

To The Cross Ministries

EVENT INFORMATION

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Welcome to To The Cross Ministries

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WHO WE ARE

Mission Statement

To The Cross Ministries exists to provide churches with an opportunity to reach the lost in their communities through evangelistic meetings that are designed to present the gospel message and give the listener an opportunity to respond.

Statement of Faith

- > We believe that the **Bible** is the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God and that it is applicable to everyone today. (2 Tim 3:16; Heb 6:17-18; Isa 55:10-11; 2 Pet 1:21)
- > We believe in the eternal existence of God in the **Trinity**: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matt 28:19; Eph 4:4-6)
- > We believe in the complete deity of the man **Jesus Christ**, in His virgin birth, sinless life, sacrificial and atoning death on the cross, his ascension to Heaven, and his approaching return. (Matt 1:23; John 1:1-4 and 1:29; Acts 1:11, 2:22-24; Rom 8:34; 1 Cor 15:3-4; 2 Cor 5:21; Phil 2:5-11; Heb 1:1-4 and 4:15)
- > We believe mankind is inherently **sinful** and separated from a holy God. Only through **repentance and faith** in Christ is anyone able to be reconciled to God and receive his salvation through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom 3:23; John 14:6; 2 Cor 5:19; Tit 3:4-7)
- > We believe in the present work of the **Holy Spirit**, who is able to bring about repentance in the unbeliever and also empower the Christian to live a life of faith in God. (John 16:8-11; 2 Tim 1:14, Gal 5:22-23; Rom 8:14)
- > We believe in the eternal existence of every person. After death the wicked will one day, be raised to **eternal punishment** but the righteous to **eternal life**. (John 6:40; 1 Cor 15:51-57; Rev 20:11-15)
- > We believe in the establishment of Christ's universal **Church**, expressed through the local assembly, of which every Christian ought to be a devoted member. (Matt 16:18; Heb 10:25)
- > We believe the work of every Christian should be in **evangelism** and **discipleship**. Christians are to share their personal faith in Christ with others and build them up as they grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:5; Matt 28:18-20; 2 Pet 3:18)

- > We believe God's plan for **human sexuality** is to be expressed reservedly in the married relationship of one man and one woman. This relationship is the foundation for a healthy, stable, Christian **family**. (Gen 2:24; Matt 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Rom 1:26-27; 1 Cor 6:9)
- > We believe **human life** is given by God and should be protected from conception until its natural end. Christians are always to treat others well because they have been created in the image of God, and thus deserve the utmost respect and love. (Gen 1:27; Psa 139:13, Mark 12:29-31)

ABOUT US

Our Story

My name is Matthew Musser and I am the founder of To The Cross Ministries. I realized that evangelistic and revival meetings are sadly being underemphasized in the church today. As a result, many people are trying to live the Christian life but find themselves, at best distracted, and at worst, unable to find the joy and peace Christ offers to all who will believe. To The Cross Ministries was formed to provide an avenue for churches to regain and revive the truth that is found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

What We Do

To The Cross Ministries provides an opportunity for churches to hold revival or outreach conferences that are designed to connect with the community and build the church. We begin by asking all the churches involved to pray for the upcoming meetings. We will then meet with the church staff to discuss the details of the upcoming meeting. Additionally, we encourage the congregation to invite their friends and family. At each meeting we will present the Gospel and encourage the hearers to respond. Lastly, we make sure that all new believers have an opportunity to connect with a church and grow in their faith.

What We Believe

We exist to preach the Gospel message in truth, not selfish ambition. (Phil 1:18) We believe the Truth of God's Word is able to set people free. We share God's love, not only through word and talk, but also in deed and truth. (1 John 3:18) We desire to see people saved and transformed by the truth of Jesus Christ as he is revealed in the Bible. (Col 1:3-8)

EVENT STRATEGY

The goal of To The Cross Ministries Events is to provide a place for individuals to come and hear the gospel preached and have an opportunity to respond and grow in their faith. These events will be hosted at a church or similar facility where individuals will be invited to come and listen. These events will involve the church(es) that have contacted or agreed with To The Cross Ministries to be a part of the event. Events follow a five-week, five-step process as outlined in the calendar below.

