

In The Loop

December 24th/25th, 2011

Our Welcome Statement

“Cross of Glory is Your Welcome Place! At Cross of Glory Everyone Is Welcome. That is one of our Guiding Principles. And we mean everyone – people of every race, gender, class, denomination, ability, and sexual orientation are welcome here. You are welcome no matter who you are, where you’ve been, or what you’ve done. We promise to welcome you and make you feel right at home.”

We ask those of you visiting with us for the first time to please stop by the Welcome Table and pick up an information packet.

Cross of Glory is Growing in Every Direction

Our Vision

Like a tree, a healthy church is a *church that is growing in every direction...*

DOWN (roots) through *Worship*
UP through *Discipleship*
TOGETHER through *Fellowship*
OUT through *Outreach*

The Welcome Place Preschool Open House and Registration

The Welcome Place Preschool is in their 10th year of teaching children here at Cross of Glory. This is a wonderful ministry of Cross of Glory and we hope to continue this for many more years. There will be two open houses this year: Monday January 31st and Thursday April 26th, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. At the January 31st open house you have the option of also registering for the Fall Session. The program has classes for 3 and 4 year olds, and they have to be that age by Sept 1st.

Those that have had children in the program before or are members of Cross of Glory can take advantage of, Early Registration starting on January 9th. You can find more information on our website at www.crossofglory.com/preschool.

Worship... Growing Down Roots Council Member: Dan Skowron

Christmas Services

The dates and times for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services are:

- Christmas Eve Worship
4:00 pm
6:00 pm (Barn Service)
11:00 pm
- Christmas Day Worship Service
Sunday 10:00 am with Hymns and Prayers

Christmas Pageant Video

The Cross of Glory's 2011 Children's Christmas Pageant Video is now available for viewing on our website at <http://crossofglory.com/2011-12-18/>

Discipleship...Growing UP Council Member: Sally Beller

S.E.E., T.E.L.L., Confirmation, and Holy Communion Classes

It is time to start registering for the youth classes which start at the end of January. S.E.E. is for youth 4 years of age through 5th grade. Holy Communion Class is for those in 2nd grade and up, and will make their Holy Communion on Sunday, April 15th. T.E.L.L. is for youth in 6th through 12th grade. 7th and 8th graders are part of the Confirmation Program, and will make their Confirmation in the spring of their 9th grade.

If you would like to assist in any of these programs please let us know. Everyone has something to offer.

Registration forms are available in the Welcome Room. You must register by January 15th

SEE & Holy Communion:

Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Jan 25
Feb 1, 8, 15, 29
Mar 7, 14, 21

TELL & Confirmation:

Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Jan 23, 30
Feb 6, 13, 27
Mar 5, 12, 19

New Member Class

Next class is Saturday, Jan 7th from 10 am to 1 pm. If you are interested please contact Pastor PJ as soon as possible. If you need childcare please let us know.

Fellowship...Growing Together Council Member: Lori Anderson

Cross of Glory Cookbook

**Hey, good lookin'!
Whatcha got cookin'??**

CoG needs your recipes for:

- appetizers & beverages
- desserts
- soups & salads
- cookies & candy
- vegetables & side dishes
- vegetarian dishes
- main dishes
- this & that
- bread & rolls

You can submit your recipes electronically to cog.cookbook@yahoo.com or put them in the box located at the back of the worship area. Please limit your submissions to one per category. If you submit a recipe for each of the nine categories, you can also select a prize from our kitchen gadget mystery basket. We're collecting for a limited time only!



Team Members: Debbie Murtaugh, Melissa Murtaugh, Chris Quemeneur, Michelle Kruse, Jim Sotzen, Lora Livingstone, Cheryl Nabors, Lori Anderson.

Outreach...Growing Out Council Member: Cheryl Nabors

Let's Feed 12,000!

One of the biggest requests from Food Pantries is foods with protein. Our goal is to collect 12,000 cans by Easter! We will have boxes on the alter for you to bring your donation up before, during, or after service. As we collect the food, we will donate it to local food pantries. We are collecting the following foods:

Canned Chicken
Canned Turkey
Canned Tuna
Canned Stew (Like Dinty Moore)
Pork and Beans
Peanut Butter

Women's January Event

Calling all ladies! Our next get together will be on Saturday, January 21st from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Cross of Glory. We will be making fleece tie-blankets for kids undergoing chemotherapy. There will be material to make 4 blankets. You can make an optional donation of \$5.00 towards material if you would like.

Come out and join us for this wonderful cause and enjoy some fellowship and food. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Nabors or Mary Beth Randle.

February Women's Event

Bunco on Friday, February 24th. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

Book Club Update

We will meet on Sunday, January 8th at 6:00 pm to discuss *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.

Other books we are reading after that include: *The Warmth of Other Suns, Every Last One, The Glass Castle, Day After Night*, and *The Edge of Grace*.

Everyone is welcome to read the books and join us for a great discussion.

Mailing List Updates

Cross of Glory is working to update their e-mail lists for their COG News. Please let Laura know if you would like to be added to or removed from our lists. And just as importantly please let me know when you have a change of email so I can update it and keep you informed on all that is happening!

Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Debra Waller

Update on Worship & Giving

December 14th (Attendance: 20)
General: \$140

December 18th (Attendance: 280)
General: \$3,367; Casa: \$35
Kid's Offering: \$86.26
Project 2nd Chance: \$200
Wedding: \$160

Year End Donations

If you would like to make a Year End Gift to Cross of Glory there are special envelopes for this on the Welcome Table.

Offering Envelopes

If you wish to use offering envelopes for 2012, please be sure to pick up a box. There is a sheet to be filled out giving your name and the offering box number. These are located at in The Welcome Room. Any questions please contact Laura in the office.

Manna Ministry

Are you looking for gift cards for that special someone? Manna sells gift cards for many stores and restaurants. A percentage of each gift card goes to CoG. If you are thinking about purchasing gift cards, this is a gift that gives twice. There are order forms in the bookstore. You can give your order to Cheryl Nabors or Laura Uzzardo or place it in the Bookstore mailbox to the right of Laura's office.

If you are interested in learning more about this program or placing an order, please contact Cheryl Nabors.

Thank You...

Thanks to Cheryl Nabors for another successful year working with the Manna Gift Cards.



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Services:

Sunday: 9:00 am and 10:45 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

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All Members of Cross of Glory

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Kids Klub Page

crossofglory.com/kids-klub

Mission Statement:

To be a community of faith in which everyone lives life in the LOOP of God's saving grace by: reaching and serving, welcoming and nurturing, worshiping and teaching, and giving and sending.

Guiding Principles:

Jesus Is Lord
Everyone Is Welcome
We Have What The World Needs
Everyone Has Something To Offer
Love Changes Everything

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

(www.crossofglory.com/calendar)

Mon	12/26	Office Closed
Mon	12/26	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)
Wed	12/28	No Wednesday Worship
Sun	01/01	One Worship Service – 10:00 am (ONE Service Only)
Mon	01/02	Office Closed
Sun	01/08	Book Club
Sat	01/21	Women's Event – 10:00 am
Mon	01/23	TELL Resumes – 6:30 pm
Wed	01/25	SEE Resumes – 6:00 pm

The December newsletter can be viewed at www.crossofglory.com/newsletters/