

Church Family,

I want to take a moment to say thank you! Easter Weekend was powerful, and so much of that is because of you. Many of you attended an earlier service to create space for our guests, and I'm so grateful. Others of you jumped in to serve—sometimes at more than one service—welcoming guests, caring for families, and helping people experience the love of Jesus the moment they walked through our doors. I'm truly thankful you gave up seats, parking spots, and your preferences to help us reach people with the gospel. I really believe the ripple effects of what God did Easter Weekend will carry on—not just through this year but for eternity!



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Preparing to Pray

- Lord, thank You for Your mercy and grace that meet me every single day.
- Help me to walk closely with You, listening for Your voice and trusting Your wisdom.
- When anxiety rises, remind me to bring everything to You with a thankful heart, trusting that You're already at work.
- Thank You for all the ways You show up in my life—even when I don't see it.

Praying the Scriptures

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13

Prayer

Lord, thank You for being the God of hope. Fill me with Your joy and peace as I trust in You, even when things don't make sense in my life or the world around me. Help me to lean into the Holy Spirit's power so I can live with a steady, unshakable hope. Fill me with the Spirit so my life will point others to the hope only You can give.

Prayers for May

Senior Recognition Day, May 4

Senior Recognition is a special time in the life of our church. It's a moment where we pause to celebrate our graduating high school and college students, speak words of blessing over them, and send them out with

our love and prayers. On Sunday, May 4, we'll take time in each of our services to honor these students as they enter a new season of life. At our Springdale campus, we'll start the day with breakfast for seniors and their families at 8 AM and then recognize them during the 9:30 AM service. At our Fayetteville campus, seniors will be honored during the 11 AM service, with lunch to follow. At Pinnacle Hills, we'll recognize our seniors in the 11 AM service and share a meal afterward with their families.

Please pray for these students and their families:

- Pray that God will give graduates the wisdom to make the decisions ahead of them.
- Pray they would keep their relationship with the Lord at the center of this next chapter.
- Pray that God would give these families joy, peace, and strength as they walk with their graduate into what's next.

Growth Track, May 4

Our next Growth Track is coming up on Sunday, May 4, at 5 PM across all campuses. Nearly every month, we celebrate as people take their next steps with us. Many who attend respond to the gospel, follow through in biblical baptism, join our Dream Team, and connect in small groups—we're believing God for big things as we host our first Growth Track after Easter.

- Ask God to keep drawing people to take this next step.
- Pray for lives to be changed as the gospel is shared.
- Pray that new members find their place—both in community through small groups and in purpose through the Dream Team.
- Lift up our staff teams on each campus as they serve and guide new families in their walk with Christ.

Parent Child Dedication, May 11

Parent Child Dedication is always a meaningful time in the life of our church as families commit to raising their children to know and follow Jesus. It's also a terrific opportunity for us, as a church family, to surround them with encouragement and prayer.

Parent Child Dedication will occur at our Springdale campus during the 9:30 AM service. We'll begin the morning with a light breakfast and reception for our dedicating families at 8:30 AM, with an opportunity to take family photos before the service.

At our Fayetteville campus, we'll hold dedications during the 8 AM and 11:15 AM services and host a light breakfast during the 9:30 AM service in the South Commons for participating families.

At Pinnacle Hills, dedications will be held during the 11 AM service, with a light breakfast and reception for participating families, beforehand in the 1870.

Please pray for these families and their children:

- Pray that God would give each parent wisdom, patience, and grace as they lead their children spiritually.
- Pray for the hearts of these children—that in time, they will respond to God's call and come to know Jesus as their Savior.
- Pray for our NextGen ministries that we will continue to walk faithfully alongside these families at every step of their journey.

Cross Church Missions

This summer, we have a unique opportunity to come alongside Frontier Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and be part of what God is building through a new church plant. Pastor Travis Young is inviting mission teams to

partner with them during key weekends—May 18, June 22, July 20, and August 10—as they host Preview Services and work to establish a strong launch team. These weekends are vital to laying the foundation for their Sunday gatherings, and additional support is needed to help make it all happen. Whether setting up, welcoming guests, or helping with kids, your presence can make a real difference in reaching people and serving the city.

Would you prayerfully consider coming alongside this new church plant?

Areas where your team can serve:

- Set-up / Tear Down
- Greeting / Hospitality
- Preschool / Children's Ministry
- Worship / Tech
- Parking / Usher / Security

If your small group is interested in serving with Pastor Travis and his team in Fort Worth, we'd love to hear from you! Reach out to us at missionsdept@crosschurch.com so we can help get your group connected.

Upcoming May Missions Teams

May 27 – June 6: Cross Students Pinnacle Hills – Malawi

May 30 – June 6: Cross Students Fayetteville – Peru

May 30 – June 5: Young Adult – Las Vegas

May 31 – June 7: Cross Students Springdale – Nicaragua

- Pray for God's guidance and protection over each team as they travel.
- Pray for boldness as they share the gospel.
- Pray for lives to be changed in ways only God can accomplish.
- Pray for local pastors and missionaries to feel encouraged and supported.
- Pray that God would use these trips to call out future missionaries from our church.

C3 Send Interns – Summer 2025

Our C3 Send Interns begin orientation on May 19! This group of college aged students will serve across North America and the world this summer.

Let's pray for them together:

- Pray that God would prepare their hearts and minds for the summer ahead.
- Pray they would be protected physically, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally.
- Pray for courage to step into bold ministry moments.
- Pray that they would be a blessing to the pastors and missionaries they serve.
- Pray that through this experience, many would sense a call to ministry or missions.

Final Moments of Prayer

Lord, thank You for the graduates, new families, and those taking next steps with us this month—would You guide, strengthen, and fill each one with Your wisdom. We ask that You bless every student stepping into a new season, every parent dedicating their child, and everyone finding their place through Growth Track. As mission teams and interns go out, protect them, give them boldness, and use their lives to share the hope of the gospel. And Lord, we pray You would continue to call out leaders, missionaries, and servants from our church for the sake of Your Kingdom.