## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

For more detailed information on the events below, please visit our website at the the theorem the theorem is the ministry's webpage as listed.

- EXTOL Prayer & Praise | 5.2.19 @ 7pm | thecrossing.org/events
- Cityteam Night of Restoration Gala | 5.4.19 @ 6pm | thecrossing.org/events
  - EncounterVBC (Newcomer Event) | 5.5.19 | thecrossing.org/events
- Family Camp Registration Begins (Online) | 5.6.19 | the crossing.org/events
- Women's Day Cityteam | 5.10.19 | thecrossing.org/ministries/missionary-updates
  - Parent/Child Dedication Service | 5.12.19 | the crossing.org/events
  - Community Service Day | 5.25.19 | the crossing.org/ministries/community
  - Goodguys Church Service | 6.2.19 | the crossing.org/ministries/community
- "Newsies" Musical @ Woodminster | 7.5.19 @ 8pm | thecrossing.org/ministries/community
- Texas vs A's Game with Fireworks | 7.27.19 @ 6pm | thecrossing.org/ministries/community

## **NEXT STEPS**

If you're new to VBC, we're glad you're here! Visit our Connections Desk in the lobby to get more info about our church and how to connect in the following ways:

SUNDAY MORNINGS
SMALL GROUPS
SPECIAL EVENTS
SET UP A MEETING
SERVE

You can also find more details online at thecrossing.org/connect/new-here

## **SONGS & SERMONS**

"Found in You" - Paul Baloche, Andi Rozier

"The Lion and the Lamb" - Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring

"Who You Say I Am" - Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us" - Stuart Townend

"The Only Wise God" - Valley Bible Worship

"Forever Reign" - Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan

To listen or watch today's message, visit thecrossing.org/media

# **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly Operating Budget Need......\$34,434.00 Y-T-D General Fund Need......\$550.944.00 Giving: Last Week......\$27,078.00 Y-T-D Giving......\$511,905.00



# SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019 MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE & ASHLYN HUTCHESON | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

## **MESSAGE NOTES**

From as bad as it gets to as good as it gets
Romans 1-3

#### **Key Verses of Romans:**

**Rom. 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

#### Theme of Romans 1:18-3:20:

God lovingly prepares us for Himself by revealing our absolute guilt before Him.

### Knowledge forms the basis for every person's judgment before God.

- 1. The immoral gentiles: the knowledge from nature (Romans 1:19-21).
- 2. The moral gentiles: the knowledge from conscience (Romans 2:1, 15).
- 3. The Jewish people: the knowledge from the Law (Romans 2:23).

#### Paul's conclusions regarding all of humanity:

**Rom. 3:9** What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, . . . <sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

#### Theme of Romans 3:21-31:

A right standing before God

and

the removal of God's wrath

come through faith in Jesus Christ.

#### How we finally arrived to stand right before God (21-23).

**Rom. 3:21** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

#### God also satisfied His wrath at the expense of Jesus (25-26).

**Rom. 3:25** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

#### For those wanting to be genuinely amazed & wildly happy!

**Heb. 9:12** he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. <sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

- 1. "once for all" (12)
- 2. "securing an eternal redemption" (12)
- 3. "offered himself without blemish to God" (14)
- 4. "purify our conscience" (14)
- 5. "to serve the living God" (14)
- 6. "new covenant" (15)
- 7. "the promised eternal inheritance" (15)

**2Cor. 3:18** And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Will you behold His glory?