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Awaired
A CHRISTMAS SHOW

Experience the familiar Christmas story in a new way

Dec. 17-24

FREE tickets available now at crossroads.net/awaited.
Listen to the music at crossroads.net; click on Downloads.

did you
KNOW

That each Angel Tree gift is for a specific child or caregiver?

That means if you take an Angel off the tree, someone is counting on that gift for Christmas. Don't forget to return your Angel Tree gifts to the Atrium next weekend, December 13-14.



LOCATIONS, SERVICE TIMES AND DIRECTIONS AT CROSSROADS.NET.

HILLS

we die on

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

Biblical Truth

Crossroads is a place for people on every part of the spiritual journey, from those just investigating whether there is a God to those who have made following Christ the priority of their life. The Bible presents a dangerous message of life change. We don't assume everyone believes, or even knows the Bible, but we do assume everyone who comes through our doors is open to exploring it. We believe the Bible is God's inerrant truth and it's the foundation to everything we do.

(From 2 Timothy 3:16 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.

upcoming at
3500 OPEN

Nutrition, Weight Loss & Life Change

Every Thursday, beginning January 22, 2009
6-8pm, FREE

Learn all about fitness and nutrition from a registered physician. Topics range from making healthy snacks to exercising at home. Includes fun demos and plenty of support. No need to sign up and it's free.



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 (and keep in mind the building is closed Dec. 15-Jan.9 except for Awaired shows).

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06-07
The Program ☒

If you were thinking of getting me something for Christmas, I'll take a new Dance Dance Revolution mat. Mine's worn out.

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'll be talking about the mess that comes into our lives when we initially come into contact with Jesus.

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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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS ☒

GIFTS FOR ANGEL TREE

This weekend is your last chance to sign up to buy a gift. Angel Tree is a program that gives Christmas gifts to children on behalf of an incarcerated parent. Visit us in the Atrium to sign up. And don't forget to bring your wrapped gift back no later than Sunday, December 14. Remember to attach the angel sticker so we know you've returned yours. E-mail us at angeltree@crossroads.net for more info.

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.

NO LAST WEDNESDAY

Well, there is a last Wednesday in December, but we won't be having a Last Wednesday service due to the holiday break.

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.

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.

your kids will LOVE this



Want to serve in Kids' Club but don't know what to do with your own kids for that extra hour?

Adventure Club is for kids from three years old through 6th grade to hang out with their friends while their parents are serving. Talk to a blue-shirted Kids' Club volunteer for more info. (But don't try to check in your kids so you can hang out in the Atrium for another hour or run out to Christmas shop. Adventure Club is for volunteers' kids ONLY!)

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 or Beth Peery in Mason at bpeery@crossroads.net.



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 free to the show if you volunteer (Just kidding, sucker. It's free for everyone.).

Sign up now at crossroads.net/awaitedvolunteers.



FAQ

Who funds this place?

Let's be clear on who is NOT funding this place: there are no corporate sponsors or franchise affiliations, and there's no phantom fat cat paying for the building. It's the generosity of everyday people in our community that fuels the life change we experience around here, and that blesses people around the city and world.

You've got options for submitting year-end gifts:

1) mail them to Crossroads' office: 3500 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45209; 2) drop them in the slot next to the Office Entrance at Crossroads Oakley; 3) drop them off at the Info Center during any of the *Awaited* shows; 4) submit them electronically via crossroads.net (you'll need to sign in to the site); 5) leave a voicemail for Kim Bauscher at 513.731.7400 x367 (re: E-gift) or Tait Paul at 513.731.7400 x356 (re: stock transfers) before the end of the year. They'll get right back to you.

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

meet ANGIE

Angie Gross serves as a leader in CSM (Jr. High) in a pod (small group) with about 24 eighth grade girls and two other leaders.

What is your favorite thing about serving?

I love the relationships that I have built with the girls I serve and seeing them grow in their relationships with God.

Have you learned anything from serving?

I have learned that there are a lot of different ways to experience God's love—sometimes it's with a lot of sugar, caffeine and fingernail polish!



CSM is for teens and meets every weekend at 10am (Junior High) and 11:45am (Senior High) in Oakley, and at 10am for both Junior and Senior High in Mason. To sign up to serve, email Paul at powers@crossroads.net.