

MINISTRIES BOOKLET

GET CONNECTED WITH SERVING AT TCOTC



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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. This Ministries Booklet will give you the opportunity to view the many ministry opportunities available for you to serve at The Church of the Cross.

Members are encouraged to contact the ministry leaders listed in the Ministries Booklet to express an interest in serving or to fill out the form on the SERVE page on the church's website.

If you are not a member of The Church of the Cross, you can begin serving through the Food Bank and God's Goods. If you are interested in learning more about membership, please call the Parish Office (843-757-2661) and speak to Sue. Membership begins with an informal meeting with clergy.

The Body of Christ does not consist of a few members with gifts and talents but 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 share 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

Alpha

Alpha helps create a space for honest conversation around some of life's biggest questions. It is designed to give participants an opportunity to connect with one another while sharing thoughts, ideas, and opinions in a safe and caring environment. This requires a team to put on a successful event. The Alpha team is composed of table hosts, table helpers, a prayer team leader, and a hospitality coordinator.

Contact: Barb Ready, barbready@thechurchofthecross.net

Rooted

The Rooted Experience lays the foundation to learn and live out the seven rhythms of discipleship through individual and group experiences. The Rooted team consists of table leaders, a hospitality team, and a Rooted for Kids coordinator.

Contact: Barb Ready, barbready@thechurchofthecross.net

Cross Christian Women Events

CCW strives 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; and cultivate positive, encouraging relationships that will provide opportunities for discipleship.

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

Daughters of the Holy Cross

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: Kim Duke-Clark, kimcmikec@aol.com

Men of the Cross Events

Our goal is to help men grow as disciples who are known by Christ, grow in Christ, and serve Christ.

Contact: Rod Musselman, rod.musselman1@gmail.com
Craig Pelley, zzcapusmc@gmail.com

Cross Kids Sunday School & Nursery

We offer Cross Kids Sunday School (for PK4 to 4th grade) at the CrossPoint and Historic 10 a.m. services. We want children to feel safe, loved, have fun, and learn about Jesus! Cross Kids Nursery also is offered at those services for children ages birth through 4 years old. It is a great way to serve our young families by caring for our littlest members in a loving, safe, Christian environment. The time commitment for teachers and assistants is once every 4-6 weeks; training and background checks required.

Contact: Rebecca Andrews, randrews@thechurchofthecross.net

Middle School & High School Youth Groups

We offer group gatherings for high school and middle school students from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday evenings, respectively, at the Mission Mall (15 Centre Drive). These evening gatherings include games, a meal and fellowship, worship, small-group discussions; and prayer time.

Contact: Rebecca Andrews, randrews@thechurchofthecross.net

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls is a faith-based leadership and character development program for girls ages 5-18. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. Girls in Troop #1412 participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences.

Contact: Michael-Anne Land, maland@thechurchofthecross.net

Trail Life

Trail Life is a Christ-centered, boy-focused mentoring and discipleship program. Organizers are working now to launch our own Trail Life unit for boys ages 5-17. We need male volunteers who are called to be mentors and boys who want to grow in character, serve their community, and develop practical leadership skills.

Contact: Michael-Anne Land, maland@thechurchofthecross.net

Weekend Service Opportunities

Acolytes & Crucifers

(Historic Campus and The Chapel)

Acolytes assist clergy in celebrating the Holy Eucharist and other rites of the Church by serving as torchbearers and crucifers. Both adults and students (5th grade and up) are welcome to participate as acolytes.

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) or Becky Owens, beckydhc@gmail.com (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 ministers.

Contact: Steve Nitz, StormsolutionsSC@gmail.com

Greeter Ministry

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

Contact: Deb Johnson, randebj37@gmail.com (Gracetime) or Rebecca Hamilton, rhamilton@thechurchofthecross.net (CrossPoint)

Hospitality Ministry

The Coffee Hour Ministry provides opportunities for worship attendees to meet and socialize before or after the services.

Contact: Sue Short, sshort@thechurchofthecross.net (Historic Campus)

Joanne Byrd, jvbyrd@mac.com (The Chapel)

Rebecca Hamilton, rhamilton@thechurchofthecross.net (CrossPoint)

Lay Eucharistic Ministry & Lay Readers

Sacristans and sub-deacons work together with acolytes to assist the clergy in celebrating Holy Eucharist.

