ICE TIMES AND		

fourth of July TRIVA

Q1: How many stripes are on the American flag?

- A. 13
- B. 15
- C. 50
- D. It doesn't matter; just keep them off of your t-shirt, please.

Q2: What are the odds your side dish of baked beans originated in North Dakota?

- A. 1 in 5
- B. 4 in 10
- C. 2 in 7
- D. Not as good as the odds that my Aunt Cathy will make a Jello® mold of the American flag.

Q3: How many dollars' worth of fireworks are imported into the U.S. every year?

- A. \$18 million
- B. \$97 million
- C. \$217 million
- D. My neighbor personally imports \$5 million worth from West Harrison.

Q4: Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner?

- A. Irving Berlin
- B. Francis Scott Key
- C. Katharine Lee Bates
- D. Lee Greenwood

Q5: How many Americans said they had a barbeque last year?

- A. 10 million
- B. 56 million
- C. 74 million
- D. If you're having one this year, invite me at TheProgram@crossroads.net. I'll bring the Grippo's.

A: 1) A; 2) B; 3) C; 4) B; 5) C

FIRST

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

Hang around.

The weekend service is only a part of what goes on around here. It's fine to keep hanging out in the rafters, but when you're ready for some company, come on down. We've got a ton of ways for you to get connected—community groups, serving projects, big and small events. Stop by the Info Center and ask for the latest. We'd love to meet you.

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HILLS

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

we die on

7 hills

Cincinnati is known as the city of seven hills. Crossroads has seven hills, as well—we call them the "seven hills we die on." Simply calling these "values" doesn't cut it. All too commonly, values have come to signify mushy, sentimental ideals for which we rarely fight. As a church, we believe that if something is worth living for, it is worth dying for. We realize we can't do everything—but what we, as a community, are called by God to do, we do with excellence. The Seven Hills We Die On are applications of biblical truth expressed through the unique personality of Crossroads.

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07 04-05 The Program №

This weekend, I'm celebrating my right to freedom of the press.

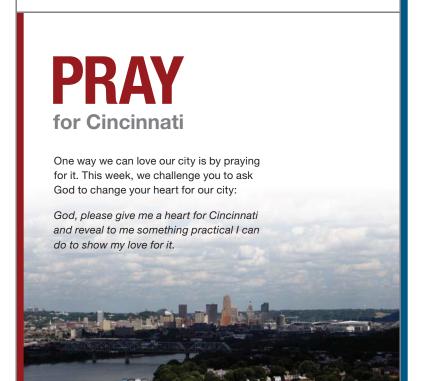
WELOVE CINCINNATI.

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

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



in the KNOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS ❖

SERVE AT THE DINER

Join us for dinner on the second, third, fourth and fifth Fridays of each month and for breakfast on the fifth Saturday of each month at the Diner. We'll cook, serve meals and eat with our guests at City Gospel Mission. Sign up at the Info Center at Crossroads Oakley, or e-mail diner@crossroads.net.

BEAUTY FOR ASHES

Community Group for women who are seeking emotional healing from sexual abuse. Based on the book "Beauty for Ashes" by Joyce Meyer. The group will meet from 7-8:45pm on Thursdays, July 23-October 29 at Crossroads Oakley. Space is limited. Register at crossroads.net/cgroups by July 20.

BUILD INTO MARRIAGES

If you're married and would love to help other couples build healthy marriages, e-mail marriage@crossroads.net to find out how you can get involved.

REFL TO REAL

Friday, July 10, from 6:30-10pm watch the movie "Patton" and discuss its spiritual and philisophical messages. In the Auditorium at Crossroads Oakley. Free to those 18 and up.

OPEN COMMUNITY GROUPS

Looking to connect? Check out Open Community Groups.
They run all year and are open to anyone at anytime. There are groups for men and women, and groups for going deeper.
Most groups meet at Crossroads Oakley on Wednesday nights. For more information and a complete schedule, pick up a flyer at the Info Center, or visit crossroads.net/cgroups.

FREE CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

Join other expectant families to find out all you need to know about the childbirth process from a certified instructor.

Begins July 14 for six weeks.

Tuesdays from 6:45-9pm at

Crossroads Oakley. Sign up by July 10 by e-mailing

childbirthclasses@crossroads.net.

PRAYER

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 www.crossroads.net/prayer. All requests are held in strict confidence.

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

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CHRISTINA AND EDDIE

Christina Yeager and Eddie Pelatti took the Building Blocks for Marriage class in preparation for their own marriage. They loved it so much, they decided to come back and serve as facilitators.

What do you like about serving?

It makes the church seem smaller when you get to know people on a personal level. Also, we feel like we get closer to each other and to God when we serve.

What do you love about Cincinnati?

That it's a Midwestern city with Midwestern values. Everyone is very warm, welcoming and friendly.

lf you'd like to help build into marriages at Crossroads, e-mail marriage@crossroads.net.

your kids will

LOVE

this

Kids' Club is designed to attract, connect and transform the lives of kids around here.

All of the songs, lessons and videos in Kids' Club are created just FOR kids, to help them learn something that is relevant to their lives each week.

To see what your kid learned this week, go to www.crossroads.net/kc to view the lesson and the small group discussion questions.

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.



kids



The Cincinnati Art Museum was the first art museum west of the Alleghenies and houses more than 60,000 art works spanning 6,000 years. In addition to displaying its own broad collection, it also hosts several national and international traveling exhibitions each year.

The Contemporary Arts Center, established in 1939, was one of the first institutions in the U.S. dedicated to contemporary art. Its building on Walnut St., completed in 2003, is world-renowned for its groundbreaking architecture.

The Aronoff Center for the Arts opened in October

of 1995. It plays host to numerous Broadway plays

and theatre productions, as well as performances



If you want to know more about the Cincinnati arts scene, two great places to start are cincinnatiarts.com and fineartsfund.org.

Send photos of your favorite places in Cincinnati to TheProgram@crossroads.net.

WHY I LOVE CINCINNATI: ARTS.

Cincinnati is a true arts destination. There are over 95 arts organizations in the Cincinnati area that represent a full range of artistic expression, from dance and theatre to literature and visual art. These are just a few examples:



Music Hall was built in 1878, and is recognized as a National Historic Landmark. Its 3,630-seat Springer Auditorium is home to the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the May Festival and the Cincinnati Opera.





of the Cincinnati Ballet.