


#### DON'T DO ANYTHING WITH THIS UNTIL CHUCK TELLS YOU TO.

The continuum:

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#### Q1: GETTING REAL

I'm willing to let down my guard with a trusted friend and reveal private thoughts, admit failures and share even the tough things.

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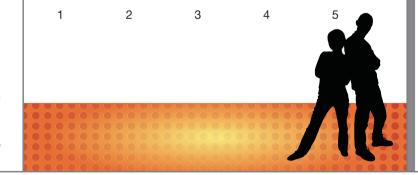
#### Q2: GIVING TRUTH

I'm honest and consistent with my thoughts and words, even when I have a hard truth to share with a friend.

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#### Q3: RECEIVING TRUTH

I can acknowledge when someone else might be right, and can accept a friend calling my action into question (even if it's not delivered perfectly).



## SOUNDS AND SONGS FROM SOUTH AFRICA SUNDAY, MAY 18, 6PM

### A free concert featuring Mamelodi's Charity & Faith Mission Choir

You can't escape the joyful rhythms of Charity & Faith's choir. Now, check them out at a special concert featuring a fusion of inspirational African melodies and movement. Joining the choir will be P. Ann Everson-Price's Super Choir from right here in Cincinnati.

Childcare is not provided; but trust us, your kids don't want to miss this.

### HILLS we die on

### WE ARE COMMITTED TO: doing life together

We aren't interested in being a place where a lot of people get together for an inspiring service but never move beyond the casual, arm's distance relationships of an auditorium. We want to grow by really **"doing life together."** People who grow in their relationship with God also grow in their friendships with each other, moving beyond the Auditorium in small groups, Community Groups and through serving. Real community is knowing and being known, loving and being loved, celebrating and being celebrated, serving and being served. (From Hebrews 10:24-25 in the Bible)

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 'ern.

## 05 10-11 The Program ©

My mother always used to read me to myself before I went to bed at night.

#### current message series

Relationships don't just "happen," and we're not just born with "relational intelligence." Relationships take some intentional work, and skills that can be learned. Join us in May for ideas on bumping up your own Relational Intelligence Quotient and creating healthy relationships (and not just the k-i-s-s-i-n-g sort).

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This weekend we will be talking about what it means to give and receive truth in relationships. (I think the kids call this "being real".)

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

#### Hi.

Just because you're new, we won't ask you to stand and shout your name, but that doesn't mean we're not happy you're here. We're happy as big fat clams. As soon as you do want to start meeting some people, swing by the Info Center and we'll start the introductions.

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### in the KNOW

#### CROSSBOADS MASON

If you want to be involved in starting Crossroads Mason. don't miss the monthly Launch Team meetings. The next meeting is Monday, May 19, 7-8:30pm at the Mason Middle School Arena. Childcare is available by RSVP. Respond with the number and ages of your child(ren) to Karen Gerke at karengerke@yahoo.com. For more info, e-mail mason@crossroads.net

#### **GO CINCINNATI**

Saturday, May 17. Check in is at 7:30am, followed by a brief kick-off service. Projects run from 9am-1pm. If you signed up, don't be late, and remember to wear a white t-shirt.

#### STEPUP PRISON MENTORING

Help someone as they are released from prison. Crossroads partners with Jobs Plus and OneCity on this CityLink Now initiative. The next training is May 13. For more information, contact Phil Richardson at stepup@crossroads.net.

#### **CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC**

The Brad Johansen Golf Classic supports OneCity, a key partner in outreach in Cincinnati. To golf or attend the dinner. visit www.bradiohansengolf.com. To volunteer or donate an item, contact Erika at 513.579.0555 or erika.b@onecity.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS 📀

#### FREE CONCERT

Experience Mamelodi through music. SPACE artists. Beaded Hope and community. Sunday, May 18 at 6pm. Join us for the second annual Hospice of Cincinnati Benefit Concert featuring Mamelodi's own Charity and Faith Worship Choir. All donations benefit Bophelong Hospice in Mamelodi.

To volunteer to work at the concert, contact Marianne at MECafaro@gmail.com.

#### **REEL TO REAL**

Friday, May 16, 7-10pm. Watch and discuss the movie Amazing Grace, and enjoy some free popcorn. Free to those 18 and up.

#### PRAYER

Available after each service in the Prayer Room (look for the signs). Fireside prayer every Saturday from 9-10am in the Atrium by the fireplace. Visit the website and click on "prayer requests" or e-mail requests to praverteam@crossroads.net. All requests are held in strict confidence.

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

## did you KNOW

Julia Ward Howe, the woman who first devised a North American Mother's Day through her Mother's Day proclamation of 1870, also wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

(From MothersDayCentral.com.)



## **UNCORK IT**

#### Recliners, cribs, stain-free prom dresses, puppies.

Whether you have something to give away or need something for yourself, go check out the online Corkboard (www.crossroads.net/corkboard). Think Craigslist and ebay, but way better (no 3am bidding wars; no price tags). It's just one way for neighbors to love on neighbors.



# your kids will



#### this

But not as much as they love you. We're pumped to have your kids in Kids' Club for an hour every week, but you are the real spiritual leader in your child's life. Does that freak you out? We've got you covered. You can see what they learned each week in Kids' Club by checking out www.crossroads.net/kc.

Also, be on the lookout for Parent Pages that provide fun suggestions of things you can do at home to help lead your kids. Don't worry, our suggestions for home aren't nearly as messy as the weekend activities.

For more information, contact Kim Botto at kbotto@crossroads.net or 513.731.7400 x520



## meet

Phil Richardson is volunteer coordinator for the StepUp Prison Mentoring Program, where men forge relationships with incarcerated men, helping them prepare for a transition back into everyday life.

What has God taught you through mentoring?

Mentoring has taught me how much we all have in common, and that God's first priority is people. Relationships can be very powerful, and that is how the world can be changed.

#### Why should other men volunteer?

We need more men to serve as mentors. Both men and women can mentor, but the need is greater for men. It's a six-month commitment involving two meetings per month with a mentee.

If you'd like to serve as a StepUp mentor, email stepup@crossroads.net or call 513.731.7400.