

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Learning environments for exploring topics and personal growth.

## CORE GROUPS:

### UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

**Tuesdays: Jan. 31–Mar. 6**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
The Bible can be an overwhelming book to read. Learn a simple, step-by-step approach to understanding and applying what you're reading. *Helpful hint: This group covers the basics. If you want to dig deeper, check out Overview of the Bible.*

### OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

**Mondays: Jan. 30–Mar. 26**  
**7–8:45pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
The Bible is the story of God and his pursuit of us. Come learn major patterns and themes of God's story, and how they apply to your life.

### ALL FOR LOVE

**Sundays: Feb. 12–Mar. 18**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Mason White House**  
Loving Jesus is more than just a feeling—it's a calling to follow him. Join us as we discover how God's love translates into a life full of purpose and mission. *Helpful hint: This group offers a deeper perspective on biblical living.*

### GOING DEEPER (ONGOING GROUP)

**Wednesdays: Feb. 1–Mar. 14**  
**7–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
Stretch the way you think about your relationship with Christ. Join us as we discuss the process of maturing in our faith as outlined in the first chapter of 2 Peter. *No childcare available. Does not meet on the last Wednesday of the month.*

### GROW

**Tuesdays: Jan. 31–Mar. 6**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
Learn and practice ways to engage with God that will help deepen your relationship with him.

### POVERTY

**Mondays: Jan. 30–Mar. 5**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
Learn the true definition of poverty, how God feels about it, and your role in the solution.

### STORY FORMED LIFE

**Tuesdays: Feb. 14–Apr. 24**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
**Thursdays: Feb. 2–Apr. 12**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Mason White House**  
God invites us to enter into an epic story in which he is the central character. Come and learn how you fit into the story of God.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Thursdays: Feb. 2–Apr. 19**  
**9:30–11am at Crossroads Oakley**  
Join other women to study the book of James, which is often referred to as a book of wisdom—full of good advice for everyday living.

## LIFE STAGE GROUPS:

### GOD ON THE JOB

**Thursdays: Feb. 2–Mar. 8**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
Learn practical ways to incorporate God's plan for your work into his story.

### MOMS

**Every other Tuesday: Begins Jan. 24**  
**9:15–11:15am at Crossroads Oakley OR**  
**Wednesdays: Feb. 1–May 30**  
**9:30–11:15am at Mason White House**  
For women seeking to be better wives and moms.

### FATHERS

**Fridays: Begins Jan. 27**  
**6:03–7:30am at**  
• Crossroads Oakley  
• Florence Cracker Barrel  
• Book Bums in West Chester  
• Anderson Town Center  
For men seeking to be better husbands and fathers. *No childcare available.*

### WOMEN'S ONGOING GROUP

**Tuesdays: Begins Jan. 31**  
**7–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
Explore your spiritual journey more deeply while connecting with other women.

### LOVE AND RESPECT

**Thursdays: Feb. 2–Mar. 29**  
**6:30–8:45pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
For married couples seeking to crack the communication code between husband and wife. Based on the book "Love and Respect" by Emerson Eggerichs. *Both spouses must sign up.*

### MEN'S ONGOING GROUP

**Thursdays: Begins Feb. 2**  
**6:30–7:30am at Crossroads Oakley**  
Join other men as you grow in your spiritual journey with God. *No childcare available.*

### FOSTER CARE

**Saturdays: Mar. 17–31**  
**9am–noon at Crossroads Oakley**  
Learn what the Bible says about orphans and how to help.

### REAL MARRIAGE

**Tuesdays: Feb. 21–Apr. 17**  
**7–9pm at Mason White House**  
Learn ways to live as one—and overcome daily obstacles—based on God's design.

### DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

**Saturdays: Feb. 4–May 5**  
**9–11am at Crossroads Oakley**  
Learn what God says about money and how to transform your approach to finances.

## CSM GROUPS:

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS TEENS & PARENTS

**Tuesdays: Jan. 31–Mar. 6**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
Learn to recognize spiritual gifts in yourself and in others. *No childcare available.*

### TEACHING TEENS

**Tuesdays: Jan. 31–Mar. 6**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
Become a stronger teacher and learn to strengthen those around you. *No childcare available.*

### SHARE YOUR FAITH TEENS

**Tuesdays: Jan. 31–Mar. 6**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
Learn how to tell your story and share your faith. *No childcare available.*

### JR HIGH BIBLE STUDY 7TH–8TH GRADERS

**Tuesdays: Jan. 31–Mar. 6**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
Dig deeper into the Bible with other Jr. High students. *No childcare available.*

### CSM STUDY TEENS

**Sundays: Feb. 5–Mar. 11**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Mason White House**  
Explore your spiritual journey more deeply with other teens. *No childcare available.*

# HEALING GROUPS

Safe environments for help overcoming crises or addictions.

### DIVORCE REBUILDING

**Saturday: Feb. 11**  
**8:30am–3:30pm AND**  
**Thursdays: Feb. 16–Apr. 12**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley OR**

**Saturday: Feb. 18**  
**8:30am–3:30pm AND**  
**Wednesdays: Feb. 22–Apr. 18**  
**7–9pm at Mason White House**  
Discover biblical ways to handle life after a divorce. *Childcare is not available for the Saturday sessions.*

### GRIEF

**Tuesdays: Jan. 31–Mar. 20**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
For those who have experienced death of a spouse, parent, close friend or child (includes the loss of infant/stillbirth or miscarriage), and are seeking to understand the pain and disorientation it brings, through a biblical perspective.

