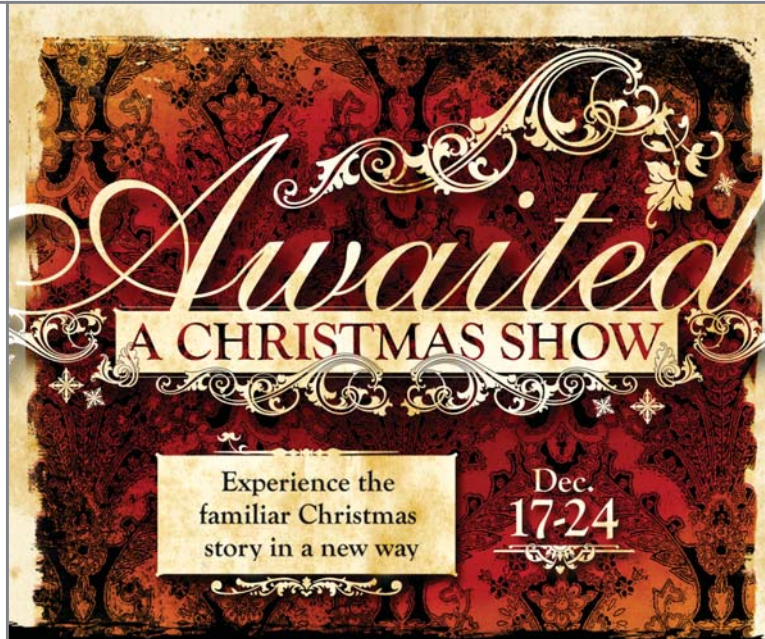


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FREE tickets available now at crossroads.net/awaited. Listen to the music at crossroads.net; click on Downloads from the home page.

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Learn more about being a parent this January through Parenting Resources Community Groups

Whether you're new to parenthood or just wondering how other parents do it, come and discover how to positively impact your kids, and enjoy meeting other parents on the same journey.

Join a group around a specific topic or attend a seminar or two at Crossroads Oakley this January. You'll hear from experts, discuss the challenges of raising kids and meet other parents facing the same issues.

Sign up now. Groups begin January 4. Pick up a flyer at the Info Center or visit crossroads.net/cgroups for more information.

LOCATIONS, SERVICE TIMES AND DIRECTIONS AT CROSSROADS.NET.

HILLS

we die on

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

Culturally Current Communication

Crossroads is a place that helps connect those who are exploring God's love and truth. The challenge for us is that the Bible was written a long time ago for people in another culture. The fact that we live in 21st century Cincinnati doesn't change the message that God gave 2000 years ago, but it does mean that we need to do some work to connect it to our lives today. Jesus did exactly the same thing when he was teaching. He used the current language and daily life experiences of those around him to communicate truth. That's what we mean by "culturally current communication."

The Seven Hills We Die On are applications of biblical truth expressed through the unique personality of Crossroads. Check out the Info Center to read the rest of 'em.

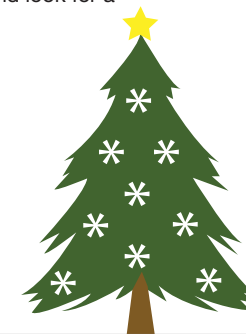
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CHRISTMAS

at home

While you celebrate Christmas with your friends and family, go online for special spiritual exercises you can do over the break. These fun, low-key readings offer you the chance to reflect back on the past year and on your spiritual journey, either as a group or individually. Simply go to crossroads.net and look for a download near the top of the home page.

(Copies also available at the Info Center).



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The Program ✕

Merry Christmas! I'm going to the first Awaited show and then high tailing it down to Cabo for some R&R. See you in January!

WE WISH YOU A MESSY CHRISTMAS

current message series

Christmas celebrates Jesus' birth: peaceful, gentle and serene, right? Not even close. When He came into the world, Jesus caused quite a mess by challenging assumptions and stirring up controversy. Join us this holiday season as we consider the beautiful messes Jesus still makes when he comes into our lives.

today

We'll be talking about how worship can get messy.

FIRST

time here? OR SECOND, OR THIRD, OR TENTH...

Merry Christmas!

Crossroads is celebrating Christmas with a special Christmas show, *Awaited*, December 17-24. Free tickets are available at crossroads.net. After the last show on December 24, there will be no Crossroads services in Oakley or Mason until the weekend of January 3-4. Yes, you can skip church a week or two and God won't get mad! Seriously. So, have a great new year, and we'll see you January 3-4. If you just can't stand it, check out crossroads.net and download a previous service in the meantime.

