

notes

# TO DO

## Volunteer for *Awaited*

Serve hot cocoa and cookies, hold doors, park cars. Get your Christmas spirit on in a big way by volunteering for one of the *Awaited* Christmas productions, taking place Dec. 17-24. I hear you get in to the show for free if you volunteer (Just kidding, sucker. It's free for everyone.).

Sign up now at [crossroads.net/awaitedvolunteers](http://crossroads.net/awaitedvolunteers).



# HILLS

we die on

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, on 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.

(From Philippians 3:17 in the Bible)

*The Seven Hills: We Die On are applications of biblical truth expressed through the unique personality of Crossroads. Check out the Info Center to read the rest of 'em.*

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The Program ☒

Mmm...those were good sweet potatoes. Or were they yams?

## did you KNOW

### You can be generous *and* stick it to the taxman?

Sending hundreds of people to South Africa. Freeing children in sexual slavery in India. Fighting generational poverty in Cincinnati. Thousands of small groups on a journey together. Hundreds of children having fun while learning about God.

**Your generosity fuels life change inside and outside of Crossroads.** If you're considering a year-end financial gift to Crossroads, remember there are no services December 20-21 or 27-28. But you can mail or drop off a donation to Crossroads' Oakley offices, or use the special gift boxes at the *Awaited* shows.

Crossroads Oakley: 3500 Madison Rd.  
Cincinnati, OH 45209

## do your own THING

Forget "going to church," and explore what it means to BE the Church. CSM is more than a youth group or cheesy entertainment. It's a movement to change our city and our world.

**Oakley: 10am - csmJR**

**11:45am - csmSR**

**Mason: 10am - csmJR and SR**

For more information, email Paul at [povens@crossroads.net](mailto:povens@crossroads.net), or pick up a flyer at the Info Center.

**CSM**

LOCATIONS, SERVICE TIMES AND DIRECTIONS AT [CROSSROADS.NET](http://CROSSROADS.NET).

# WE WISH YOU A MESSY CHRISTMAS

## current message series

Christmas celebrates Jesus' birth: peaceful, gentle and serene, right? Not even close. When He came into the world, Jesus caused quite a mess by challenging assumptions and stirring up controversy. Join us this holiday season as we consider the beautiful messes Jesus still makes when he comes into our lives.

## today

We're talking about how once Jesus enters our life, he impacts every decision we make.

# FIRST

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

## Welcome

Whatever your thoughts on church, whatever your beliefs about God, you are welcome here. We won't make assumptions about what you believe. You won't be asked to wear a nametag or make a speech. We're just glad you're here, and we hope you enjoy yourself.

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## in the KNOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS ☒

### SIGN UP FOR ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree is a program that gives Christmas gifts to children on behalf of an incarcerated parent. You can help by purchasing a gift. Visit us in the Atrium to sign up.

### HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

There will be no regular weekend services at either location December 27-28 to give staff and the thousands of volunteers that make this place run, time off to spend with their families. Also, regular services will not be held in Mason on December 21. Instead, everyone is invited to Oakley December 17-24 for the *Awaited* Christmas show.

### NEW BEGINNINGS

Interested in serving our community? New Beginnings offers flexible serving opportunities to reach out to those less fortunate. For more info, call 513.731.7400 x388 or e-mail [newbeginnings@crossroads.net](mailto:newbeginnings@crossroads.net).

### THINK TAX DEDUCTION

If you have a used car in decent condition, consider donating it to Wheels. We'll recondition it, make minor repairs and give it to a member of our community. You'll receive a tax deduction and, more importantly, the satisfaction of knowing that you've been a huge blessing to someone in need. To make a donation call Brian at 513.731.7400 x584.

### FREE HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

Join in the Christmas spirit as local singer/songwriter Bill Smith sings your favorite Christmas songs, as well as some of his own. Enjoy cookies and a surprise visit from Santa. Saturday, December 6 at 2pm.

### PRAYER

Available after each service in your Auditorium seat. Tuesday morning prayer at 7am in the CSM room at Crossroads Oakley. For prayer requests, go to [www.crossroads.net](http://www.crossroads.net), click "contact us" then select "prayer request" at the bottom of the page. All requests are held in strict confidence.

*For more info on things happening around Crossroads, visit [www.crossroads.net](http://www.crossroads.net).*

## your kids will LOVE this



But not as much as they love you. We are pumped to have your kids in Kids' Club for an hour every week, but you are the real spiritual leader in your child's life. Does that freak you out? We've got you covered. You can see what they learned each week in Kids' Club by checking out [www.crossroads.net/kc](http://www.crossroads.net/kc).

*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](mailto:kbotto@crossroads.net) or Beth Peery in Mason at [bpeery@crossroads.net](mailto:bpeery@crossroads.net).*



## meet DAVE

Dave Mesker organizes gift distribution for Angel Tree, ensuring that each child of an incarcerated parent, and their caregiver, receive a Christmas gift.

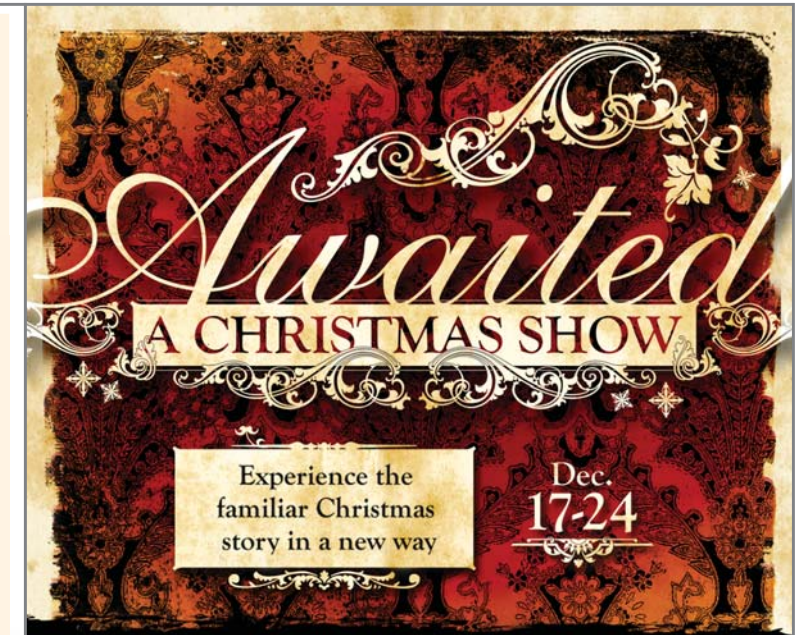
### What is your favorite thing about serving?

The fulfillment of giving back. I know I am blessed with everything I need and I think it is important to give of your time and resources to those less fortunate. For me it really is an honor, and inspiring to work alongside individuals who check their egos at the door and will do whatever is asked of them.

### What is special about Angel Tree?

The children we serve. They didn't ask for their circumstances, and we should try to make their life a little happier.

*To give an Angel Tree gift this Christmas, look for the Angel Trees in the Atrium.*



FREE tickets available now at [crossroads.net/awaited](http://crossroads.net/awaited). Listen to the (new!) *Awaited* Christmas music online at [crossroads.net](http://crossroads.net) in the downloads section.

# LW LAST WEDNESDAY

Since the last Wednesday of November was Thanksgiving Eve, we're moving our monthly evening of worship and communion to this coming Wednesday, December 3. Same time (7pm), same place (the Auditorium at Crossroads Oakley). See you there. Childcare provided.

**DECEMBER 3, 7PM**