

1 PETER

— STANDING FIRM —

September to October



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INTRODUCTION

*Appreciation to Robert Thune's work on 1 Peter and James Bryan Smith's suggestion for the spiritual practice of play.

Displaced: That is what it can feel like to be a Christian in an increasingly post-Christian world. You fit in, but not entirely. You are welcome in some places, but not in others. You speak the language and understand the culture, yet you do not quite feel at home.

Christians throughout history have struggled with the tension of living in two worlds. On the one hand, we are citizens of God's kingdom, defined most deeply by our allegiance to Jesus and to his gospel. On the other hand, we are residents of some particular city and state and country, living at a specific time in history.

The question in every age is how these two citizenships fit together—or how they do not. How much of our culture can we embrace? What should we reject? How can we live respectfully among neighbors who do not share our convictions, while still holding firmly and faithfully to biblical truth?

That is why we need to study 1 Peter: Peter wrote this letter to Christians scattered throughout the Roman Empire in the late first century. They, like us, were wondering how to live gospel-shaped lives in a contrary culture.

New Testament scholar Karen Jobes writes, "Slander and malicious talk undermined their relationships with associates and family, threatened their honor in the community, and possibly jeopardized their livelihood. The issues of how to maintain a vital Christian faith in such circumstances and how to respond to such unjust treatment pressed upon them."

INTRODUCTION CONTINUED

Peter's letter is uniquely suited for our cultural moment. People are suspicious of Christianity, and less open to religious conversation. Social media and smartphones have come to dominate our lives, replacing face-to-face interaction. What does faithful Christian discipleship look like? How can we joyfully thrive as God's people in the face of opposition and uncertainty?

This is where Peter's first letter can help us. Let us dive in together and learn from this amazing book of the Bible.



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: PLAY

Play is a spiritual exercise that can teach us about living in the Kingdom of God. Spontaneity is one of the benefits of play. **We learn to 'let go and relax'.** We play because our God is good, His grace is sufficient for us and we are learning to trust in His abundance of goodness.

Somewhere along the journey, many of us have lost the ability to play. Life takes a serious turn and we rarely take time to play. But play teaches our soul to trust in God for all the unexpected things. Play is an act of self-abandonment: **we stop taking ourselves so seriously and learn to enjoy life.**

It reminds us that for those alive to the Living God and His kingdom, this world is a perfectly safe place to be. Because our Heavenly Father watches over us, we are free to let go and play. When we play, we train ourselves to live with genuine excitement.

Here are some ways you might engage in play during this series:

- If you have children (or nieces, nephews, or grandchildren) play with them! Get on their level and let them direct the play.
- If you have a hobby, do it with a sense of play and wonder, not as work or something to be accomplished.
- Read a book about something you don't know. Pay attention to the things around you.
- Show up for recreational activities - volleyball, pickleball or basketball at the church.
- Engage in a craft night - use your hands to be creative and enjoy making something.

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 27th*
4 to 7pm

Join us for our Fall Festival! Bring your **WHOLE** family, invite a friend ... there is room for everyone!

- **Carry-in Style, Last Name of**

- A - H, Main Dish
- I - N, Hot Side
- O - S, Cold Side/Salad
- T - Z, Dessert

- **Activities for the **WHOLE** family:**

- Corn-Hole Tournament
- Bingo with Prizes
- Pie Baking Contest
- Bounce House
- Dunk Tank
- Hay Ride

Scan the QR code
to sign up for:



Corn-Hole



Pie Baking



775 S Thayer Rd. Lima OH 45806
 419-229-4074
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*Rain Date: Sunday, October 4th

MINISTRY PARTNER FUNDRAISERS:



Soldiers of Honor Gloves Off Gala

**Friday, October 9th @ 6:30pm,
Doors open at 5:30pm
Location: Veterans Civic Center
Main Hall
7 Town Square, Lima, Ohio, 45801**

There will be dinner and live music.
Dress to impress: Formal wear optional

Tickets: \$40/ticket, 2 for \$75, and \$300 for a table of 8.
For tickets, please call Aaron at 419 - 204 - 8859 or
Veronica Mclaurine at 419 - 371 - 4180.



Guiding Light Ministries 12th annual Evening of Inspiration, Expecting Miracles

**Thursday, October 15th from 5:50 to 8pm
Doors open at 5:30pm
Location: Apollo Career Center
3325 Shawnee Rd., Lima, Ohio 45806**

Enjoy a catered meal as you listen to the inspiring stories of some of the women we have helped guide. See how God has been working in their lives, equipping them to persevere and overcome hardship in the face of trauma and recovery. Formal wear requested.

