

FULFILLING YOUR

4-DAY CROSSROADS BIBLE CONFERENCE

May 5 - 8
2013


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Conference Schedule

Sunday, May 5th

8:30 and 9:45 a.m. - L.I.F.E. Groups

9:30 and 11 a.m. - Worship Service

Message - Making the Most of Your Christian Service

Dan Proctor

6 p.m. - Evening Service

Message - Being Steadfast in Your Faith

Rob Hall

Monday, May 6th

7 p.m. - Evening Service

Message - Doing Things Heartily, as To the Lord

Shannon Dann

Tuesday, May 7th

7 p.m. - Evening Service

Message - Continuing in Prayer

Clint Proctor

Wednesday, May 8th

7 p.m. - Bible Institute Graduation Service

Commencement Message - Fulfilling Your Ministry

Rich Costanza

Dan Proctor

Deniece and I married when I was still a student in Bible College, and I thank the Lord for her and our sons, Clint, Clayton, and Caleb. I have been on staff at CrossRoads since 1988, and it is my joy to see our sons (and Clint's new wife!) now serving faithfully in various ministries here. Many young men and women from our church are now serving the Lord full time, as are numerous individuals and families who have been equipped here and sent out from our church to serve throughout the country and the world.

As senior pastor of CrossRoads, my ongoing desire has been to see the lost come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and for Christians to grow in Him. My role is to preach and teach the Word, helping others grow in their Christian lives, and equipping them to do the work of the ministry. We have a strong missions program, L.I.F.E. Groups, Discipleship, Walk Through Bethlehem – the list goes on and on.

That list includes a key ministry here at CrossRoads – our CrossRoads Bible Institute. Through its tuition-free teaching of God's Word, its emphasis on application of the Word, and the practical ministry opportunities the Institute offers through its internship program, so many students and graduates are using their God-given gifts to do the work of the ministry.

I would like to congratulate our largest graduating class ever! I am so proud of each of you for your dedication and all your hard work! Congratulations also to Pastor Rich Costanza, the Institute's Academic Dean. At CrossRoads we believe in growing and changing. Changes in the Institute, including the inclusion of the Distance Education option and the ongoing addition of brand-new classes, have kept CrossRoads Bible Institute growing, offering students new, exciting challenges every year. I am grateful for the great opportunity God has given all

of us at CrossRoads to impact lives for His glory. I hope you enjoy this week's Bible Conference, and that each message will encourage your heart and strengthen your faith.



*Dan & Deniece
Clint & Kendall, Clayton, & Caleb*

Making the Most of Your Christian Service

Colossians 1:26-29

Here in our text, the apostle Paul provides for us the answers as to how all believers can make the most of their Christian service. How can we “work smart” as we labor for the Lord?

As a local assembly of believers, we are on the same team, and we must advance the gospel of Jesus Christ. How will we get the job done? It will take team players with each one doing his or her part.

First, you must understand the _____. vs. 26

“*Mystery*” means “something that was kept secret.” It was hidden by God. But God has **now** revealed it.

God would set aside Israel’s prophetic program temporarily and would begin forming something altogether _____ – the body of Christ.

Gentiles would no longer have to go through Israel for divine blessing and acceptance. They could go straight to God through Jesus Christ.

There is no way to work smart and labor effectively for the Lord if you don’t understand the mystery revealed by God to Paul.

Second, you must labor under the right _____.
vs. 28

Paul preached Christ. This was his main business. Nobody preaches the _____ who doesn’t preach Christ first and foremost.

"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:17-18

What was Paul's goal in all of this? *"...that we may present every man perfect..."*

The word "perfect" means "fully _____." Paul's mission was to get people saved, but then bring the saints to full maturity in Christ.

Paul was given an "every man" ministry and mission.

"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." 1 Timothy 2:4-6

Third, you must be strengthened with all _____.
vs. 27, 29

We are brought into an intimate _____ and oneness with Christ at the very moment of salvation.

The entire foundation of Paul's work for God was Christ in Him. vs. 29

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

Paul was not laboring in his own fleshly effort, but was relying on the power of Christ at work within him.

As we labor, it must be Christ in us, working in and through us. We must yield ourselves to Christ, and constantly acknowledge our _____ of Him.

Rob Hall

Everyone's road to full-time ministry is different. Some people will desire to serve the Lord from a young age. Others, like me, take a longer approach, seeking to fulfill desires that are conjured up from worldly philosophies and ideas, until they realize that those things just leave a person empty and searching for more. This searching is what led me to "listen on purpose" during the Bible preaching and teaching here at CrossRoads, instead of just "attending" the services. After a year or more of spiritual growth, my wife Coleen and I began to help in various ministries, serving wherever we were needed. As our passion and love for teens began to take over our thought life, our desire grew for them to have strong leadership in the church, as well as in the home.

