” because they are shorter. The first three chapters outline Hosea’s own marital experience to an unfaithful wife. The following eleven chapters describe Israel’s idolatry and God’s call to return. In that sense, Hosea is both narrative and prophetic. The book of Hosea outlines the destruction that will come upon Israel at the hands of the Assyrians. (Israel, the northern kingdom, would fall soon after the book of Hosea was written.)

Theme of Hosea

Sin, judgment, and forgiving love.

BIG IDEA

“We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.” Tim Keller

Next Week:

Levi Stuckey - Hosea Week #2 (Chapter 4)

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Welcome to
crossroads

ONE CHURCH | TWO LOCATIONS

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Welcome to Crossroads!!

On behalf of everyone at Crossroads Church, we want to welcome you to our worship service. We’re glad you are here and hope you have a meaningful and enjoyable experience. Inside this program we have provided some information to let you know who we are and what we are about. We would welcome the opportunity to meet you and answer any questions you might have. Our contact information is on the back. Should you want to provide us with your contact information, you can fill out one of the “Connecting at Crossroads” cards from the seat back in front of you and put it in the offering plate. If you’re new to Crossroads, that’s all we want you to put in the offering plate. We’re not looking for your money. Sit back and relax. We have prepared this service for you and appreciate your coming.

-Pastors Wes & Levi



*Helping people discover and grow to
maturity and mission in*

Jesus Christ

A FEW WORDS TO OUR GUESTS. . .

Child Care Available — We take serving your children seriously. While your children are always welcome to stay with you, a safe and fun place has been created for your young children in second grade and younger. Children can be checked in at the table located just outside the nursery. (Follow the hallway signs past the café.) Check-in can begin as soon as you arrive. Babies and toddlers may be dropped off at our nursery beginning at 10:15 a.m. Children age 3 through 2nd grade will be dismissed following our worship time during the service.

Offering — As part of our worship service we do take an offering. If you are a guest, you do not need to put anything in the plate. We're not after your money. Folks who regularly attend Crossroads faithfully support the church financially.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUNCO

Ladies, BUNCO will start up again TOMORROW evening at 6:30 p.m. BUNCO will take place at the church on the first Monday of the month. This is a great opportunity to relationally connect with other ladies. All ladies are welcome to attend.

YOUTH GROUP

The startup date for youth group activities is THIS evening. There will be something for students in grades 3-12. Grades 3-8 will meet at the church from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. High School students will meet the first week at Caleb and Abby Nafzinger's house. (402 Jahns Road)

LIFE SUPPORT

We can all use a little support in life so a series of "Life Support" evenings has been scheduled starting in the fall. "Life Support-Parenting" is set for Sunday, September 25. The evening will include a simple meal, an instructional parenting video, and a break out discussion group centered on tips for parenting. Future topics will include marriage and finance. ANYONE is welcome to attend. Parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, and the like....don't miss this opportunity to improve your skills and enjoy a time of connection with others here at Crossroads. Child care will be provided.

LADIES BIBLE STUDIES

Terri Lindsey and Lynne Hoffmire will both be leading bible studies that will go through the book of James. (Terri's will meet twice a month on Monday mornings and Lynne's will meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings.) Contact Wes for more information.

WELCOME BLAKE

Crossroad's Leadership Development Resident, Blake Cooper, will be leading us in worship this morning. Introduce yourself and make Blake feel welcome.

STUFF THAT'S IMPORTANT TO US:

Personal Authenticity —

We believe God intends us to live life honestly; not afraid to admit our faults, not pressured to pretend we're someone we're not. We believe God accepts people right where they are and lovingly moves them to where He desires them to be. We're committed to living authentic lives with God, ourselves, and each other.

Loving Relationships –

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in caring relationships, where people actively participate in a small community that encourages, challenges, prays, serves, and learns together to form a church that is a purposeful, loving community.

Being Culturally Relevant –

We believe God wants to reach people in ways that are meaningful to them. Our style is contemporary. We're not interested in passing fads or gimmicks, we simply want to use the clearest, most effective means possible to communicate God's message. We are committed to communicating the truths of Christianity in a creative and relevant manner.

Unapologetically Biblical –

We believe the Bible is true; that it is authoritative and applicable to every part of our lives. While we are progressive in our methods, we are grounded securely to the truths of Christianity. We study, teach, and follow the Bible as our sole authority and guidebook for life.

Outreach Oriented –

We believe the answers for all of life and eternity are found in a restored personal relationship with God through faith in Christ. We are committed to spreading His love to those who don't yet know it.

Grace Focused –

We believe the central force in our lives is the unmerited grace and love of God. We believe that God's grace alone is responsible for producing lasting change in an individual's life. We are committed to focusing on and celebrating that grace, and fostering an environment that reflects it in our lives and relationships.

**Please join us each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for coffee, juice and homemade goodies. You're welcome to enjoy them during the service. Feel free to sit at the tables during the service if you like.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Sunday, September 4, 2016

Tithes & Offerings:

General Fund Goal \$ 3,500.00

Received: \$ 3,270.00

Difference: - \$ 230.00

Building Fund Goal \$ 1,000.00

Received: \$ 565.00

Difference: - \$ 435.00

TOTAL: \$ 3,835.00

Attendance:

Napoleon: 139