

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.

SERVE

HOW TO GET INVOLVED AT CROSSROADS

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Every year, we provide food to churches and other organizations in Cincinnati and South Africa so that they can bless their communities. We need your help giving out boxes in the Atrium and collecting boxes in the parking lots at both Oakley and Mason. **Sign up now at crossroads.net/tfd.**



deciduous trees

TRIVIA

IMPRESS YOUR FRIENDS AT PARTIES

Fall is upon us and the leaves are changing color. In honor of the season, test your knowledge of deciduous trees.

Q1: What type of tree is also the name of a UB40 song?

- A. Red Red Wine
B. Holly Holy
C. Many Rivers (Birch)
D. Please Don't Make Me Cry

Q2: Which of the following is both a Maple tree and a brand of chewing gum?

- A. Clove
B. Trident
C. Big Red
D. Hubba Bubba

Q3: Why did the crab apple tree in your yard die?

- A. Too much rain in May
B. Too much heat in July
C. Both
D. It got tired of seeing in your window
(Use the shades, people)

Q4: Which tree's leaves emit a cinnamon and brown sugar odor when crushed?

- A. Sugar Maple
B. Sweetgum
C. Katsuratree
D. Kellogggs Poptartsis

Q5: What is notable about the European Hornbeam tree?

- A. Nice yellow color in fall
- B. Withstands multiple types of soil
- C. Can be used for hedges
- D. It is the only European thing that's known for being low maintenance

A: 1) A; 2) B; 3) C; 4) C; 5) All are true.

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The Program

I'm not sure if I need to carb-load for the Strong Challenge, but I ate a dozen maple bacon donuts just in case.



current message series

We all want great friends, but it can be hard to move beyond casual acquaintances and drinking buddies to real friendships—the kind that share all of life’s highs and lows, every day. Join us as we discover what it takes to become “everyday friends.”

today

We’re talking about how great friendships mirror great teams.

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. But as soon as you want to start meeting some people, swing by the Info Center and we’ll start the introductions.



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WHAT’S HAPPENING AROUND
CROSSROADS

HOST TRAINING

Hosting a Home Team for Strong Challenge? Attend an optional training on Oct. 8 from 9am–noon in Oakley and Mason. Childcare available. RSVP with your name, location (Mason White House or Oakley Meeting Center) and ages/number of kids to host@crossroads.net.

LINKED MUSIC FESTIVAL

Enjoy live bands at this year’s Linked Music Festival, a free music event designed to create awareness for CityLink Center. The festival will be held at Nisbet Park in Old Loveland, Saturday, October 8, from 1–8pm. This year’s acts include Blessid Union of Souls and Holly Spears. Get details at linkedmusicfestival.com.

BAPTISM INFO SESSION

Our next Baptism celebration will take place in November. If you or your school-age child is considering baptism, attend an Information Session for valuable info about the next celebration. Sessions are offered October 16 at Crossroads Mason in the White House from 12:30–2pm, and October 23 at Crossroads Oakley in Meeting Room A from 1–2:30pm. For more info or to sign up, visit crossroads.net/baptism or email baptism@crossroads.net.

PRAYER

Prayer is 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.

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

meet
EMILY

Emily Piercey has been serving in First Impressions for 2.5 years, welcoming people in the Atrium and Auditorium.

Why would you encourage others to serve?

I would encourage others to volunteer because it connects you to the community at Crossroads. There are so many fantastic people that I have met through volunteering...and it is REALLY fun!

What attracted you to First Impressions?

When I started coming to Crossroads, I came by myself each week. I really began to feel at home when the same FI volunteer, Pam Birkman, would say hi to me each week with a huge smile and always made me feel welcome and that I belonged. I chose to serve with First Impressions to hopefully pay forward an amazing welcome much like the one I received each week.



To sign up to serve in First Impressions, visit crossroads.net/engage.

your kids will
LOVE
this

Heard about **Kids’ Club** but want more info before dropping off your kids or signing up to serve? Take a behind-the-scenes tour of Kids’ Club.

At **Crossroads Oakley**, Kids’ Club 101 meets every Sunday at 10am (just check in at the Kids’ Club Welcome Center).

At **Crossroads Mason**, you can sign up for an individual tour of Kids’ Club by emailing bpeery@crossroads.net.

We’ll show you what we do and tell you about all kinds of opportunities to get involved. And even if you’re scared of kids, there are plenty of ways to help that don’t involve any kid interaction.

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.



THE STRONG CHALLENGE

The Strong Challenge
—this year’s all-church journey—
begins next weekend.

Everybody gets on a team.

We want everyone to experience the Strong Challenge in community, so here are a bunch of ways to find a Home Team:

Expand or disband your existing small group.

Start a new Home Team with friends or neighbors.

Find a team using the “Find A Home Team” tool on strongchallenge.com.

Come to the Connect Event on Sunday Oct. 9 at both Oakley and Mason. There, you’ll have a chance to connect with hosts and other participants. Hosts, please arrive by 7pm. Participants, show up at 7:30pm.

Join an onsite group. These groups will meet every Wednesday of the Strong Challenge in both Oakley and Mason.

Hosts, your materials are ready.

They’re waiting for you at the Info Center. Pick them up before or after a service anytime this weekend.

It’s not too late to host.

No expertise needed, and we bet your Strong Challenge will be even better because of it. Sign up and post your team at strongchallenge.com, then attend (optional but super helpful) Host Training on Oct. 8 from 9am–noon at Crossroads Oakley.

Want more details? Hit up the Info Center or visit strongchallenge.com.

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