

March 8, 2026

Crossroads

Baptist Church

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*"We will love God and one another, reach people for Christ,
and encourage growth in Christ-likeness."*

*"Your love, Lord,
reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness
to the skies."*

PSALM 36:5

PRELUDE	<i>Love Medley</i> Pam Johnson
CALL TO WORSHIP Hymn 485	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>
WELCOME & PRAYER	Rev. Stuart Clark Associate Pastor
TIMOTHY TIME	Dr. Doug Diehl & Timothy
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus</i> Worship Choir
OFFERTORY PRAYER	Mauricio Fernandez Youth Minister
OFFERTORY	<i>What a Friend</i> Worship Orchestra
SONG OF PRAISE Hymn 180	<i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i> <i>Oceans</i> Praise Collective
SCRIPTURE READING	Ephesians 4:31-5:2 Phil McDonald
“How to Look More Like Jesus” 1 John 4:7-19	Dr. Doug Diehl Pastor
INVITATION Hymn 146	<i>O How He Loves You and Me</i>
CLOSING COMMENTS	Dr. Doug Diehl
PARTING SONG	<i>The Love of God</i>

TLC Tender Loving Care (Childcare) 10:15/Joy Bldg., Infants-Pre-K

Enhanced Hearing Devices are available at the Welcome Desk

Sermon Notes

How to Look More Like Jesus

1 John 4:7-19

Possibly the most important and consequential descriptive statement about God in all of Scripture is this: “_____.” It is a testament to Who God ____, not just what He _____. He loves, of course, but He loves because love is Who He is. Love is His _____.

John says we can verify his assertion about God by looking at what He has _____. “He sent His Son into the world as an atoning sacrifice for our sins that we might live through Him.” Jesus’ action perfectly _____ real love. It isn’t a mere _____ or sentiment. Nor is it a self-_____ activity. It is self-sacrificing--done purely for the benefit of the thing loved.

John penned this phrase to address a pressing problem. People who once claimed faith in Jesus had _____ from Jesus and John’s church (see **1 John 2:19**). Those still in the church were fearful that maybe they too were not truly saved. After all, the people who left said they had received Jesus. What _____ could they look for to see if they were really born of God and knew God? John’s answer: “let us love one another, for love comes _____. Like Jesus, Christians are repeatedly called to lay down their lives for one another by meeting the physical needs of others through _____ with one another and by meeting the emotional and spiritual needs of others by _____ with one another and _____ one another.

But being born of God and knowing God doesn’t make love _____. It enables us to love as He loves. We must be _____ about our love for one another. It must be cultivated.

As Christ-followers, we are called to a self-giving, self-denying love for one another. Since God is love, love is God’s nature, but it _____ in our nature. Enabled by God’s _____ within us, however, we can _____ loving one another, helping, forgiving, building up one another, until His kind of love becomes _____ to us.

Congratulations to Bro. Stuart Clark on his anniversary serving as Crossroads Associate Pastor. We are so grateful for the faithful ministry you have shared with the church over the past 32 years!

Time for some Irish Fun with Young at Heart! Join in the fun on Thursday, March 12, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker will be Kim Bose, who will share information about Ornithery, which is the intentional practice of observing birds for mental health. Baked potatoes will be provided! You can bring your favorite potato topping or dessert. We will also play a few rounds of Irish BINGO!

Baptism Sunday on March 15: There are some baptisms scheduled for March 15. If you have made a Profession of Faith and are interested in baptism, contact the church office to be added to the service.

Women of Prayer Potluck Picnic Luncheon will be Monday, March 16, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring something you might take on a picnic to share with the group. The guest speaker will be Carol Fisher, speaking on “God’s Peace in a Broken World.” Please RSVP to Gail Anderson (210.863.5254).

Crossroads VBS 2026: Illumination Station is coming soon! Mark your calendar for June 15-19, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. All children who have completed PK to 6th grade can take part in VBS this summer. Registration can be found at cbcsa.net/vbs.

Join in VBS Fun! Illumination Station Kickoff & Training will be Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Find your VBS Team! Enjoy VBS Snacks! Be encouraged and energized to make this VBS fabulous! RSVP to Chelsay Long, VBS Director (703.814.2990) or Katy Padgett, Children’s Director (757.660.4669).

Sabbatical Love Offering: Our pastors need refreshment and renewal from time to time. Crossroads has a sabbatical program to permit our ordained pastors to take time to get away and get renewed, sponsored by the church for 4 weeks every seven years or so. Such refreshment allows them to continue to bless, inspire and motivate us by the Holy Spirit flowing freely through them and into our hearts and souls. Brother Doug will be taking a church-sponsored sabbatical later this year. Please consider a Sabbatical Love offering to help facilitate and enhance his renewal time away (note “Sabbatical” with your gift). Thank you, from the Personnel Committee.

Deacon Team: Phil Dieter, 915.479.8808, Phil McDonald, 210.313.2456, Jesse Pullen, 210.602.9151, Armando Rodriguez, 210.833.0451.



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GUEST REGISTRATION
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This Week

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Wk of Prayer for N.A. Missions

8:45 AM Preservice Prayer Time
 9:00 AM Bible Study
 10:30 AM Generations in Worship
 12:00 PM Private Ceremony
 12:30 PM Comunidad de Gracia
 4:00 PM Handbells

Monday, March 9, 2026

9:00 AM Prayers 'n' Stitches
 1:30 PM Joyful Noise
 5:00 PM Youth Lock-In
 6:30 PM Kyrie Choir
 7:00 PM DC Kings BB
 8:00 PM Youth Outing
 11:30 PM Youth Lock-In

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

8:00 AM Youth Lock-In Ends
 5:00 PM Peer Parenting Program
 6:00 PM Girls VB Practice
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

11:00 AM Community Choir
 5:15 PM Potluck Supper
 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study
 7:00 PM Worship Choir
 7:30 PM Praise Collective
 7:30 PM Worship Orchestra
 7:30 PM DC Kings BB

Thursday, March 12, 2026

9:15 AM GriefShare
 11:30 AM Young at Heart
 2:00 PM Missions Comm. Mtg.
 6:00 PM Girls VB Practice

Friday, March 13, 2026

7:00 PM CdG Praise Team

Saturday, March 14, 2026

7:30 AM SABA BB Group



Last Week:

Sunday In-person Worship	313
Sunday AM Bible Study	247
Sunday Virtual Worship	398
Wkly Tithes & Offerings	\$37,641
Revitalizing CR 2020 Loan Bal.	\$118,649
Annual Missions	\$6,312

How to Reach Us

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WIFI (Where I Fit In) Class,

Next Class, March 15

9:00 am, Pastor's Office

Register at cbcsa.net/w-i-f-i

WIFI is a class for adults who are considering becoming a part of our Crossroads family.

Baptism Class

By Request

Contact the Church Office

Hear how baptism is practiced and encouraged in scripture. Youth and adults are invited.

GIVE



Online giving is available. It's a simple way to give to CBC via your credit/debit card or checking. Go to www.cbcsa.net and click on **Give** or use the QR Code. Follow the simple on-screen instructions.

Services are streamed live and remain available for post-service viewing on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com).



KIDS CONNECTION SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00. CLASSES ARE IN THE FAITH BUILDING FOR ALL CHILDREN BIRTH THROUGH 5TH GRADE.