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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, August 16 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

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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LOCATIONS, SERVICE TIMES AND DIRECTIONS AT CROSSROADS.NET.



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VISIT THE MEETING CENTER ATRIUM TO CHECK OUT PHOTOS AND STORIES FROM GO NEW ORLEANS.

HILLS we die on

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

excellence

We don't believe in striving for unrealistic perfection. Real excellence is about bringing your best to God's work and to life in general. We want to bring our "A-game" to everything that we do, whether it's our communication and music, how we hold babies in the nursery or how we take care of the building, we want it to reflect **excellence** for Christ. Malachi 1

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.

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The Program 

I don't need an X-glidesuit.
I'm still the slickest.

WE LOVE CINCINNATI.

current message series

There's so much to love about Cincinnati. And we believe we're called to go out and love our city in all kinds of ways (and not just through big initiatives). Real change happens when individuals take action to love their families, friends, neighbors and coworkers in their own jobs and neighborhoods. Join us in July and August to hear from city-changers in our own community.

today

We'll be examining what the Bible says are the qualifications for ministry and how everyone who follows Jesus is qualified for the job.

You can share what you love about Cincinnati at welovecincinnati.org.

PRAY

for Cincinnati

Ask God to show you how you are uniquely qualified to love people and to make you a "front porch person."

God, show me how you've made me to love people in my life, and help me to take every opportunity to love like Jesus.

in the KNOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS

SUNDAYS AT THE OUTLET

Beginning in September, join us at The Outlet at City Gospel Mission on Sunday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings. We're looking for leaders now to coordinate art, music, coffee and games. E-mail us at outlet@crossroads.net.

SERVE WITH TEAMWORKS

Help people go from unemployed to self-sufficient. Mentor for a year (meeting twice a month), to encourage emotional and spiritual growth. Mock-interviewers and job searchers also needed. E-mail teamworks@crossroads.net.

SHARE THE LOVE

Hoxworth Blood Center will be hosting a mobile blood drive on Sunday, August 9 at Crossroads Oakley in Meeting Room C from 9am-2pm. Love your city and those in need by taking an hour of your time to give the gift of life by donating blood. You must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), at least 110 pounds and generally feel healthy and well to donate. You can also sign up to donate on a different day. Just visit the Info Center at Oakley or Mason and sign up. Questions? Call Hoxworth at 513.558.1343.

STEPUP PRISON MENTORING

Spend time with a resident at one of Hamilton County's correctional facilities and help them transition into life outside prison. We've partnered with Jobs Plus and OneCity, and would love having you as a partner, too. E-mail us at stepup@crossroads.net.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

On August 14 from 7-8pm, enjoy acoustic folk melodies from Holly Spears and Mae Klinger. Holly will be performing songs from her upcoming album, "Redemptive Road", and Music Mae will be playing tunes from the recent Kids' Club music CD, plus other originals.

GO MUMBAI 2010

Crossroads is sending a small team to Mumbai in February of 2010 to show love to girls rescued from sexual slavery. To find out more and to apply for the trip, visit crossroads.net/gomumbai before August 12.

For more info on things happening around Crossroads, visit www.crossroads.net.

meet

STEPHANIE

Stephanie Griesmer serves as a wedding coordinator, overseeing all the details of the ceremony to bless couples getting married in the chapel.

What is your favorite thing about serving?

I love being a small part of the couple's process when they are so excited about their future and their love for not only each other, but also for God and what he is doing for their lives.

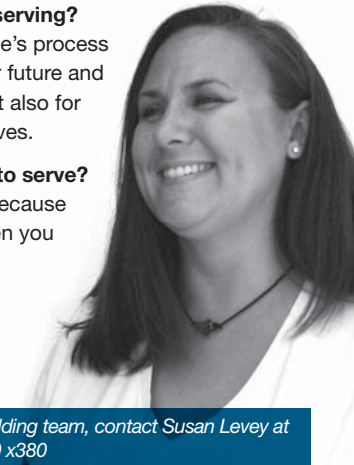
Why would you encourage others to serve?

I would encourage others to serve because it is amazing how good you feel when you are blessing to other people!

What is your favorite thing about Cincinnati?

The beautiful parks where I can take my kids to play.

If you're interested in serving on the wedding team, contact Susan Levey at slevey@crossroads.net, or 513.731.7400 x380



your kids will LOVE this



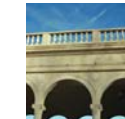
Heard about Kids' Club but want more info before dropping off your kids or signing up to serve? Take a behind-the-scenes tour of Kids' Club. At Crossroads Oakley, Kids' Club 101 meets every Sunday at 10am (just check in at the Kids' Club Welcome Center). At Crossroads Mason, you can sign up for an individual tour of Kids' Club by e-mailing 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.



WHY I LOVE CINCINNATI: THE PARKS.

The Cincinnati park system was rated as one of the top three park systems in the U.S. by USA Today. Cincinnati has five regional parks, 70 neighborhood parks and 34 nature preserves. Here are just a handful you can visit:



Ault Park is located on Observatory Road in Hyde Park. It has about 224 acres and boasts a pavilion and lookout point as well as beautiful gardens. It is also one of the best parks to observe the ancient geology of Cincinnati.

Alms Park is a 94-acre hilltop park located in Tusculum. It has a great view of the Ohio River from Bald Hill, named by the local Native Americans who cleared the trees there to have an unobstructed view of the settlers in Columbia.



Eden Park overlooks Cincinnati from Mt. Adams. It is home to several landmarks, including: the Cincinnati Art Museum, Krohn Conservatory, Playhouse in the Park, the Hinkle Magnolia Garden and Bettman Fountain.

Piatt Park is a hidden oasis in the middle of downtown Cincinnati. The park is about 200 years old and has the only equestrian statue in the city—North Bend settler and ninth U.S. president, William Henry Harrison.



Mt. Airy Forest is 1,459 acres of woods, valleys and streams located off Colerain Ave. It has several hiking and bridle trails, as well as the only wheelchair-accessible public tree house in the city.

Mt. Echo Park is located on the west side of town on Elberon Ave. It features a unique historic picnic shelter and one of the best views of the city from its overlook.

