



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 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 Kidz

Wednesday Nights for Kids
Begins Wednesday, January 25...
PRE-XLR8 Choir (3 & 4 yr. olds) 5:30–6:15 p.m.
XLR8 Choir (K–5th grade) 5:30–6:30 p.m.
For more information or to volunteer, go to crosschurch.com/kidschoir.
AWANA (3 yrs.–5th grade) 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Register at crosschurch.com/awana.
AWANA VIP Night
Sunday, January 22 at 6 p.m. in the Kidz Theatre
Informational night for parents about AWANA.

Cross Students

Merge
Starts back this Wednesday, January 11 from 7–8:30 p.m. in the Student Building
Weekly worship for 6th–9th grade students

Freedom Weekend
January 21 & 22 in the Student Building
For all 6th–12th grade students with special guest speaker John Evans and worship leader Epic Rescue, PLUS, Mad Pizza and Fast Lane! Cost is \$30. Register online at crosschurch.com/freedom.

#imoutthere Girl's Retreat
January 27 & 28 at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa
For girls in grades 9–12. Cost is \$75 which includes one night at the Renaissance Hotel, four meals, t-shirt, journal, retreat workbook, and transportation to and from the retreat. Register at crosschurch.com/imoutthere.

"One Love" Girls' Retreat
February 17–18 at the Holiday Inn in Rogers
Girls' Retreat for 6th–8th grade girls. Sessions will be at the Gatheria at our Pinnacle Hills Campus and lodging at the Holiday Inn & Suites. Cost is \$50. Speakers include Meredith Floyd, Jeana Floyd, and "Salvaged" author, Stefne Miller. Register at crosschurch.com/onelove.

Women's Ministry

All the Single Ladies Movie Night
Sunday, January 15 from 5–9 p.m. in Atrium 2
"All the Single Ladies" ages 30 and up are invited to bring your favorite snack to share and watch a great "chick flick." Register at crosschurch.com/movienight.

Bible Study

The Gospel of John
Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel
Charlie Foster will be continuing the study from the Gospel of John. All are welcome.

Senior Adults

Alaskan Cruise
May 24–June 1
Beautiful Alaskan Cruise on board the Holland America Amsterdam. Trip includes round trip airfare to Seattle from Tulsa. Port of calls will be Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Victoria, British Columbia. Approximate cost is \$2,500 and deposits are required by January 22. For more information or to make reservations, call Millie at 751-4523 or visit crosschurch.com/alaska.

Compassion Center

Diabetes Awareness and Care Seminar
January 17, 24, & 31 from 6–8 p.m.
at the Compassion Center
This is a free 3-part seminar. All are welcome. For more information, call 479-717-5662 or go to crosschurch.com/ccseminar.

Wednesday Family Meal

January 11 from 5–6 p.m. in the Fellowship Gym
Adults - \$3: Baked Potatoes, Variety of Toppings, Tossed Salad, Cheddar Biscuit
Children - \$2: Hamburger, Chips, Cookie

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

LOVE & LAUGHTER

and... Country Music

Ted Cunningham . Gary Smalley . Clay Cooper . Paul Harris
Matt Gumm . Thom "Gabby" Gumm

JANUARY 13-14, 2012

CONFERENCE: SATURDAY ONLY 9AM-3PM

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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.