

Run to Finish!
Hebrews 12
Levi Stuckey

Running without purpose is not that enjoyable. However, running with a purpose whether that be exercise, competition, or safety is a different story. Although painstaking and difficult at times, running with a purpose always results in a reward. That makes the effort of running worth it. But you've got to finish to receive the reward. The author of Hebrews compares our faith journey to running a race and encourages us to run to finish so that we may receive our reward!

I. You're in the race whether you like it or not! vv. 1-4

II. Run to Finish! (4 reasons we quit running and the antidotes that will keep us running to the finish)

- 1. Distraction:** We lose focus. (v. 2) Antidote: Fix your eyes on Jesus.
- 2. Hardship:** We get discouraged. (vv. 3-12) Antidote: Endure hardship as discipline.
- 3. Conflict & Impurity:** We let sin rule us. (vv. 13-17) Antidote: Pursue peace and purity.
- 4. Fear:** We resent or run from God (vv. 18-29) Antidote: Embrace God's gospel voice!

Ask yourself, "Does it help me run!"

Next week:
Napoleon: Levi Stuckey (Hebrews 13:1 - 25)

CAMPUS INFORMATION

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Welcome to crossroads

ONE CHURCH | TWO LOCATIONS

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Welcome to Crossroads!!

On behalf of everyone at Crossroads Church, we want to welcome you to our worship service. We're glad you are here and hope you have a meaningful and enjoyable experience. Inside this program we have provided some information to let you know who we are and what we are about. We would welcome the opportunity to meet you and answer any questions you might have. Our contact information is on the back. Should you want to provide us with your contact information, you can fill out one of the "Connecting at Crossroads" cards from the seat back in front of you and put it in the offering plate. If you're new to Crossroads, that's all we want you to put in the offering plate. We're not looking for your money. Sit back and relax. We have prepared this service for you and appreciate your coming.

-Pastors Wes & Levi



Helping people discover and grow to
maturity and mission in

Jesus Christ

A FEW WORDS TO OUR GUESTS. . .

Child Care Available — We take serving your children seriously. While your children are always welcome to stay with you, a safe and fun place has been created for your young children in second grade and younger. Children can be checked in at the table located just outside the nursery. (Follow the hallway signs past the café.) Check-in can begin as soon as you arrive. Babies and toddlers may be dropped off at our nursery beginning at 10:15 a.m. Children age 3 through 2nd grade will be dismissed following our worship time during the service.

Offering — As part of our worship service we do take an offering. If you are a guest, you do not need to put anything in the plate. We're not after your money. Folks who regularly attend Crossroads faithfully support the church financially.

Connecting at Crossroads — Should you want to provide us with your contact information, you can fill out the "Connecting at Crossroads" card and drop it in the offering plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUNCO - Ladies are invited to play BUNCO tomorrow evening in the café starting at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a white elephant gift exchange. First timers are always welcome! Contact Sue Walker with any questions: grammasue@roadrunner.com

YOUTH GROUPS - All regular youth group activities will take place tonight at 6:00 p.m. Grades 3-8 will meet at the church and Sr. High will meet at Levi and Rachel Stuckey's house. (1020 Clairmont Ave.)

OFFERING ENVELOPES - Anyone interested in a free box of offering envelopes for 2016 may sign up for them at the information table. An end of the year report will be issued for tax purposes. *If you already use the envelope system you do not need to sign up. A new box will be issued for 2016.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - There will be many opportunities to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Crossroads Napoleon. The annual children's mini-Christmas program will take place on Sunday, December 20 as part of the morning service. There will be a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m. on December 24. Travis Smith and Ken Lindsey will be teaming up to lead us in Christmas worship on Sunday December 27 as well.

BUILDING RENOVATION - A list of renovation volunteer jobs has been developed. See Wes for opportunities within the next couple of weeks to work. Everything we do saves the church money. Thanks for all the help so far. Thanks also for your patience as the work goes on.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1

STUFF THAT'S IMPORTANT TO US:

Personal Authenticity —

We believe God intends us to live life honestly; not afraid to admit our faults, not pressured to pretend we're someone we're not. We believe God accepts people right where they are and lovingly moves them to where He desires them to be. We're committed to living authentic lives with God, ourselves, and each other.

Loving Relationships –

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in caring relationships, where people actively participate in a small community that encourages, challenges, prays, serves, and learns together to form a church that is a purposeful, loving community.

Being Culturally Relevant –

We believe God wants to reach people in ways that are meaningful to them. Our style is contemporary. We're not interested in passing fads or gimmicks, we simply want to use the clearest, most effective means possible to communicate God's message. We are committed to communicating the truths of Christianity in a creative and relevant manner.

Unapologetically Biblical –

We believe the Bible is true; that it is authoritative and applicable to every part of our lives. While we are progressive in our methods, we are grounded securely to the truths of Christianity. We study, teach, and follow the Bible as our sole authority and guidebook for life.

Outreach Oriented –

We believe the answers for all of life and eternity are found in a restored personal relationship with God through faith in Christ. We are committed to spreading His love to those who don't yet know it.

Grace Focused –

We believe the central force in our lives is the unmerited grace and love of God. We believe that God's grace alone is responsible for producing lasting change in an individual's life. We are committed to focusing on and celebrating that grace, and fostering an environment that reflects it in our lives and relationships.

**Please join us each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for coffee, juice and homemade goodies. You're welcome to enjoy them during the service. Feel free to sit at the tables during the service if you like.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Sunday, November 29, 2015

Tithes & Offerings:

General Fund Goal \$ 3,500.00

Received: \$ 4,318.00

Difference: + \$ 818.00

Building Fund Goal \$ 1,000.00

Received: \$ 620.00

Difference: - \$ 380.00

TOTAL: \$ 4,938.00

Attendance:

Napoleon: 181