



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

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 Students Ministry, please e-mail bethr@crosschurch.com. We need help on Sundays and Wednesday nights.

Save the Date!

Girls Retreat - February 17-18, 2012

Single Moms

Single Mom Christmas Party

Friday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. on the Mezzanine

Dinner, festive music, and lots of fun on this special evening to celebrate single moms! Reservation for childcare is required online at crosschurch.com/christmasparty. All single moms are welcome!

College & Young Singles

Exit 83

Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. in the Student Building

Come connect with other college students and young singles who are looking to take the next step in their faith. Childcare is provided.

Compassion Center

Volunteers Needed

The Compassion Center needs volunteers to take donated clothes home, wash them, and bring them back on hangers. Learn more at crosschurch.com/compassion.

Adults (ages 55+)

Prime Timers Christmas Social

Friday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gateria

Please bring a white elephant gift for your gender along with a side dish or dessert. We will be providing the meat only. This is a great time of fun and fellowship. Please contact Carol Kobe at 271-7799 to register.

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 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 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.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

PINNACLE HILLS CAMPUS
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 5 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE - 10:30 AM

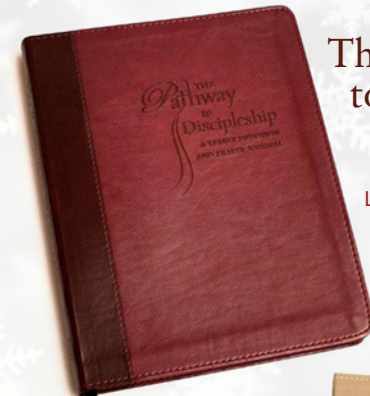
CHAPEL ON THE CREEKS
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - NOON

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

crosschurch.com/christmas

New Devotional Books featuring Pastor & Jeana Floyd

Now available at the church bookstore!



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."

