



**FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL
MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN**
MATTHEW 4:19

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WELCOME TO CROSSROADS

We are delighted you have chosen to join us in worship today! We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some important information about our service.

We are here to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and to glorify God by living faithfully for Him and serving Him as He directs us.

SERVICE & MINISTRY TIMES

Sunday School: 10:00am

Sunday Morning Service: 11:00am

Adult Choir Practice: Sundays at 5:30pm

Orchestra & Youth Choir Practice: Sundays at 6:00pm

MINISTERING TO OUR CHILDREN

At Crossroads we encourage each family to determine when their children are ready to join us for the entire worship service. We understand that this is a process and varies from child to child and from family to family.

We offer the following options for your children:

- Nurseries on the West Hall for Infants & Toddlers.
- Nursery #3 on the South Hall (front entrance) for 2-3 years old

Children's Churches are available for children from age 3 through 6th grade. (Morning only)

Nurseries are available on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

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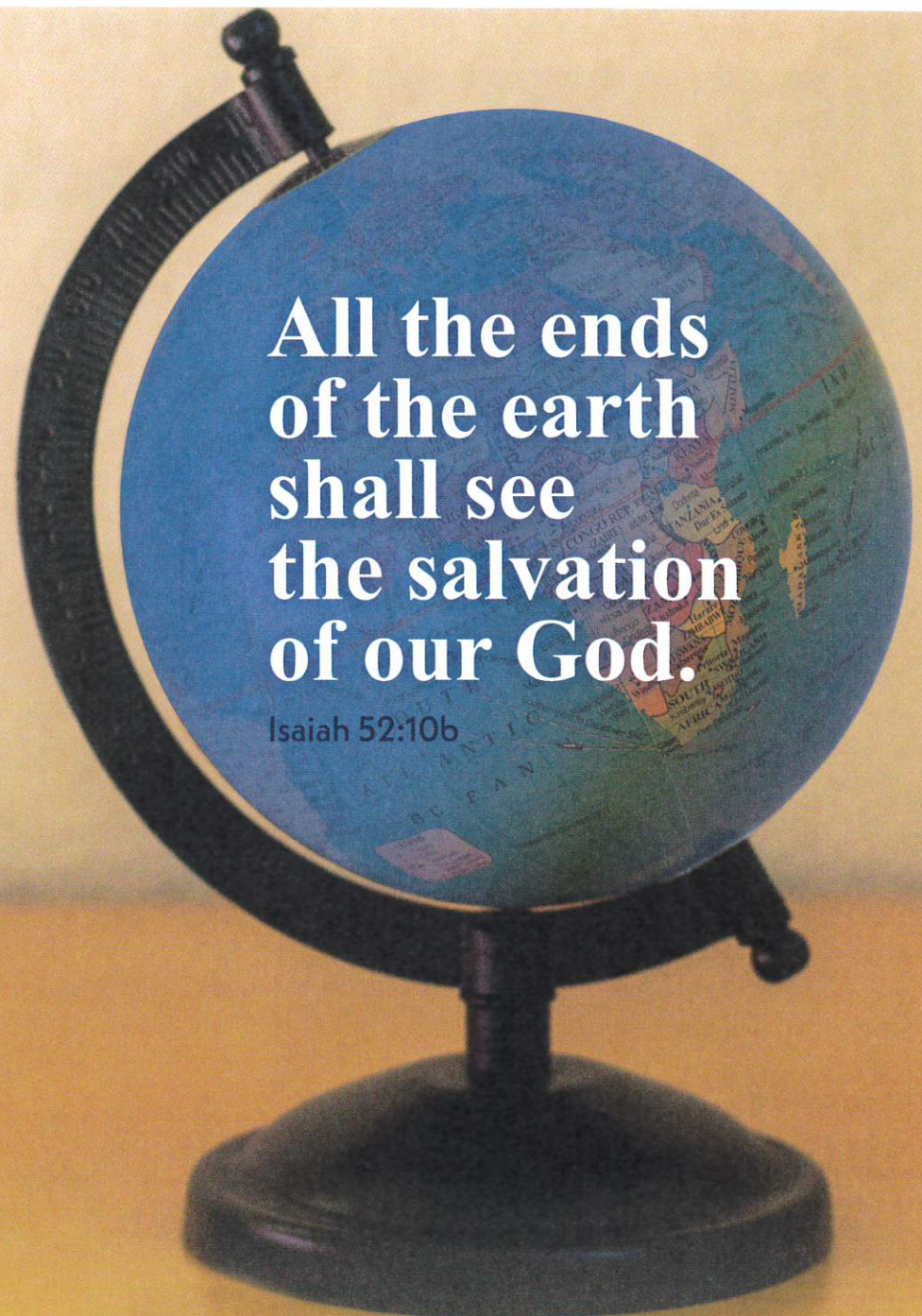
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**All the ends
of the earth
shall see
the salvation
of our God.**