Tickets: Each seat is \$60, or you may purchase a table of 6 for \$350.
RSVP to 419 - 236 - 7935 or scan the QR code



MINISTRY PARTNER FUNDRAISERS CONTINUED:

**Heart to Honduras
Celebration of Dreams Gala**

Join us as we connect and celebrate all that is happening in rural Honduras. A Heart to Honduras Family Celebration of Dreams come true, we are calling it a gala, but think of it as a family wedding — a joyful celebration among likeminded family and friends of what God has done and the people He has brought together. The Heart to Honduras Board of Directors warmly invites you to an evening celebrating realized dreams and investing in the future of Honduran communities.

Connect with strategic partners during a cocktail hour, followed by a plated dinner, live music, and stories of transformation. Dream in Full Color with the Heart to Honduras staff as they share the vision behind Honduran-led initiatives that are strengthening communities and creating opportunities for families to thrive.

Saturday, October 17th @ 5:30pm

Location: The Boat House

679 W Spring St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215

Reservations are limited.

Tickets: \$150/person or \$1,000 to host a table of 8. RSVP by Friday, September 18, to reserve your seat.



WEEK 1: A LIVING HOPE

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

1 Peter 1:3-9 NIV**Community Prayer:**

St. Charles Catholic Church - Fr. Kent Kaufman
Guiding Light - Julianne Burk

Beginning the Study of God’s Word:

May all we learn in this season of study increase in us a love of wisdom, a hunger for justice, a thirst for righteousness, a habit of peace, and instinct for mercy, and appetite for truth, a taste for goodness, a longing for beauty, and a willingness to be gracious in all things.

SERMON NOTES:

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What is part of the sermon resonates with you today?

Week 1: A Living Hope

1. How is the living hope described here different from what the culture offers? Why does it deserve to be called living hope?
2. Peter says that suffering can lead to joy. Do you find it easy or hard to agree?
3. For Peter, the hope of Jesus is not only what He has done in the past but what He is doing today and will do in the future. As a Christian, do you tend to have a past, present or future orientation? How does an appreciation of all three help shape our living hope?

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COURTYARD CONCERTS

Tuesday, September 15th

From 6 to 8pm

Enjoy some live music, connect with others, and enjoy a light dinner. Bring your lawn chairs, park in the back of the building, and enter in through the side door of the Gym.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHES

Join with other senior adults for fellowship and a good lunch. Lunches are open to all and provide a great way to connect with others!

For any questions, please contact
Sharon Hooker: 419 - 303 - 2221 or Terri Ward: 419 - 234 - 4067

Thursday, October 8th @ 11:30am

Meet at the Der Dutchman, 4450 Jefferson Ave., Plain City

Thursday, November 12th @ 11:30am

Meet at Western Sizzlin, 2721 Elida Rd, Lima, Ohio

Wednesday, December 9th @ 11:30am

Meet at Fat Jack's Pizza, 2340 Spencerville Rd, Lima, Ohio

WEEK 2: A HOLY PEOPLE

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“Lord, hear my prayer,
 listen to my cry for mercy;
 in your faithfulness and righteousness
 come to my relief.
 Do not bring your servant into judgment,
 for no one living is righteous before you.
 The enemy pursues me,
 he crushes me to the ground;
 he makes me dwell in the darkness
 like those long dead.
 So my spirit grows faint within me;
 my heart within me is dismayed.
 I remember the days of long ago;
 I meditate on all your works
 and consider what your hands have done.
 I spread out my hands to you;
 I thirst for you like a parched land.”

Psalm 143:1-6 NIV**Community Prayer:**

Zion Lutheran - Dan Gutman
 Church of God (Ohio and National)

Beginning the Study of God's Word:

May all we learn in this season of study increase in
 us a love of wisdom, a hunger for justice, a thirst for
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**If you could summarize what you are learning
in one word/phrase what would it be?**

Week 2: A Holy People

Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:12

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ACTIVITIES

Fall Retreat from Friday, Oct. 16th through Sunday, Oct. 18th
Dropped off at 5:30pm and Pick up @ 12pm, after 2nd service

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to step away from the busyness of everyday life and create some space for a weekend of fun, connection, and spiritual growth! Throughout the weekend, students will have opportunities to build deeper friendships, make great memories, and discover what it looks like to take ownership of their faith. Our hope is that every student leaves encouraged, equipped, and ready to follow Jesus with greater purpose-not someday, but right now.

