

# Crossroads News cont.

**Worship Workshop -Everyone is invited**

**Part 1** August 20 1:00-3:30 pm **Part 2** August 27 1:00-3:30 pm

Light refreshments will be provided. Contact Susan, Beryl or Maggie for more information.

**Church Retreat!** It's time to register for our Church retreat. Our theme is "A New Thing" and we'll be thinking about the upcoming changes that we'll experience together. Please stop by the Retreat table in the Narthex to register, ask questions and get more information about the Calvin Center, housing and meals. There is a \$25 registration fee. You may pay online, by check or by cash.

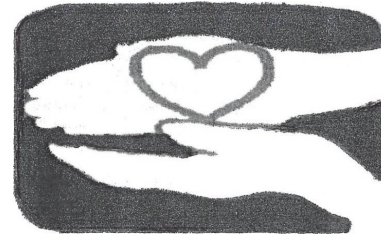
**Urgent! Teachers Needed!** Teachers are needed to teach the 4 and 5 year old class on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Teachers will work in pairs. Materials will be provided. If you are interested, please call Dorothy Jones at 404-561-1563.

**Information wanted:** Because we have a large group of regular attenders, we want to be sure that we have your information. Please complete the form in the Narthex: name, email, phone number. If you want to receive prayer requests and other information about Crossroads, please mark your email with an asterisk \*. We'll add your email to this list.

**KidZone Back to School Splash Party!** For ages K-5th grades, Saturday, August 19 11:00 – 2:00pm. Trinity the clown will perform magic tricks. Activities and water games. Bring a towel and a friend! RSVP by August 16th at the church office 770-469-9069.

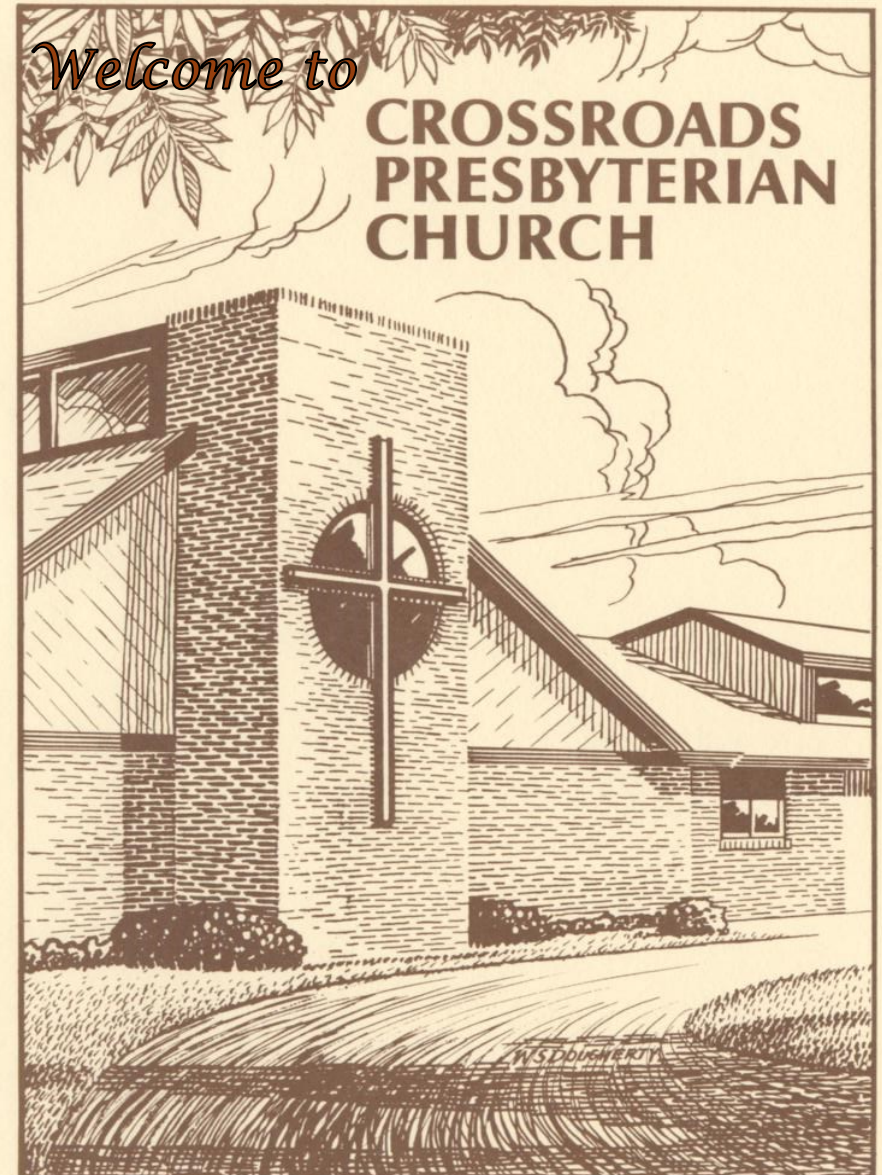
**Operation Christmas Child** It's the perfect time to pick up items for the shoeboxes we plan to fill in November. School supplies are on sale so please pick up: pencils, pens, crayons, paper, erasers, colored pencils, markers, pencil sharpeners, etc. A donation box will be in the narthex. (What is Operation Christmas Child? A mission that all can participate in by stuffing shoeboxes with gifts, delivering them all over the world, and sharing the Gospel. Sponsored by Samaritan's Purse.)

