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September 2024 Prayer Guide

Church Family,

Last month, we experienced a fantastic fall kickoff across all three campuses. I want to say "Thank You!" to our Dream Team members who played an essential role in helping serve our church family and many visitors! It's our goal for Cross Church to be known as a place of love, and with your help, we're accomplishing that mission together!

Last month, we celebrated the grand reopening of our newly renovated worship center at our Springdale campus. All I can say about kickoff Sunday at our Springdale campus is, "God is so good!" Last month, we also saw our vision for a church-based seminary become a reality, and we can't wait to see what God does. The men and women God has brought us are highly motivated, and over the next two years, they'll earn their Master of Theological Studies degree and be trained for ministry by the Cross Church staff team. Please pray for these students and professors as we prepare to send hundreds of laborers into the harvest! Finally, last month, we hosted our Fall Women's Gathering. I've heard many stories about the incredible night of worship, teaching from Meredith, and lots of fellowship.

I can't wait to see what God continues to do among us as we walk faithfully through the fall semester together. I pray that God is doing something new in you as we continue our preaching series, Desperate for God to Move. He loves you, church, and so do I.



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Preparing to Pray

- Lord, thank You for the favor You are showing our church.
- Lord, thank You for allowing us to be a part of what You are doing to equip the next generation to reach the lost and serve the church as You build Your Kingdom.
- Lord, thank You for never-ending love.
- Lord, fill me with Your Spirit today.

Praying the Scriptures

"Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' This 'knowledge' puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God." 1 Corinthians 8:1-3

Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your relentless and patient love. Considering how deeply You know and love me without reservation is staggering. You know every one of my faults, insecurities, fears, doubts, stubbornness, anxieties, temptations, and wayward thoughts. The very idea that You love me while knowing everything there is to know about me leaves me speechless. I pray that this truth about You will sink deep into my heart and bring peace to all the places I have yet to surrender to You. May your love for me build me up and compel me to love You deeply.

Prayers for September

1. CTS Nights

We are excited to launch CTS Nights. Remember, CTS Nights is a seminary for regular folks. If you want to take seminary-level classes without the burden of quizzes, tests, and research papers, this is for you. We are overjoyed that over 200 have registered to join us in this journey. Matt Stewart, our Vice President of Academic Affairs, will teach New Testament Survey beginning September 11 across all campuses.

- Pray that God would use Matt Stewart this semester as he teaches New Testament Survey.
- Pray that God will use CTS Nights to draw people to a deeper love for Him as they grow in their biblical knowledge.
- Pray that God will use CTS Nights to mature many believers and significantly impact the spiritual health of our church.

2. Cross Church Together

Cross Church Together will be held at our Springdale Campus on Sunday, September 15.

- Pray that God's manifest presence will be among us as a church family for worship.
- Pray that God would stir His people to experience a deeper affection for Him.
- Pray that we experience God in such a way that this evening will be a spiritual marker for many who experience Him in a fresh, new way.
- Pray that our time together would strengthen our unity as a church family and prepare us for what He has for us in the season ahead.

3. Called to Lead Conference

Our annual *Called to Lead* conference will be held on Monday, September 16, at the Pinnacle Hills Campus.

This conference affords us an incredible opportunity to invest in hundreds of church leaders locally, as well as, nationwide. Thankfully, because of your generosity, we can offer this conference at no charge!

This year's speakers will be Robby Gallaty, Steve Stroope, HB Charles Jr., and myself. If you hold any leadership positions in our church, we would love for you to join us!

- Pray that God would fill our guest speakers with the Holy Spirit as they prepare to be with us in just a few weeks.
- Pray that God would bless their families and their ministries as they travel to NWA.
- Pray that those who attend this year will leave equipped and encouraged to return to their churches and ministries.
- Pray that God will continue to allow our church to serve other churches as we desire through the Decade of LOVE.

4. Cross Church Network

We are excited about our ongoing opportunity as a church to invest in other churches through our Partner Family Network. We launched the Partner Family Network in the fall of 2021 as part of our Decade of Love to equip, resource, and encourage Pastors and Churches all over America. Over the past three years, the Partner Family Network has experienced remarkable growth, enabling us to equip, resource, and encourage over 50 churches. As we launch Cross Theological Seminary, we are also transitioning the Partner Family Network to the Cross Church Network. Shawn Smith, our Vice President of Mobilization for the seminary, will take on the leadership of this ministry as a part of his role in mobilizing CTS graduates toward placement within the local church.

- Pray that God will continue to give us favor in serving local churches from across the country in the years to come.
- Pray that God will call many to attend Cross Theological Seminary in the coming years so that God can use CTS as a conduit to send hundreds of laborers into the harvest in partnership with the Cross Church Network and beyond.
- Pray for Shawn Smith as he takes on this important leadership role on behalf of our church and seminary.

Final Moments of Prayer

Lord, thank You for the grace, mercy, and love You show me daily. I pray that my relationship with You will grow deeper this semester as I spend intentional time with You and engage in the life of my church. Thank You for all You are doing in our church and the opportunities You give us to reach NWA, America, and the world for Jesus Christ.