

# The Crawford Family

## m a r c h u p d a t e

### FAMILY UPDATES

Even though winter is a beautiful time of year I am so pleased that it is warming up. Anna and I are anxious to get our yard cleaned up and to start landscaping around our house. Anna is starting a garden with a few friends from Hope Church - which they hope to bless others with the 'fruits' of their labor. I am excited to get to get the grill fired up so we can start blessing people with burgers!

Anna's pregnancy is going well! Her and the baby are both healthy as can be and we thank God. Keirsten has started playing soccer and surprisingly she loves it! She has been playing in the backyard almost everyday since her first practice. Keirsten absolutely loves being outside - biking, riding her scooter or just playing her own games in the yard. It is so nice to see her taking in the joys that a house with its own yard brings.



### MARKETPLACE MOBILIZATION UPDATE

Earlier in March I was asked to teach a breakout session at "At Work On Purpose's (AWOP) Marketplace Mobilization" an event in Cincinnati that brings together businessmen and women from all over southern Ohio. I spoke on how to develop a strong prayer life and how it is applicable in the workplace. There were about 40 people between the two breakouts that I taught and it was great to be able to share about something I am passionate about. There was such an interest in learning more about prayer in the marketplace that I will be doing additional prayer trainings this summer in both Dayton and Cincinnati.

### YOUTH RETREAT IN HOCKING HILLS

The first weekend in March we took the youth group to Hocking Hills for a weekend without technology and full of time to seek God. We spent the weekend teaching on hearing God's voice and speaking on what the Scripture says about who God is. We really have been focusing on giving the kids opportunities to make their relationships with God their own by teaching them prayer and how to read Scripture.



We went on a hike around Old Man's cave and it was Hocking Hills at its best - fresh snow on the ground and icicles running down the rocky hillsides. Between the beauty of God's creation, and the never ending snowball fight, it was a great day.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

- Jim Elliot

## KEIRSTEN BOUGHT A SHEEP

We have started giving Keirsten a percentage of our money to give where ever she feels God leading her. She really loves to know that she's able to make a difference for others. She thinks about it all month and gives us about a dozen ideas each month on where she would like to give. This month she narrowed it down to wanting to buy food and supplies for a family in another country. We found an online catalog of items that we could buy for others in another country and we let Keirsten look through and pick what she felt would be best. She chose to buy a sheep for a shepherd family. It is awesome to think that a 4 year old girls heart for others really is making a difference. If you have children we encourage you to let your tithe be a family experience, whether that is letting them put the money into the tithing plate, or if its by purchasing a sheep for a family far far away. It is never too early to teach our kids about generosity and faithful stewardship before God. If you do decide that you would like to purchase an animal or produce for another country here are two resources to help you make your contribution. If you choose to do so please share with us your experience.

- Samaritan's Purse - <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/gift-catalog-2014>

- Gospel For Asia - <http://www.gfa.org/gift/>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Anna & Baby Jacob Daniel's health coming into the third trimester of the pregnancy (Due Date Late June)
- Pray that Jacob's business merger goes well and that God's hand would be all over the new venture.
- Pray that in our new house we would grow in favor with God and men, meaning that we would glorify God with our house and that we would reach our neighbors with His love.
- Pray that both Anna and I would have wisdom as we begin leading prayer sets at Dayton SHOP this month.



