



A Message from Dr. Ronnie Floyd, Senior Pastor

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2012 is a Big Year!

Presidential hopefuls are saying the 2012 presidential election is the biggest election in the history of America. Millions of people agree, given the critical nature of the year before us. Only God knows who will be elected to serve as President of the United States, but there are other reasons why 2012 is a big year. Please know, I am not minimizing the significance of this year politically or directionally for our nation, but I believe there are other reasons as well that 2012 is a big year.

2012 is a big year for you. You may be coming out of 2011 much like me. I experienced some wins, but felt I also experienced some pretty devastating losses as a leader and man, most profoundly the loss of my mom in October. Yet, before the year was up, I did celebrate the triumphant victory of 35 years of marriage to Jeana and 25 years as Pastor of Cross Church. So, while we have no idea what 2012 will hold for any of us, and overall, 2011 was a difficult year for me—I know that soon God will prevail and restore all that I need for the year before me. In fact, it is with great hope that I believe this to be so. So, whether you are like me or not, 2012 is a big year for you. Embrace it. God is working.

2012 is a big year for our church. While I am highly concerned for our nation, I am just as concerned, if not more concerned, for our church. You see, where I sit in belief and practice, **I believe the church can be the answer for most problems in the world today.** When the church is awake and alive, the church will be aware of what we need to be so. So, whether you are like me or not, 2012 is a big year for you. Embrace it. God is working.

2012 is a big year for the Gospel. "Send Me 2012" has begun! **Our goal is to mobilize at least 1,000 of our people to go on a mission endeavor outside of Northwest Arkansas, somewhere in North America, or around the world.** In the first quarter of this year, Jeana and I will be in the Dominican Republic in January and Brazil in March. As we go, go with us. When we do not go, go! Obviously, two international trips in one quarter will not be easy, but we really want to help set the pace for the rest of the year. Find your time of the year. Find God's place for you. Go! Whether it is for a long weekend somewhere in North America or for a week to ten days in North America or somewhere around the world, just go! Be a part of 1,000 people mobilizing to take the good news of Jesus to a very lost and dark world.

Doug Sarver, our Minister of Global Missions, has been with us for twenty years.



Twenty years ago, this past week, Doug and Karen, and their four children moved here from Southeast Texas. While he had served a church part-time in Texas in a bi-vocational role, God led us to call Doug here to lead our Global Missions Ministry. What God has done through Doug here is unexplainable by man, but possible only with God. He has been a tremendous colleague, outstanding ministry partner, and a great friend. **Please join Jeana and me today, and even this week, in celebrating the 20th anniversary of Doug Sarver.** We love Doug, Karen, and their children. May God continue to grant him favor!

Today we begin a new six-week series called, "There's Hope!" Please join us weekly. Pray for us daily. We are in desperate need of prayer. ■

Cross Students

Sunday Morning Student Hour
Sundays at 10 a.m. in Small Group Rooms A & B
For students in grades 6–12. Students will meet for a short time together each week before breaking up into small groups.

"One Love" Girls' Retreat
February 17–18 at the Holiday Inn in Rogers
Girls' Retreat for 6th–12th grade girls. Sessions will be in the Gatharia at our Pinnacle Hills Campus and lodging at the Holiday Inn. Cost is \$50. Speakers include Meredith Floyd, Jeana Floyd, and "Salvaged" author, Stefne Miller. Register at crosschurch.com/onelove.

Volunteer Meeting

Important Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center
If you serve in any role in our church or would like to begin serving in 2012, we are having a very important meeting to prepare for the new year. Childcare is provided and we will have light snacks for the adults. All Small Groups will be a part of this meeting.

Small Groups

Financial Peace University
Wednesdays beginning January 18 at 6:15 p.m.
Financial Peace University is Dave Ramsey's life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. Register at crosschurch.com/fpu.

Worship Ministry

Choir Begins This Week!
Choir will begin this Thursday, January 12, from 6:15–7:15 p.m. Everyone interested is invited to attend. We will sing next Sunday for our one year celebration.

Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Study Groups
Discover the foundational principles every Christian woman needs to know in order to live the Bible out practically in her day to day life. Teaching methods include guest speakers, panel discussions, and round table mentorship by older women in our church. Register at crosschurch.com/women.

Women's Discipleship for All Women
Tuesday mornings from 9–11 a.m.
Jan. 17–May 1 in the Worship Center
Leaders: Meredith Floyd and Marci Parrott
Register online for childcare.

Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8 p.m.
Jan. 18–May 2 in Small Group Room B
Leader: Shalawn Moses - Childcare available

Women's Discipleship for Working Women
Tuesday lunch study from 12–12:45 p.m.
Jan. 17–May 1 in the Worship Center
Leader: Jill Langham - No childcare

Women's Discipleship for Single Moms
Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8 p.m.
Jan. 18–May 2 at Clif and Sarah Anderson's 4526 W. Lofty Wood Dr., Fayetteville
Leader: Kendy Bowman
Childcare available at Cross Church Fayetteville

James: Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore
Tuesday mornings from 9–11 a.m.
Jan. 17–March 6 in Small Group Room C
Leader: Charlotte King
Register online for childcare.

Mentors for Women
If you are interested in being a mentor for women in one of our discipleship classes this semester go to crosschurch.com/lead.

NWA Men's Conference 2012 - Coming February 24 & 25

Come celebrate the

1st Anniversary

of

CROSSCHURCH FAYETTEVILLE

Sunday January Fifteenth Twenty Twelve
8:30 a.m. • 10:00 a.m. • 11:30 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.



In obedience to His command, Cross Church's mission is to reach Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world for Jesus Christ. Will you commit to go in 2012?

Visit crosschurch.com/sendme for the full list of opportunities.