

notes

Lined area for notes.

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.**"
Ecclesiastes 12:10
The Seven Hills We Die On are applications of biblical truth expressed through the unique personality of Crossroads. Check out the Info Center for the rest of 'em.

meet

CINDY

Cindy Sims serves at Crossroads Mason, welcoming new folks, answering questions and handing out free CDs.

What is your favorite thing about serving?
I love helping people. Sometimes it is as simple as showing someone where Kids' Club is, or answering questions about Crossroads. I think Crossroads does an amazing job of welcoming people, and it is such a blessing to be a part of it all.

Any big differences between Crossroads Mason and Crossroads Oakley?
Not really. The coolest thing is when you walk in you "feel Crossroads." We have the coffee, Kids' Club, CDs to give away, the info center desk . . . it's all there.



If you'd like to serve in First Impressions in Mason or Oakley, e-mail fi@crossroads.net.

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The Program ❌

Here's "welcome" in Afrikaans, Zulu, and Sotho:

Welkom!
Niyamukelwe!
Reya le amogela!

FIRST

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

Welcome
Whatever your thoughts on church, whatever your beliefs about God, you are welcome here. We won't make assumptions about what you believe. You won't be asked to wear a nametag or make a speech. We're just glad you're here, and we hope you enjoy yourself.



LOCATIONS, SERVICE TIMES AND DIRECTIONS AT CROSSROADS.NET.

your kids will

LOVE

this



Want to serve in Kids' Club but don't know what to do with your own kids for that extra hour?

Adventure Club is for kids from three years old through sixth grade to hang out with their friends while their parents are serving. Talk to a blue-shirted Kids' Club volunteer for more info. (But don't try to check in your kids so you can hang out in the Atrium for another hour. Adventure Club is for volunteers' kids ONLY!)

If you've got questions about Kids' Club, contact Kim Botto in Oakley at kbotto@crossroads.net or Beth Peery in Mason at bpeery@crossroads.net.



commitment

current message series

Many of us make commitments freely, without much forethought. But making commitments and keeping them are two entirely different things. Join us in September as we discuss what the Bible has to say about being effective (and selective) in making and keeping commitments.

today

We'll be talking about commitment in relationship with our partner church from South Africa, Charity and Faith Mission.

The Garden

Next week, we'll begin a new message series called The Garden. Your life is a garden God has given you to cultivate. If you want the garden to produce fruit, you have to be intentional about tending it. Join us as we explore the fundamentals and disciplines of healthy growth.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND
CROSSROADS ✕

ADULT BAPTISM

If you have recently made the decision to say "yes" to Jesus, the next adult Baptism will be Wednesday, October 28, during the Last Wednesday service at Crossroads Oakley. To sign up, e-mail baptism@crossroads.net by Friday, October 16.

DONATE TO WHEELS

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.

FAMILY STORY TIME

Come for a story and/or a sing-along under the tree, and stay for a few runs down the slide. Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30am at Crossroads Oakley. Both kids and parents are welcome.

FREE FITNESS CLASSES

Yoga, Pilates and TaeBo® Fitness classes are offered as part of 3500 Open. Visit crossroads.net/3500 for more info and a complete class schedule.

PRAYER

Available after each service in your Auditorium seat. For other ways to receive prayer, or to find out about serving on the Prayer Team, go to www.crossroads.net/prayer. All requests are held in strict confidence.

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

did you KNOW...

How our South Africa partnership began?

It was the summer of 1999 and Brian Tome was at a conference in Chicago. The conference was great, but during a break between sessions Brian itched for something to do or someone to meet. He introduced himself to a pastor who walked by. He didn't know him—he just thought he might be nice to talk to. It turned out the pastor had started a church with a heart very similar to Crossroads, only his was halfway around the world. His name was Titus Sithole, and he was the pastor of Charity and Faith Mission Church in Mamelodi, South Africa. Over the next several years their conversations, meetings and e-mails developed into discussions about how both churches could work together to help reach more people, both here and in Africa, with God's love. The relationship has evolved into a strategic partnership between Crossroads and Charity and Faith Mission, including the development and construction of the Bophelong Community Hospice and AIDS care facility in Mamelodi, multiple business start-ups and hundreds of people from opposite sides of the world in intimate community with one another. Not bad for one "hot-so-chance" encounter in the hallway at a conference 10 years ago.



TITUS SITHOLE
SENIOR PASTOR OF CHARITY AND FAITH MISSION CHURCH
MAMELODI, SOUTH AFRICA.

TO DO:

Sounds and Songs from South Africa

A concert featuring Mamelodi's Charity & Faith Mission Choir



SUNDAY, OCT. 4
6PM AT CROSSROADS OAKLEY
FREE

Experience a fusion of inspirational African melodies and movement at a special concert by Charity & Faith Mission's choir, one-night only.

GO MAMELODI 10 GO TO AN INFO SESSION

Oct. 4, 1-2:30pm: Oakley Chapel
Oct. 4, 12:15-1:45pm: Mason Auditorium
Oct. 6, 6:30-8pm: Oakley Chapel
Oct. 11, 1-2:30pm: Oakley Chapel
Oct. 11, 12:15-1:45pm: Mason Auditorium
Oct. 18, 1-2:30pm: Oakley Chapel
Oct. 27, 6:30-8pm: Oakley Chapel

Unsure if this is for you? Come to an info session.
There's no commitment required.

Have a friend who may want to GO to South Africa?
GO Mamelodi '10 is open to anyone, regardless of whether they attend Crossroads or not.

More information available online at
crossroads.net/gomamelodi.