



# CROSSFIRE

Interchurch Singles Ministry  
*Connecting single adults to God and each other  
in authentic, Christ-centered community.*

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## Be thankful this Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a great holiday. I think a lot of it has to do with it leading straight to Christmas and the fact that I no longer have to hide my decorations and Christmas playlists.

I also love the idea of being thankful, but I don't think giving thanks should happen only one day a year. I need to do better.

One of the Bible's prominent leaders, Paul, understood. He started out almost all of his letters thanking his readers for their faith. "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you" (Colossians 1:3). He knew that giving thanks is crucial for four main reasons.

### Four Reasons to Thank God Today

#### 1. God wants it.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

The Lord wants to be thanked for His providence and sovereignty. Jesus wants to be thanked for taking our sin and making us clean. The Spirit wants to be thanked for His guidance and comfort. God desires praise. He is worthy and He deserves it.

On the other end of the spectrum, God is angered by our grievances and complaints in the same way that He was angered with the Israelites (Numbers 11:1-2).

#### 2. Everything is from God.

"I always thank my God for you...for in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge..." (1 Corinthians 1:4-5).

*There is not a single thing we own, nor a single thing about who we are that has not been given to us.*

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**"Give, and it shall be given  
unto you..." —Luke 6:38**

## **Be thankful this Thanksgiving**

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From the tiniest detail of our appearance to the house we live in, from each and every breath to our salvation. Even in our greatest offerings and sacrifices, we can't out give God.

### **3. A lack of thanksgiving keeps us from moving forward.**

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites..." (Exodus 16:12)

After God led His people out of Egypt toward the Promised Land, they spent their time in the desert complaining. As a result, their eyes were taken off the big picture, and they spent much more time in the desert than they should have. The Promised Land was waiting, but their lack of thankfulness kept them from taking their next step into it.

Entitlement holds us back, but gratitude propels us forward into the life God designed for us.

### **4. Giving thanks changes our perspective.**

When we are thankful in our prayers, our focus turns away from ourselves and to the goodness of God and all He has done for us. Our hearts are stirred with joy. Our joy begins to overflow and the result is fruit — growing to be more like Jesus. Fruit sprouting all over the place!

The art of thanksgiving is consistent, steadfast, genuine, year-round thankfulness in all things, for He is good.

**Adopted from NewSpring Church**

Rhoda K. Lauver, Director

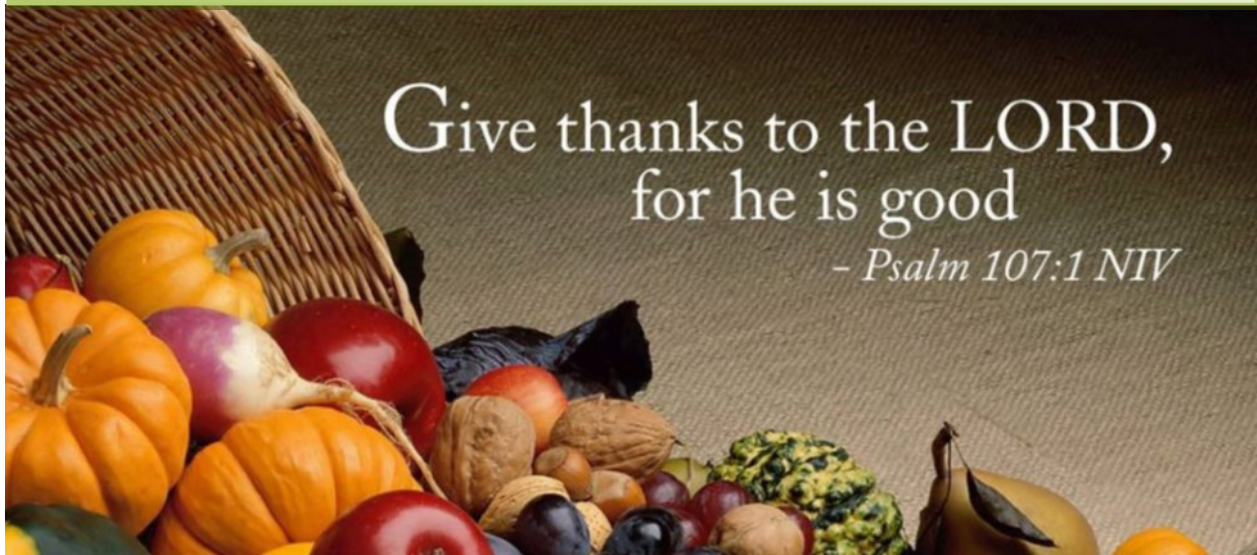
## **CROSSFIRE Calendar of Events— Oct —Nov 2024**

*Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.*

*Please see event descriptions for specific registration information.*

- Saturday, Oct 26 B U N C O—The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015—6 pm
- Saturday, Nov 2 Hike—Big Boyd Tree Preserve, 401 Fishing Creek Valley RD, Harrisburg, PA - 11 am
- Saturday, Nov 9 Movie "Last Ounce of Courage", Graceway Church of God, 220 St Johns Ch Rd—6 pm
- Saturday, Nov 16 Surviving the Holidays—Crossfire office, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA—6:30 pm
- Saturday, Nov 23 Dinner—Cedar Cliff Diner, 1104 Carlisle Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011—5:30 pm
- Saturday, Nov 30 Thanksgiving leftovers potluck—Crossfire office, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg—5:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec 7 Dance—DJ Mandy—St Paul Lutheran, 201 W Louthier, Carlisle, PA—6:30 pm
- Monday, Dec 9 Brunch—Front St Diner, 4003 N Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17110—10:30am
- Saturday, Dec 14 Christmas Party—Epiphany Lutheran, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112—6:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec 21 Bowling—Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—4 pm
- Saturday, Dec 28 Pizza and games—Epiphany Lutheran, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112—6:30 pm

# CROSSFIRE SINGLES MINISTRY



Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. However, not everyone is looking forward to sharing time with loved ones around the table this year.

Singles may feel like they have no family, may be hurting from recent losses, feeling very alone. Crossfire offers a one night session of **Surviving the Holidays** with videos and helpful tips for anyone dreading the holidays due to loss of loved one through death, divorce or anyone for any reason. If you are a survivor, please join us to help support others.

Would you like to be able to look for upcoming **events on Crossfire website** [www.cfire.org](http://www.cfire.org) ? Crossfire board has authorized funds to make this possible and trusting that some of you will contribute to help make this happen.

**If you haven't had a chance to send your gift, now is a great time to express your gratitude for the ministry of Crossfire and show you want Crossfire to continue to support singles for years to come.**

Crossfire provides various kinds of programs Bible studies, Christian movies, social events from picnics, post-Thanksgiving meal and games, Christmas party and dances for good clean Christian fun, socializing and exercise.

Many singles live in a household with only one income and cannot afford luxury of paying to attend social functions. Can you help today?

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# CROSSFIRE SINGLES MINISTRY

Your gift will make a huge difference. Your gift of \$25 will allow 2 singles who cannot afford to pay for events to attend without charge. A gift of \$100 will cover costs of newsletter mailing for one month.

The Bible tells us "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIV

We all remember the promise quoted in Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive."  
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Your support is vital. Please take a moment to make your contribution right now while you are thinking about it.

Sincerely,



Rhoda K. Lauver

Treasurer

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## Hike – Saturday, Nov 2, 2024 - 11 am

### Boyd Big Tree Preserve Conservation Area,

401 Fishing Creek Valley Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Plan to do a short, easy trail and a more difficult trail - about 2 miles.

Dress for the weather and come to enjoy God's creation – plants and wildlife.

Please text Rhoda 717-269-3750 or call 717-545-0005 and leave a message to register your interest in attending. Any change in plans due to weather will be communicated to registered attendees.



## Movie “Last Ounce of Courage” Saturday, November 9th - 6:00 pm



GraceWay Church of God, 220 St. John's Church Rd. Camp Hill, PA 17011

Join Crossfire Friends for a time of fellowship and watching a great movie. A story about faith, family and freedom to take a stand for cherished beliefs. So come and join us (bring a friend)

Barb will be hosting this Crossfire activity. Please register by calling (717) 732-4423 and leave your name and phone number in case we have to cancel. (Thank You).

## Surviving the Holidays Saturday, November 16, 6:30 pm Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112



This event is for anyone who is dreading the holiday season, because your life has changed and you expect to be lonely with no one to share joy. It is also for those of you who have experienced dreading the holiday season and would like to share briefly how you were able to survive the holiday season.

Please register your intent to attend by calling 717-545-0005 and leave a message or email info@cfire.org.



