

STARTING POINT



**STEP 1: YOUR FIRST STEP IN
CONNECTING AT CROSS POINT**



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WELCOME TO YOUR STARTING POINT

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to join us today! Starting Point truly is the best way to get connected to Cross Point Church. During our time together you will learn a little about who Cross Point is as a church and why we do what we do. You will also learn about the Starting Point of your journey of faith and what God desires for you. After our time together we hope you will have a better understanding of who we are as a church and your next steps to connect at Cross Point and join God along your journey of faith.

Let's begin this journey together!



JESUS IS THE SUBJECT

WHO IS CROSS POINT?

When people ask us who we are as a church or what Cross Point is about the answer is simple. We tell them we are a group of believers who are about Jesus because Jesus is the subject. He is why we do everything we do.

Jesus is the reason a man named R.L. Spencer of Ashland, KY, in 1928, held a three-week revival at the Raleigh County Courthouse and out of that revival a new congregation of believers was born that is today Cross Point Church.

He is the reason a group of believers stepped out in faith in 2008 to begin building a new facility on Crescent Road to have an even greater impact in their community.

Jesus is the reason every Sunday over 75 volunteers selflessly give of their time and talents to help make an eternal impact in the lives of others.

He is the reason people are in small groups each week encouraging one another, sharing burdens, praying for each other, and doing life together.

Jesus is the reason for everything we do as a church.



CROSS POINT: HERE & NOW

WHAT IS THE MISSION?

One of the most common questions we are asked is, “What is God calling Cross Point to do?” This is an easy question to answer. God’s mission for the church hasn’t changed and it is very simple. It’s all about Jesus. It’s really that simple! In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus said, “**go and make disciples.**” The mission of the church is to be about Jesus. We are to go into the world around us, share the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, and make disciples. This is what Jesus commanded His disciples just before He returned to heaven, and it is what he commissions us to do today.

A disciple is a follower. They are someone who attaches him or herself to a leader, in this case Jesus. Jesus sent the church on its mission to tell



people about Him. As the church tells people about Jesus and makes disciples, people can worship, trust, follow, and obey Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION?

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 29:18, **“where there is no vision, the people perish.”** Without a clear vision we are unable to accomplish God’s mission to go out into the world around us and make an impact. At Cross Point everything we attempt is for God’s glory. We desire to create environments where people can grow into devoted disciples to fulfill our mission to go and make disciples. We accomplish this mission through our vision to Love, Connect, and Equip.

LOVE: LOVE ALWAYS WINS

Since God is love and since we are His people extending His grace and truth to the world around us, love must be the basis for all that we do. Love for God is the cornerstone upon which we begin to build. Love for people who are far from God as well as loving people who know God has to be the





foundation from which the block is based if we are going to have eternal significance. In order to make this a reality, everyone at Cross Point will need to live this out. Love is messy. Love can also be time intensive. But we know this—**love always wins.**

CONNECT: WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

Connect is where love and time collide. It is in loving God that we see His heart and sense His mind. By connecting with others, we will see one another's hearts and hear each other's thoughts as we share together. It is in connection where some of the messiness of life is shared and worked through. Connections occur best in small group settings. Connection is often one of our biggest struggles and weaknesses. This is partly due to our crazy schedules and even our own selfishness at times. We must see the value in connecting with others, because **we are better together!**



EQUIP: EQUIPPED TO IMPACT OTHERS

Love for God, love for people, and connecting with one another moves us to equipping. Equipping is where we provide times of explaining, training, and mentoring to carry out the work of the church. This is where we discov-

er our spiritual giftedness and put them into action to truly make a difference in the lives of others. The only way equipping is effective is when the first two components of Love and Connection are found within the heart. Without love we are “tinkling brass and a clanging cymbal” (1 Corinthians 13:1). Without connection, we will not make the most of our time and resources.

When we are equipped we are able to make the most of our time and resources. When we are equipped we are able to take advantage of the unstoppable opportunities God gives us to truly **impact the lives of others**.



YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

IT STARTS WITH JESUS

We are all on a journey of faith with God. Each of us are at different points along that journey.

Your journey of faith and joining your church to Love, Connect, and Equip begins with Jesus.

