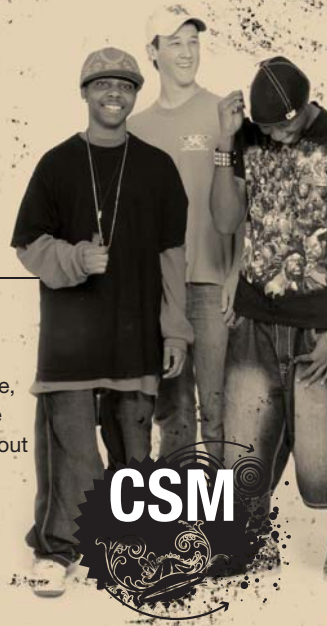


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The Seven Hills We Die On are applications of biblical truth expressed through the unique personality of Crossroads. Check out the Info Center for the rest of 'em.

This is the place where teens connect with others their own age with similar likes and interests. We look at the Bible, pray and react to what we think. We're not about entertaining teens; we're about action. We see the world teens live in, and engage in it with love. It's worth checking out.



We love to give things away—in fact, we don't ever want to sell things around here. So go ahead, take a CD (or take a few, if you'd like). Grab a cup of coffee. Have a Bible. It's all free, so please help yourself to anything. (Except maybe the furniture. Please don't take the furniture.)



Jen Frindley thinks she has the best job at the Thanksgiving Food Drive: overseeing the distribution of filled food boxes for other churches and people in need.

It's an absolute amazing feeling to be a part of something that is so impactful and blesses so many people, including the families that are actually giving the boxes. To see the joy and gratefulness of all those involved is priceless.

Bring on the carbs...stuffing, mashed potatoes and dinner rolls. NO turkey please!



If you'd like to help with the Thanksgiving Food Drive, sign up at crossroads.net/tfd.



current message series

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.

today

We'll be talking about the importance of spending time in "good soil."

Daily Exercises

Day 1:

Read John 15:5. Jesus talks about remaining (having a relational connection with him). What are some ways you have tried to connect relationally with Jesus? What can you do right now to re-connect? Take a few minutes to do this. Spend time talking to God, re-read John 15, listen to music, paint or draw.

Day 2:

Read John 15:7–8. Jesus describes words as a key way to remain, almost like a form of nourishment for our spiritual life. How would you like these words of Jesus to nourish you today? The Bible is often called God’s “word.” Check out Psalm 119:97–105, and make a list of the benefits this poem says we can receive from the “word.”

Day 3:

Read John 15:7, 9–11. Jesus talks about other benefits of remaining. Pick one of these benefits you’d really like to experience in your life right now, then spend a few minutes talking to God by praying and sharing your desire. Here are a few tips on how to do this:

- It may help to write out your prayer in the form of a brief letter.
- Afterwards, leave time to silently listen for God’s response. Maybe you’ll be prompted with a thought or an idea. If so, follow through on the prompting.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS

REACH OUT AT THANKSGIVING

We are starting to build the behind-the-scenes infrastruc-ture that will allow us to provide over 7,000 food boxes for Cincinnati and South Africa at Thanksgiving this year. And we need your help. There are several serving opportunities in Oakley and Mason. Visit crossroads.net/tfd to sign up.

ADULT BAPTISM

If you have recently made the decision to say “yes” to Jesus or have never been baptized, 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 Wednesday, October 21.

MOMS PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Saturday, November 14, from 9am-1pm, Moms In Touch International is hosting a worldwide prayer event at Crossroads Oakley to pray for children and schools around the world. Register now at www.momsintouch.org. For more info, contact Karen at kkpitz@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Bring the entire family for a Halloween sing-along with local singer/songwriter Bill Smith. Friday, October 23, at 7pm at Crossroads Oakley. Be sure to wear your costume.

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.

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.

REACHOUT
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

For the last 12 years, Crossroads has collected food during the Thanksgiving season and distributed it to local Cincinnati churches so that they can be a blessing to their communi-ties. We also ship food to our partner church in Mamelodi, South Africa, so that they can do the same. We'll feed thousands of people here and across the world.

To provide over 7,000 food boxes this year, we need your help. We have several serving roles at both Oakley and Mason. If you'd like to help, sign up at crossroads.net/tfd.



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 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 at kbotto@crossroads.net.



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, October 18 at 1pm at Crossroads Oakley. Meet some people. Get some questions answered. Eat some (free) lunch.

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

CONTEXT
WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

GO MAMELODI 10
GO TO AN INFO SESSION

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.