

God's Building Project (1 Peter 2:1-10)

God's building project is the _____.

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (vv. 15-16)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (vv. 9-10)

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. (Matt. 16-18)

The foundation of God's building project: the _____

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him... (v. 4)

For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." (v. 6)

For no one can lay a foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 3:11)

The structure of God's building project: the _____

...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (v. 5)

The interior of God's building project:

*** _____ = _____ in attitude and action.**

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. (1 Peter 1:22)

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. (1 Peter 2:1)

*** _____ for God**

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. (vv. 2-3)

Crossroads Mission Partner Update: Please be praying for April Hershberger who is returning to Kenya to resume her ministry with World Gospel Mission.

Recently the Crossroads leadership board made the following decisions:

- *increase our level of monthly support to Second Chance Haiti
- * Begin supporting World Partners missionaries Norris and Angela Ham who are serving in Cairo, Egypt. The Hams are seeking to reach Muslims with the Gospel and they are currently ministering to refugees.

Text To Give: Crossroads has set up text to give for your convenience. Simply text your giving amount to (863) 270-2070. You will be redirected to our secure online giving site to set up your account. Once you have finished setting up your account you can text your tithe by simply entering the dollar amount and hitting send.

Online giving is available at www.thexroads.org/donate Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministries of Crossroads!

The Crossroads children's ministry resumes TODAY during the 10:30 a.m. service! Parents should plan on registering children between 10 and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday outside the children/youth building and then take their children into the main worship service since they will be joining the adults for the worship music portion of the service. Children will then be dismissed to their age-appropriate ministry time.

Children's Ministry volunteer opportunity: If you would be willing to help with the Crossroads children's ministry on a once a month basis during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, please send an email to crossroads@thexroads.org and you will be contacted with further information.

Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministry of Crossroads during COVID-19 season. As ministry resumes on the Crossroads campus, there are ongoing facility improvement projects that need to be done in the weeks and months ahead. In addition to parking lot improvements and new mulch for outdoor planting areas, there is a need to raise funds to move forward with replacing the carpet in the worship auditorium. Please remember to designate "*Building Fund*" for any financial gifts given to help with these projects.

Do you have a prayer request? You can email requests to crossroads@thexroads.org

Services on Campus at Crossroads! We are now offering two identical one-hour services (9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Families will worship together, no children's ministry or childcare will be offered.

Study books for the 1 Peter teaching series are available online at amazon.com or christianbook.com: Life Lessons from 1 and 2 Peter, 2018 Edition by Max Lucado

Pathfinders Student Ministry: Meets on Wednesdays @ 7p.m. at Crossroads.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

August 23, 2020

General Fund: \$ 4,311

Weekly amount needed to make
2020 General fund budget: \$4,000
Monthly financial reports are available
at the Welcome Center.

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Resources for Pursuing Holiness This Week

"The Holy Spirit is an open heart surgeon, not a plastic surgeon." ~author Rob Warner in the book, Know The Spirit: Rediscovering the Person and Power of the Holy Spirit.

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2)*

***Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober**, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:13-25)*

***Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise**, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (Ephesians 5:15-20)*

Worship/devotional genre music artists with strong biblical/theological content in lyrics:

Shane & Shane (Psalms albums, Hymns albums)

Matt Boswell (Messenger Hymns)

CityAlight (Only A Holy God)

Sandra McCracken (Psalms)

The Corner Room (Psalm Songs)

Greg LaFollette

Keith & Kristyn Getty

Biblical Study/Meditation on Holiness:

***Read 1 Peter through the lens of holiness.**

--*Make notes of personal application along the way.*

--*How is the sanctifying ministry of the Holy Spirit working in your life?*

--*In what ways is the Lord calling you away from thinking, speaking, and behaving like the world so you can walk more fully in obedience to Jesus Christ?*

--*In what ways have you been too much "at home" in this world? How is God calling you to live as an exile, foreigner, and stranger?*