Isaiah 52:10b



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THAT ALL MAY KNOW HIM

All of my life I have heard preachers speak of "the great commission." The term is a reference to the final command that Christ gave to His disciples and to the New Testament church. It is great both because it is given by the authority of the Lord Jesus and because it impacts the eternal souls of men. Scripture records Christ's great commission for us five times (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-48, John 20:21, and Acts 1:8).

If our Lord says something once it demands our attention. When the same command is repeated throughout Scripture it is a Holy Spirit inspired emphasis. It is a reminder that must not be forgotten! Each of the four gospel writers records the great commission in his own unique way. (Luke records it twice!) Each account is given in a varied setting but all agree on the one thing Christ has given us to do – get the gospel out and bring people in.

Consider the words of the great missionary, David Livingstone: "If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honor, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?"

If the commission is so great then so will our accountability be when we stand before Jesus someday! First-century believers took the commission seriously and personally. They literally carried the gospel to the known world in a generation (Colossians 1:6, 23). Last day Christians will have much to answer for at the judgment seat; we have wasted so much energy on things that do not matter.

May God stir our hearts this week to get more involved in world wide missions.

Assistant Pastor Silvertooth



MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Sunday Night Dinner: Tonight, after the evening service join us for a meal and fellowship. Bring a side or dessert to go with fried chicken.

Services: Sunday at 6:30pm, Mon –Wed: 7pm Nightly

Please be in prayer that God would do something great in our midst this week!



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April and May were full months of travel, preaching, and continued preparation for summer ministry. We are thankful for the Lord's protection over many miles. At one point, our van was rear-ended, but everyone is safe, and the other driver's insurance is covering the repairs. Moments like that remind us that every trip, every meeting, and every mile is in the Lord's hands, and we are grateful for His traveling mercies.

In April, I had the privilege of preaching in Pennsylvania. In May, I preached in Texas and was especially grateful to be with my mom in church on Mother's Day. We praise the Lord for churches that still emphasize the Great Commission and for families who encourage their children to follow Christ wherever He leads. It is a privilege to be part of His great work.



On the home front, we enjoyed having Katherine, Anthony, and Sean return from a successful semester at college. It is a blessing to watch our children grow, serve, and take their own steps of faith. At the same time, preparations at the World Missions Center continued for Candidate School and CAMP BIMI. For those who do not know, CAMP BIMI is a focused, one-week training program designed to help people move beyond the idea of missions as just adventure and better understand real life on the field. We will train two great groups of students in July.



Justin and Kourtney Holder are a great example of the kind of servants we are praying God will continue to raise up through these ministries. God placed a desire in their hearts to use medical ministry as an open door for the Gospel and church planting. They have taken

numerous CONNECT medical missions trips to South America, reaching places that are otherwise difficult to access. They are CAMP BIMI alumni, and God used their time with us to encourage and strengthen their calling. They will be coming as missionary candidates in June, on their way to the Amazon Basin to plant churches.

Their story reminds us that God uses prepared people. Please pray for all the applicants, students, and future missionaries we will be working with in June and July. We want every class, conversation, and counseling session to encourage them toward God's will and work.

In Christ for the Harvest, Jason and Mary Ritchie, Katherine, Anthony, Sean, Emily, Allison, Jenna, & Madelyn

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