



Beyond ME

Send forth your LIGHT and your TRUTH,
let them guide me; let them bring me
to your HOLY MOUNTAIN,
to the place where YOU DWELL.

Psalm 43:3



EVERY ONE COUNTS

"BUT JUST AS YOU EXCEL IN EVERYTHING IN FAITH, IN SPEECH, IN KNOWLEDGE, IN COMPLETE EARNESTNESS AND IN YOUR LOVE FOR US-SEE THAT YOU ALSO EXCEL IN THIS GRACE OF GIVING."

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7

GOD'S WORD IS VERY CLEAR WHEN IT COMES TO GIVING, EVERY ONE COUNTS:

WHEN WE EACH GIVE FAITHFULLY, GOD ADDS THOSE GIFTS TOGETHER AND MULTIPLIES THEM TO FULFILL THE MINISTRY AND VISION HE HAS PROVIDED FOR THE CROSSING CHURCH. EVERY ONE COUNTS IS ABOUT INVESTING YOUR HEART AND YOUR RESOURCES INTO YOUR HOME CHURCH SO THAT GOD MIGHT TRANSFORM OUR HOMES, OUR CITY AND OUR WORLD. EVERY ONE COUNTS-AND CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!

**EVERY GIVER
COUNTS**

**EVERY GIFT
COUNTS**

**EVERY MINISTRY
COUNTS**



**THE
CROSSING
CHURCH**

QUESTIONS ABOUT TITHING?

LET US HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE OF TITHING. YOU CAN PICK UP A COPY OF ROBERT MORRIS' "THE BLESSED LIFE" AT THE INFORMATION CENTER IN THE LOBBY.

THREE WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE AT WWW.CROSSINGONLINE.ORG
(ONE-TIME GIFTS OR RECURRING GIFTS)
BY CHECK-REMEMBER, NO ENVELOPES ARE NEEDED WHEN GIVING BY CHECK! CASH-PLEASE FILL OUT AN OFFERING ENVELOPE AND PLACE IN THE OFFERING BASKET.

SERVICE TIMES

MAIN SERVICES

SATURDAYS AT 5PM AND 7PM
SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM, 11:30AM

FIRST WEDNESDAY

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH AT 7PM

COMMUNITY PRAYER ALL CHURCH GATHERING

(MAIN SANCTUARY)
SATURDAY AT 6:15PM
SUNDAY AT 8:30AM

ALL DAY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

(26.2 LIFEGROUP CAFÉ)
MON-THURS 6:30AM-7PM

HOSTED PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

(26.2 LIFEGROUP CAFÉ)
MON-THURS 6:30AM-8AM
& 11:30AM-1PM

YOUTH PRAYER MEETING IN THE ROCK

SUNDAY AT 6PM

SPANISH SIGN LANGUAGE
TRANSLATION INTERPRETATION
SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

CROSSING KIDS

(BIRTH-5TH GRADE)
AVAILABLE DURING ALL
MAIN SERVICE TIMES

STUDENT MINISTRIES

(SERVICES ARE HELD
IN THE ROCK)

EMERGE

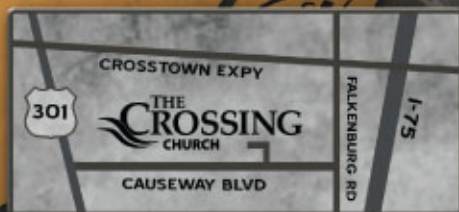
(9TH-12TH GRADE)
WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

EMERGE JV

(6TH-8TH GRADE)
SATURDAYS AT 5PM

E-GROUPS IN THE ROCK

(SMALL GROUPS)
SUNDAY AT 7PM



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WELCOME TO THE CROSSING !

Hello to all of you, old friends and new alike. I'm fired up to talk to you today, because I believe God has great things in store for The Crossing Church and for His Kingdom. This is it, Church. This is our time to show the world the power of one body committed to Christ and motivated to serve others. This is your time to bring new meaning into your life by volunteering to make a difference in the life of

another one of God's children. Today, we launch our new sermon series, Beyond Me. I know your hearts. I know how much you have to give. And I know that what you hear in the next few weeks will convict you even more that God is ready to use all of us in new and remarkable ways. This is it.

In Him,
Greg & Tamara Dumas

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR RACE??

