

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH  
**COMMUNICATOR**

**GATHER, GROW, GIVE, GO!**  
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**NEW**  
**SUNDAY MORNING**  
**SERMON SERIES**  
Begins on  
January 7th!

Our Senior Pastor, Dr. Ken Alford, will be exploring the amazing beginning of the early church in the opening chapters of the book of Acts. We'll see how the Holy Spirit ignited a small band of believers and started a flame that spread to the ends of the earth! Through this series, we'll see the powerful impact that our lives and our church can have in today's culture when we are set on fire for Christ!



**CROSSROADS UNIVERSITY**  
**Winter Semester 2018**  
Join us on Sunday evenings!

**CLASS BEGINS**  
**JANUARY 21**

**EVANGELISM**

Led by Pastor Jamie Warnshuis - Books are \$5.00 each.

**"Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out!" By Alvin L. Reid**

How do you start meaningful conversations about your relationship with Jesus Christ? Do you feel nervous about the thought of talking to others about our faith? In "Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out," you'll learn how to incorporate biblical stories into conversations with people. Simply relax, tell your story, and be amazed how natural sharing Jesus can be!



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**Women's Winter**  
**Retreat**

**"BREATHE"**

by Priscilla Shirer  
January 19-20

Ladies, 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.

The cost is \$40 per person, which includes all meals. Sign up online at [crossroadsbaptist.com](http://crossroadsbaptist.com).

**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**  
**COMING SOON**

**CROSSROADS**  
2018

**D N O W**

THE PAUSE

FEBRUARY 2-4

\$65

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**WE FINISHED 2017 IN A REMARKABLE MANNER HERE AT CROSSROADS!**

Our Christmas celebrations were just terrific, especially our two presentations of "Walk to the Manger" and our morning and evening services on Christmas Eve.

We also had a very exciting time of worship in our morning services on this past Sunday, the last day of 2017. I especially want to praise God and commend our church family for the tremendous generosity that was displayed as we finished out the year financially. Our year-end giving was really outstanding! At one point since the start of our fiscal year in July, we had fallen behind our budgeted needs by some \$80,000. Because of how you gave during the month of December, we saw that deficit cut to only \$34,000! We also had an amazing response to our appeal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for world missions. Our goal was \$20,000, and our church family gave over \$34,000! Wow! To God be the glory; great things He has done! Thank you, Crossroads family, for giving Jesus such a huge birthday gift!

**I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEW SUNDAY MORNING SERMON SERIES, "IGNITE"!** Between this coming Sunday and Easter, we will be examining the early church in the opening chapters of the book of Acts to see how the Holy Spirit set that small band of believers on fire. My prayer is that God will use these messages from His word to start a fresh flame in our congregation! Spirit of the living God, let the fire fall!

**A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY AWAITS OUR ADULTS AS WE START A NEW SEMESTER OF CROSSROADS UNIVERSITY** on Sunday evening, January 21st. We will be having an eight-week evangelism emphasis called, "Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out." This study will feature video sessions by Dr. Alvin Reid, who teaches evangelism at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, followed by group discussions. Adults who attend this Crossroads U class will also be able to purchase Dr. Reid's book by the same title as the study. It has been awhile since we had a specific emphasis on learning to share our faith more effectively, so this coming semester of Crossroads U will be a very valuable time of equipping for us. Adults, I urge you to take advantage of this great opportunity!

You are loved,

Dr. Ken

Follow me on Twitter  
 @drkenalford

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 17**

Dr. Ken will be teaching through the book of First Peter on Wednesday evenings beginning January 17. Adults, join our Senior Pastor at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall for a time of praise, prayer, and proclamation of God's word!

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NEW SERIES IN JANUARY

**Cake Auction**

**DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES**



Our Crossroads Youth & College Ministries will be sponsoring a cake auction on Sunday, January 21, at noon in The Connection. All proceeds from the live auction will benefit the youth and college spring break trips to Haiti. To submit a homemade cake for the auction, contact Lorri McCrary in the church office at 229-242-7636 or online at [crossroadsbaptist.com/cake](http://crossroadsbaptist.com/cake).

**VBS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**COMING THIS SUMMER! JUNE 3 - 7 GAME ON!**

**Mark your calendars now!**



## Mark Avery Administration/Outreach Pastor



Crossroads Family,

January is decision & planning time for families, businesses, churches, & other organizations – sports, vacations, activities, budgets, and priorities all get looked at for the new year.

The beginning of 2018 allows us to reflect on the successes & failures of the previous year, and then to resolve in our hearts to focus our efforts anew – and to seek God's glory in all that we do. My hope, for each one of us is that we will continue to grow in Christ-likeness and progress in word and in deed toward a faithful example for others.

- Read your Bible & pray daily (crossroadsbaptist.com/bibleplan can help get you started).
- Thoughtfully disciple your family and/or others throughout the week.
- Join together every Sunday to worship the Lord and hear His Word proclaimed.
- Begin serving with a Connect Group.
- Fall in love with the Lord's work at Crossroads and support it with reckless abandon.
- Have gospel conversations with those you meet throughout your day.

2018 can be a great year of spiritual growth in your life. Take time to pray, plan, and commit yourself to be a fully-engaged disciple of Jesus this day, this week, this month, and this year!

Blessed beyond measure,

Pastor Mark

*Let us always be able to echo the words of Joshua 24:15b:  
"... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*



### Join the fun this summer at CentriKid Camp!

**BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE  
IN MOUNT VERNON, GA.**

July 9 - 13 for 3rd through 5th grade

\$50 non-refundable deposit due by Feb. 12th

[www.crossroadsbaptist.com/centrikid](http://www.crossroadsbaptist.com/centrikid)

## BIBLE STUDY - MEN



THURSDAYS

### LIFE PRINCIPLES FOR FOLLOWING CHRIST

Led by Clint Bowen. See or contact Clint at 229-376-5755 for additional information and any questions.

Place: THE CONNECTION

Starts January 25th - 6:15 p.m.

## BIBLE STUDY - WOMEN



THURSDAYS

### PRECEPT STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JOHN

Led by Frances Strite

Thursdays from 6:15 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Starts January 25th

Call Frances at 717-658-4369 for any questions or to sign up for childcare.

## BIBLE STUDY - WOMEN



WEDNESDAYS

### CONTINUING A STUDY THROUGH REVELATION

Led by Martha Livingston

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.

Place: THE CONNECTION

Starts January 10th

Contact Paula King at 229-834-7614.

## BIBLE STUDY - WOMEN



THURSDAYS

### GOD'S JUSTICE AND MERCY

A book study from Amos

Contact Jacinta Howell at 229-548-1206 or Jessica Bowen at 229-326-1448 for any questions or to sign up for childcare.

Starts January 25th

Place: THE LINK

# Crossroads School News

**JANUARY 8** - Crossroads students return to school.

**JANUARY 10** - D.A.R.E. Graduation at 9:45 a.m. in the Worship Center.

**JANUARY 15** - MLK holiday - no school

**JANUARY 18** - It's Chick-fil-A Spirit Day! Crossroads Baptist School will receive a portion of the proceeds from sales all day at Perimeter Road location.



Come have fun at ... AWANA!  
Awana resumes January 10th.

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