

MINISTRIES BOOKLET

Get Connected in Serving at The Church of the Cross



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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 Ministry 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 connect@thechurchofthecross.net to begin serving at The Church of the Cross or fill out this [form](#) on the SERVE page on the 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 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

Many small groups and Bible Studies meet both on our campuses and in neighborhoods around Bluffton. As these groups continue to grow, strong leaders are needed to lead and facilitate. Training and resources are available.

Alpha

Alpha helps create a space for honest conversations around some of life's biggest questions. It is designed to provide guests an opportunity to connect with one another while providing the opportunity to share thoughts, ideas, and opinions in a safe and caring environment. This requires serving teams: Table Hosts, Table Helpers, Prayer Team Leader, and a Hospitality Team.

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 will consist of Table Leaders and a Hospitality team.

Cross Christian Women Events

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.

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.

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.

Cross Kids Sunday School & Nursery

We offer Cross Kids Sunday School at the CrossPoint and Historic 10 a.m. services each Sunday. We want the children to feel safe, loved, have fun and learn about their Savior, Jesus! Cross Kids Nursery is offered on the Historic Campus (10 a.m.) service and at CrossPoint each week. This program is for children ages birth through 4 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.*

Middle School & High School Youth Group

We offer two group gatherings weekly for High School and Middle School on Sunday 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.

Weekend Service Opportunities

Acolytes & Crucifers (Historic Campus, The Chapel)

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

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.

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.

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.

Lay Eucharistic Ministry & Lay Readers

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

Music Ministry

Various musical styles (traditional, contemporary Christian, 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.

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.

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.

Technology

Many parish events and services depend on technicians and volunteers to run the various types of equipment. 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.)

Usher & Greeter Ministry

Ushers maintain order in the service, provide direction for parishioners and visitors and assist with special needs. Greeters welcome parishioners and visitors on the CrossPoint Campus.

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.

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.

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).

Military Care Ministry

This ministry reaches out to our military members by participating with a variety of local organizations and special projects.

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.

Care Ministries

Caregivers Support Ministry

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

Dinner Ministry

The Dinner Ministry is responsible for preparing and delivering dinners to those in our parish who are in need. Volunteers in this ministry sign up to prepare, schedule and deliver a hot meal to families identified by Pastoral Care in need of a meal.

Healing After Loss (HAL)

Healing After Loss is a confidential, Scripture-based 7-week long support group offered three times a year for people mourning the loss of someone close, and is facilitated by members who have experienced a loss in their own lives.

Home Communion Ministry

Lay Eucharistic Ministers offer communion to parishioners unable to attend weekly church services. Teams also come together to offer Bible Study, Christian Fellowship and offer Communion gatherings at local support facilities.

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory prayer is a special form of prayer or supplication on behalf of others. The intercessors meet through a weekly Monday morning Zoom prayer group and pray over the requests from the TCOTC prayer list.

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.

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 services offered throughout the year.

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, supporting and offering encouragement. A Stephen Minister meets faithfully with his/her care receiver for an hour each week for as long as there is a need. Training for new Stephen Ministers is offered once per year in January.

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.

Additional Ministries

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 with the proceeds going towards CCW events and local ministries to support women and children.

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.

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.

Historical Committee

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

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.

Wedding Guild

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



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.