*Keirsten at her Tuesday School Graduation, March 28th.*

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

### WEEKLY PRAYER & INTERCESSION

#### **SATURDAY NIGHTS - 9pm-11pm**

ABIDE a time of corporate worship and prayer at DaytonSHOP

#### **TUESDAY AFTERNOONS - 1pm-2pm**

PrayDayton: prayer at Key Bank Tower for the city (10. W. Second St. Dayton, OH)

#### **THURSDAY MORNINGS - 9:00am-10:00am**

Meditation Prayer Set at Dayton SHOP

#### **FRIDAY MORNINGS - 10:00am-12:00pm**

Mommy & Me Prayer Time at Dayton SHOP

### PARTNER FINANCIALLY

**Online Giving** - [www.jakedcrawford.com](http://www.jakedcrawford.com)

**Check** - Make check out to 'Dayton SHOP' and attach post-it note with 'Crawford Family' attached and mail to:

4114 Maplevue Dr.

Beavercreek, OH



On **Tuesday, April 7th** SHOP will be opening for 35 hours each week to the community (see chart for days/times). We are excited for this first new season in SHOP's history and anticipate the Lord has plans beyond our imagination for His heart to be revealed to people through His House of Prayer. During all hours we will have the prayer room open and available for you to come in, sit with the Lord, read His Word, intercede for others, create art, or just stop in to write a prayer request on our prayer board. It is an honor to offer our community a quiet place to come and meet with the Lord.

Along with providing an open prayer room, our new facility allows us to offer several new corporate prayer/worship sets where musicians will provide live music at specific times throughout the week. Here are the details:

**Tuesdays 4 - 5pm**, there will be a family prayer set (led by Andrew Harman, Jack McComas, and a team of children). You can expect corporate worship as well as corporate intercession for families and related family topics that pertain to our community. If you or your child are interested in participating in the leadership of this set, you should arrive at 3:30pm on Tuesdays for instruction and preparation.

**Tuesdays, 5 - 6pm**, our friend Jerome Jacob, who is an international missionary, will lead a worship set that will focus on prophetic worship. If you aren't familiar with that term, it means he will simply play and sing a new song as the Lord leads (it's kind of like singing a prayer).

**Thursdays at 9:00am**, Jacob Crawford will lead a meditation style set where a verse or passage from Scripture will have a continuous cycle of meditating on the passage then sharing and at the end will close with a corporate response in prayer.

**Thursdays at 10:00am**, Jack McComas will lead a type of set called worship with the word. This is a time where a passage of scripture is used as the basis for worship. The passage becomes the song and great revelation of the word is given from Holy Spirit.

**1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday evenings, from 7pm-9pm**, Rick Vice will be leading a devotional set. A devo set is a time when a worship leader will simply sing and play choruses and those in attendance are encouraged to use the time to increase personal devotion.

**Friday morning 6am- 8am**, Jenn's mom, Joni Reed (who is a very accomplished pianist), and I will play an instrumental set. This will be a time for working people to come and spend their morning with the Lord before they go to work.

**Friday's Noon-2pm**, Jack McComas and Andrew Harman will lead a harp and bowl set. This set will focus on different points of intercession for our community, nation and world. "Harp and Bowl" is a term used to describe prayer that is fueled by song. It is based off Revelation 4-5, where prayers are offered to God and followed by songs.

**Saturdays** we will continue to offer our **Abide set from 9pm-11pm**, but are adding an additional intercession set from 7-8:30pm. These will probably be our most attended sets. We focus on the message of Jesus in John 15 where he said, "If a man abides in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." We use the instructions of Paul from Colossians 3, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs..." We incorporate these three things during an abide set.

**Saturdays from 7-9pm**, we will begin to offer a time of **prayer and prophecy**. Anyone who is interested in receiving prayer coupled with words of knowledge purposed to encourage, strengthen, and comfort individuals, should go to our website and sign up for a specific date/time. Our team of Watchmen have been practicing prayer, prophecy, and healing ministry for five years now and are blessed to be able to offer this ministry to our community. Believers and unbelievers alike are encouraged to come, hear from the Lord, and receive a touch from Him. Just go to our website and follow instructions to sign up for a 7-8pm or 8-9pm slot on a Saturday you are available. Spread the word!

We invite you to come to one of these sets or just visit the prayer room anytime during open hours. Come "taste and see that the Lord is good". Who knows, you may find it is a wonderful addition to your weekly routine.