Sunday Nights, Dec. 6th, 13th, and 20th from 6:30 to 8pm

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for three special Sunday evenings as we celebrate Christmas together! Each week, we'll explore the Christmas story and discover why the birth of Jesus still matters for our lives today. Students will enjoy dinner together, time with friends, games, and meaningful conversations about faith. We'll wrap up our final night on December 20 with a Christmas Party full of fun and celebration. Come for one night or join us for all three!



ACTIVITIES

Fun for the Whole Family:

Family Movie Night

Sunday, January 17th @ 6:30pm

Grab a cozy blanket and come enjoy a family movie with other families! There will be snacks provided.

Chili Cook Off & Dessert Auction

Sunday, January 31st from 5 to 8pm

WEEK 3: LIVING AS STRANGERS

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“I have a message from God in my heart
 concerning the sinfulness of the wicked:
 There is no fear of God
 before their eyes.
 In their own eyes they flatter themselves
 too much to detect or hate their sin.
 The words of their mouths are wicked and deceitful;
 they fail to act wisely or do good.
 Even on their beds they plot evil;
 they commit themselves to a sinful course
 and do not reject what is wrong.
 Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
 your faithfulness to the skies.
 Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
 your justice like the great deep.
 You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
 How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
 People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
 They feast on the abundance of your house;
 you give them drink from your river of delights.
 For with you is the fountain of life;
 in your light we see light.
 Continue your love to those who know you,
 your righteousness to the upright in heart.
 May the foot of the proud not come against me,
 nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
 See how the evildoers lie fallen—
 thrown down, not able to rise!”

Psalm 36 NIV**Community Prayer:**

Great Lakes Church - Katherine Smith
 Heart To Honduras - Randy Bargerstock

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In what way were you challenged to grow in faith today?

Week 3: Living as Strangers

1. Take notice Peter neither condones nor condemns the way these relationships worked in the culture. Instead, you see a different way to subvert the culture and demonstrate the living hope of Christ and His way.
2. What are the principles Peter gives for living under authority. Which do you find difficult? What wisdom do you see in them?
3. What are the motives behind this kind of life (see verse 22)?
4. Why does Peter expect people to submit to one another? How is this following the way of Christ?

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YOUNG ADULTS

Ages: 18 to 28 years old

Connect with other young adults through fellowship, food, and events!

- **Sunday, September 13th: Lunch @ Crossroads**
 - after 10:45 service in Room 103
- **Sunday, October 18th: Lunch @ Crossroads**
 - after 10:45 service in Room 103
 - Followed by Suter's Corn Maze
- **Saturday, November 14th: Friendsgiving @ 6pm**
 - Noah Brown's house, 8045 Reservoir Rd., Lima, Ohio, 45801



Crossroads Young Adults

Follow "Crossroads Young Adults" on:



WEEK 4: SEEKING PEACE

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”
The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.”

Psalms 46 NIV**Community Prayer:**

In Faith Ministries - Michael & Kim Lyons
International Justice Mission - Gary Haugen

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What song connected with you this morning?

Week 4: Seeking Peace

1. What truths would you have to believe about Jesus if you are going to live the way the passage suggests?
2. What drives the 'evil-for-evil' cycle?
3. What impact does breaking the cycle have on those who wish us harm and our own lives?
4. Why are gentleness and respect vital to a healthy witness?

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STAFF HIGHLIGHT



Hi everyone! My name is Catie Dunnick, and I am the Communications Director.

My husband, Eric, and I have been a part of Crossroads for three and half years. We have been married for five years and have two black cats, named King & Country.



The most rewarding part of serving at Crossroads is bringing ideas to life visually. Whether it is through dynamic flyers, event graphics, or journals, my goal is to help our congregation stay connected to what's happening and encourage them to draw closer to God every step of the way.

My hobbies, when I am not working, are knitting, crocheting, puzzles, and reading. I also know American Sign Language (ASL) going on 11 years. Eric & I like to stay at home with our cats, watch movies/TV shows, and at times travel, go to antique stores/malls, and flea markets.

MINISTRY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT



International Justice Mission (IJM) has been serving for nearly 30 years, partnering with local authorities and communities around the world to protect people from violence and oppression.



Leo Ackon
**(Senior Officer,
U.S Mobilization)**

IJM's mission is to protect people living in poverty from violence. We work to rescue victims, bring perpetrators to justice, restore survivors to safety and strength, and help strengthen local justice systems so protection lasts.

For nearly three decades, IJM has partnered with local authorities to build communities where people can live in freedom and safety. We have seen that when justice systems are equipped to enforce the law effectively, violence is reduced, criminals are deterred, and vulnerable people are protected. This protection enables individuals, families, and communities to flourish and contribute to long-term economic and social development.



