





# **07 1112**The Program ⊗

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### NEWER to crossroads?

Discover more about the vision behind Crossroads and how you can get involved (if you want) by attending the next Context Live event on Sunday, July 19 at 1pm at Crossroads Oakley. Meet some people. Get some questions answered. Eat some (free) lunch.

Childcare and lunch provided. For more details and to RSVP, visit crossroads net/contextlive.

WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

### HILLS we die on

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

### authenticity

We believe we can't be what God has called us to be if we play games with each other. Whether it's what happens on stage, within our smaller communities, serving teams or in our homes, we need to be able to share our faults and weaknesses and not fake it. That's authenticity, just being real.

Philippians 3:17

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.

## WE LOVE CINCINNATI.

### current message series

There's so much to love about Cincinnati. And we believe we're called to go out and love our city in all kinds of ways (and not just through big initiatives). Real change happens when individuals take action to love their families, friends, neighbors and coworkers in their own jobs and neighborhoods. Join us in July and August to hear from city-changers in our own community.

### today

We'll be talking about how relating to Jesus as a friend is essential to engaging in city-changing relationships.

You can share what you love about Cincinnati at welovecincinnati.org.

### PRAY for Cincinnati

One way we can love our city is by sacrificing for your friends. This week, we challenge you to ask God to grow your friendship with Jesus:

Jesus, I'd like to go to a new place in my friendship with you. Show me how I can give myself up for one of my friends the way that you give yourself up for me.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS ❖

### **SERVE AT THE DINER**

Join us for dinner on the second, third, fourth and fifth Fridays of each month and for breakfast on the fifth Saturday of each month at the Diner. We'll cook, serve meals and eat with our guests at City Gospel Mission. Sign up at the Info Center at Crossroads Oakley, or e-mail diner@crossroads.net.

### HELP PEOPLE IN NEED

Donate "cut above the rest" furniture and household items, and bless people working to break the cycle of poverty.

Collections will be at the Annex at Crossroads Oakley on Saturday, July 18 from 2-5pm.

Questions? E-mail citylink@crossroads.net.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Friday Night Live's free concert series continues with The Labmonkeys, a Cincinnatibased rock band with a sound influenced by the Beatles and the Clash. Friday, July 24, 7-8pm at Crossroads Oakley.

### FREE CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

Join other expectant families to find out all you need to know about the childbirth process from a certified instructor.
Begins July 14 for six weeks.
Tuesdays from 6:45-9pm at Crossroads Oakley. Sign up by e-mailing us at childbirthclasses@crossroads.net.

### **BEAUTY FOR ASHES**

Community Group for women who are seeking emotional healing from sexual abuse. Based on the book "Beauty for Ashes" by Joyce Meyer. The group will meet from 7-8:45pm on Thursdays, July 23-October 29 at Crossroads Oakley. Space is limited. Register at crossroads.net/cgroups by July 20.

### **BUILD INTO MARRIAGES**

If you're married and would love to help other couples build healthy marriages, e-mail marriage@crossroads.net to find out how you can get involved.

### **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.

### PAM AND TOM WHY I LOVE

Blocks for Marriage, which is a class for engaged couples.

What do you like about serving?

We thoroughly enjoy the great relationships

Pam and Tom Birkman serve as facilitators for Building

we build with the couples and watching them grow, and as we help build into future marriages, our own marriage is enriched and strengthened.

What do you love the most about Cincinnati?

We love the fact that it's a great place to raise a family with lots of parks, theaters, music, museums, etc.

If you're a married couple who'd like to help build into marriages, contact marriage@crossroads.net to find out how you can get involved.

### your kids will



It's OK to wear fairy wings and rain boots to church. After all, Kids' Club is a space that is designed just for kids from birth to sixth grade to come as they are and learn about God. They may learn about fear by touching slimy bugs (fake ones, don't freak out on us) or how good it feels to

touching slimy bugs (fake ones, don't freak out on us) or how good it feels to forgive by unloading a backpack of rocks. Whatever they are learning, they are welcome to come in whatever makes them comfortable (even if it's a Spiderman suit and fireman's hat). To see exactly what they are experiencing check out www.crossroads.net/kc.

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.

### CINCINNATI: ATTRACTIONS

If you appreciate architecture, or just want to visit some places that are uniquely Cincinnati, check out these great places:



Located in the heart of downtown at 5th and Vine streets, **Fountain Square** hosts events throughout the year, including outdoor movies in the summer and ice-skating in the winter. Its centerpiece is the Tyler Davidson Fountain, which was dedicated to the city in 1871.

**Krohn Conservatory** is an Art Deco treasure built in 1933 and situated in Eden Park. More than 3500 plant species from around the world are displayed in environments ranging from rainforest to desert. Krohn also hosts the annual Butterfly Show.





It's no coincidence that the **National Under**ground Railroad Freedom Center is located near the banks of the Ohio River. The museum tells the story of the enslaved crossing the river from Kentucky to freedom, after traveling through the secret network of escape routes known as the Underground Railroad.

Union Terminal was originally built in 1933 as a train station. During World War II, it served as a major transfer point for soldiers, carrying as many as 34,000 passengers on some days. After renovations in the late 1980s, it reopened as Cincinnati Museum Center in 1990. Union Terminal was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1977, and was recently named one of the top 50 architecturally significant buildings in America by the American Institute of Architects.



We need photos of your favorite places in Cincinnati. Send them to TheProgram@crossroads.net.