SERMON NOTES -

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March 18, 2012

- 1. For Our Guests: Welcome to CrossWay Community Church! We are so glad to have you with us today. Please stop by our Guest Center in the lobby after the service to meet a leadership team member and his wife. They'll be happy to answer your questions and help you learn more about CrossWay. For your convenience, welcome packets will also be available.
- **2. Pew Bibles:** If you need a Bible for this morning's service you may borrow one from the book carts outside the auditorium.
- Scripture Memory: Here is the verse we are memorizing this week as part of our churchwide Scripture Memory Program: Faithful- God always keeps His promises

"The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works." (Psalm 145:13)

- **4. Prayer Ministry:** If you have a need or concern, leaders from the church will be available to pray with you today after the service at the front of the auditorium.
- **5. Prayer Meeting:** There is an opportunity to pray together for the church body on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in Room 102.
- **6. CrossWay's Bookstore** is open for one-half hour immediately following both services. All resources are designed to promote godliness through the application of biblical truth to our lives. CDs of today's and other recent sermons are available for \$2. Sermons are available for free at crosswayonline.org or subscribe to our free podcast at itunes.com.

- 7. **New Arrival:** Congratulations to Rocky and Jolyn Baldry on the birth of their daughter, Lydia Rae, born on Friday, March 2. Lydia weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 21".
- **8. Communion:** Please begin preparing your heart to celebrate communion this morning. *To receive a gluten-free cracker, please see a greeter at the back of the auditorium before the service begins.*
- 9. Gatherings in Homes for Prayer: Once again we want to encourage you to consider gathering a small group of people in your home to pray together sometime during the last two weeks of March. A new prayer guide has been made available to help provide direction as you pray. Let's continue to seek God for his presence and power to be manifest in the entire ministry of our church.
- **10. Christian Service Brigade:** All 3rd-5th grade boys and their dads are invited to attend our next CSB meeting tomorrow night, from 6:45-8:45 p.m. here at the church building.
- **11. College and Young Adult Ministry** gathering and Bible study this Friday, March 23, at Carolyn's Coffee Connection (1351 52nd St., Kenosha). Worship and teaching begins at 6:30 pm. The message is on "How to Know Truth."
- 12. Spring Clean-up Day: Volunteers are needed to help with a few outdoor clean-up projects on the church property. We will be gathering together this Saturday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to spread mulch, clean up the parking lot, pick up garbage and wash windows. If interested in serving, please sign up at the Information Center. Rain date: March 31.
- **13. Vision & Values**: Our next membership class is scheduled for Wednesdays, March 28 and April 4, from 7:00–9:30 p.m. Attendance at both of these sessions is necessary to pursue membership. If this creates a hardship for you, please contact David Vecchitto at the church office. To help us in preparation for this class please preregister at the Information Center. Refreshments will be provided starting at 6:30 p.m.
- 14. One Church One Book: Knowing God, by J. I. Packer will continue to be available at the bookstore for the suggested price of \$9.00. We strongly urge you to get a copy if you haven't yet. Let's let this book fuel our meditations and our conversations throughout the year and let's pray that it will bear the fruit of real growth in our *knowing God*!

- **15. Middle School Ministry:** For all 6th-8th grade students and their parents. Meetings are from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 - ♦ Sunday, March 25 The Doctrine of The Atonement
 - ◆ Sunday, April 1 The Doctrine of The Holy Spirit
- **16. High School Ministry:** For all 9th-12th grade students. This January we made some significant changes to the high school ministry. A letter detailing these changes and the new schedule are available at the Information Center.
 - ◆ Sunday, March 25 HS D-Groups, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Friday, March 30 All HS students are invited to come learn about Christ and have fun at this large group mtg. 7:00-9:00 p.m. (We have moved our First Friday for April up one week due to our Good Friday Service.)
 - ♦ Sunday, April 1 HS D-Groups, 6:00–9:00 p.m.
- **17. Good Friday Service:** CrossWay will have a Good Friday service on April 6, from 7:00–8:00 p.m.
- 18. Easter Sunday, April 8: Our Easter service will be a Guest Sunday, a time when we pay particular attention to presenting the gospel clearly to our guests. Please begin praying now about who God would have you invite to our Easter Service. Additional invitations to our Easter Sunday service are available at the Information Center.
- **19. Recycling Newcomer Cards:** Please place your unused cards in one of the marked bins at the Bible book cars outside the auditorium. Thank you for helping us conserve paper!
- **20. Sunday Evening Gathering**: Please note that our previously scheduled gathering for tonight **has been cancelled.**
- **21. Looking Ahead:** Please mark your calendars for...
 - ♦ Wednesdays, April 18 June 6 First Steps Class
 - ♦ Wednesdays, April 18 May 23 Parenting Class

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22. Offering Information: