



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 Kidz

Mission: IMPACT Christmas
The Children's Ministry is collecting socks, hats, gloves, toys, and healthy snacks to distribute to the NWA IMPACT sites. Please bring your NEW items to the Kidz Office by December 7. We will pack the gift bags on December 11 from 4-6 p.m. and distribute them December 12-15.

Breakfast in Bethlehem
Sunday, December 18 at 9:15 a.m. in the Kidz Game Room
Kids in grades 1-5, come celebrate Jesus' birth and bring your family for donuts and juice. Get your picture taken with our live Nativity!

Cross Students

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

Wednesday Night MERGE
Our last MERGE for the year will meet on December 7. We will start back up again on Wednesday, January 11.

Lunch with the Student Ministry Staff
Each Sunday after Small Groups
Our Student Ministry staff will be at the NWA Mall Food Court each Sunday to have lunch with students and their families. Join us!

Single Adults

Christmas Party
Sunday, December 11 from 5-8 p.m. in Atrium 2
For single adults ages 40 and up. Come enjoy a Christmas Potluck and movie. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Sign up online at crosschurch.com/christmaspotluck.

Cross Church Missions

"Send Me" Training Session
Saturday, December 10 from 8:30-11:45 a.m. in the Parlor
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
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
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.

Wednesday Family Meal

December 7 from 5-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Gym
Adults - \$3: Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Hot Roll
Children - \$2: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Cookie

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 4 PM

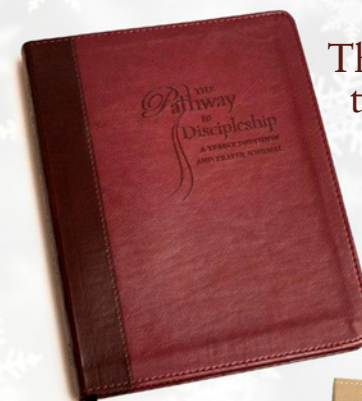
CHRISTMAS DAY
FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE - 9:15 AM

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."