Fig 3.1 – Event Calendar

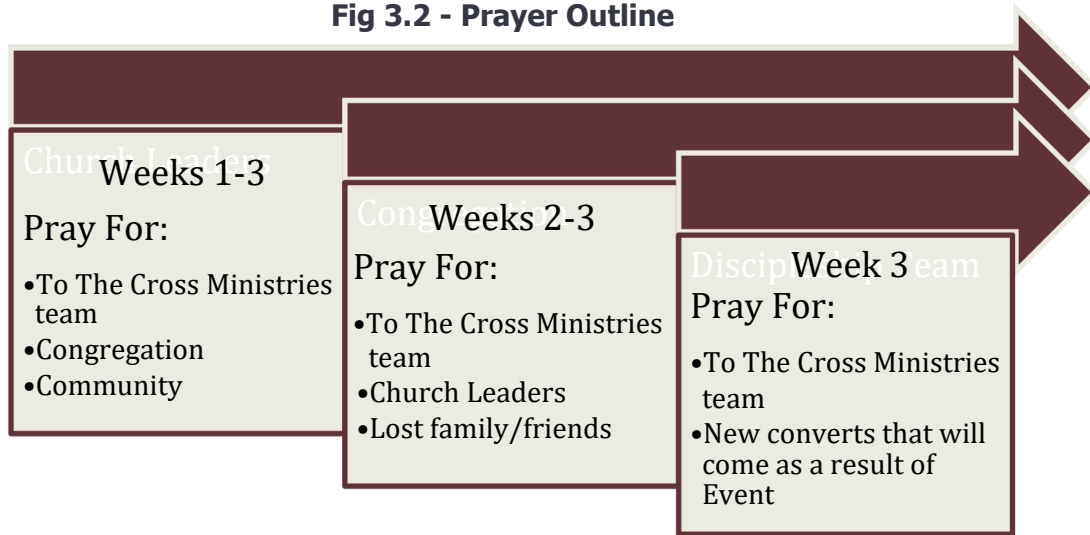
To The Cross Ministries - Event Calendar

	sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
Week 1-3 Pray	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Church leaders begin to pray						→
Week 2 Prepare	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Congregation told of event and asked to pray	Pastoral Meeting		Staff Meeting		Volunteer Meeting	
Week 3 Persuade	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Discipleship Teams begin to pray	To The Cross Ministries begins to advertise	Pastoral Staff reaches out to members			Church invites friends and family to event	
Week 4 Preach	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	First service begins Sunday night					→	Last Service concludes Saturday night
week 5 Pursue	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	To The Cross follow up email	Weekly Devotions sent out					→

Pray (Weeks 1-3)

The first, and most important, step in the event schedule will be **prayer**. As outlined in the event calendar, prayer for the event should be for the first 3 weeks of the campaign. After the event is scheduled and a date is set, the leaders of the church(es) will be asked to pray for the upcoming campaign. At the beginning of the second week the congregation of the church(es) should be informed about the event and encouraged to pray every day over the following week. In the third week discipleship teams will be formed (see Prepare) that will engage in prayer for specific individuals. (see Fig 3.2) (Ezra 9)

Fig 3.2 - Prayer Outline



Prepare (Week 2)

The second stage begins in the second week of the event. This stage centers around practically **preparing** for the event in every aspect. At this point, the team at To The Cross Ministries will hold discipleship and outreach classes for the churches' staff and voluntary leaders. This will consist of a meeting held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of Week 2. (see Event Calendar) The first meeting will be with the church pastor and elder team. It will discuss points such as the location, time, duration, and other practical issues concerning the event. The second meeting will be with the entire church staff and discuss their expected responsibilities as leaders at the event. It will prepare them to speak with anyone who might come from outside the church. The final meeting will be with volunteer workers that have been recruited from the churches' congregation. These volunteers will learn their specific duties, whether they are working on the parking team, hospitality, ushers etc.