### HEALING BETRAYED HEARTS (ONGOING GROUP)

**Thursdays: Begins Jan. 12**  
**7–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
A safe place for women who need support regarding the impact of a spouse or partner's struggle with pornography or inappropriate sexual behavior.

### MEN'S CHILDHOOD SEXUAL TRAUMA (CST) GROUP (ONGOING GROUP)

**Monday: Begins Jan. 9**  
**6:30–8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
A safe place for men to understand how to deal with the pain and isolation caused from childhood sexual trauma. We'll explore the healthy relationships we need to recover, and journey together toward freedom and joy. *Childcare is not available.*

### MEN'S HEALTHY CHOICES (ONGOING GROUP)

**Thursdays: Begins Feb. 2**  
**7–9pm at Crossroads Oakley**  
If you're struggling with addictive behaviors, and you're ready to do something about it, come and learn how to overcome addictions in a safe environment. We'll explore topics focused on recognizing, acknowledging and owning the addictions in our lives on a path toward recovery.

### MEN'S HEALTHY SEXUALITY (MHS) (ONGOING GROUP)

**Thursdays: Begins Feb. 2**  
**7–9pm at Crossroads Oakley OR**  
**Monday: Begins Feb. 6**  
**7:30–9pm at Vineyard Community Church, Springdale**  
A program for men who seek healthy life choices around their sexual behaviors. MHS groups are Christ-centered, anonymous communities of healing and hope.

Sign up for a [Community Group](https://crossroads.net/cg) at [crossroads.net/cg](https://crossroads.net/cg) or for a [Healing Group](https://crossroads.net/hg) at [crossroads.net/hg](https://crossroads.net/hg). Or visit the Info Center during weekend services. The registration deadline is **January 23**.

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## The Program

At press time, the Bengals are in the playoffs.

### Option A: Who Dey!

### Option B: Who Dey?

(The Texans, that's who. Better luck next year, Bengals.)



## current message series

We can learn a lot from the pigs. We can build a financial life out of sticks and straw—or we can build with bricks by making wise financial choices. Because that smooth-talking big, bad wolf is always ready to pick a fight. Join us in January as we talk about the power of money and how to keep the wolf at bay.

## today

We're talking about the characteristics of Big Bad Wolf.

# in the KNOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS ✕

### TUTORS NEEDED

Whiz Kids is looking for volunteers to tutor students on Mondays from 6–7:30pm in Oakley. To sign up, email [whizkids@crossroads.net](mailto:whizkids@crossroads.net).

### KIDS' CLUB SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have a child with special needs, Kids' Club can accommodate them. They'll be paired with a buddy, who will work with you to develop a plan unique to your child. Offered at the 9:30am service in Mason, and at 4:30pm Saturday and at 10 and 11:45am services on Sunday in Oakley. Email [specialneeds@crossroads.net](mailto:specialneeds@crossroads.net).

### MARRIAGE GETAWAY

FamilyLife's "Weekend to Remember" getaway will take place on February 24–26 at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Cincinnati and on March 2–4 at the Dayton Marriott. Save \$159 per couple by registering online at [familylife.com/groups/grieco](http://familylife.com/groups/grieco).

### PRAYER

Prayer is 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 [crossroads.net/prayer](http://crossroads.net/prayer). All requests are held in strict confidence.

*For more info on things happening around Crossroads, visit [crossroads.net](http://crossroads.net), or "like" us on Facebook at [facebook.com/crdschurch](http://facebook.com/crdschurch).*

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# GRANDMA'S

sunday school



In Kids' Club we use engaging music, original videos and compelling stories to reveal God's heart to kids and inspire them to change the world. In our Kids' Club rooms, you might find current video game systems, dry erase boards or basketball hoops. Why? We believe that learning about God can be fun. But don't try to sneak in; we can tell if you're older than a sixth grader.



*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).*

# Is Brian Tome a real pastor?

Find out the answer to this and any other questions you have at the next Context Live event on **Sunday, January 15 at 1pm in Oakley** (Meeting Room A) **and in Mason** (White House). You'll also discover more about the vision behind Crossroads and how you can get involved (if you want). Meet some people. Get some questions answered. Eat some (free) lunch. No childcare provided.

*For more details and to RSVP, visit [crossroads.net/contextlive](http://crossroads.net/contextlive).*

# CONTEXT

WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

# 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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# STACEY

Stacey Martin serves in the nursery in Oakley. She's been caring for babies while their parents are in service for seven years.

### What is your favorite thing about serving?

In addition to getting to hold babies, I love the community that I have developed with my team. We have been serving together for years, and it's one way to make this large church seem smaller.

### Why would you encourage others to get involved?

Giving parents a safe and loving place to leave their babies contributes to their ability to grow closer to God. You also get to play with and care for some amazing children.



*If you'd like to serve in Kids' Club, visit [crossroads.net/engage](http://crossroads.net/engage) to get started, or pick up a volunteer application at the Kids' Club Info Desk.*

# 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, 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.

Philippians 3:17

*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.*