

CROSSROADS

# DAYTON

Be a part of the story.

**NOTE FROM BT**

In 1999, Crossroads was meeting in a middle school in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Cincinnati. There were about 600 seats. We'd been a church for 3 years and were running out of room. It turns out creating a place for our friends who "had given up on church, but not on God" resonated with people.

At that time, an old building supply store (Home Quarters) was going out of business just a few blocks away. Trying to purchase that building was a huge investment and a big risk. But the faithful people at Crossroads had seen enough of their friends coming to know Jesus that they jumped at the opportunity. Our first-ever building campaign kicked into gear. Despite being a relatively small community, people gave sacrificially and God—through a set of multiple miracle circumstances—honored that sacrifice. We secured 3500 Madison Road in Cincinnati, and it became our first permanent location.



-----> If you're reading this, you are the product of that early sacrifice. You're here because others who came before you gave generously. Now we have the opportunity to do the same, to lock arms and build a place where our friends and neighbors can experience what God has done for us. This is an incredibly exciting time. I can't wait to see what God does in Dayton.

In His Grip,

Brian Tome  
Senior Pastor

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# The next chapter.

God has given Crossroads a unique voice. It's not for everyone. It tends to attract people who have given up on church but still want to wrestle with the idea of faith. Tens of thousands of people have discovered a thriving relationship with Jesus because of Crossroads. And while Bellbrook Middle School has been a fantastic temporary home, it's also sort of like inviting your friend to grab coffee at the Starbucks in Target. It's ok, but wouldn't you rather go to an actual Starbucks building?

**A permanent physical site legitimizes and supercharges a mission.**



## NOTE FROM THE CASTLEMANS

"Since moving, our family has felt so incredibly welcomed by the Crossroads Dayton community. I've been in ministry for over a decade and I have never seen God move in the ways He's moving here. Story after story of new people encountering Jesus in a way they've never experienced before... and a resiliency in the core of this church that inspires others to move. In fact, it's that heart and resiliency that encouraged us to say 'YES' to what we believe was a God-sized calling to Dayton. There is something really special happening here. As someone who was a nonbeliever when I first walked into Crossroads, I would have felt so welcomed and included here... and as an evangelist, I couldn't be more excited to help create that same experience for thousands more in Dayton!"

Matt Castleman  
Dayton Community Pastor



Dayton now has an opportunity to open that permanent site. We've purchased a building, and now we need to transform it into a tool to reach thousands more people in the Greater Dayton area.



FIRST EVER SERVICE IN DAYTON



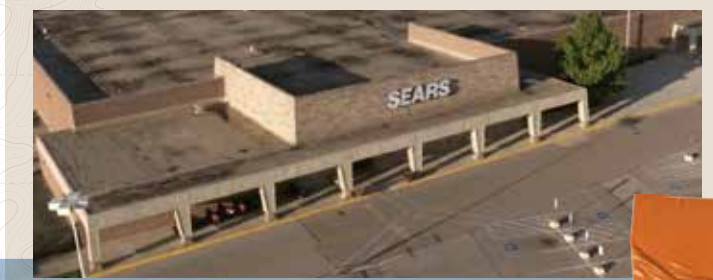
### THE NEED

Our Dayton site has experienced exponential growth since returning to weekly services last May. Physical attendance has nearly doubled. In the last four months alone, Dayton has seen a 21% increase, with a high of 616 people on Easter weekend. This all happened while meeting in a temporary location for the last four years with dozens of volunteers setting up and tearing down every single weekend. Without a larger, permanent place of our own, there's a limit to how many of our friends and neighbors we can reach. With a permanent, fully-renovated site designed for actual ministry, we can firmly establish Crossroads in the Dayton area and offer the support, services, and outreach we are being called to provide.