One of our greatest needs is strengthened partnerships with local justice systems in the countries where we serve. We also need ongoing prayer for survivors, government partners, IJM staff, and other stakeholders as they carry out this work. Financial support is essential to sustaining and expanding this mission of bringing protection and hope to those who are vulnerable to violence.

MINISTRY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT CONTINUED:

We are excited by our vision of partnering with local authorities to bring protection from violence to half a billion people by 2030. This bold goal reflects our commitment to creating lasting change through stronger justice systems and safer communities.

Please pray for God's continued guidance, provision, wisdom, and protection for our staff, partners, and the survivors we serve. Pray that justice systems will be strengthened, communities will be protected, and more people will experience freedom from violence and oppression.

So grateful for our partnership with Crossroads Church of God.



WEEK 5: STEWARD GOD'S GRACE

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

WORSHIP RESOURCES

"Praise the Lord, my soul;
 all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
 Praise the Lord, my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits—
 who forgives all your sins
 and heals all your diseases,
 who redeems your life from the pit
 and crowns you with love and compassion,
 who satisfies your desires with good things
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
 The Lord works righteousness
 and justice for all the oppressed.
 He made known his ways to Moses,
 his deeds to the people of Israel:
 The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
 slow to anger, abounding in love.
 He will not always accuse,
 nor will he harbor his anger forever;
 he does not treat us as our sins deserve
 or repay us according to our iniquities.
 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his love for those who fear him;
 as far as the east is from the west,
 so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
 As a father has compassion on his children,
 so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;
 for he knows how we are formed,
 he remembers that we are dust."

Psalms 103:1-14 NIV**Community Prayer:**

Cable Road Alliance - Eric Stevenson

Heartbeat of Lima - Chelsea Sunderland

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What does the Lord want you to know from what you have heard?

Week 5: Steward God's Grace

1. How should we view our life in the period before Jesus returns?
2. Why are we to not live according to the 'flesh' any longer?
3. How does love 'cover a multitude of sins'?
4. Why does Peter say we are to practice prayer, hospitality and service? How do these practices display a with-God life?

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RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Volleyball: Monday Night from 7 to 9pm
Ages: 18 and older, in the Gym
Stay up to date by scanning the QR code:



Pickleball: *LAST GAME OF THE SEASON!*
Wednesday, September 16th from 7:30 to 9:30pm
Park in the back and enter through the Gym side door. Ages: 18 and older, in the Gym
Stay up to date by scanning the QR code:



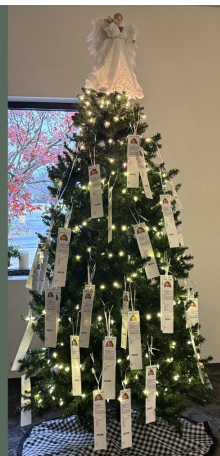
Men's Basketball: Thursday Night from 8 to 10pm
Ages: 18 and older, in the Gym. Reach out to Caleb Dunlap at 419 - 231 - 3013 if you have questions or want to join in.

ANGEL TREE



During the month of November

You can care for the children in our area by providing gifts during the Christmas season. The "angel" tags will be available on the Angel Tree in the Lobby with instructions as to how you can participate.



WEEK 6: CLOTHED IN HUMILITY

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
 let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
 and extol him with music and song.
 For the Lord is the great God,
 the great King above all gods.
 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
 and the mountain peaks belong to him.
 The sea is his, for he made it,
 and his hands formed the dry land.
 Come, let us bow down in worship,
 let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
 for he is our God
 and we are the people of his pasture,
 the flock under his care.
 Today, if only you would hear his voice,
 “Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
 as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,
 where your ancestors tested me;
 they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
 For forty years I was angry with that generation;
 I said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray,
 and they have not known my ways.’
 So I declared on oath in my anger,
 “They shall never enter my rest.”

Psalm 95 NIV**Community Prayer:**

New Life Christian Ministries - Damian & Brooke Tibbs
 Soldiers of Honor - Aaron & Veronica McLaurine

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How can you implement more humility in your life?

Week 6: Clothed in Humility

1. How would you summarize the right approaches to Christian leadership (both for those leading and those following)?
2. What makes humility difficult in church settings?
3. Why do you think 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble'?
4. How would you define humility?

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Silence and Solitude

Fall Retreat 2026

Saturday, November 14th

Hurry is the enemy of the spiritual life. Take some intentional time to pull away and listen to the voice of God. If silence/solitude is foreign to you, we will gently walk with you through a day of quiet retreat.



