

MINISTRIES BOOKLET

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In 1 Peter 4:10, we are told that God has given each of us special gifts and calls us to use them to serve one another. The Ministry Booklet offered here will give you the opportunity to view the many ministry opportunities available for you to serve at The Church of the Cross. Contact the ministry leaders listed in the Ministries Booklet to begin serving at The Church of the Cross or fill out the form on the SERVE page on the website.

The Body of Christ does not consist of a few members with gifts and talents, but the gifts of many. You are a valuable member of the Body. We look forward to serving alongside you as we serve each other, those in our community, and those around the world.

Discipleship

Bible Study & Small Group Leaders

Bible Studies and small groups allow for time to discuss God's Word and sharing with one another. All groups are focused on helping us grow in our relationship with the Lord and deepen our understanding of His Word.

Contact: Barb Ready, barbready@thechurchofthecross.net

Cross Christian Women Leadership & Events Committee

Cross Christian Women (CCW) strive to commit ourselves to live by, learn, and uphold the Word of God; connect women of all ages through Bible study, fellowship, and service; create an atmosphere where women can be released into their gifting for Kingdom purposes; cultivate positive, encouraging relationships that will provide opportunities for discipleship.

Every woman who is a member of the Church is a member of Cross Christian Women. There are opportunities to be a part of the servant teams for events or programs throughout the year.

Contact: Rebecca Hamilton, rhamilton@thechurchofthecross.net
Kat Robinson, katrobinson@thechurchofthecross.net

Daughters of the Holy Cross (DHC)

DHC is an Order of women committed to making disciples and serving Jesus through the DHC Rule of Life: prayer, service, study, and evangelism.

Contact: Terri Hendrickson, thendrickson@gmail.com

Men of the Cross Leadership Team

Men of the Cross is the structure on which men's discipleship grows at TCOTC. Our goal is to help men grow as disciples who are Known by Christ, Grow in Christ, and Serve Christ.

If you desire to Know, Grow, and Serve join us as we work to become more like Jesus, and walk together through this broken world.

Contact: Jonathan Riddle, jriddle@thechurchofthecross.net

Children's & Youth Ministry

Cross Kids Sunday School & Nursery

We offer Cross Kids Sunday School at the CrossPoint and Historic 10am services each Sunday. We want the children to feel safe, loved, have fun and learn about their Savior, Jesus! (PK 4 to 4th grade)

Cross Kids Nursery is offered on the Historic Campus (10am service), The Chapel and at CrossPoint each week. This program is for children ages birth through 3 years old, and is a great way to serve our young families by caring for our littlest members in a loving, safe Christian environment.

Time commitment for teachers and assistants is once every 4-6 weeks with training and background checks required.

Contact: Donna Wermann, dwermann@thechurchofthecross.net

Middle School & High School Youth Group

We offer two group gatherings mid-week gatherings for High School and Middle School on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Mission Mall (15A Centre Drive). These evening gatherings include a meal and fellowship, worship, a large group lesson and small group discussion and prayer time.

Contact: Rebecca Andrews, randrews@thechurchofthecross.net

Cross Schools Volunteer & Substitute Teachers

Cross Schools is committed to providing an education in the Anglican tradition of academic excellence, spiritual development, service to community, respect for self, others, and a search for truth. Substitute teachers are needed to assist with Preschool through eleventh grade.

Contact: Susan Hackett, s.hackett@crossschools.org (Preschool); Stacie Greene, s.greene@crossschools.org (Cross Schools Principal)

Missions & Outreach

Food Bank Ministry

The Food Bank Ministry can be summarized as a glorious opportunity to share God's Word while sharing His food with the less fortunate. There are many opportunities for service within this ministry.

Contact: Craig Pelley, foodbank@thechurchofthecross.net

God's Goods Thrift Store

God's Goods is a Christ-centered store that provides usable goods to the people of our community at a reasonable price, assists people in need with pass-through goods, and provides funds to support outreach ministries of The Church of the Cross and community.

Contact: Kim Perri, kimperri@godsgoods.org

Kairos Ministry

Kairos is an international prison ministry for inmates (KAIROS) and for women who have been affected by a relative's incarceration (KAIROS OUTSIDE).

