



A Message from
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Announcements/Events

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Christmas and Beyond!

Unique and Not Identical Services

Our Christmas Eve services are unique and not identical experiences to the services we will offer on Christmas Day. **On Christmas Eve, we will have our Candlelight Christmas Eve services.** This will be a wonderful time of singing Christmas carols, highlighting a time for our children, hearing beautiful music, lighting candles, and sharing a creative message unlike anything we have done before. **On Christmas Day, we will have our Christmas Celebration and Communion services.** Yes, we will celebrate Christmas! Our celebration will be filled with wonderful singing of Christmas carols accompanied by beautiful music, a biblical word, offering a time for communion that families can experience together if they desire, and much more. Christmas Eve services will last an estimated forty-five minutes and Christmas Day services will last an estimated fifty-five minutes and absolutely no longer than an hour. In all services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we will receive an offering for supporting the ministry of our church and our work globally, as we do weekly.

I want to urge you to finish well in 2011. How can you do that? Finish well:

- **Spiritually**, by making sure you and Jesus are in fellowship with one another.
- **Relationally**, by making sure you and others are in fellowship with one another.
- **Professionally**, by making sure you work when you are at work with all diligence.
- **Financially**, by making sure you have given to Jesus' church at least one-tenth of all God has given you.
- **Physically**, by making sure you take good care of yourself. ■

Christmas Gifts

I praise God for the gift of this very day and the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, that we celebrate during this season. I also thank God for a very generous Cross Church – and thank you, Church, for your giving heart. Church Family, I need you to know that in addition to your routine giving, **year-end gifts are an integral part** of our Ministry Budget support and these year-end gifts help provide for ministry opportunities that might not otherwise be available. Year-end gifts help our church fulfill our mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world. **I would like to challenge you** to prayerfully consider giving a special year-end gift.

The Christmas season is a wonderful time of the year to give to the Lord. We have each been blessed and God's will for each of us is to put Him first in our lives. We do not give to God because He needs it, but giving is the tangible way God has given us to express to Him, "Jesus, You Are Number One."

At this time of the year, many of our people ask themselves: **"Have I given to God at least one-tenth of all my income for this year?"** As you join us in asking this, I hope you will answer it honestly before the Lord. In these final weeks of 2011, evaluate and join hundreds of our families in this blessed journey.

I praise God for His wonderful blessings and your generous giving. Cross Church, I believe in you and thank you for your continued generosity. Should you need any assistance with donating stock or other assets, please give Liz Tumlinson or me a call in the Business Office at 479-751-4523. ■

Cross Students

The Landing

Begins January 12 from 6–8 p.m. in the Student Building

The Landing is a recovery program for teenagers with a hurt, habit, or hang-up. For more information, e-mail Beth Ray at bethr@crosschurch.com.

Student Ministry Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in being a volunteer in the Cross Student Ministry on Sundays or Wednesday nights, please call Beth Ray at 271-7799 or go to crosschurch.com/volunteer.

"One Love" Girls' Retreat

February 17–18 at the Holiday Inn in Rogers
Annual Girls' Retreat for 6th–12th grade Pinnacle Hills girls, 6th–8th Springdale and Fayetteville girls and chaperones. Register at crosschurch.com/onelove.

Young 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 at crosschurch.com/love.

Year-End GIVING

Gifts for the 2011 tax year may be given in the offering today, online at crosschurch.com/give, or at the Church Office through Friday, December 30. If you mail your gift, it must be postmarked by December 31.

Men's Ministry

"No Man Left Alone"

Sunday, January 8 from 5–7 p.m. in the Gatheria
Discover the four paths to authentic manhood, the definition of an authentic man, and how to begin the climb up the mountain. Man chili, dessert, drinks, fun, and worship. Cost is \$5. Register online at crosschurch.com/mensrally or in the Gatheria starting January 1.

Cross Church Missions

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

By giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 4,887 missionaries can preach the gospel to 763 people groups in more than 180 countries. The International Missions Board 2011 goal for the Lottie Moon Offering is \$175 million for all churches in the SBC. **The Cross Church goal this year is at least \$250,000.** You can be part of this exciting ministry by marking your gifts as "Lottie Moon" on your offering envelope or you can give online at crosschurch.com/give.

Volunteers

Christmas Decorations Take Down

Wednesday and Thursday, December 28 & 29 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. in the Gatheria
If you can help, please contact Sheila at 271-7799 or go to crosschurch.com/volunteer.

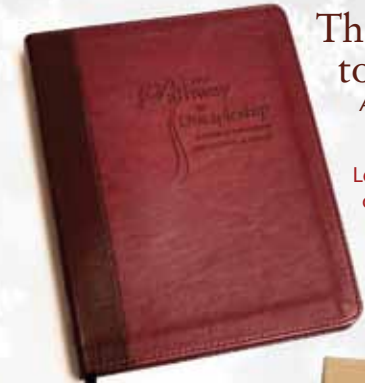
These questions may help as you prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do:

- 1 Have we considered creative ways to give to the church? (stocks, real estate, unneeded vehicles)
- 2 Has my family honored God with at least one-tenth of all our income?
- 3 Would it benefit our own tax situation to give a special gift now in 2011?

See our full list of events and Small Group opportunities at crosschurch.com.

New Devotional Books featuring Pastor & Jeana Floyd

Available at the church bookstore for \$14.99 each!



The Pathway to Discipleship

A Yearly Devotional and Prayer Journal

Learn to become more of a disciple for Christ. "Pathway" is written by 51 Southern Baptist pastors including Pastor Floyd.

One-Year Women's Devotional

The women chosen to contribute, including Jeana Floyd, are all women who protect their time with the Lord. Their words will encourage you to "seek first the kingdom of God."



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