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FAQ

Are all the people working on the weekend on staff?

Nope. Believe it or not, from the coffee you drink to the mail you get, 94.6% of the Crossroads stuff you encounter results from volunteers. Volunteers care for our kids, take out the trash and sing on mainstage. Crossroads does have a paid staff of about 90 people. They dwell in a cube farm on the other side of the business entrance at Crossroads Oakley. They're hairy, work in the dark and love to eat free food.

Got a question? Ask me at TheProgram@crossroads.net.

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HILLS we die on

WE ARE COMMITTED TO: **Reproduction**

Reproduction is about recognizing something that God has created and then reproducing it in his name. We want to send God's message out into the world by reproducing everything from the weekend program to CDs of each message series. Crossroads wants to be a place where Christ-followers reproduce Christ-followers, leaders reproduce leaders and churches reproduce other churches. (From Matthew 28:19-20 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.

3500 OPEN

Friday Night Live: MC Till Nov. 21, 7pm FREE

Rapper MC Till brings the Kings of Tragedy tour to Crossroads' 3500 Open. His original sound is influenced by T.I., De La Soul, Jack Johnson and Jurassic 5.



We've got a cool building at 3500 Madison in Oakley, and we like to share it with others. So come enjoy free coffee, free wireless, plenty of couch and quiet. For more information on 3500 Open, visit crossroads.net/3500.

LOCATIONS, SERVICE TIMES AND DIRECTIONS AT CROSSROADS.NET.

11 15-16 The Program ©

Mamelodi Forecast: 85° Fahrenheit. Mostly sunny. What am I still doing here?



current message series

"Gimme. Mine!" It's something we might hear a two-year-old demand while playing with a friend. Kids often develop a sense of entitlement about things in their world. But we all outgrow that, right? In November, we'll examine how a sense of entitlement can creep in and poison our lives, and how gratitude can provide the antidote.

today

We'll be talking about how gratitude is the antidote to a life of entitlement.

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

Weekends at Crossroads

Weekends here are for anyone who wants to seek God, from those exploring whether or not God even exists to committed Christ-followers. We present basic, biblical truths and show how they apply to our everyday lives. And we have a lot of fun doing it—we don't believe in disconnecting from the things we enjoy, the music we like or a great joke just because we're "in church."

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NEED THANKSGIVING DINNER?

If your family would be blessed by a Thanksgiving box this year, call 513.731.7400 x384 by Monday, November 17.

HELP COLLECT BOXES

Volunteers are still needed to help unload and collect boxes for the Thanksgiving Food Drive the weekend of November 22-23 at both Oakley and Mason. Sign up to help at www.crossroads.net/tfd.

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.

SERVE SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS

Volunteer (no experience required) to pair with kids and help integrate them into the classroom. Trained professionals are also needed for kids requiring a higher level of care. For more info, contact Heather Meyer at kc@crossroads.net or 513.681.7527. WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS 📀

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 513.731.7400 x584.

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, 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.

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We love giving kids an opportunity to be generous. Right now Kids' Club is collecting peanut butter to send to our friends in South Africa (some things, like kids and PB&J, are universal). To really bless those South Africans keep these things in mind:

peanut butter should be in an 18-oz. jar (for international shipping, bigger does not equal better), it should be creamy (1.4 million Mamelodians agree that chunks are bad) and it should be an unopened jar (so keep your fingers out of there—for the love).

For more information, contact Kim Botto at kbotto@crossroads.net or 513.731.7400 x520.



SERVE HOW TO GET INVOLVED AT CROSSROADS

Feed a Family (or a township) this Thanksgiving

Pick up a box for the Thanksgiving Food Drive this weekend, and you could help provide 200,000 meals to needy families. The food drive feeds families both in Cincinnati and in South Africa (the boxes are differentwe don't send frozen turkeys overseas), and it's easy to participate. Go on your own, or gather together family, friends or a small group and grab a box in the Atrium (just follow the signs). Then return it filled with the appropriate food the weekend of November 22/23.

Questions? Visit crossroads.net/tfd.

meet MARIANNE

Marianne Cafaro assists with logistics and volunteer coordination for the South Africa portion of Crossroads' Thanksgiving Food Drive.

What do you like most about your role? Knowing I am giving back to my community and to Mamelodi—both of which are close to my heart.

What led you to serve?

I felt God tugging at my heartstrings to be involved from the moment I walked in the door at Crossroads.

Why the Mamelodi, South Africa part of the Food Drive?

Because I have a heart and passion for Mamelodi, but I haven't been able to travel over there with Crossroads. This is my contribution to our partnership.

If you'd like to feed families this Thanksgiving, pick up a box in the Atrium this weekend.

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 this Sunday, November 16 at 1pm, at Crossroads Oakley. Meet some people. Get some questions answered. Eat some free lunch—it might very well be your last non-turkey meal.

For more information, visit crossroads.net/contextlive.