

Emmanuel

— GOD WITH US —

DECEMBER 31, 2023 | 9:30 AM WORSHIP

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus was born and named Emmanuel, meaning God with us. The baby born in Bethlehem is among us now. We rejoice in the daily presence of the King of Peace who turns darkness into light. Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come!

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

Happy
New Year

Welcome
Guests

Welcome to CrossPoint! We are excited to have you here and would love to meet you. Please visit Connection Point in the main lobby after the service, or fill out our Connection Card in your seat or via the QR code on the back page. Thank you for joining us for worship today!



TODAY AT CP

CPkids in worship

CPlittles nursery ages 0-5 | Nursery



EARNESTLY SEEKING GOD

A STUDY OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

A new series begins January 14, centered around the core value of Earnestly Seeking God with a focus on spiritual disciplines. The series will guide us towards deeper connection with God and will include a 6-session class that will delve into the spiritual disciplines. Join us for the life you've always wanted!

When: Begins Sunday, January 14 through February 25
11 AM on Sunday mornings

Where: CrossPoint Music Room

What: The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg

2024 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

CrossPoint adult ministries resume the week of January 8 and Wednesday night kids and youth ministries will resume on January 10. CrossPoint offices are closed on Monday, January 1.

YEAR-END GIVING

CrossPoint has partnered with so many great ministries this year! Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in our community and our world; your giving makes all the difference! All offerings from today will be credited to the 2023 tax year as you consider a final year-end gift to CrossPoint. Thank you for your incredible generosity, we are so grateful for you!

IN THE LIBRARY

The CrossPoint library is open every Sunday! Explore our large selection of books!

- A Shepherd Looks at The Good Shepherd and His Sheep by Phillip Keller
- Life Without Lack: Living in the Fullness of Psalm 23 by Dallas Willard
- The Boys in the Boat: the quest for gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown
- The Boys of '36: For gold, for country, for each other -- PBS DVD
- Things in Heaven and Earth: Exploring the Supernatural by various contributors
- Christianity and Liberalism by J. Gresham Machen
- A River Runs Through It by Norman Maclean



CARRYING ON THE VISION



**OVER
ONE
MILLION
DOLLARS
RAISED
SO FAR!**

The Vision Campaign has received \$1,010,765 total in gifts and pledges to date. We are praising God for the wholehearted generosity of our church family!

As we look ahead to the new year, we are excited to see what God has in store for us. We invite you to prayerfully consider a pledge to the Vision Campaign before January 1. Thank you for your support, encouragement, and prayers!

Find pledge cards in the seat pockets in the worship center and pledge today at the Vision Center or online at crosspointchino.org/pledge.

ROOTED NEW YEAR...SAME GOD

Being a disciple in 2024 may mean taking a fresh perspective on your faith journey. If you haven't been through Rooted or can't find a small group or a Bible study that's right for you during the week, then Rooted is the place for you!

When: Begins NEXT Sunday
4-5:30 PM every Sunday for 10 weeks
Where: CrossPoint Church (childcare provided)
What: Small group + bible study + daily devotional
+ prayer experience + service project

Last day to register at crosspointchino.org/rooted



**WINTER SESSION
BEGINS JANUARY 7**



FIND YOUR COMMUNITY

Winter Ministries 2024

Reconnect or plug in for the very first time as our ministries resume in the second week of January! Go to crosspointchino.org/community or pick up a ministry brochure at Connection Point in main the lobby. *There is a place for you here.*



MISSIONS 2024



Are you ready for missions to Japan?

We're exploring a potential mission trip to Japan and want to know who is interested! Pray about this opportunity this week and talk to the mission team next Sunday.

WHEN July 30 - Aug 10, 2024 (likely dates)
WHERE Nozomi Relief Center in Yamamoto Miyagi, Japan
(200 miles NE of Tokyo)
WHAT Working with CrossPoint sponsored CRC Resonate Global missionary Ken Lee in a Relief Center. Activities include yard work, cooking, counseling/praying, preparing and hosting meals, hosting VBS, leading worship time, prayer walks.
WHO Adults 18+ in good physical health (able to walk several miles)
COST \$2,700-\$3,000
TRAVEL By plane to Tokyo (11+ hrs) then Bullet Train (4 hrs) to Yamamoto
Includes time exploring Tokyo at the end of the trip



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Matthew 2:1-12

The King:

1. Herod was the Roman _____ king of the Jews, but Jesus was the anointed shepherd King of the Jews.

The Kingdom:

2. The Kingdom of God is an _____ kingdom that begins in the heart and expands to all of creation

The people of the kingdom:

3. The Kingdom of God is made up of the _____ and _____ who proclaim the good news of the gospel.

What would it look like for you to seek God’s kingdom first this coming year?

*Your house and your kingdom will endure
forever before me; your throne will be
established forever.
2 Samuel 7:16*

READINGS
 M Colossians 4:7-18
 T Philemon 8-21
 W Colossians 3:1-11
 Th Colossians 3:12-17
 F Acts 2:42-47
 Sa Acts 4:32-37
 Su Colossians 4:7-18

- What was something in the Scriptures or message that made an impact on you? Explain.
- In Matthew 2, Jesus is shown to be the shepherd King. We are more familiar with worldly kings like Herod who rule with power and strength, not sacrifice and forgiveness. How does our understanding of Jesus as the shepherd King affect our understanding of his kingdom? Read John 15:12-17 for further insight.
- How does Matthew 13:31-35 inform your understanding of the Kingdom of God?
- During the message we read from 2 Cor. 5:16-6:2. Read this passage again. What are some of the challenges to being an ambassador for Jesus today? How do you go about overcoming those challenges?
- Read Revelation 21:1-5. Take a few moments to reflect on the vision John presents. This is a picture of the fullness of God’s Kingdom that Christ is ushering in. What aspect of this passage gives you the most hope today?