

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH
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Crossroads Baptist Church
presents

**“Christmas Makes
Everything New”**

December 3 & 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a night of Christmas worship. Afterwards, enjoy a beautiful winter wonderland reception with homemade cookies and hot wassail. Then gather your family and friends and take memorable pictures in a beautiful Christmas setting.

Lastly, we will sing some of your favorite Christmas carols with our Dickens carolers.

IT WILL BE A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

Childcare available during each presentation for children 3 and under.

A Special Crossroads Event!

**WALK TO THE
MANGER**

DECEMBER 21 - 22 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

You, your family, and friends are invited to come and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or hot wassail and take a quiet, reflective walk down the path to the manger. Read the prophecies about the coming of the Messiah. Read the account of the angel appearing before Mary, the mother of Jesus. Then see, first hand, the baby in the manger.



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**Christmas
Eve Celebration**

Join us for a special Christmas Eve Celebration on Sunday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m.





THIS DECEMBER IS TRULY GOING TO BE ONE TO REMEMBER AT CROSSROADS!

As you can see elsewhere in this newsletter, there are several events to make our celebration of this season extra special!

The musical presentations of "Christmas Makes Everything New" by our Celebration Choir and Orchestra on this coming Sunday and Monday nights are going to be absolutely terrific! The "Family Fun Night" on the following Sunday, December 10, will be a very enjoyable and entertaining time, followed by a wonderful time of fellowship with the "Venture Club" kids for whom many of us have been praying through the "Heart to Heart" emphasis. I am especially excited about our first presentation of a live nativity scene in our back field that we are calling, "Walk to the Manger." This event, which will be held on December 21 and 22, will be an opportunity for our community, along with our church family, to make a warm holiday memory through the experiencing of the wonder of that first Christmas night! We will then wrap up our December celebrations with two special Sunday services on Christmas Eve, one at 10:30 that morning, and the other at 5:30 that evening. Don't miss any of these super December events, and be sure to invite others to join you!

AS WE MOVE INTO DECEMBER, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING, 100% of which will go to fund International Mission Board missionaries around the world. Those SBC heroes are winning people to Christ, making disciples, and multiplying churches among unreached people and places. With over 2.8 billion people on this planet having little or no access to the gospel, the need for us to support international missions is more urgent than ever! Crossroads family, we have the opportunity to make an eternal impact through this annual offering! As we rush around seeking to purchase gifts for everyone on our Christmas list, let's not forget the One whose birthday we are supposed to be celebrating – JESUS! Let's do our part to make Him known to the ends of the earth! I pray that we will reach and exceed our Lottie Moon goal of \$20,000 before Christmas Day! Thank you in advance for your support of this vitally important offering!

Dr. Ken

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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



THIS YEAR OUR CHURCH GOAL IS \$20,000.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

A "post office" is located in the foyer of the Worship Center where you may leave Christmas cards for fellow church members. Place the money you would have spent on postage in the box. These contributions will go toward the Lottie Moon offering.

NEW SERIES:

Dr. Ken will be teaching through the book of First Peter on Wednesday evenings beginning January 10. Adults, join our Senior Pastor at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall for a time of praise, prayer, and proclamation of God's word!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 10



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!
Friday, December 1, from 6-9 p.m.

Our youth and college ministries are hosting a "Parents Night Out" right here at the church! We'll have food, games, and lots of fun! This is the perfect way to get some Christmas shopping done, or just get a night out on your own. Register online at crossroadsbaptist.com.

Mark Avery Administration/Outreach Pastor



Crossroads Family,

What a joyous time of year! We remember the birth of Jesus as God's great gift to humanity!

Crossroads will be celebrating the Christmas Season in a bunch of different ways this month: Our "Christmas Makes Everything New" musical kicks things off; Connect Groups will have events throughout the month; Keenagers will have activities; "Family Fun Night" is on the 10th; "Walk to the Manager" is on the 21st and 22nd; and our Christmas Eve Celebration brings everything to a close. Invite friends and family to church and share a gospel conversation with them –Christmas makes it easy!

I also want to encourage you to find times of peace and rest amongst the chaos of the season. Not only will the busyness of the season wear you out, but there may be times when difficult emotions bubble up in your heart this month. As Dr. Ken has pointed out in his sermon series, the Bible answers all of these emotions with the Gospel of a loving God. Give yourself the gift of perspective, read your Bible, take a deep breath and a rest, and thank God for His Precious Son.

We serve an amazing God!
Blessed beyond measure,

Pastor Mark

Crossroads School News



DECEMBER 4 - Zaxby's Spirit Night

Drop by Zaxby's on Inner Perimeter on Monday, December 4, and enjoy a meal with the family. Crossroads School receives a portion of the proceeds for all sales between 5-8 p.m. You must mention that you are with Crossroads Baptist School.

DECEMBER 19 - Silent Auction

Come and have fun at our upcoming silent auction at Crossroads School in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Following the auction, enjoy a festive school Christmas program for K-3 through 5th grade at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

DECEMBER 20 - School Holidays!

Crossroads School will dismiss at noon on December 20. Students will return from Christmas holiday on January 8. From the staff of Crossroads School, we would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas season!

Crossroads Baptist Church Presents

FAMILY FUNNIGHT! CHRISTMAS EDITION

Come join us on
Sunday, December 10,
at 5:30 p.m. in the
Worship Center for
a time of laughter,
games, celebration,
and worship. We'll have
fun bringing in the season!

Calendar Changes Merry Christmas!



- **December 17**
No Sunday evening activities
- **December 20 & 27**
No Wednesday activities. Activities resume on January 10, 2018.
- **December 24**
One worship service at 10:30 a.m.
No Connect Groups. Christmas Eve Celebration begins at 5:30 p.m.
- **December 25**
Church office closed for Christmas.
- **December 31**
There will be 2 morning services and Connect Groups. No Sunday evening services.
- **January 1**
The church office will be closed for the New Year's holiday.

CROSSROADS

KEENAGERS KORNER

Activities for our Senior Adults.

December 7

Caroling at the Fellowship Home

Everyone meet at the church at 9 a.m. Bring homemade cookies to give as special treats. Enjoy a Dutch treat lunch afterwards at Austin's Steak House.

December 14

Tallahassee Day Trip

We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. We will visit Mission San Luis, and the Tallahassee Automobile Museum. We will have a Dutch treat lunch and dinner, if time permits. You must sign up for this trip by Thursday, December 7, by calling Buddy Brazeal at 229.247.2647 or the church office at 229.242.7636.

Women's Winter Retreat

"BREATHE"
January 19-20 **by Priscilla Shirer**

You are invited to a Women's Winter Retreat in January. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy "Breathe" by Priscilla Shirer. For more information, contact Wendy Shriner at 239-293-2427 or Melissa Harman at 601-692-5804.



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