

notes

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LOCATIONS, SERVICE TIMES AND DIRECTIONS AT CROSSROADS.NET.

# FIRST

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

### Relax

It's OK to laugh at church. We don't take ourselves too seriously, but we take what we do VERY seriously. As a result, we like to make fun of ourselves, and sometimes, the Bengals. We believe that God has a sense of humor and that you should, too. But if you don't think it's funny, feel free to fill out a comment card, and later we'll have a good laugh at what you wrote. (Kidding! See? We did it again.)

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### meet

# CINDY

Cindy Sims serves at the New to Crossroads desk at Crossroads Mason.

### What is your favorite thing about serving?

I love helping people. Sometimes it is as simple as showing someone where Kids' Club is, or sometimes it is answering questions about Crossroads. I think Crossroads does an amazing job of welcoming people, and it is such a blessing to be a part of it all.

### What drew you to First Impressions?

I love people. I love helping people, touching their lives. I want to make a difference in their day!

### What do you love most about Cincinnati?

I love Cincinnati because it is a big town with a small-town feeling, and it's a great place to raise a family.



If you'd like to serve on First Impressions, e-mail [fi@crossroads.net](mailto:fi@crossroads.net).

### download

# THIS

### Kids' Club Videos

Shrimpola, Rachel, Chef-O and Music Mae: they're not sketchy volunteers, but characters in a video series called "The Kitchen" that kindergarten-fourth grade students recently watched in Kids' Club.

You can check out the video series (with or without your kids) here: [crossroads.net/kidvideos](http://crossroads.net/kidvideos)



# HILLS

we die on

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

### doing life together

We aren't interested in being a place where a lot of people get together for an inspiring service but never move beyond the casual, arm's distance relationships of an auditorium. We want to grow by really "doing life together." People who grow in their relationship with God also grow in their friendships with each other, moving beyond the Auditorium in small groups, Community Groups and through serving. Real community is knowing and being known, loving and being loved, celebrating and being celebrated, serving and being served. Hebrews 10:24-25

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.

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The Program

Vick was convicted of cruel and inhumane sporting activity. Sounds like a fit for the Bengals?

# WE LOVE 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

We will be talking about what it means to love your mission.

You can share what you love about Cincinnati at [welovecincinnati.org](http://welovecincinnati.org).

# PRAY for Cincinnati

One way we can love our city is by living out our mission. Each of us has a mission; this week spend time asking God what yours is.

*God, show me the mission that you have for me in my city. Whatever it is, I want to be engaged where you want me to be.*

## in the KNOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS

### SUNDAYS AT THE OUTLET

Beginning in September, join us at The Outlet at City Gospel Mission on Sunday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings. We're looking for leaders now to coordinate art, music, coffee and games. E-mail us at [outlet@crossroads.net](mailto:outlet@crossroads.net).

### SERVE WITH TEAMWORKS

Help people go from unemployed to self-sufficient. Mentor for a year (meeting twice a month), to encourage emotional and spiritual growth. Mock-interviewers and job searchers also needed. E-mail [teamworks@crossroads.net](mailto:teamworks@crossroads.net).

### TEACHING WORKSHOP

If you teach in any setting here at Crossroads (Kids Club, CSM, Community Groups, etc.) you're invited to learn, practice and sharpen your skills. There will be two, three-hour sessions, and you must be able to attend both. The first will be a skills workshop, and at the second you'll teach and receive feedback in small groups. Two dates are available: Wednesdays, August 12 and 19 from 6-9pm or Saturdays, September 12 and 19 from 9am-noon. All workshops are at Crossroads Oakley. Space is limited. Sign up by August 5 at [cg@crossroads.net](mailto:cg@crossroads.net).

### STEPUP PRISON MENTORING

Spend time with a resident at one of Hamilton County's correctional facilities and help them transition into life outside prison. We've partnered with Jobs Plus and OneCity, and would love having you as a partner, too. E-mail us at [stepup@crossroads.net](mailto:stepup@crossroads.net).

### BUILDERS NEEDED

Habitat for Humanity is looking for people with construction and building experience, as well as skilled plumbers, electricians etc. Come to an info session at Crossroads Oakley to learn more. Sunday, August 2 at 1pm or Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30pm.

### REEL TO REAL: IRONMAN

Watch the movie Ironman in the Auditorium and engage in lively discussion on its spiritual and philosophical messages. Friday, August 7, 7-10pm. FREE. 18 and up.

### GO MUMBAI 2010

Crossroads is sending a small team to Mumbai in February of 2010 to show love to girls rescued from sexual slavery. To find out more and to apply for the trip, visit [crossroads.net/gomumbai](http://crossroads.net/gomumbai) before August 12.

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

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# STUDENT movement

### Oakley

csmJR: Sunday at 10am

csmSR: Sunday at 11:45am

### Mason

csmJR & SR: Sunday at 11am

This is the place to ask the tough questions, be yourself, react to what God says in the Bible and see things most people never show you. Connect with other teens with similar interests, in groups that are just the right size. Then experiment. There are no planned outcomes or exercises that adults are trying to make you do. Come and see what happens.

Contact Paul for more info at 513.731.7400 x531 or [powers@crossroads.net](mailto:powers@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 sixth 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. 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](mailto:kbotto@crossroads.net) or Beth Peery in Mason at [bpeery@crossroads.net](mailto:bpeery@crossroads.net).

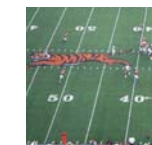
# WHY I LOVE CINCINNATI: ENTERTAINMENT.

If you're looking for something to do this summer, Cincinnati offers a lot of options. Whether you'd like to check out some animals at the zoo, watch one of our pro sports teams or ride a coaster, here's just a few things around town to entertain you and your family:



**The Cincinnati Zoo** opened in 1875, making it the second oldest zoo in the U.S. It was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1987, due to its significant architecture, and is rated as one of the best zoos in the nation. It has one of the largest collections in the country, housing more than 500 animal and 3,000 plant species.

**The Cincinnati Reds** were the first Major League Baseball team. Their starting season was in 1869 as the Cincinnati Red Stockings. The Reds have since been part of many firsts, including the first opening day parade in 1891 and the first night game in MLB history at Crosley Field in 1935. About 30 former Reds are now immortalized in the Hall of Fame.



**The Bengals** first came to Cincinnati in 1937 as a member of the American Football League. The AFL and the Bengals both folded after the 1941 season, as the U.S. entered World War II. They returned to Cincinnati 26 years later in 1967 as an expansion franchise. Their last Super Bowl appearance was in 1989, where they lost to the San Francisco 49ers 20-16. We're still waiting for another chance.

**Kings Island** sits on 364 acres north of Cincinnati and boasts over 80 rides, shows and attractions, including the Beast, the world's longest wooden rollercoaster.



We need photos of your favorite places in Cincinnati. Send them to [TheProgram@crossroads.net](mailto:TheProgram@crossroads.net).