Why do you need Jesus? You need Him first of all because you need His salvation. You see, you aren't here by accident; God created you, and He put you here for a reason. In fact, He loves you, and life's greatest joy comes from knowing that God is your friend, and that He is with you every day. Jesus said these words, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

The problem is that we have ignored God and gone our own way, and as a result we are separated from Him – both now and in eternity. We have all done, thought or said bad things, which



the Bible calls this “sin.” The Bible says, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). The result of sin is death and spiritual separation from God (Romans 6:23). Our greatest need is to have our sins forgiven and cleansed. But how can this happen? God sent His Son to die for your sins! Only God can forgive us – and He made this possible by sending His only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world for us. By His death on the cross Jesus took upon Himself the judgement that you and I deserve. God loves you that much! Jesus died in our place so we could have a relationship with God and be with Him forever.

“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

But it didn’t end with His death on the cross. Jesus rose again and still lives today!

“Christ died for our sins. He was buried. He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).



According to the Bible there is only one way to have our sins cleansed and forgiven: repenting of your sins and placing your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It should be noted it is by grace, through faith and not by your works, but by the works of Jesus alone, that you are saved. Such an exclusive statement may confuse or even surprise us, but it is true nonetheless. Jesus Himself says in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is not a way, as in one of many; He is *the* way, as in the one and only. No one, regardless of reputation, achievement, special knowledge, personal holiness, or good deeds, can come to God the Father except through Jesus.

Peter, one of the first followers of Jesus said, "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Jesus is the one and only way to God the Father and into heaven.



Eternal life in heaven is made possible only through Christ. To receive God's free gift of salvation, we must look to Jesus and Jesus alone. We must trust in Jesus' death on the cross as our payment for sin and in His resurrection. "This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe" (Romans 3:22).

You also need Jesus for your life right now. You need His guidance and wisdom, and you also need His comfort and hope when hard times come (and they will). You need strength to avoid temptations that can destroy you, and you need His help to live as you should.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS?

We can't earn salvation; we are saved by God's grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. All you have to do is believe you are a sinner, that Jesus died for your sins, and ask His forgiveness. Then turn from your sins – that's called repentance. Jesus Christ knows you and loves you. What matters to Him is the attitude of your heart and your honesty.

By a simple prayer of faith you can turn to Jesus and give your life to Him today.

Dear God, I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to live. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



DID YOU PRAY THE PRAYER?

Yes! I prayed the prayer!

This is the most important day of your life! Please write your name and date below:

Name: _____ Date: _____

We are excited you have made a commitment to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and serve Him as your Lord. This is the most important day of your life!

If you prayed this prayer during Starting Point please contact any of the pastors or the church office to let us know. We want to celebrate with you and provide you with resources to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

If you pray this prayer at a later time, please let one of the pastors know so we can help you along your journey.



WHAT NOW?

YOUR NEXT STEP: GET PLUGGED IN

Thank you for spending your time with us to learn more about Cross Point. Your next step is to get plugged in.

Ways to get plugged in at Cross Point:

- Discover the importance of small groups. Learn how they are important times to connect, share life together, and engage. For more information you can contact the church office or visit our website at: www.beckleycrosspoint.org/adult-ministry
- Dig into discipleship. Learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and what God expects for Christians. Cross Point has discipleship resources available to help you. You can request these resources by contacting the church office.
- Learn about serving – God has uniquely gifted you to serve. You can discover what your gifting is and learn about serving opportunities at Cross Point by taking our gifts inventory. You can access this survey by scanning the QR code below or by visiting <https://app.agolix.com/assessment/15033>



CONNECT WITH CROSS POINT

ONLINE, SOCIAL MEDIA, & THE CP APP

Connect with your church online, through social media, and the Cross Point App.

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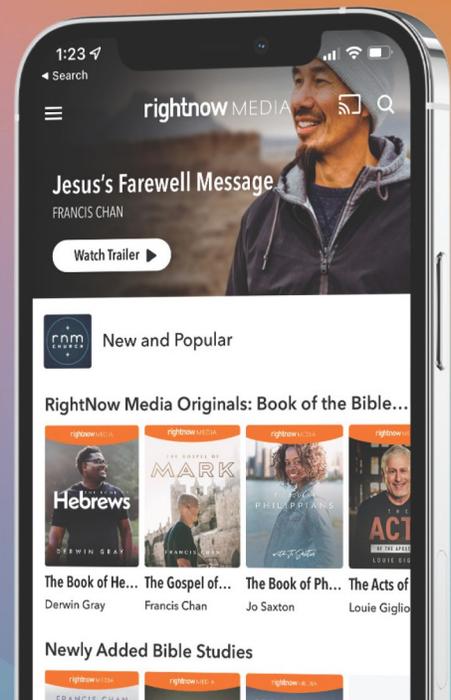
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