This desire to lead teens interfered with my ability to work a secular job, so I left to pursue a full-time position leading teenagers in their walk with the Lord. My family and I have now been serving at CrossRoads for many years. It is amazing to me to see how God works in the lives of those who will set themselves aside and yield completely to Christ.



*Rob & Coleen
Olivia, Jacob,
& Gracie*

Being Steadfast in Your Faith

Colossians 2

There is no stability in this _____, but there is stability found in _____.

All believers must stand _____ in this dark world as lights unto the Lord.

How can you stand in this world as a light unto the Lord?

By _____ together with other believers.

God has provided two things that when combined provide an unbreakable bond that is able to hold believers together.

The first of these two agents is _____.

“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is _____.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

The second of these two agents is _____.

The power of God in the believer’s life is found in his or her _____ of Him!
Ephesians 1:17-19

By putting your faith into _____.

Philippians 2:12

Just having faith is great, but the more your faith is _____, the stronger it becomes.

Putting your faith into action brings three things into your life. Romans 5:1-5

It creates _____.

It teaches _____.

It provides _____.

The result of these three is an unashamed _____.

By remembering the _____ that was made.

Every day you should grow more and more grateful for the grace and mercy of God’s _____ for man.

Colossians 1:12-14

Conclusion:

The only way that we will be successful in living out a _____ faith is with the bond of love God provided, by putting our faith into action, and by remembering the sacrifice that made this life possible.

Shannon Dann

I became a member of CrossRoads in 2005 and got plugged into ministry right away. I was an active member of the Single Adults' Ministry, teaching in the TurningPoint L.I.F.E. Group from 2006 to 2010. It was during this time that I met my wife Shawna, and we were married. We have three wonderful kids: Cameran, Joshua, and MacKenzie. I attended the Bible Institute from its inception and was part of the first graduating class in 2010, earning my Diploma in Advanced Biblical Studies. In 2008, I was offered a position on staff at CrossRoads, where I served first as Maintenance Supervisor and then moved into the office as the assistant to Pastor Larry, the Single Adults' and Outreach Pastor.

In August of 2010, I had the opportunity to help my dad pastor his church in Bunnell, Florida, as well as start a new addictions ministry in the area. After my dad passed away in November of 2010, I served as interim pastor until May 2011, and then returned to a staff position at CrossRoads. It is an honor to serve the Lord here at CrossRoads where I have had the opportunity to help in many different ministries, such as Walk Through Bethlehem and the Bible Institute, as well as start a ministry called Freedom Found to help those who are struggling with addictions.



*Shannon & Shawna
Cameran, Joshua,
& MacKenzie*

Doing Things Heartily, as to the Lord

Colossians 3

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24

How can you serve with all your heart?

By focusing your thoughts on _____ principles.

vs. 1-2

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 3:16

By establishing _____ boundaries in your life.

vs. 5-10

By becoming a _____ servant. vs. 18-22

It is also important to not just focus on the things you _____, but to focus on _____, just as Christ focused on others.

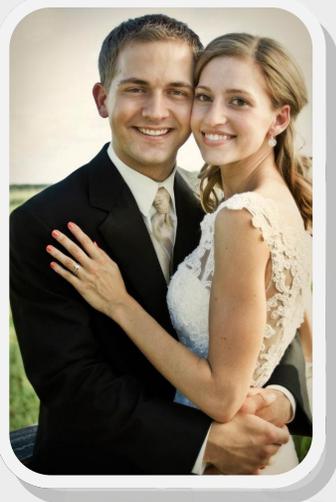
“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”

Philippians 2:3-4

Clint Proctor

I surrendered to the ministry at the age of 7, and I have never lost the desire to serve the Lord with my whole heart and life. I can honestly say that I am living the dream here at CrossRoads. In 2011, I received my 3-year Diploma in Biblical Studies at CrossRoads Bible Institute, which greatly helped me deepen my understanding of God's Word and how to teach it to others. Last May, I also received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Organizational Management from Palm Beach Atlantic University. On June 16th of last year, I married the love of my life, Kendall Rowdon, and we are so excited to be able to serve the Lord together for the rest of our lives.

As Children's Director at CrossRoads, I serve under Pastor Rich, our Christian Education Pastor, to oversee our Children's Ministry. My foremost responsibility is to make sure that our teachers are equipped to teach each week. This includes writing and purchasing curriculum, holding monthly E-Time teacher training sessions, and keeping teachers stocked with all of their needed supplies. Partnering with parents to teach children God's Word is my passion and is the goal of our Children's Ministry, as we work together to reach Kids4Christ.



