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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.

BEN

Ben Depew serves in Crossroads Student Ministry (CSM), a place where students in grades 7–12 can connect with each other and ask questions about God.

What attracted to you to CSM?

I started seeking God during my junior year of high school. Having Him in my life made the remainder of my high school experience dramatically different. I want to help students encounter God while still in high school, just like I did.

What is your favorite thing about serving? I love the people I serve with. They have become some of my closest friends. CSM has been a great place to find community for Jess and I.

Why would you encourage others to serve? God is moving in CSM and he needs more adults willing to share their journey with them.

To get involved in CSM, visit crossroads.net/engage.



The Strong Challenge —this year's all-church journey begins October 8–9.

HOST A GROUP.

No expertise needed, just a willingness to handle some logistics and a place to meet. If you're currently in a small group, we recommend expanding or disbanding during the Strong Challenge so that everyone has a chance to get into a group.

Sign up to host a group at StrongChallenge.com.

Once you're signed up, attend (optional but super helpful) Host Training Oct. 8 from 9am–noon at Crossroads Oakley. Childcare is available.

For more information, visit the Info Center or StrongChallenge.com.

LOCATIONS, SERVICE TIMES AND DIRECTIONS AT CROSSROADS.NET

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Every year I say I'm not going to care about the Bengals. BUT. THIS. COULD. BE. OUR. YEAR.



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."

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Today we're talking about the power of encouragement in friendships.

REACHOUT **WHIZKIDS**

CROSSROADS.NET/WHIZKIDS

If you like hanging out with kids and other volunteers from Crossroads, check out Whiz Kids, a tutoring program for at-risk students. Build relationships while you ride the bus, prepare a meal or tutor a child.

Attend an Info Session SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 1–2PM OAKLEY SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 12:15-1:15PM MASON MONDAY SEPT. 19 6:30-7:30PM OAKLEY

in the **KNOW**

AWAITED CAST AND CREW

Learn about choir. dance and acting auditions, as well as opportunities to create costumes, props or serve on the stage crew. To sign up, go to crossroads.net/awaitedvolunteers.

PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Learn how to protect kids from sexual abuse at a special training session on Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 6-8:45pm. Sign up at crossroads.net/kctraining.

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 September 25 and October 23 at Crossroads Oakley in Meeting Room A from 1-2:30pm, and October 16 at Crossroads Mason in the White House from 12:30-2pm. For more info or to sign up, visit crossroads.net/baptism or email baptism@crossroads.net.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS 😣

CROSSROADS.NET/MENTIONED

For information on what was shared during weekend services, from serving opportunities to new songs to funny videos, check out crossroads.net/mentioned.

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.

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

free stuff

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.)

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Want to serve in Kids' Club but don't know what to do with your own kids for that extra hour?

Adventure Club is for kids ages three years old through sixth grade to hang out with their friends while their parents are serving. Talk to a blue-shirted Kids' Club volunteer for more info. (But don't try to check in your kids so you can hang out in the Atrium for another hour. Adventure Club is for volunteers' kids ONLY!)

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.

What's the best way to get in a Small Group?

Find out the answer to this and any other questions you have at the next Context Live event this Sunday, September 18 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.

Childcare not available. For more details and to RSVP, visit crossroads.net/contextlive.





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.

SEPTEMBER 28, 7PM