**Pastoral Care**- If you have a need for pastoral care--prayer, visit, illness--please contact Judie Morgan (404-735-3512). She will make arrangements to provide the care you need.



# Heartlines

August 6, 2023





## The Pastor's Corner



To the Saints:

Not many of you keep up with the Presbyterian news. After all, why would you? But if you did, you would have found an interesting story this week.

The Presbyterian tradition is one that emphasizes written confessions of faith that arise when necessary. *The Book of Confessions* contains these confessions, beginning with the *Nicene Creed* (from 325). The most recent is over 30 years old. In these confessions, the church "declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes, and what it resolves to do."

When we ordain elders and deacons, we ask deacons and elders this question, "Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?"

I love the confessions of the church. In each one we see the church wrestling with its faith in a particular new context where it believes that faithfulness requires a fresh articulation of the church's commitments.

So, the news this week is that the Co-Moderators of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) have appointed a 16-member Special Committee to consider a new confession, whether we need one and to write one if it deems it appropriate for our current context. A lot has changed since 1991, and the General Assembly voted last summer to begin this multi-year process. Two people with some connections to Crossroads are on this Special Committee. My good friend Martha Moore-Keish, who teaches theology at Columbia Seminary, will serve. Martha has worshiped with us and has taught classes that several Crossroads people have taken. I have been invited to serve as well.

Whether a new confession emerges or not, it is a holy and welcome calling. I hope Crossroads will engage with me in this process.

- Rev. Charles Wiley



## Prayer Requests



Healing - The following persons are in need of prayer:

Jarvis Hall (Roz Fuse-Hall's husband)

Henry Stevens (Alex's brother)

Edward & Uvalyn Patterson

Rosa Crowley (Pamela Gruduah's aunt)

John Gregory (Sharon's husband)

Kim English (Deloris Rose's Niece)

Jewel Walker (friend of Pat Bogus)

Esan Simon (son of Irving & Dorothy)

Karen Fors Brown (daughter of Dave & Joy Fors)

Anna Clarke (Maggie Sofidiya's niece in S. Africa)

Jimmy Ford (nephew of Annette Smith)

Preston Watson (Priscilla Wilkinson's father)

Hannah Rader (Kristi Helfen's daughter)

Lisa Lauer (sister of Priscilla Wilkinson)

Our Missionaries (See bulletin back for list of names)

Lonice Fryer

Michael Hairston

Denise Romney

Ben Wilkinson Jr.

Joan Stevens

Kimberly Harris

Larry Steele

Bereavement- Ransford Williams, (brother Adrian Draggon), Ben Wilkinson (brother Freddie), Beryl Lindsay (sister Ivy Samuel)



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Church Survey - For members and regular attendees, please remember to complete the survey--Congregation Assessment Tool-- by August 10. (For those that were mailed a survey, please mail back by August 7.) We want to gather your insights about Crossroads: who we are now and who we would like to be in the future. If you did not receive one, talk to Nancy Scott.

No One Alone Ministry- extends greetings to everyone and invites you to join us on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon- 1:30 PM for an afternoon of fellowship and fun for the entire family. We will be showing the movie "Heaven is for Real". Please RSVP by August 12<sup>th</sup> to Dorothy Jones (404-561-1563) or Lilieth Hunt (646-591-7397) in order that we may prepare accordingly. Refreshments will be provided. See you there!

Food Distribution for this month is cancelled due to lack of donations to the Atlanta Food Bank. Hopefully we will resume next month.