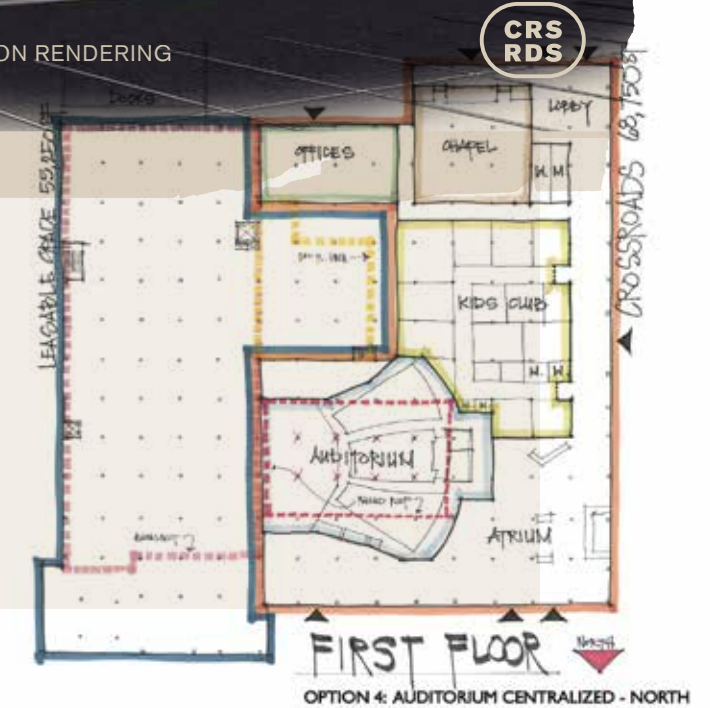
→ Our plan is to renovate the former Sears location of the Dayton Mall to offer a highly versatile space including a state-of-the-art Auditorium, Kids' Club, Student Section, Meeting Rooms, and Atrium 2.0 (a new model of atrium for Crossroads). This renovated space can accommodate our site to serve over 4,000 attendees.

→ While we are still actively examining different plans, the current total construction cost is estimated to be \$18 million. The larger Crossroads Church has already purchased the building and will be paying all the operating costs for Crossroads Dayton for the next three years (through Dec 31, 2025), allowing every dollar given by our community over the next three years to go directly to the new building. Our generosity will dictate what we do and how fast we do it.

BORN  
FOR  
ADVENTURE



EARLY CROSSROADS DAYTON RENDERING



OPTION 4: AUDITORIUM CENTRALIZED - NORTH

### TARGET DATES

PURCHASE THE SEARS BUILDING AT THE DAYTON MALL SITE	COMPLETE
BUILD AND EQUIP VOLUNTEER LAUNCH TEAM	SPRING 2023
SOFT LAUNCH SERVICES AND MINISTRIES AT NEW SITE	FALL 2023
COMPLETE RENOVATIONS OF THE BUILDING	SUMMER 2024

STORIES GOD IS WRITING IN DAYTON

Every number has a name and every name is known by God.

Her name is Ashley. His is Rodney.

-----> These are their stories.

“ **We moved to Ohio knowing no one.** A crushing cancer diagnosis was more than I could bear. I cried out to God—for healing, for friends, for hope. God’s answer was the Crossroads Dayton community.

I joined a Moms group where imperfect women just like me surrounded me with truly authentic friendship. God used those women to fill me with hope. My community went from zero to thriving. Oh, and the 13 nodules doctors found on my lungs?

**Through the prayers of friends, God healed me.** Tears of heartache turned to tears of joy. ”

ASHLEY  
CROSSROADS DAYTON  
COMMUNITY MEMBER



Ashley

THIS PLACE  
WAS  
**MADE**  
FOR YOU



Rodney

“ I was living a life focused on drinking, drugs and parties - chasing the next high. After reconnecting with a high school buddy and spending time with him for a couple of years, I agreed to join him for a service at Crossroads Dayton.

It was there that I heard about Couples Camp and took my wife. At CC I found myself signing up for Man Camp just a few weeks later. God did something to me under that tent. He set me free. I walked away from MC a sober man. That was five years ago. **God used Crossroads Dayton to radically change my life.** ”

RODNEY  
CROSSROADS DAYTON  
COMMUNITY MEMBER

**CONSIDER YOUR PART IN THIS STORY**

You're reading this right now because faithful givers sacrificed time, money, and creative energy to make Crossroads a reality. Their legacy is you. What will your legacy be?

Your challenge is simple. Wrestle with what God is calling you to do.

