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**'STRONG**  
CHALLENGE

11.05-06

**SERVE**

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# SERVE

Service is a one-two punch to our hearts and our hands—it makes us strong by pulling us away from our own selfish ambitions, and toward the needs of others. And the more we serve, the more opportunity we have to understand God's abundant, generous love.

## SEND US YOUR VIDEO

Want to be part of a Strong Challenge video? Here's how:

1. Go to [strongchallenge.com/media](http://strongchallenge.com/media) and click the link to the "Won't Back Down" song clip.
2. Record you and/ or your Home Team singing along (or lip-synching to it) with your computer or video-capable smart phone. Make sure you record in a landscape orientation (side-to-side, not up and down).
3. Upload it at [strongchallenge.com/media](http://strongchallenge.com/media) or email your video clip to [video@strongchallenge.com](mailto:video@strongchallenge.com) (you might need to send it in a couple of chunks if the file is too large).

If you don't have an easy way to do this, don't worry about it—we're not providing tech support. **The deadline to submit your video is Wednesday night, November 9.**

# READY TO SERVE? LOOK NO FURTHER.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

PICK UP A  
BOX

Pick up a box in the Atrium after service and return it the weekend of November 19–20. Feed a township in South Africa or a family in Cincinnati (or both). Volunteers are still needed to collect boxes in Mason.

Sign up now at [crossroads.net/tfd](https://crossroads.net/tfd).

## STORIES FROM YOUR STRONG CHALLENGE TEAMMATES

Just a quick note to say that whatever happened in Kids' Club on Sunday had an impact on Jake. He's carrying around his Bible, everywhere, even in the bathroom and to school, and he told me to watch it for him when he took a shower. He keeps asking me to read sections with him. When I told him it was time for studying social studies, he looked at me and said, "Mom, I'm reading the Bible. Which do YOU think is more important?" He told me it was a better book than even Star Wars.

One of my buddies did the "Rest From Worry" card during the Play week. He put it in his pocket, and whenever stress or worry confronted him that day, he'd pull it out as a reminder not to worry. That night, he emptied his pockets and saw that the card was kind of bent up and worn out, and it made him think, "if I would have let worry consume me today, I'd be just like this card—bent up and worn out."

Send yours to [story@strongchallenge.com](mailto:story@strongchallenge.com).

## FIRST TIME HERE?

welcome.

We're glad you're here. Crossroads is a place for people who might have given up on church, but not on God. We present basic, biblical truths and show how they apply to our everyday lives. Check out the Info Center to learn more.



## YOUR KIDS WILL LOVE IT HERE

Kids' Club is a fun learning environment designed just for kids—and kids age 3+ are doing the Strong Challenge, too! It's free, totally secure and offered during all services. Visit the Kids' Club Info Desk for more info. Also, check out what your kids are learning during the journey (and watch cool videos). Visit [crossroads.net/kc](http://crossroads.net/kc) and click on the Strong Challenge link.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE PRAYER EXPERIENCE

If you haven't already, you can still download the Strong Challenge Prayer Experience at [strongchallenge.com](http://strongchallenge.com). If you can't download or play an MP3 file, visit the Audio Center for a CD. Printed scripts are also available.

### PEANUT BUTTER FOR THANKSGIVING

Kids' Club will be collecting unopened, 18oz jars of plain, creamy butter to send to South Africa as part of the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Kids can bring a jar to their Kids' Club room by Nov. 20.

### DECK THE HALLS

Help decorate the Atrium at Crossroads Oakley for Christmas. Sign up for a two and a half hour shift: Monday, Nov. 21, 9am–3pm or 5–7pm, or Tuesday, Nov. 22, 9am–3pm. To sign up, email [decorating@crossroads.net](mailto:decorating@crossroads.net).

### KIDS' CLUB PREP TEAM

Serve behind the scenes, organizing and restocking rooms for the weekend. Fridays 9:30-noon at Oakley. Email [kcserving@crossroads.net](mailto:kcserving@crossroads.net) or call Lynn Jankowski 513.731.7400 x1646. Childcare is provided.

### BAPTISM INFORMATION SESSION

If you or your school-aged child is considering baptism, attend an info session Sunday, Nov. 6 from 1–2pm. Sessions will be held in the Oakley Kids' Club rooms 103 for children and parents, and 107 for teens and adults, and at the White House in Mason. Email [baptism@crossroads.net](mailto:baptism@crossroads.net), and let us know which session you'll be attending.

### INDIA INFO SESSIONS

In April 2012, GO India will make a specialized trip to Mumbai to build relationships with churches and mobilize them in our aftercare efforts. For more info, attend an info session in Oakley on Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 6:30–7:30pm or on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 1–2pm. Or sign up to GO at [crossroads.net/goindia](http://crossroads.net/goindia).

### SERVE AT FALL FEAST

Prepare and serve Thanksgiving meals at this city-wide event. To sign up, visit [crossroads.net/thanksgiving](http://crossroads.net/thanksgiving).

### SERVE WITH ANGEL TREE

Help provide gifts to children with a parent in prison. We need callers, gift organizers and Atrium elves. Learn more and sign up at [crossroads.net/angeltree](http://crossroads.net/angeltree).