



A Message from Ben Mayes, Executive Leader of Finance

Announcements/Events

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Year-End Giving & Donating Stock

Praise God for a wonderful time of year and for how He is blessing the efforts of our church. In order to fulfill our mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world, our church is involved in many, many areas of ministry and service. As you know, these ministries of our church are funded primarily through our Ministry Budget, our first funding priority. These funds are provided through the generous giving of your tithes (10% of all our earnings each year) and offerings above our tithe. **Thank you, Cross Church, for your generosity!**

In addition to our routine giving, **year-end gifts are an integral part of our Ministry Budget** and help provide for ministry opportunities that might not otherwise be available and allow our church to give more to our mission. **One creative way to give a special gift is to donate stock directly to the church.** Stocks often increase substantially in value over time. If you have been one of the beneficiaries of this happy event, consider contributing some of your stock rather than cash to the church. Such gifts usually result in significant benefits for both the contributor and the church (in addition to God's blessings).

During this Christmas season, **I want to challenge you** to prayerfully consider helping meet the needs of this ministry by doing two things:

- Please ask yourself **"Have I given to God at least one-tenth of all my income this year?"** If not, please honor Him with a gift this December to catch up.
- Please consider giving a special year-end gift so that our church can continue to help meet the spiritual and physical needs of the people of Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world.

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 I a call in the Business Office at 751-4523. ■



NWA Men's Conference 2012

SAVE THE DATE - February 24 & 25

Cross Students

MERGE is Back!

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Worship Center
After a short time off, we are resuming our normal MERGE activities this Wednesday night. Be there, and bring somebody with you!

Small Groups

Available for ALL students!
Grades 9-12 - Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m.
Grades 6-12 - Sunday nights at 6 p.m.
Come and bring someone!

College Ministry

C3.1 College Service

Wednesday, December 7 at 8:30 p.m. in the Worship Center
Jonathan Inabnit will be leading worship and David McKinney will be speaking!

Holiday Schedule

Please note these dates:
Wednesday, December 21 - No Activities
December 26-27 - Holiday - Offices Closed
Wednesday, December 28 - No Activities
Monday, January 2 - Holiday - Offices Closed
Wednesday, January 4 - No Activities
Wednesday, January 11 - Activities Resume

Volunteer

Student Ministry

- Host homes for activities
- Decision counseling on Wednesday nights
- Small Group leader

College Ministry

- Host homes for Small Groups

Adult Ministry

- Host homes
- Small Group leader/facilitator

For more information, call the church at 695-5200.

Cross Church Missions

"Send Me" Training Sessions

Saturday, December 10 from 8:30-11:45 a.m. in the Parlor - Springdale Campus
We will cover material from training sessions #1 and #2 in one morning. These are required sessions if you are going on a missionary journey in 2012. Breakfast will be provided. Register at crosschurch.com/sendme.

Malawi Missionary Journey Meeting

Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Atrium 4 - Springdale Campus
This informative meeting is for anyone interested in going to Malawi, Africa in March.

Ethiopia Missionary Journey Meeting

Sunday, December 11 at 4 p.m. in Atrium 4 - Springdale Campus
This informative meeting is for anyone going to Ethiopia on February 3-11. Before attending this meeting you must complete a "Send Me" training session.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

By giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 4,887 missionaries can preach the gospel 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 goal of Cross Church 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 give online at crosschurch.com/give.

Compassion Center

Volunteers Needed

The Cross Church Compassion Center in Springdale needs volunteers to take donated clothes home, wash them, and bring them back on hangers. Learn more about how you can be a part of this new ministry at crosschurch.com/compassion.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

FAYETTEVILLE CAMPUS

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

2:00, 3:30, & 5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICES

9:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services are not identical. Each one is a uniquely special worship experience.

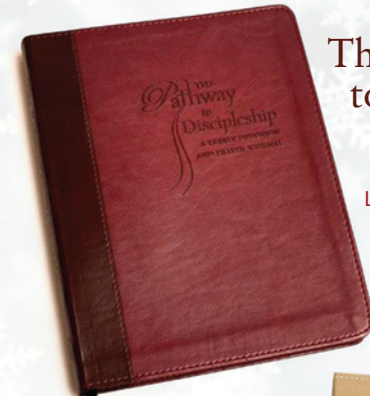
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New Devotional Books

featuring Pastor & Jeana Floyd

Available today in the Gatheria 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."