**READ / STUDY**

**Read the following verses slowly at least twice. Circle anything that stands out to you. (Bonus points for looking them up in multiple Bible translations.)**

**Proverbs 3:9-10**

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.*

**Malachi 3:6-12**

*"I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.*

*"But you ask, 'How are we to return?'*

*"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.*

*"But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'*

*"In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the Lord Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.*

**Luke 6:30-36**

*Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

*"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

**Luke 16:9-13**

*I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.*

*"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"*

*"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."*

**CAPTURE NOTES**

**Where is God getting your attention?**

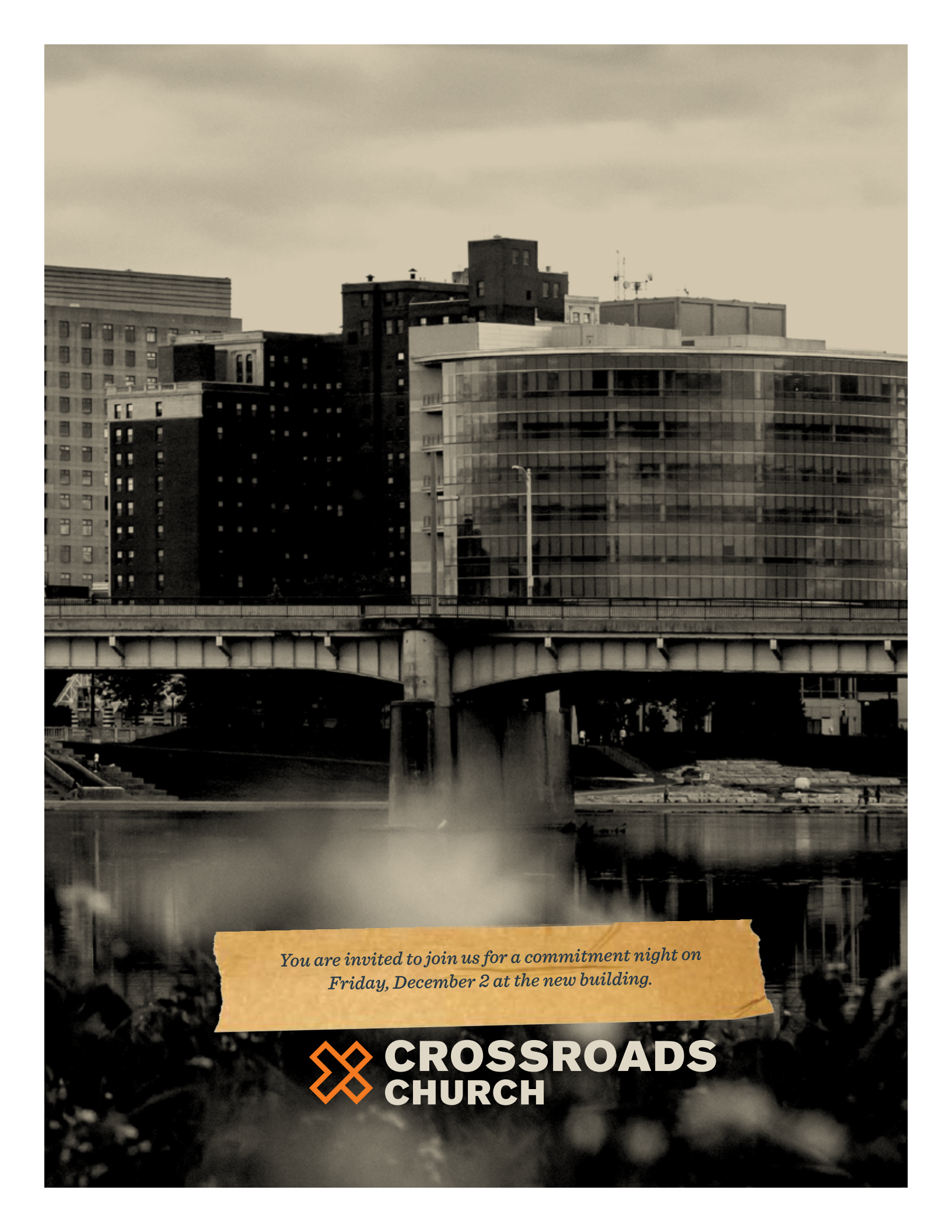
**What do you think He might be asking of you?**

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**TALK ABOUT IT**  
Make time to have a conversation with your spouse. Go over your notes. If you're not married, meet with a trusted friend who follows Jesus.

**SAVE THE DATE 12/2/22**

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