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in the KNOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS ☒

GIFTS FOR ANGEL TREE

Don't forget that your wrapped gift must be returned by this Sunday, December 14. Remember to attach the angel sticker so we know you've returned yours. E-mail us at angeltree@crossroads.net for more info.

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

There will be no regular weekend services at either location December 27-28 to give staff and the thousands of volunteers that make this place run, time off to spend with their families. Also, regular services will not be held in Mason on December 21. Instead, everyone is invited to Oakley December 17-24 for the *Awaited* Christmas show.

THINK TAX DEDUCTION

If you have a used car in decent condition, consider donating it to Wheels. We'll recondition it, make minor repairs and give it to a member of our community. You'll receive a tax deduction and, more importantly, the satisfaction of knowing that you've been a huge blessing to someone in need. To make a donation call Brian at 513.731.7400 x584.

NO LAST WEDNESDAY

Well, there is a last Wednesday in December, but we won't be having a Last Wednesday service due to the holiday break.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Help insulate, drywall and paint our home in Northside (4222 Kirby Ave). We need 150 volunteers for our Blitz Build Friday December 19, through Sunday, December 21. We'll continue work on Saturdays through January. To sign up, e-mail habitat@crossroads.net.

3500 OPEN CLOSED

The building will be closed Sunday, December 14 through Friday, January 9, due to the *Awaited* Christmas show.

PURSUIT HOLIDAY BREAK

Pursuit, an Open Community Group for twenty-somethings, will be off for the holidays and back on January 15.

PRAYER

Available after each service in your Auditorium seat. For prayer requests, go to www.crossroads.net, click "contact us" then select "prayer request" at the bottom of the page. All requests are held in strict confidence.

For more info on things happening around Crossroads, visit www.crossroads.net.

did you KNOW...

Thousands of people call Crossroads their church home, yet a relatively small few give significantly of their finances to make this place happen.

To be clear, there are no phantom fat cats around here—it's the regular generosity of ordinary folks that fuels the life change we experience around Crossroads, and that blesses people around the city and world through everything from CityLink (fighting generational poverty in Cincinnati) to our partnership with International Justice Mission in Mumbai (rescuing young girls from forced prostitution).

These things simply don't happen without average, everyday people being intentional with their giving, and following through on a plan to be generous.

One great way to plan and manage your giving is E-gift, a means of contributing to Crossroads electronically, directly from your bank account or credit card. (After all, who carries cash or a checkbook anymore?) Simply sign into crossroads.net and click the "Give" option at the top of the page to learn more about E-gift.

God is already using this place as a launching pad for revolutionaries who are changing the world. Imagine what will happen when you get involved.

You've got options for submitting year-end gifts too: 1) mail them to Crossroads' office: 3500 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45209; 2) drop them in the slot next to the Office Entrance at Crossroads Oakley; 3) drop them off at the Info Center during any of the *Awaited* shows; 4) submit them electronically via crossroads.net (you'll need to sign in to the site); 5) leave a voicemail for Kim Bauscher at 513.731.7400 x367 (re: E-gift) or Tait Paul at 513.731.7400 x356 (re: stock transfers) before the end of the year. They'll get right back to you.

your kids will LOVE this



At Crossroads, kids have their own space called Kids' Club. While you're in service, your kids are hearing fun, engaging lessons and participating in small groups where they can ask questions and be themselves. They also have plenty of hang time with other kids and our (background-checked) volunteers. Don't let them tell you all they did was play, they learned something, too. Check out this week's lesson and a family Advent calendar at crossroads.net/kc.

If you've got questions about Kids' Club or you'd like to spend time hanging out with some great kids, contact Kim Botto in Oakley at kbotto@crossroads.net or Beth Peery in Mason at bpeery@crossroads.net.



meet RUDOLPH

Most of the year, Rudolph Reindeer helps transport the Crossroads truck from Oakley to Mason every weekend. But for a few days in December, he leads a fleet of reindeer to help Santa Claus deliver gifts to children around the world.

What is your favorite part about serving?
The free coffee. With Santa, I only get #\$\$%^ carrots. Seriously!

Is it hard to pull the Crossroads truck by yourself? With Santa, you've got eight other reindeer helping.

No. The only problem is I can't fly alone. If I could just fly over Fields-Ertel...that's why I take a break at Christmas. I don't want to be anywhere near there.

Do you do any multi-tasking for Santa while you're at Crossroads?

I add to his naughty list by watching how people treat the parking volunteers.