Contact: Sallie Brach, salliebrach@gmail.com (Historic Campus) or

Rebecca Hamilton, rhamilton@thechurchofthecross.net (Chapel)

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.

Contact: Charlie Fiddler, cfiddler@thechurchofthecross.net

Safety Team

Through 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 who must park a distance from the Historic Church to and from our 10 a.m. worship services.

Contact: Rod Musselman, rod.musselman1@gmail.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 will be provided.

Contact: Charlie Fiddler, cfiddler@thechurchofthecross.net

Usher Ministry

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

Contact: Deb Johnson, randebj37@gmail.com (Gracetime); Olivia Young, oystersonthemay@gmail.com (8 a.m. Historic); Milt Drewer, saxisland@gmail.com (10 a.m. Historic); or Steve Baker, shbaker53@gmail.com (The Chapel)

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: George Stephani, foodbank@thechurchofthecross.net

God's Goods Thrift Store

God's Goods provides usable goods 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: Doug Barone, dbarone@voselectric.com

Kairos Ministry

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

Contact: Charlie Jensen, jensencharles04@gmail.com

Military Care Ministry

This ministry supports active military and veterans through service projects and participation with a variety of local organizations.

Contact: Laura Strange, laurastrange89@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, 56Lcgal@gmail.com

Care Ministries

Caregivers Support Ministry

Caregivers find practical advice and resources as well as receive care. Support is provided by a licensed social worker specializing in elder care.

Contact: Donna Stevenson, billdonstev@aol.com

End-of-Life Planning & "Goin' Home" Workshops

Parish Care staff can help you formulate funeral plans and wishes and provide end-of-life family support.

Contact: Elisabeth Markle, pastoralcare@thechurchofthecross.net

Meal Ministry

Volunteers provide several meals to assist those facing health challenges.

Contact: Pat Roth, patroth304@gmail.com

Financial Counseling Ministry

This free ministry offers confidential, individual advice for many types of basic money matters.

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

Grief Support: Healing After Loss

HAL small-group sessions offer Christian support for those mourning the loss of a loved one with facilitators who have experienced loss in their own lives.

Contact: Beverly Adams, bevey1214@gmail.com

Prayer Ministry

Church members and staff will pray over all submitted prayer requests. Morning and evening prayer services are offered weekly in addition to an online intercessory prayer gathering.

Contact: Laura Strange, laurastrange89@gmail.com or Joanne Byrd, jvbyrd@mac.com (Intercessory Prayer); or Elisabeth Markle, pastoralcare@thechurchofthecross.net (Prayer Requests & Services)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Loving hands make knitted and crocheted shawls and lap robes for those needing comfort.

Contact: Jo Peller, deputyjoann@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry

TCOTC is a Stephen Ministry congregation. A trained Stephen Minister will partner with you to provide 1-on-1 weekly, confidential care during life struggles for as long as needed.

Contact: Sallie Brach, salliebrach@gmail.com

Visiting & Communion Outreach Ministry

The Parish Chaplain or trained volunteers will visit the home, hospital or care center to share fellowship. Communion is administered individually upon request and offered periodically in local care centers by Communion Outreach teams.

Contact: Elisabeth Markle, pastoralcare@thechurchofthecross.net (Individual Visits & Communion) or Jack Pohlman, jdpcast@gmail.com (Communion Outreach Teams)

Additional Ministries

Christmas Market

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

Contact: Sonja Wesseler, sonja@jmichaelsimon.com

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, the present, and the future of The Church of the Cross.

Contact: Mitch Brach, waterbranch@outlook.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

Handyman Ministry

Skilled parishioners do repairs and small projects freely so that more funds can be directed to ministry rather than paying for services.

Contact: Jay Shook, shook.j819@gmail.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

The Wedding Guild assists the priest with the rehearsal and ceremony, helping the bride, the wedding party and the guests in every aspect.

Contact: Phyllis Spearman, weddings@thechurchofthecross.net

