

# Welcome

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# Welcome to McKnight Crossings

***We are so glad that you are here with the McKnight Crossings family. Our prayer is that you will not only be blessed by being here, but that you will also become a greater blessing to others!***

***Our Shepherds and Ministry Team believe that you have the greatest opportunity to grow and develop deeper relationships if you commit to several key expectations. The more we and you stay focused on these key commitments, the greater our blessing to others becomes.***

***If you commit to be a part of our family, we feel a responsibility to help you in your Christian walk, as we familiarize you with this church and find places for you to belong and serve. We are holding one another to member expectations explained in this orientation and summarized below.***

## MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

- Live Faithfully – Ephesians 4:1
- Participate Regularly – Hebrews 10:23-25
- Serve Willingly – I Peter 4:10-11
- Give Generously – II Corinthians 9:6-7
- Speak Positively – Colossians 4:5-6
- Pray Continually – I Thessalonians 5:17

*May God bless your faith walk,  
Ministry Staff and Shepherds*

# McKnight Crossings Welcome Packet

## **OUR MISSION**

*A church family welcoming others into a growing relationship with Christ and His community through God's radical hospitality.*

## **OUR VISION**

*Creating a contagious culture eager to tell the good things God is doing.*

## **OUR APPROACH**

*Our ministry is based on faithfully practicing three areas: 1) Delighting in God; 2) Encouraging One Another; 3) Serving Eagerly.*

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# McKnight Crossings Mission Statement

***A church family welcoming others into a growing relationship with Christ and His community through God's radical hospitality.***

What do the key words below, from our mission statement, say about our core values?

- *family*
- *welcoming*
- *growing relationship with Christ and His community*
- *God's radical hospitality*

*We have a few core beliefs that are the basis of our unity, mission, and congregational life.*

✓ **About The Authority We Live By**

– **We affirm our submission to the authority of Christ.**

- We submit to the authority of God's Word in Scripture, always pointing us to Jesus Christ – his person, work, and words.
- The authority of the Church rests in Christ as the builder, foundation, and Head of the Body.
- Matt. 28:18-20; John 5:39, 20:30-31; Col. 1:15-18; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 1:1-4, 4:12; 1 Cor. 3:10-11; Eph. 2:19-22

✓ **About Our Salvation**

- **We affirm the need for every person to have a saving relationship with Christ.**
  - Because of our sin and disobedience, we are saved through Jesus Christ as the only way to the Father.
  - We are made right with God through the grace given in the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.
  - We come to Christ through faith, repentance, and baptism.
  - We request all members to be baptized by immersion as a pledge of commitment to God, and to receive every blessing he offers his children.
  - See Matt. 28:18-20; John 14:6; Acts 2:36-38, 4:12; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 6

## ✓ About Our Unity

### – We affirm the priority of maintaining unity in Christ.

- Our unity is based in the cross of Jesus Christ. We maintain this unity of the Spirit by affirming:
  - One Body – the Church
  - One Spirit – the indwelling Holy Spirit
  - One Hope – eternal life with God
  - One Lord – Jesus Christ, Son of God
  - One Faith – the saving message
  - One Baptism – faith response to Christ
  - One Father God – all things, especially God’s children, are for God’s glory.
  - See Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 1:1-31, 3:10-11, 12:12-13; Eph. 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 4:1-16; Titus 1:2, 3:7

## ✓ About Our Worship

- **We affirm the importance of growing through worshipping Christ.**
  - We worship God in Spirit and Truth (as temples of the Holy Spirit and with Christ Jesus as our true High Priest). We gather to share songs, communion, prayer, the Word, our gifts, and our lives. This happens as we gather together in multiple assemblies on Sunday.
  - **Contemporary/Traditional Worship**– at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, led by both men and women, we have a relaxed worship style with both instrumental and a cappella (rich in the Church of Christ heritage) worship.
  - In small groups (Connect Groups, prayer, and breakfast groups).
  - In our individual lives of prayer and devotion to God.
  - We worship through lives of service to God at all times and in all places.
  - See John 4:21-24; Heb. 7-10; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:1; Col. 3:1-17; Matt. 5:16; Heb. 10:25

## Unity Reminder

It is important to note what is not included in our core beliefs. This does not mean that other teachings are unimportant. It simply means they are not the basis of our unity. On many topics we may hold differing views, yet maintain the unity of the Spirit.



