



A Message from Dr. Ronnie Floyd, Senior Pastor

Announcements/Events

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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 to make a difference in the lives of people. I am praying for a mighty outpouring of God to be upon Cross Church. Please join me in praying for this significant need. While God is already doing some wonderful things in and through our church, I believe there is so much more He wants to do. Join me in praying for this.

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 Kids

Children's and Preschool Day

Sunday, February 5
Invite your friends to join you for lots of fun, games, and a SUPER special day!

Cross Students

Student Week – January 18–22
Rapture Ruckus will perform a FREE concert at 7 p.m. at MERGE on January 18
Lock-Ins for both 6th & 7th Grade students and 8th–12th grade students on Saturday–Sunday, January 21–22
STUDENT DAY including breakfast on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. Speakers, prizes, and much, much more!

"One Love" Girls' Retreat

February 17–18 at the Holiday Inn in Rogers
This event is for all 6th–12th grade Pinnacle Hills girls. Sessions will be at the Gatheria and lodging at the Holiday Inn & Suites. Cost is \$50. Register at crosschurch.com/onelove.

The Landing

Begins January 19 from 6–8 p.m. in the Student Building
The Landing is a recovery program for teenagers with a hurt, habit, or hang-up.

College & Young Adults

Exit 83 Gathering Kickoff
Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. - Student Building
Exit 83 is for college students and young singles to connect with one another and engage in worship. Childcare is provided.

Men's Rally

No Man Left Alone
Starts tonight at 5 p.m. in the Gatheria
Discover the definition of an authentic man. Chili, dessert, fun, and worship. Cost is \$5. Join us next Monday, January 16 for week two.

Young Married Adults

Love & Laughter Marriage Getaway

Friday–Saturday, January 13–14
Chateau on the Lake in Branson, Missouri
This conference is custom made for you and your spouse to bring some fun and adventure back to your marriage. With Ted Cunningham, Dr. Gary Smalley, and special country and comedy guests. Register by today for the discount rate at crosschurch.com/love.

Women's Ministry

"Women, Worldview, and the Word"

Begins this Week (Sunday–Friday classes)
"Women, Worldview, and the Word" is a chronological study of the Bible and will encourage you as you read the Bible through in 2012. Register at crosschurch.com/women.

Job Opportunity

Full-time Ministry Assistant

Must be proficient in Microsoft Office, be able to multi-task, have great communication skills, and work in a fast-paced environment. Please send résumé to rosset@crosschurch.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Student Ministry

If you are interested in volunteering in the Cross Student Ministry, please call Beth Ray at 271-7799 or go to crosschurch.com/volunteer.

Media Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering on Sunday mornings or at special events, please call Sam Gibby at 271-7799 or go to crosschurch.com/volunteer. No experience required!

T-shirts Available

Cross Church t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts are on sale in the Gatheria today.

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

Fantabulistic 50's!
Dad/Daughter Date Night
2012
January 27
6:30 pm
Cross Church Pinnacle Hills

For girls in grades K-5
Dads, bring your daughters out for some food, fun, and prizes! Dress in 50's attire!
Cost is \$25 per couple/
\$10 for each additional daughter.
Sign up online at crosschurch.com/fifties.

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2012
Missionary Journeys

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.