Scan the QR code to sign up:

COVENANT PARTNER DESSERT

Sunday, November 8th @ 6:30pm

Covenant Partners are those who intentionally seek to grow as an apprentice to Jesus through developing a rhythm of life that incorporates nine essential practices of the church.

You are invited to a special evening to hear about God's faithfulness through church updates and for fellowship with others over dessert.

WEEK 7: WATCHFUL RESISTANCE

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,

it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;

though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble

he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be exalted

above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.”

Psalms 27:1-6 NIV**Community Prayer:**

Elm Street Church Of The Nazarene - Jonathan Burkey
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Zach Reneau

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How or where are you resisting God?

Week 7: Watchful Resistance

1. Why does Peter continually encourage us to be of 'sober mind'? How does culture tempt us away from being alert to the temptations of the Devil?
2. How can you 'stand firm' in faith and resist the Devil?
3. Overall, what does Peter want a believer's chief value to be?
4. How does community help strengthen your faith?

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ADVENT DECORATING

Sunday, November 22nd @ 6:30pm

We have a great time getting into the Christmas spirit by decorating the church for the advent season! Enjoy holiday snacks and hot chocolate 😊 Bring your family!



CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE Dinner Theatre

Friday, December 4th & Saturday, December 5th

Medley of performances full of fun, lighthearted, and laughter.

Tickets will be on sale starting Sunday, November 8th

COMFORT IN GRIEF

Wednesday, December 9th

@ 6:30pm

**Navigating the Christmas season
recognizing grief and loss**

KINGDOM SERVING

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

— Acts 20:35 NIV

We are often reminded of the need for more kingdom servants, those who lovingly give their hearts to God in service. Our church community is aching for hearts to pour into them. Crossroads is growing! That is wonderful news, and it means more opportunities to serve.

These areas include:

- **Campus Care:** Lawn care and minor repairs
- **Crossroads Kids:** Sunday mornings at 9am, 10:45am, and special events
- **Crossroads Students:** Sunday mornings at 10:15am and special events
- **Ministry of Helps:** Community outreach
- **Ministry of Hope:** Prepping spaces and food for funeral services
- **Photography/Videography Team:** Capturing services and special events
- **Tech Team:** Sound, lights, video, and multimedia
- **Worship/Choir Team:** Instruments and vocals
- **Welcome Team:** Greeting at entrances, Welcome Table for new guests, handing out announcement sheets, and Café hospitality

Serving requires no prior experience, there is grace in learning and stepping beyond your comfort zone. Within each role is a chance to say yes to God, to serve Him before anything else. We are creating spaces for others to experience belonging, truth, love, and build a foundation of faith that can change a life.

If you feel called to any of these areas, contact our office, Jenna will help connect you with the right team. 419.229.4074, jenna@limacrossroads.org





3rd Wednesday of Every Month

Look for the sign up sheet in the Lobby

Arrive by 4:20pm

Serving from 4:30 to 5:30pm

Transmitting hope sometimes requires serving those in need with the love of Christ. We join our local soup kitchen and serve dinners located at 125 S Central Ave, Lima, Ohio.

NEED A NEW RHYTHM?

Set up a meeting with Pastor Brian by emailing Jenna, at jenna@limacrossroads.org to help establish new rhythms in your spiritual life.

DINNER ROUNDS

Looking for a place to belong?



Dinner Rounds are monthly informal gatherings around a dinner table to casually connect and deepen relationships. Families are encouraged to bring kids, when possible - it is a great way to put into practice hospitality for one another and build cross generational relationships. Scan the QR Code to sign up.

CHURCH CAROLING

Wednesday, December 16th

@ 6:30pm

Meeting at Crossroads Church of God

SAVE THE DATES:

• YEAR-END OFFERING

Sunday, December 20th @ 9am & 10:45am

• CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Thursday, December 24th @ 3pm, 5pm, & 11pm

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“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV



FORMATION RETREAT 2027

FEBRUARY 26TH AND 27TH

Location: Crossroads Church of God

Cost: TBD

Topic: Finding Joy in our Life with God

Plan to join us for a weekend of growing together. Expect good conversation, thoughtful reflection and space to be intentional in your formation into Christlikeness.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS: Nathan and Vivianne Foster



Nathan is an author and host of the Life with God, a Renovare Podcast. He has published two books including: *The Making of an Ordinary Saint: My Journey from Frustration to Joy with the Spiritual Disciplines*.



Vivianne is an alumni of the Renovare Institute and serves on the Youth for Christ National team bringing spiritual formation resources to staff across Canada.

Nathan and Vivianne enjoy a life together in Ontario, Canada where they host retreats and lead people through formational exercises.



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Online: 10:45am

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