Contact: Charlie Jensen, jensenlynelle@gmail.com

Missions and Outreach Board

The goal of the board is to provide dedicated resources to participate in mission and outreach opportunities locally, nationally, and globally.

Contact: Barbara Scott, 56lcal@gmail.com

Care Ministries

Caregivers Support Ministry

Each monthly session of the "Caring Hearts" group is a forum for caregivers to receive support, encouragement and vital information facilitated by a professional caregiver and social worker. Anyone may attend or reach out to the ministry for one-on-one support.

Contact: Donna Stevenson, billdonstev@aol.com

Dinner Ministry

The Dinner Ministry is responsible for preparing and delivering dinners to those in our parish or community who are in need. Volunteers in this ministry prepare and deliver a hot meal to families with Christian love and care.

Contact: Pat Roth, patroth304@gmail.com

Financial Counseling Ministry

This ministry offers confidential, individual counseling as well as large group classes to assist with debt/credit management, financial planning, decision-making, budgeting, and goal-setting. The ministry leaders follow Biblical financial principles, but do not give legal advice nor make specific investment recommendations and receive no direct or indirect remuneration.

Contact: Rick Adams, radams@walton-adams.com

Home Communion Ministry

Lay Eucharistic Ministers offer Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend weekly church services.

Contact: Elisabeth Markle, emarkle@thechurchofthecross.net

Healing After Loss (HAL)

Healing After Loss reaches out to those who have lost a loved one. This is a confidential, Scripture-based support group for people mourning the loss of someone close, and will be facilitated by members who have experienced a loss in their own lives.

Contact: Beverly Adams, bevey1214@gmail.com

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory prayer is a special form of prayer or supplication on behalf of others. The intercessors meet currently through a weekly Monday morning Zoom prayer group.

Contact: Laura Strange, laurastrange89@gmail.com
Joanne Byrd, jvbyrd@mac.com

Military Care Ministry

This ministry reaches out to our military members by participating with a variety of local organizations and special projects. They also serve to educate the parish about opportunities to honor our veterans and active service members.

Contact: Elisabeth Markle, emarkle@thechurchofthecross.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an outreach ministry providing crocheted shawls and lap robes to those parishioners in need of comfort and care. Bi-monthly gatherings are a time to knit and crochet together.

Contact: Pam Rubinos, pmrubinos@yahoo.com

Prayer Team Ministry

This ministry allows individuals with a passion for prayer to serve in teams of 2-3 people and offer in-person prayer to those who may come forward to receive it at weekend worship services, special events, or Evening Communion and Prayer services offered throughout the year.

Contact: Elisabeth Markle, emarkle@thechurchofthecross.net

Stephen Ministry: 1-on-1 Confidential Christian Conversation

A Stephen Minister is a Christian layperson who receives 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care through listening, caring, praying, supporting and offering encouragement. A Stephen Minister meets faithfully with his or her care receiver for about an hour each week for as long as there is a need.

Contact: Sallie Brach, salliebrach@gmail.com

Visiting Care Team

This ministry offers uplifting visits to those who are sick/recovering in support facilities or homebound. The purpose of their visits is to be a friendly face and to provide a short time of listening, encouragement and prayer on behalf of the Church.

Contact: Elisabeth Markle, emarkle@thechurchofthecross.net

Additional Ministries

Docent Ministry

The Docent Ministry is an outreach program that welcomes those visiting the Historic Church on Calhoun Street to hear the good news about the past history, present, and future of The Church of the Cross.

Contact: Mitch Brach, waterbranch@outlook.com

Handyman Ministry

This ministry serves the Church in doing repairs and small projects that can be done by skilled parishioners that give freely of their time and talents to allow more funds to be directed to ministry rather than paying for services.

Contact: Jay Shook, jnsshook@hargray.com

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee serves by archiving Parish documents and compiling a history of The Church of the Cross.

Contact: David Kimball, dkimball41@gmail.com

Wedding Guild

Assists the priest with the rehearsal and ceremony, helping the bride, the wedding party and the guests in every aspect.

Contact: Risa Grace, rgrace@thechurchofthecross.net

Christmas Market

This ministry gathers to pray, worship and craft once a month. The craft items will be sold at a Christmas Market in November 2023 with the proceeds going towards CCW events and local ministries to support women and children.

