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WE ARE COMMITTED TO: growth

We don't expect anyone who walks into Crossroads to be a committed Christ-follower, but we do expect everyone who is around our community for any length of time to be growing. We expect every person to be moving closer to reflecting the complete image of Christ in every area of life. This is a safe place for everyone. But safe doesn't mean comfortable. The answers aren't always comfortable. In fact, we often **grow** only when we are pushed out of our comfort zone. Colossians 1:10

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.

your kids will **LOVE** this

Shaving cream, pipe cleaners, the movie "Happy Feet" and sugar cookies. What do you think of first? Jesus? Of course! **Kids' Club** used all of them to create experiences that help kids learn what the Bible says about life, Jesus and friends. If you're curious how we'd use "Happy Feet" to teach about Jesus, come and check out Kids' Club for yourself. Infants through sixth grade are welcome at every service.

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.

Is Brian Tome a real pastor?

Find out the answer to this and any other questions you have at the next Context Live event this **Sunday, May 15 at 1pm at Crossroads Oakley**. You'll also discover more about the vision behind Crossroads and how you can get involved (if you want). Meet some people. Get some questions answered. Eat some (free) lunch.



AUSTIN

Austin Coop serves coffee during the week at 3500 Open and hangs with teens in CSM on the weekends.

What is your favorite thing about serving? I love the people I meet each week. From onetime visitors to the "regulars," every person has a story. And seeing students grow—knowing that God is using me to create a safe space for them to be challenged and wrestle with their questions about him—blesses me.

Why would you encourage others to serve? It makes you feel connected to the mission and vision of Crossroads. I didn't feel like I was really part of things until I started serving.

If you're interested in serving with First Impressions or in CSM, visit crossroads.net/engage to get started.



LOCATIONS, SERVICE TIMES AND DIRECTIONS AT CROSSROADS.NET.

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This year, I served as the quality tester for some cornhole sets during GO Cincinnati. Seriously, we built some on the west side.



current message series

The story of God began long before us and stretches out into eternity. And it goes way beyond the printed page—this story is alive, epic, eternal—and we all play a role. Join us as we explore the larger context of God's great story and where we fit inside it.

today: re-creation

We'll be talking about how the story ends.

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

Hang around.

The weekend service is only a part of what goes on around here. It's fine to keep hanging out in the rafters, but when you're ready for some company, come on down. We've got a ton of ways for you to get connected—community groups, serving projects, big and small events. Stop by the Info Center and ask for the latest. We'd love to meet you.

in the **KNOW**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS

KIDS' CLUB MOVE-UP

June 4-5 is move-up for kids in Kindergarten through sixth grade. If your child is entering Kindergarten in the fall, please complete a Kindergarten registration form, located at the KC welcome center, or email us at kc@crossroads.net.

CSM MOVE-UP WEEKEND

If you're entering seventh grade this fall, move up from Area 56 to CSM, Crossroads Student Movement, is June 4-5. CSM meets at 6:15pm Saturdays and 10 and 11:45am Sundays at Oakley and Sundays at 11am in Mason. Be in Area 56 on May 21-22 for a welcoming tour of CSM.

CREATE NEW BEGINNINGS

Help once homeless families get re-established by donating gently used household items, such as dishes, cutlery, small appliances, cookware, linens etc. To make a donation, email newbeginnings@crossroads.net. **RECEIVE PRAYER** If you're processing something and would like to receive prayer, sign up for a 45 minute session of reflective listening and focused prayer. During this time, two trained members of our Prayer Team will listen to your need and then pray with you. We offer Listening and Prayer on Thursday nights and Friday mornings. Please call Susan at 513.731.7400 x1380 to

Prayer is also 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 crossroads.net/prayer. All requests are held in strict confidence.

make an appointment.

For more info on things happening around Crossroads, visit crossroads.net, or "like" us on Facebook at facebook.com/crdschurch.

LAST WEDNESDAY

Join us for Last Wednesday, a time of worship through music, prayer and communion on the last Wednesday of the month at Crossroads Oakley. Childcare's provided; dinner's not.

MAY 25, 7PM

get INVOLVED

READY TO ENGAGE?

It takes thousands of volunteers to make Crossroads happen every weekend, and we're always looking for more folks to do everything from hang out with kids to make coffee. Just give it a try. You can meet new friends, grow spiritually and maybe learn the secret handshake.

For info on how to get involved, visit crossroads.net/engage, or visit the Info Center.

Crossroad



We've always "played the game" differently. From starting a church for friends who'd given up on church to pursuing a revolutionary approach to fighting poverty in our city, we've seen God call us to big things—and we've watched as he's used our community to accomplish them. Game Change is our next big thing—a three-year campaign funded by the generous commitment of thousands in our community. We believe God is calling us to engage major initiatives in Cincinnati, South Africa and India. The call is big. The call is audacious. And we're in.

MULTI-SITE

We want to continue to invite friends who've given up on "church" but not on God. In order to keep growing, we'll need to expand. As we do, we'll build infrastructure to leverage the power of the local church to mobilize one team with a unified vision, ready to bless our city and the world in increasing ways.

CITYLINK

CityLink Center, opening in 2012, is where Cincinnati's working poor can go to one place, get surrounded by one team, and find an integrated path to help them break free from poverty to a place of self-sustainability and hope. It's a citywide movement of churches and organizations working to make a tangible impact on the less fortunate and change our city for the better.

SOUTH AFRICA

Working with both South African and American partners, we feel called to a holistic healthcare initiative that blesses people in extreme poverty. By mobilizing medical professionals from Cincinnati and beyond to help those in need, we will express the love of God through real relationships that change lives on both sides of the ocean.

INDIA

By investing in aftercare in India, we're working to bring about transformation of the response to sex trafficking in Mumbai and Kolkata. We're in this uphill battle for the long haul.