The 26.2 Spiritual Race is intricately designed with you in mind! Through the different 26.2 Experiences, you will have the opportunity to learn more about The Crossing and its leadership, become involved in a LifeGroup, and understand more about the spiritual gifts you have been given. We want to encourage everyone, new and old alike, to join in the race! Register online now! "Mile One," "Pushing Through" and "Pass It On" will take place on Saturday, January 24 (register by January 18). The next "Warm Up" lunch will be held Sunday, February 8 at 1:00 pm. "Starting Line" will be Saturday, February 21 (registration deadline is February 15).



LET'S JOURNEY... TOGETHER

Are you ready to know more of what it means to grow in your relationship with God? Whether you've just accepted Christ as Lord over your life or have been walking with Him for awhile, you're invited to join The Journey. The Journey is an ongoing class designed to give you a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian. The Journey meets on Sunday mornings from 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. in The Rock. We're starting back up again on Sunday, January 18; simply drop by The Rock after the 9:30 a.m. service for more information. Childcare is available through 5th grade, and the cost for materials is \$15. You can also register online at www.crossingonline.org, or by calling Lori Fredriksen at (813) 626-0783, ext. 114, or e-mailing lfredriksen@crossingonline.org.



SUPERBUILD 2009!

The Crossing Church is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County to build four homes in Orient Park between January 23 and 31 during SuperBuild 2009. To help them accomplish their goal, they need a total of 120 volunteers per day. You're invited to participate in this exciting event and help to bless these families by going to www.habitathillsborough.com and click on the Volunteer button to register. Please register by January 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne or Kathy at (813) 239-2242 or superbuild@habitathillsborough.com or vtempleman@crossingonline.org.

DEEPER LIFE

Learn to determine what Scripture says... what it means and how it can be applied. In an intensive 4-hour weekly class called Deeper Life, we will offer an introduction to basic Bible study methods and interpretation. The emphasis of this 10-week study will be on accurately understanding and obeying God's Word. You will also develop practical skills to be able to read, interpret, and apply God's Word on an ongoing basis. The class will be Sundays from 5 - 9 p.m., beginning January 18. Cost of materials is \$20. Register by clicking on News and Events at www.crossingonline.org.

MUSICIANS WANTED

We are currently looking for skilled musicians with heart for worship for our main service, as well as our Breakaway, Emerge and Emerge JV ministries. If interested, please contact Jon Richardson at (813) 626-0783, ext.150 or at jrichardson@crossingonline.org, or Jay Hagy for Emerge and Emerge JV at (813) 626-0783, ext.142 or at jhagy@crossingonline.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study begins Thursday, January 22. The morning session runs from 9:15 - 11:30 a.m., and childcare is available with pre-registration. The evening session is held from 7 - 9 p.m. Sign up in the lobby during the weekend of January 17 - 18. Questions? Contact tdumas@crossingonline.org.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Reminder: Church offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

NEXT GENERATION

SURGE - MEETING TIMES

Hey Surge!! We have heard that a lot of you want to get together more often, so guess what... you got it! Surge will now be meeting EVERY 2nd and 4th Friday of each month in The Rock at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). We will have fellowship, relevant studies, outreach opportunities, and other events. We hope you will join us as we do life together. God has called us to make an impact on His Kingdom by encouraging one another and influencing our surrounding community. So don't miss out! Get plugged in today! Be sure to join our online network at www.surgeononline.org where you will be able to meet new people and stay updated on upcoming events.



FINANCIAL PEACE

Financial Peace University is a 13-week study course on personal finance designed to empower you to manage your money better, eliminate debt and build wealth. Come see if this is for you – a free class preview will be held Tuesday, February 17 from 7-9 p.m. Childcare is available for the preview and class with pre-registration by February 5 only. The 13-week class meets every Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. through May 19. Cost is \$99 and payment options are available; please call (813) 626-0783 to inquire. Register: www.crossingonline.org/financial-peace.

MARRIAGE BUILDERS

Whatever season your marriage is in – whether you're struggling, or you're more in love than ever – this class is designed to equip you and your spouse with the tools to build a better, more fulfilling relationship. Relevant teaching and practical exercises will help you take what you've learned from the classroom into your home. The class will be offered twice this spring; February 17 to March 24, and again April 7 to May 12. Marriage Builders meets on Tuesday nights, 6:45-9 p.m. The cost is \$60 per couple. Childcare is available with pre-registration by February 5 only. Register: www.crossingonline.org/marriage-builders.