Table 3.3 – Meeting Schedule

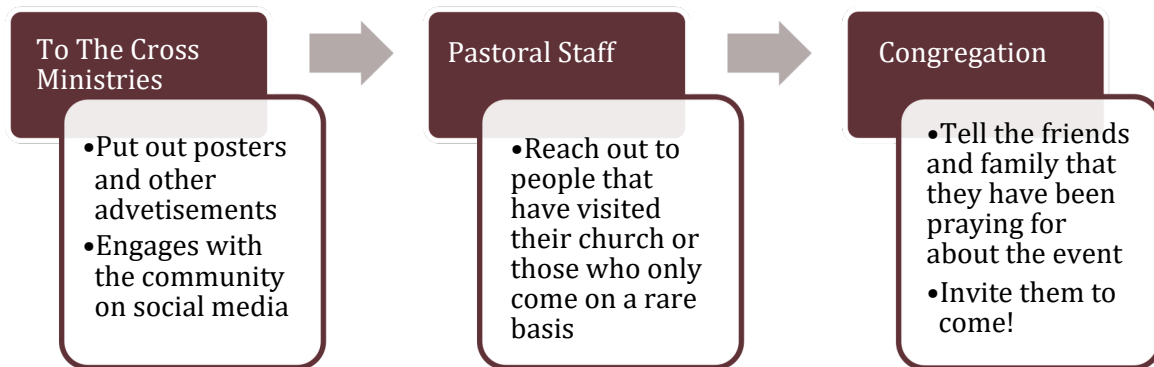
Meeting Type	Date	Objective
Pastoral	Monday	Decide on location, time of event, expected duration. Answer questions and concerns.
Staff	Wednesday	Train staff on how to interact with the unbelievers who will attend the event.
Volunteer	Friday	Instruct the volunteers in their specific duties, thank them for their support

Persuade (Week 3)

It is at this stage the congregation will become actively involved. We encourage the pastor to stress, from the pulpit, the importance of **inviting** people to the event. Many people who might not come to a church service on Sunday morning will come to a special event if they are invited respectfully. Specifically, family members and friends of the congregation should be invited. Sadly, few people in the church actively share their faith on a regular basis, but this will give them an opportunity to invite others to a service where the gospel will be presented.

We realize it is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring about conviction of sin and righteousness and the coming judgement. Our intention in this stage is to give him fertile ground to do his work. We trust that through our prayer in the preceding weeks he has already begun to work on many hearts and now we will simply scatter the seed. To The Cross Ministries will provide flyers and reminder cards that the congregation will be able to hand out. The To The Cross Ministries Team, pastoral/staff, and congregation all have important roles to play in this process. For more details see Fig. 3.5 below.

Figure 3.5 – Prepare Responsibilities



Preach (Week 4)

The fourth week will initiate the **evangelistic presentations**. At the assigned time the service will begin with a time of worship provided by the host church. (If a church would like To The Cross Ministries to bring in an outside team for worship, they are required to let the organization know at the onset of event.) After worship, there will be a brief prayer by the pastor of a local church, he will then introduce that night's speaker.

Central to the evangelist's message will be the Cross of Christ. (1 Cor 2:1-2) The following elements will be addressed (in varying degrees) in each message:

- Creation
- Sin
- Judgement
- God's Love
- The Cross
- Repentance/Faith
- The Bible
- The Church
- Death/Eternity
- The Return of Christ

We believe there are general things that should be addressed to every person who is searching for God. People in the audience have questions and we believe God has provided the answers. Subjects such as these are ever on the human mind. The believer and the unbeliever alike, find themselves confronted with their opinions on these all-important issues. The human heart is the same the world over; there is not a soul living today that, in some way, has not had to deal with these questions. Though this is not meant to be an exhaustive list, every sermon needs at least a little bit of every one of these topics.

Pursue (Week 5)

At the end of each message a call for repentance and faith will be given. This will usually, although not always, be in the form of an altar call. Those that come forwards will be led in a prayer of faith, and encouraged by the discipleship team to: tell someone about their decision, begin to read the Bible (be given one if necessary), pray every day, and attend one of the churches in the area of their residence. They will also be given follow-up materials that will include a small, practical book on how to live for Christ.

We will encourage, but not force, the new believer to give their contact information, so that To The Cross Ministries can **keep in touch** with them. Over the following week they will receive an email congratulating them on the decision and reminding them to get involved in a local church. They will also be added to the To The Cross Ministries email list, which sends out weekly devotionals that are designed to help people follow Christ.

Fig 3.6 - Pursue Process