# McKnight Crossings Our Shepherds



Steve & Susan Awtrey



Bret & Michelle Blackford



Don & Debbie Fitzgerald



Lane & Kim Hamm

# McKnight Crossings Our Shepherds



Steve & Ann Haupt



Keaton & Kathy Jones



Brad & Sue Stevens



Steve & Gwen Walker

# McKnight Crossings Our Shepherds



Dave & Amy Weiler



Louis & Joyce West

# McKnight Crossings Ministry Staff



Jeff Kryder – Senior Minister



Jeremiah Haywood—  
Children's Minister



Jeremy Picker  
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# McKnight Crossings Ministry Staff



Jeannie Britzmann  
Associate Minister



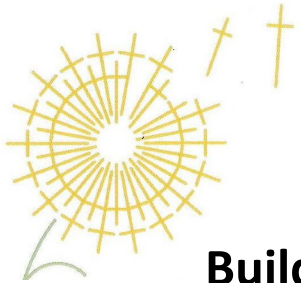
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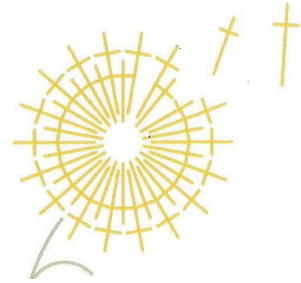
# Outreach Focus

Crossings where we focus our welcome



**Building** (e.g. Food Pantry,  
Room at the Inn, and  
Sunday Worship)

**Homes** (e.g.  
Connect Groups)



**City** (e.g. North City  
Church)

**Community** (e.g.  
Local Outreach,  
Block Party)

## McKnight Crossings Connect Groups



- Small groups are very important in developing our church life. We aim to grow together through our close interaction.
- Connect Groups meet throughout the week in homes all around the city.
- For a list of groups and help in finding a group for you, contact [info@mcknightcrossings.org](mailto:info@mcknightcrossings.org) or [jkryder@mcknightcrossings.org](mailto:jkryder@mcknightcrossings.org).
- Generally, handouts are provided that align with the Sunday message.
- Some of the groups are more geographically based, others are more age specific.

## McKnight Crossings Ministries and Contacts – InReach

- Adult Christian Formation
  - Classes – *Jeff Kryder, Betty Vaughn*
  - Library
- Beautify the Building – *Kara Karraker*
- Building and Grounds – *Bret Blackford*
- Children’s Ministry-*Jeremiah Haywood*
- Fellowship Ministry
- Finance / Budget – *Jeannie Britzmann*
- Hospitality
- Men’s Ministry
- Praise Team- *Jeremy Picker*
- Pray & Go-*Jeff Kryder, Jeannie Britzmann*
- Prayer Ministry- *Dave Weiler, Jeannie Britzmann*
- Print/Digital Communications
- Safety Ministry – *Jerry Mickey*
- Senior Ministry
- Social Media
- Sunday Morning Circuit – *Dave Weiler, Ben Mehringer*
- Technology and Audio-Visual
- Teen Ministry-
- Unity in Diversity – *Joyce & Louis West, Todd & Beth Mayberry*
- Website – *Elizabeth McPherson*
- Women’s Ministry
- Worship – *Jeremy Picker, Jeff Kryder*



# McKnight Crossings Ministries and Contacts – OutReach

- Benevolence – Outreach
  - Food Pantry –*Barb Eickele*
  - Room At The Inn
  - Snowflakes for Warmth
  - Fall Food Drive
- Camp Ne-O-Tez – *Steve Jones*
- Connect Groups – *Jeff Kryder, Dale Simpson*
- Greeters' Ministry – *Fredy Griffith*
- Local Missions and Community Outreach
  - ACTS Campus Ministry – *Katie Holloway*
  - Christian Family Services – *Steve Awtrey*
  - Local Outreach Ministry – *Jeff Kryder*
- Missions Committee and Missions –*Jeff & Beata McGlawn, Jim & Fredy Griffith*
  - Marseille, France
  - Mauritius
  - Panama
- Urban Outreach
  - North City –*Dave & Amy Weiler*

## McKnight Crossings kidsCROSSINGS



At kidsCROSSINGS, we want to provide an environment for each child to be engaged with other students and with God.

In the preschool age group (2-4 years old), our goal is that every student know with all of their heart that: God made them and God loves them; Jesus wants to be their friend FOREVER!

As the kids get older (5 yrs. - 5th grade) and begin to discover God more fully, our goal is that each student understands 3 basic truths: **FAITH:** I can trust God no matter what; **WISDOM:** I need to make the wise choice; **FRIENDSHIP:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

These basic truths are at the core of Jesus's teachings and life. Understanding these core truths is the first step in developing a passion for serving God for the rest of their lives.

## McKnight Crossings Teen Ministry



**Purpose Statement:** Our Student Ministry desires to REACH non-believing students, to CONNECT them with other Christians, to help them GROW in their faith, to DISCOVER their ministry, and HONOR God with their life.

In our Student Ministry, we want to provide an environment for each child to be engaged with other students and with God. We meet for Sunday morning worship and have planned events throughout the year such as Wednesday night youth group, service projects, mission trips, and Bible study. E-mail Michalie Brown or call 314-962-7026.

# What members of this church are expected to do.

## The Shepherds ask that McKnight Crossings members be committed to:

**Delight in God. Encourage One Another. Serve Eagerly.**

1. Learn to love God deeply through prayer and worship.
2. Develop relationships (find a Connect Group and always speak positively of one another).
3. Use your gifts to serve the body and the community.
4. Give generously.