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# CROSS ROAD REVIEW

*We exist because of Jesus Christ and for His glory;  
to love God completely, to love others sincerely,  
and to make disciples continually*

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**"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:10-11)."**

WOW! Can you imagine receiving that announcement from the angels? I imagine I would be far too distracted by the fact that glorious, fearsome, flying angels are surrounding me to even grasp the depths of their announcement. We live in a time of major distractions happening in our world. But these shepherds were stopped dead in their tracks that night. That angelic messenger was joined by an army of angels and they added to the announcement, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased." What a jam packed announcement!

First, you do not have need to be afraid. Why? Because, we bring good news of great joy! That news is for, and offers great joy to, **everyone** (even you shepherds)! What is the news? A **Savior** is born, unto you! He is Christ the Lord – the messiah we have been waiting for.

Of all the meaning and emotion that Christmas is filled with – I want to relay one thing to you today: There is **HOPE**. Christmas gives us hope. It gave the shepherds hope. It gave hope to the known world as the message spread, to those who believed it. God kept His promise – salvation has come. Peace with God and man has come. *Their* hope, what they could only anticipate, we have realized. We know the crucified, resurrected, ascended Christ. We will know the glorious Savior King at His return – that is *our* hope. This child, born in a manger in the city of David IS Christ the Lord. Let us be people driven and fulfilled by hope – the hope of Christmas. The hope of peace. The hope of the cross. The hope of the empty tomb. The hope of the returning King.

Be encouraged.  
Resist distractions.  
Spread the **hope** of Christmas.

Glory to God!

- Pastor Justin

**CHRISTMAS**  
**AT CROSS ROAD**

**Dec. 1 Kids Puppet Show**  
**Dec. 8 A Chrismon Story**  
*(a CR Kids presentation) followed by  
Christmas fellowship*  
**Dec. 15 Unspeakable Joy**  
*Choir Presentation*  
**Dec. 22 Carols & Communion**  
**Candlelight Service**

**JOIN US AT 6PM**  
**EACH NIGHT!**

## Children's Ministry



**Wed. Dec. 4, 11, 18 from 6:15-7:45pm:** Awana for ages 2 through 6th grade. The theme night for December is Crazy Socks Night at December 4!

### Kids Play Practices and Christmas Party

We will be practicing on Dec. 4 at 4:30pm. Saturday, Dec. 7 we will meet at 9am in the Worship Center for our last practice before the performance! Our party will follow in the CLC! The play is December 8 at 6pm with our Christmas fellowship afterwards.



## Youth Ministry

**Wed. Dec. 4 from 6:15-7:45pm:** Youth Group.

**Wed. Dec. 11 6:15pm** Youth Christmas Party! Come join us and don't forget your \$10 gift for dirty santa!



**Jan. 18-20 Strength to Stand Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN.** Join us for this powerful week-end of worship and teaching. Tauren Wells, Crowder, KB and more will be there. Cost is \$110 to attend. Please register and pay by December 18. See Pastor Andrew with questions!

**St. Martin Mission Trip**  
**July 5-12**  
 For High School, College  
 and Young Adult  
 Cost is \$800 per person  
 You must register for the trip and  
 pay a deposit by Dec. 8  
 See Pastor Andrew for more details!



### Operation Christmas Child Volunteer Opportunity!

**December 13 7-10pm**

We are volunteering at the Charlotte shoe-box processing center. Meet at the church to leave on the van at 5pm. We will return around midnight. Please contact the church office if you'd like to go. There are a limited number of spots available.



*Thank  
you*

*Dear Cross Road Baptist Church, The family of David Michael Jessup acknowledges and with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. David and Tracy Jessup, Olivia, Kyleigh*

## Women's Ministry

**WOW Moms Meeting, Thursday, Dec. 19 6-8pm:** We will be in the CLC dining room. Join other moms of all ages as we study the fruit of the spirit this year! This is our cup exchange and Christmas meeting! Please bring a cup/mug filled with goodies for our gift exchange and your favorite finger foods. Please let Candace Curry know if you need childcare.



## Men's Ministry

**Tuesday December 3 6:15pm Randolph Christian Men's Night Out** December's meeting will be held at Victory Fellowship Church, 1807 McDowell Rd. Meal starts at 6:15pm and the speaker, Pastor Danzell Spencer will speak afterwards.

## Worship Ministry

Merry Christmas everyone! I pray that this season brings you an abundance of joy as you celebrate Christ's birth and enjoy time with family and friends!

I hope that you can come hear the CRBC Worship Choir for their Christmas performance of *Joy! Unspeakable Joy!* on December 15th at 6pm. They have worked so hard in preparation to share these beautiful and uplifting songs with you that will fill your heart with joy, point you to Jesus, and get you in the Christmas spirit!

*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11 - Abiding in Christ, Danielle Kelly*



**CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING December 18 at 6pm.** Our church family will be going to the Cross Road Retirement Center after supper on Dec. 18. Awana will still go on like normal. We are asking youth age through adults to participate.



**Kids Puppet Show December 1 at 6pm** Join us for our first special December event! Brought to you by our very own puppet team. Giving God a Hand. Invite your friends!



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### THE ELECT

From Israel to the New Testament church God speaks of His 'chosen people' (1 Peter 2:9) or what Scripture sometimes refers to as the elect. God our Savior desires all people to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). Christians, let us join together in prayer.

Father, we call upon You. Thy will be done; You will answer us. You say that You will send forth Your angels, and they will gather together Your elect (Matthew 24:31). We, Your elect cry out to You- the just Judge (Luke 18:7)- day and night. Give us increased faith Lord (Titus 1:1). We have admitted our sin and asked You to forgive us. We are Your witnesses. We ask that You put hearts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience in us. May we forgive each other and above all may we put on Love. Let peace rule in our hearts Lord. Let Your Word dwell in us richly. May we teach, hear, admonish, listen, and sing with gratitude to You for our salvation (Colossians 3:12-16). Thank You God. We have faith and we trust You for eternal life **with You**. Thank You that the work of The Spirit has sanctified us through the obedience of Jesus Christ Who shed His blood for us (1 Peter 1:2). We ask also that You save many more people; may they call out to You for Jesus' Name's sake and for their eternal life with You. May we not ever deny another person the hearing of the Gospel, and the mercy and love shared by the fruit of The Spirit. Jesus said "Have you not read?" HE is the God of the living (Matthew 22:32)! This life is short; eternity is not. Father we thank You for the Bible and for eternal life with You. In Jesus' Name we pray.

*Melda Dyer, Prayer Ministry Coordinator*

*\*The Pleasures of GOD, John Piper, Chapter 5*



**Lottie Moon 2024 Offering**  
Collecting now through Dec. 29th

A photograph of several missionaries in blue and red shirts interacting with a man in a red shirt. They are outdoors, possibly in a public square or market area.

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THROUGH THE WORK OF YOUR  
IMB MISSIONARIES.