

CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

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Where Are You Seated

Pastor Bobby

The title of Sunday's upcoming message is "***Where Are You Seated?***" The May series, called "***Changing The Atmosphere***" sounds like a weather report but it is actually a way of living, either in the fruit of the flesh or the fruit of the spirit. It's a pretty cool and cloudy atmosphere in a home or workplace where the elements of the flesh like sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like are present (Gal 5:19-21). It's a clear and sunny day in the atmosphere of the spirit where love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are evident (Gal 5:22-23). Which environment would you like to grow up in?

Sunday's message will center on changing your "inner atmosphere" so your outer atmosphere can be different. One key understanding in doing this is being reminded **where we are seated!** Receiving Christ gives us a massive advantage in becoming atmosphere changers. **Once Jesus moves in, we move up!** Ephesians 2:6 tells us "*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.*" Why is the verse so critical for us to grasp in order to change our outer atmosphere? Because where you are seated is where you get your counsel! If you are seated in the midst of the fruit of the flesh, then you will draw your counsel from your problems. But if you are seated in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus you will draw from His counsel and have a different outcome.

I remember a man who worked for Freedom in Christ ministries who told about being called to the witness stand in the trial of a person that he had counseled. The prosecuting attorney was taunting him as a "Christian counselor." The opposing attorney jabbed questions like: "*What school did you attend?*" "*Whoever heard of that one?*" "*Were they accredited to give you the right to counsel this person?*" "*You call yourself Christian...*" and many other accusations followed. The gentleman said that inwardly his blood began to boil and his anger began to stew. Then suddenly he remembered,

“I’m not seated in this courtroom, absorbing these defaming questions. I’m seated in heaven and I’m God’s child! He loves me regardless of this outcome, and He gives me wise counsel at all times.”

When the man focused on those realities instead of the accusations coming at him, he calmed down inside and answered the man’s questions with peace. Because he chose to focus on where he was seated “**within**”, the atmosphere changed “**without**.”

Sunday is also Mother’s Day! We’ll take some time to honor moms and bless them in prayer and with a gift. See you then!

PRAYER NEEDS

PERSONAL REQUESTS

Denise L. – Pray for Maddie as she goes to a gastroenterologist in Richmond this Friday. Maddie has been struggling with a bacterial over growth in her intestines the last few years and has not been well the past few weeks. Pray specifically that we find answers, direction, and healing.

Pat A. - Pray for husbands ears and the rest of the family.

No Name – Pray for Barbara to be healed of MRSA and the difficulty to breathe. Also her son has cancer throughout his body. Our God is well able to heal!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church communication channels are emails and website. Please check weekly for new information!

Changing the Atmosphere: If you are enjoying Pastor Bobby’s new series and would like to read more you can order the book that inspired it all directly from amazon By Clicking [Here](#)

Redemptive Gift Teaching now on our YouTube Channel! Many of you have gone through our teachings on the Redemptive Gifts found in Romans 12 and been very encouraged in discovering your own spiritual gifts. We now have them in VIDEO FORM! Wanda has recorded a 3-Session series that is now on our YouTube channel where you can go at ANY TIME and watch as well as share with your small group or friends. The first session is a 12-minute overview of all 3 sets of spiritual gifts found in Scripture. Sessions 2 and 3 are both about 30 minutes long and detail the seven specific "redemptive" gifts found in Romans 12. You can go directly to the videos by [CLICKING HERE](#).

The CrossKids are "On a Roll for Missions!" So far the CrossKids have collected a total of \$93.50. They will continue on their Roll for Missions through the end of June. CrossKids will be supporting DOVE UGANDA CHILDREN'S FUND AND TOUCH AFRICA NOW with Missionaries Martin and Liz Tumusiime and their work with South Sudanese Refugee Children in Rhino Camp, Northern Uganda. You can help us by donating your quarters and change at our We're On A Roll For Missions table set up in the foyer or by designating your gift on the offering envelope to CrossKids Mission Project. Thank you!

Attention Graduates: As a church, we will be honoring all of our recent graduates on Sunday, June 4, 2017. We do not want to leave anyone out so if you are graduating from high school, college, post graduate work, etc. Please send an email to the church office so we can add you to our list of graduates to honor on June 4. (Email: ccc.officedesk@gmail.com)

Funds Needed For Missions Trip: Kate Blevins will be traveling to the Dominican Republic on a missions trip in July. Everyone is invited to help support her by coming to our Missions Support Lunch immediately after the service on Sunday 21, 2017.

Change For Life Update: During Abba Care's annual change for life drive you filled thOSE empty baby bottles with your change and that change made a difference! Crossroads was able to donate a total of 1,556.57!

ONLINE GIVING: Available by going to our church website www.crossroadswinchester.com and clicking on the online giving logo at top of home page which will take you to the log in page. A convenient way for you to give any day or time that is convenient for you.

OFFICE HOURS: Just to keep our members informed, our church office hours are ***Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00-4:00pm***. The church is not opened on Mondays and Fridays. Emails and voicemail calls will be answered during office hours. If you plan to come to the church, please call the office, 540-722-4035, to ensure someone is here throughout the business hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PROPHETIC COACHING SEMINAR May 21st, 4:00-8:00pm: This seminar is for both beginners and those who have already ministered in the prophetic. Our desire is to see prophetic ministers be healthy, vibrant, and accurate. If you want to grow in this gift as well as teach others about the prophetic, this is for you. An interactive event with questions, feedback, examples, and activation. NO COST and NO REGISTRATION. Seminar will be facilitated by Wanda Alger.

CROSSROADS WOMEN: Coffee, Conversation & Connection - Monday, May 22nd, 6:30pm at Panera Bread. This is a relaxing time to converse with other women of all ages and get to know each other personally. Come for a drink or eat a full meal but the best part will be the conversations and connections.