PARENTING CLASS

Moms and Dads, let us come alongside you as we present Your Child, a parenting curriculum published by Focus on the Family. In weekly video teaching, Dr. James Dobson presents Biblical solutions to some of your biggest challenges: discipline; which attitudes to correct and how; sibling rivalry; and what to do when your child just won't listen! The cost is \$50 per couple or \$25 for single parents. Parenting Class meets every Tuesday night from 7-9 p.m., beginning February 17. Childcare is available with pre-registration by February 5 only. Register: www.crossingonline.org/parenting-class.

DIVORCE CARE

Divorced? Separated? Discover help, hope and healing. At Divorce Care, you will become part of a support group of others going through the pain of separation and divorce – people who recognize what you are facing, and will offer encouragement. The cost is \$15. Divorce Care meets every Tuesday from 7-9 p.m., starting February 17 and running through May 19. Childcare is available with pre-registration by February 5. Register: www.crossingonline.org/divorce-care.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Are you struggling with past hurts, anger, men's or women's issues, or heavy addictions? Come to Celebrate Recovery and experience the freedom of being truly transparent and loved. We believe that God is the true Healer, and that His Word is powerful, effective and strong enough to deal with the real you. We meet Mondays from 6:45-9 p.m. Childcare is provided; there is no fee or registration and you may begin attending at any time. Information: www.crossingonline.org/celebrate-recovery.

GRIEFSHARE

Begin your journey from mourning to joy... GriefShare is a friendly, caring environment of others who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. The GriefShare resources will help you recover from your loss and begin to look forward to rebuilding your life. The cost to participate is a \$15 book fee. GriefShare meets every Sunday from 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. from January 18 through April 12. Please register online at www.crossingonline.org/grief-share.

ENCOURAGERS TRAINING

Did you know that you could actually be the person best-equipped to minister to someone during a time of need? If you feel called to pray with and encourage others, this class will help you develop a heart of compassion, learn to listen more than talk, and identify the root of the problem. Here you will learn to use the Bible and prayer appropriately, and to share the gospel with those in need. This seven-week class will be held on Tuesday nights from 7 - 9 p.m., beginning February 17 and continuing through March 31. Cost is \$20. Childcare is available with pre-registration by February 5 only. Please register online at www.crossingonline.org/news--events.



COME FOR SATURDAY DINNER!

Know what you should make for dinner on Saturday? Plan to eat with us! Every Saturday evening, we have caterers from Cheddar's Restaurant right here at church, preparing delicious meals for you to enjoy so that you can relax, eat, and truly enjoy church services. Meals are only \$3 per person, and we serve from 4:30-5 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. Come on! We've got dinner ready.

THE CROSSING MISSIONS CORNER

"Transforming cultures through the power of Jesus Christ"

AMAZING LOVE MINISTRIES

We are seeking LifeGroups or individuals willing to prepare meals or donate food or funds for our Monday evening feedings. For information and details, please call Estelle Wolfman at (813) 690-0816 or e-mail ewolfman@tampabay.rr.com.

EVERYDAY BLESSINGS

The next volunteer orientation will be Saturday, February 21. If you have a heart to serve at this agency and would like to attend, we will be carpooling from The Crossing Church (leaving at 9.15 a.m.). Please call (813) 685-3804 or (813) 758-7728 or e-mail Glow0122@verizon.net.

CLAIR-MEL ANGEL TREE BLESSINGS

Thanks to all who donated to the Clair-Mel Angel Tree. We helped 15 families by providing toys, clothes and books for their children, and each happy student received a huge bag to take home. Let's continue donating school supplies, school uniforms, and warm clothing like sweatshirts and jackets. For information, visit www.crossingonline.org and click under the Local Missions tab, or contact Donna Ready at dready_18@hotmail.com.

COME AND SERVE!

Visit our website - www.crossingonline.org/missions - to learn more about local missions like the ones highlighted above. You will also find information about serving within the U.S. and around the world. Stop by the Information Center to pick up a Missions Application and join a world team in 2009! For further information on any of the opportunities above contact: Norris Brown, Director of Missions nbrown@crossingonline.org
Valerie Templeman, Local Missions Coordinator missionslocal@crossingonline.org
Scott Phipps, World Missions Coordinator missionsworld@crossingonline.org

Beyond ME
Saturday, January 17 and
Sunday, January 18, 2008
2 Timothy 3:1-5, 14-17;
Hebrews 4:12-13; Psalms 43:3
Lead Pastor: Greg Dumas

I. It's all about ME

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NIV)


But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

Hedonistic:

II. Confronting ME

Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV)

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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III. Changing ME

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Psalm 43:3 (NIV)

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.