Clint & Kendall

Continuing in Prayer

Colossians 4:1-12

“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.” Luke 18:1

Prayer is not only a privilege, but also an _____.

You will not be able to fulfill your ministry if you never learn how to pray.

If you want to successfully fulfill your ministry, how should you pray?

You must pray with _____. vs. 12

You must pray with the right _____.

vs. 3-4

You will find that Paul's prayers were always focused on the _____, not the temporal. Colossians 1:9-12

You must pray with _____. vs. 2

God's desire is for His children to persevere in prayer. He wants _____ prayers, not flashy prayers.

Conclusion:

Serving God is not always an easy thing. Often it comes with trials and pain.

During the difficult times of ministry, there are two choices: quit or _____. Let's follow Paul's example and choose prayer.

Rich Costanza

My family and I came to CrossRoads over 17 years ago and have since seen God do great things! It started when my wife Cathy and our children trusted Jesus Christ as Savior. A few years later, I surrendered my life to go into full-time ministry. In seminary, I earned Master's Degrees in Ministry and Christian Education and then a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. The Lord also opened the door for me to join CrossRoads' church staff as Christian Education Pastor.

My goal is to provide diverse, yet always Bible-centered, educational opportunities for all who are seeking to learn God's Word and grow in their relationship with Him. In an Adult L.I.F.E. Group, one can receive life-changing benefits while learning practical truths from God's Word and establishing godly friendships. The Bible Institute provides training for those who desire to serve God in a full-time capacity, as well as providing Bible knowledge and training to anyone who would like to become a better servant unto the Lord.

We take seriously this privilege and awesome responsibility of ministering the gospel of grace here at CrossRoads.



*Rich & Cathy
& Elijah*

Fulfilling Your Ministry

Colossians 4:17

Why do people leave ministry up to “someone else?”

Because they don’t understand that ministry is _____ responsibility.

_____ are the church. The church isn’t the building. It’s the people in the building. And it takes people to do ministry.

Paul said in Colossians 4:17, “Take heed to the ministry which **thou** hast received in the Lord, that **thou** fulfil it.”

_____ member of the body of Christ is a minister, and because of that, ministry is everyone’s responsibility.

Because they simply don’t “_____” the need.

That is why Paul said to “take heed” – that phrase means “to look at, to behold, to _____.”

If we are going to see the need to minister, we have to be yielded to the _____.

Because they don’t realize that ministry is of the _____.

