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# upcoming **SERIES**

We can learn a lot from the Pigs. We can either build a financial life out of sticks and straw-or we can go for the bricks by making wise financial choices. Of course, there's always that Big, Bad Wolf who's ready to pick a fight. So join us beginning Dec. 31–Jan. 1 as we talk about the power of money and how to keep the wolf at bay.

## meet AUNT MATTIE

Aunt Mattie bakes all of the delicious Christmas cookies for the Awaited show each year.

How early do you start baking for the 40,000+ people who come to Awaited? I start about a year before, but don't worry-the cookie you'll eat is the one I'm just making this weekend.

Does anyone help you bake the cookies? Santa has elves. Keebler has elves. What do you think?

How did you get into baking? My great-grandmother Dolly Madison taught me.

Do you use a secret ingredient?

Aunt Mattie's Bakery is part of the Awaited pre-show experience. Arrive up to an hour before the show for free cookies, cocoa, family portraits and more.

## download **CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

Listen to music from the Awaited show online. Just go to the media section at crossroads.net.



### the daily

### Stay in your Strong rhythm! Subscribe to The Daily.

The Daily is a Monday through Friday, 15 minutes-a-day way to connect with God through scripture, guided prayer and a short reflection that ties to the weekend message.

Try it on your own, with a friend or use it as a discussion starter for your home team.

Subscribe at crossroads.net/grow, and it'll come straight to your inbox.

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I'm taking a few weeks off to go visit my cousins who live in a managed forest up in Oregon. Merry Christmas!



### current message series

Christmas is God's open invitation to a relationship with him. Through the gifts of his son, his peace and his actual presence in our lives, God invites everyone to the party. The question is, how will we respond?

### today

We'll be talking about extending the invitation.

### HOLIDAY service times

There will be no regular weekend services in Oakley or in Mason on December 17–18 and December 24–25.

There will be a Christmas Eve service in Mason at 5pm.

Weekend services will resume December 31 and January 1, but there will be no 6:15pm service in Oakley on Saturday, December 31.

There will also be no Last Wednesday services in December.

## in the **KNOW**

### DONATE TO WHEELS

Stick it to the tax man and help someone in our community. Donate your gently-used vehicle to Wheels. Call 513.731.7400 x1584 or email Brian at bcollings@crossroads.net.

### 3500 OPEN CLOSED

3500 Open at Oakley will be closed Dec. 11–Jan. 8 due to *Awaited* shows and the Christmas holiday.

### TUTORS NEEDED

Whiz Kids is looking for volunteers to tutor students on Mondays from 6–7:30pm in Oakley. To sign up, email whizkids@crossroads.net.

#### AWAITED DECORATING

Help construct or decorate the Atrium for Awaited on Dec. 12–13. Morning or afternoon shifts available Monday or Tuesday 9am–5pm. Email decorating@crossroads.net to sign up.

### MASON CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed to decorate for or serve at the Christmas Eve service in Mason. Email masonvolunteers@crossroads.net for more information. WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS 😒

### KIDS' CLUB SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have a child with special needs, Kids' Club can accommodate them. They'll be paired with a buddy, who will work with you to develop a plan unique to your child. Offered at the 9:30am service in Mason, and at 4:30pm Saturday and at 10 and 11:45am services on Sunday in Oakley. Email specialneeds@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. BETTER THAN A SWEATER BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY THROUGH

LIFE-ON-LIFE RELATIONSHIPS

PROVIDING HOLISTIC HEALTH CARE TO SOUTH AFRICANS IN NEED

CARING FOR CHILDREN RESCUED FROM FORCED PROSTITUTION

'Tis the season to be generous. As you're making your list and thinking about your spending and giving decisions for the end of the year, consider this: your tax-deductible gift to Crossroads will change lives locally and around the world—and a gift right now helps us do more, sooner. (Not to mention it'll never go out of style.)

### WAYS TO GIVE:

1. Mail gifts to Crossroads' office: 3500 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45209

2. Drop them in the secure slot next to the office entrance at Crossroads Oakley.

3. Drop them off at the Info Center during any of the *Awaited* shows.

4. Submit them electronically via crossroads.net (you'll need to sign in to the site).

5. Leave a voicemail for Kim Bauscher at 513.731.7400 x1367 (re: E-gift) or Tait Paul at 513.731.7400 x1356 (re: stock transfers) before the end of the year. They'll get right back to you.

Visit crossroads.net/yearendgiving for more information.



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Experience the Christmas story in a whole new way. Free tickets available online at crossroads.net/awaited.

## REACHOUT ANGEL TREE

This is the last weekend to return your Angel Tree gift.

Please return gifts directly to an Angel Tree volunteer in the Atrium. Do not leave them under a tree. Remember, a child or a caregiver is counting on you.

For more info, visit crossroads.net/angeltree.