

COTTAGE GROVE CAMPUS CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Saturday, December 8 | 11 AM—2 PM

The community is invited to a free Christmas Carnival for families. We will have food, crafts, games, and stories with Santa and Mrs. Clause! We cannot pull off this event without YOU! If you are free December 8, please consider volunteering. Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

BUNDLES OF LOVE | Sat, Dec 15 | 9:00 AM

Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Woodbury Campus. All are welcome to join us! We create newborn necessities for families in need. Contact Linn DeWitt for more info: ldewitt@hotmail.com or 612-940-7819.

A TOUCH OF HOME | Sat, Dec 15 | 9:30 AM

Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Woodbury Campus. All are welcome to join us! We assemble packages for soldiers overseas. Learn more and see a list of suggested donations at atouchofhomemn.com.

CRKIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 16 | 4:00 PM

Cottage Grove CR Kids will be presenting a Family Christmas program: *"Unspeakable Joy"*. The program starts at 4:00 PM. Come and enjoy our hot cocoa bar beginning at 3:15 PM.

CG CAMPUS CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 23: 9:15 & 11:15 AM

Monday, December 24: 1:15 & 3:15 PM

You may volunteer to serve at a Christmas service on the attached Connect card, or at www.cr.life. Volunteers are also needed at our regular services December 30. If you are a currently-serving volunteer, you may also sign up on Planning Center.



This weekend we are pleased to have as our guest speaker

Jon Good, Church Mobilization Director with International Justice Mission. **IJM** is a human rights agency that brings rescue to victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. Please be advised that we are rating this service "PG-13". We recommend that you make use of CR Kids programming.

Service Time	Greeter	Usher	Café	CR Kids
Sun, Dec 23, 9:15 am				
Sun, Dec 23, 11:15 am	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
Mon, Dec 24, 1:15 pm	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
Mon, Dec 24, 3:15 pm				
Sun, Dec 30, 9:15 am				
Sun, Dec 30, 11:15 am				

2018 Christmas Volunteers: Please Mark below if you can help at one of our Christmas services. Then tear off and place this form in the offering or turn in at the Welcome Desk. You may also sign up at www.cr.life. Make sure your name and contact information are on the other side of this form. Questions? Contact DanielleCampbell@CrossroadsChurch.cc.

WELCOME TO Crossroads

TODAY'S SERVICE:

Our hope is that everyone who comes through the doors of Crossroads experiences God in a very real and profound way. Each week, we begin our services by singing together, followed by relevant teaching. No matter your background, know that you are welcome here!

- **CR Kids**, birth-grade 5, is offered during each service.
- **CR Youth**, grades 6-12, meets Wednesday evenings during the school year, 6:45-8:30.
- Sensitive ears? Earplugs are available at the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

NEXT STEPS:

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we want to help you take your next step toward connecting with God and others. To learn more, please stop by the Welcome Desk in our lobby. We'd love to meet you!

MORE INFO:

- **Loved today's message?** Want to see it again or tell a friend about it? You can watch online and view a list of today's worship music at www.crossroadschurch.cc/messages.
- **Giving Information:** You can make a one-time gift or set up automated giving so you never miss a week. For online giving information, please visit www.crossroadschurch.cc/give. To give through texting, please text **CRCG** to **77977**.
- **Crossroads App:** Text **CRMN APP** to **77977** for a link to download our Crossroads App.

MESSAGE NOTES

International Justice Mission

IJM is a global organization that protects the poor from violence throughout the developing world.

Fear of violence is part of everyday life for the poor.

The poor are vulnerable because their justice systems don't protect them from violent people.

- » 4 billion people live outside the protection of the law.
- » There are 40+ million slaves in the world today - more than at any time in history.
- » 1 in 4 slaves is a child

The motivation for IJM's work is God's heart for justice, which is found throughout the Bible.

Micah 6.8: God has told you, o mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Practically speaking, how are we to fulfill God's requirement to "do justice"?

- » Look for *injustice* - and then take steps to correct it.
- » *Injustice* = the abuse of power by taking from others what God has given them.
 - Property
 - Life
 - Innocence
 - Freedom

IJM protects the poor from violence by:

- Rescuing victims
- Restoring survivors
- Restraining criminals
- Repairing justice systems

Luke 4.18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Jesus declared his "mission statement" through the words of Isaiah.

- » Today, he could choose to accomplish these things all by himself.
- » But he chooses, instead, to use *people* to get his work done in the world.
- » There is no Plan B.

What is my role?

CONNECT

Tell us about yourself!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE(S) _____ HOME

_____ CELL

E-MAIL _____

I AM UPDATING MY INFORMATION

THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT

CARE MINISTRY VISIT OR PHONE CALL REQUESTED

PRAYER REQUESTS

How can we pray for you?

Tear off this card and place in the offering, or leave at the Welcome Desk in the lobby.