Contact: Sonja Wessler, sonja@jmichaelsimon.com

Weekend Service Opportunities

Acolytes & Crucifers (Historic Campus, The Chapel)

Both adults and students (5 grade and up) are welcome to participate as acolytes or torchbearers during weekly services and special services.

Contact: Sallie Brach, salliebrach@gmail.com

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is a group of dedicated men and women who work diligently in teams behind the scenes caring for our altars and preparing them for worship services.

Contact: Phyllis Spearman, phyllisspearman@gmail.com (Historic Campus)
Rosalie Simmons, rosaliewsimmons@gmail.com (The Chapel)

Communion Team (*CrossPoint*)

Communion services are conducted monthly on the Cross Schools Campus. This team of people joyfully help to administer the Sacrament alongside the pastors.

Contact: Steve Nitz, StormsolutionsSC@gmail.com

Flower Guild Ministry

The purpose of the Flower Guild is to enhance and beautify our historic worship space for the glory of God by creating beautiful floral arrangements.

Contact: Stephanie Mendenhall, bmendenhall24@gmail.com

Greeter Ministry (*CrossPoint*)

Greeters provide a warm welcome by directing and assisting worshippers as they enter our campuses each week.

Contact: Rebecca Hamilton, rhamilton@thechurchofthecross.net

Hospitality Ministry

The Coffee Hour Ministry at The Church of the Cross on the Historic Campus and the Cross Schools Campus provide opportunities for all worship attendees to meet and socialize before or after the worship services.

Contact: (8:00 am & 10:00 am Historic Campus) Sue Short,
sshort@thechurchofthecross.net
(CrossPoint) Rebecca Hamilton, rhamilton@thechurchofthecross.net

Lay Eucharistic Ministry & Lay Readers

Sacristans and Sub-Deacons work together with Acolytes to assist the clergy in celebrating the Holy Eucharist.

Contact: (Historic Campus) Sallie Brach, salliebrach@gmail.com
(The Chapel) Sue Short, sshort@thechurchofthecross.net

Music Ministry

Various musical styles (traditional, contemporary Christian, country/southern gospel, and blends of all) are utilized on all three of our campuses. Those who have been given the gift of musical ability (vocal and/or instrumental) can serve on one of our worship teams at each campus and service.

Contact: (Historic Campus) Jody Turner, pianoman975@yahoo.com
(Gracetime) Howard Duff, jhowardrock192@gmail.com
(The Chapel) Billy Howe, billyhowe@me.com
(CrossPoint) David Ray, davidray@thechurchofthecross.net

Safety Team

Through constant liaison with Law Enforcement and Private Security partners, our Safety Teams implement industry accepted Best Practices to further the mission of creating a safe environment to share the love of Christ. All team members are required to attend Church Safety Awareness training and should maintain medical certifications provided by leadership.

Contact: James Hamilton, hotelco92@hotmail.com

Salvation Shuttle

These volunteers shuttle worship attendees to and from services who must park a distance from the Historic Church during our 10:00 am worship services.

Contact: Roger Abney, hhisfun@aol.com

Technology

Worship services, teachings, and many parish events depend on technicians and volunteers to run the various types of equipment required for all of our services and events. If you are interested in learning new skills, have a teachable spirit and are willing to serve the Lord behind the scenes, this may be the ministry for you. (Training is provided.)

Contact: Charlie Fiddler, cfiddler@thechurchofthecross.net

Usher Ministry

Ushers maintain order in the service, provide direction for parishioners and visitors and assist with special needs.

Contact: (5:28 pm Gracetime) Deb Johnson, randebj3@aol.com
(8:00 am HC) Olivia Young, oystersonthemay@gmail.com
(10:00 am HC) Stew Brown, sdb55@aol.com
(The Chapel) Doug Barone, dbarone@voselectric.com



Our Mission – Rooted in the Past, Sheltering the Present, Reaching out to the Future, Empowered by the God of the Ages

Our Vision – To be followers of Jesus, committed to transforming lives in His power and for His glory.

Our Strategy – To be one Body on two campuses, committed to bringing the community to Jesus through worship, ministry, evangelism, fellowship and discipleship.