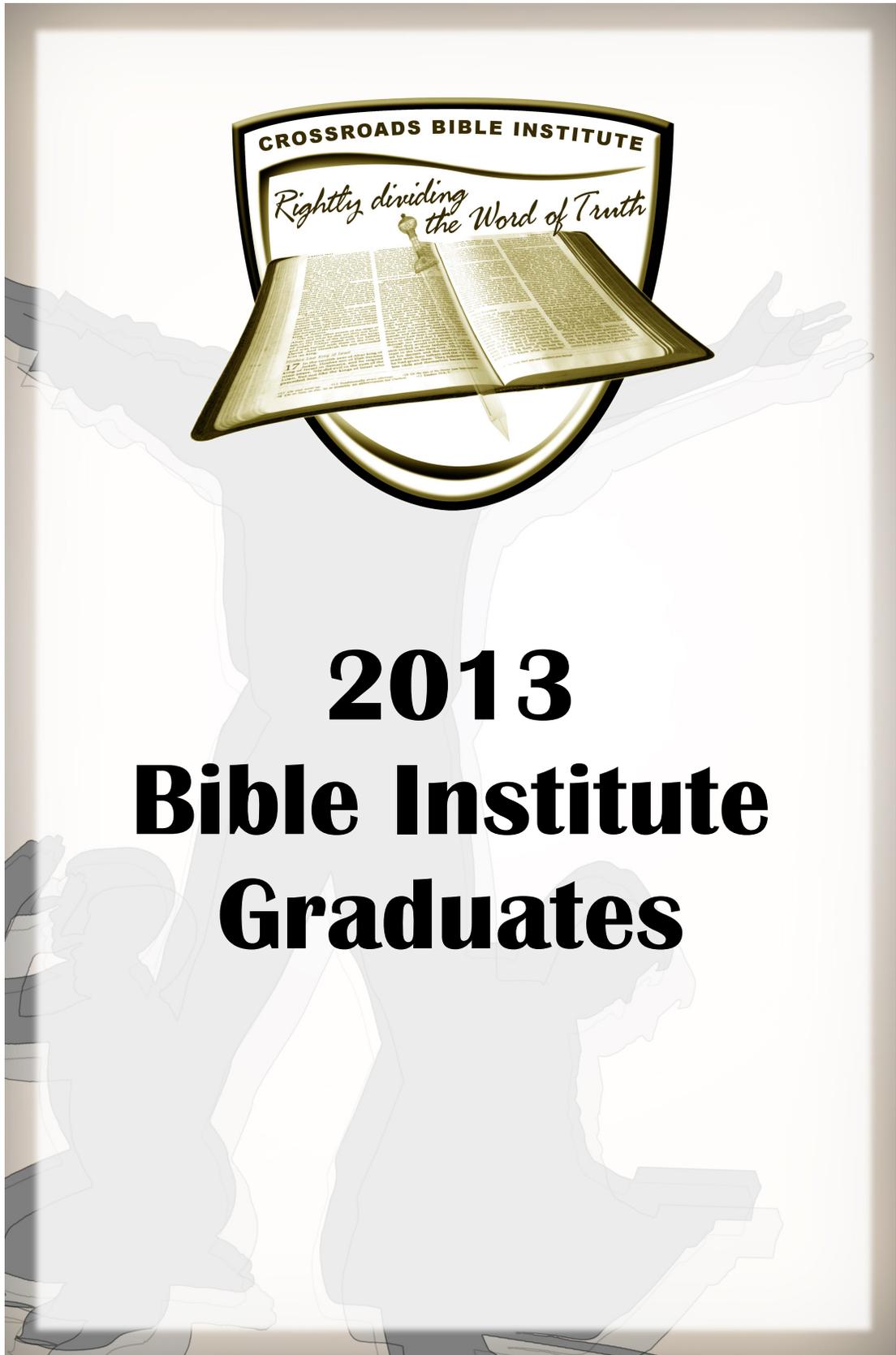
As a _____, ministry should just be a natural part of your life.

Christianity is about taking the ministry you have received in the Lord and looking beyond _____ to fulfill it.

Because some people don’t _____ their course.

The word “fulfil” in Colossians 4:17 means to complete or _____.

Paul was speaking from experience, as he was _____ to the end, but Paul had many people that ministered _____ him. vs. 7-14



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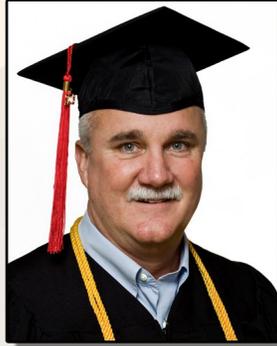
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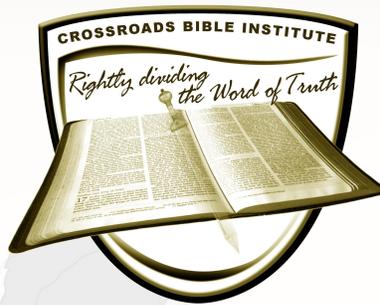


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CrossRoads Bible Institute

2 Timothy 2:15 admonishes believers, *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* This is why the CrossRoads Bible Institute exists.

We desire to see believers *"rooted and built up"* in Christ, and *"stablished in the faith"* (Colossians 2:7). We believe in the absolute sufficiency of Christ and His Word, and we believe that God's Word should be studied and learned so that the believer can be *"thoroughly furnished unto all good works"* (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Our desire is to teach believers how to study God's Word and rightly divide it according to the revelation of the mystery given to the apostle Paul (Ephesians 3:1-11).

Our attitude is the same as Paul in 2 Corinthians 1:24: *"Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand."*

Our prayer is that we can be helpers of your joy and teach you to stand by faith.

Pastor Dan Proctor
President, CrossRoads Bible Institute

Upcoming Courses

Summer Semester

Introduction to the Bible - *Rich Costanza*

An overview of the entire Bible, focusing on the Bible's key terms, content, themes, unity, accuracy, indestructibility, authority, writers, and much more.

Mondays, 6-8 p.m., July 8-August 12

Great Moments in Church History - *Wade Rowdon*

A survey of the important events and individuals characterizing certain periods of church history.

Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., July 11-August 15

Fall Semester

Rightly Dividing the Word of God - *Dan Proctor*

Bible Doctrines - *Brian Danford*

Computer-Assisted Bible Study - *Rob Hall*

Church Administration - *Rich Costanza*

English Grammar & Composition - *Kathy Shive*

Courses begin the week of August 25th.