## Saturday, November 23, 2024 – Cedar Cliff Diner, 1104 Carlisle Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011 5:30 pm



Located in: Shoppes at Cedar Cliff

Enjoy casual dining with Crossfire friends.

Diner is under new management and excited to welcome Crossfire.

Please call Sharon at 717-210-1856, no later than Friday, November 20 to let her know you are coming. You can also text Rhoda 717-269-3750 or leave a message at 717-545-0005.

## Saturday, November 30, 2024 – 5:30 pm Thanksgiving leftovers—potluck—games



Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA  
17112

Bring your leftovers or non-leftover food to share for a potluck dinner.

Bring your own preferred game(s) or play Carrom, Pictionary, Skip-Bo, Mille-Borne, Dutch Blitz....

Please let Rhoda know you plan to attend by leaving message on office phone 717-545-0005 or texting 717-269-3750.

## Christmas Dance Saturday – December 7, 6:30 pm



St Paul Lutheran Church, 201 W Louthier St, Carlisle, PA 17013

Celebrate the season, visit friends you have known and new friends you will meet.

DJ will be playing old and new favorites for all types of dancing. Crossfire alumni are welcome.

Please bring:

- a donation for the needy – warm socks, gloves, caps, blankets, personal items.
- Snack or drink to share

Donation to Crossfire \$15 at the door, **passport**, or \$12.50 if received by November 30, 2024.

**For information, text Rhoda 717-269-3750, call 717-545-0005 and leave a message.**

## Monday, Dec 9, 2024, Brunch, 10:30 am

Front St Diner, 4003 N Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17110



Mark your calendar for a breakfast (brunch) get together and fellowship at Front St. Diner. For those of you who don't work during the day come join your CROSSFIRE Friends for some delicious food. To reserve seating, please register in advance. Call Barb at (717) 732-4423 leaving a message with your name and phone number (In Case We Have To Cancel). I hope you'll come and join us.

## Saturday, December 14, Christmas Party - 6:30 pm

Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112



**Cookies** - Bring your favorite cookies to share – homemade or purchased or another snack or drink.

**Gift Exchange** - If you wish to participate, bring a gift of \$10 or make your favorite homemade Christmas treat.

**Suggested attire** - Dress in your holiday festive colors or wear a unique or "Ugly Christmas Sweater" to participate for a small prize!

**Games, Carols, and a Hot Chocolate** station will complete this magical Christmas party!

Suggested donation \$5 to cover the facility rental, supplies, and Crossfire overhead expenses.

**Passport members – free.**

You can register by calling 717-545-0005 and leaving a message or texting 717-269-3750.

## Saturday – December 21, 2024 - Bowling - 4:00 PM

Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



Let's celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Winter ( *BURR!* ) by coming inside and bowling.

We'll be bowling two games for \$8.00 with FREE shoe rentals. Then we'll go to a local restaurant for dinner or dessert.

Register ahead with Barb at 717 732-4423 so she can reserve enough bowling lanes and seats for dinner.

Pay Barb \$8.00 cash for bowling when you arrive at the lanes. (Please leave your name and phone number, in case we have to cancel).

## Pizza and Games



Saturday - December 28, 6:30 pm Epiphany Lutheran social hall,  
1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112



**Suggested donation \$12.50**

Bring a game, plan a game, play any of the many board games available.

Please call Crossfire 717-545-00005 and leave a message, email [info@cfire.org](mailto:info@cfire.org) or text 717-269-3750 to let us know you plan to attend and mention games you like to play and favorite pizza.

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### Covid-19 Policy

- ◆ Masks are optional at Crossfire, and we recommend that you wear them.
- ◆ If you are showing symptoms of the Virus, you will not be allowed to attend.
- ◆ If you have symptom of the Virus or **not feeling well** in any manor **please stay home**.

It is difficult to make rules and policy that restrict God's people. It's my hope in these difficult time you understand we are doing this for your health and future. Hoping to see you all at an event soon.

Blessing, Chairman, Pastor Dave Dormer

We would love to hear your input for events. Send your ideas to [info@cfire.org](mailto:info@cfire.org). Thank you, Pastor Dave

## Crossfire PassPort

When you support CROSSFIRE as a PassPort member, you get FREE admission to all CROSS-FIRE events hosted & priced by the ministry, and a FREE newsletter mailing each month.

You receive a PassPort Card when you fill out a form pledging to donate a minimum of \$25 per month (minimum of \$300 per year).

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