

## 2008: Looking Forward

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### 2007 At a Glance:

Attendance: 115-150 avg. Most in groups and ministry. Groups growing. New groups beginning. Avg.: \$9500 mo. Attendance: avg. 140-150. Close Giving: \$11,000 +. We also incorporated and affiliated officially with the SBC and Acts 29.

### Other Notable Facts from 2007:

Several baptisms. Our first weddings. Several births. A number of pastoral crises. Our first deaths. Lost our location at Ballard H.S. God opened this door at KCD. Many new faces. Less transience. More diversity and older, 'long-term Louisville' folks—an answered prayer. Great "Cultivate Community" month. Men's and Women's Ministries up and running. Groups of 2-3 up and running. Prayer and encouragement up and running. Hired Dan part-time. He is amazing! Dustin's graduation and growth as a Pastor and raising up other leaders.

## Overview : Getting Established and Transitioning Toward Stability

### Looking Forward to 2008 and Beyond:

Moving forward with The Mission: *"Journeying together to become like Christ and inviting others into God's family."*

### One Word for 2008 : FOCUS

Success is **FAITHFULNESS TO** and **ALIGNMENT WITH THE MISSION.**

### Changes for 2008:

**Communications:** New website that will really 'work' for us. BRIDGE Magazine.

**Music/Worship:** 3 leaders with 3 bands. Better for us here and more strategic for the future. Always looking for more volunteers. Sound, lights, video, cpu stuff.

**Serving/Volunteerism:** Community Groups serving together. Need more people stepping up across the board. Little Groups/Setup/Teardown/Admin.

**Family Ministry:** *"Equipping parents to teach their children about God."* Parent meeting next week. Notebook with resources. Classes. Restructuring Sunday ministry—including security person.

**Men's/Women's/Mentoring Ministries:** Continued growth and maturity.

**Classes/Learning Parties:** Topic Specific Classes/Learning Parties (Finances, Parenting, etc.). Core Classes.

**Membership / Pastoral Care:** We can only promise care for those who are connected to a community group and/or moving toward membership.

**Finances:** *We budget for Mission, not Maintenance.* All budgets for growth. This year, we are financially on our own. We are excited about what God is doing! 12% goes out. (5% Coop. 4% missions/plants, 2% benev. 1% local assoc.) Allocation of current

funds: ministry, some for savings and some for a permanent facility. Perhaps 5-7 ye Whenever God provides. Seems wise to begin praying, saving, and thinking now.

**Our Roles as Staff:** We know what we need to do and are seeking to work toward our sweet spots and raise up leaders to hand off even more. 2009: Next hire will likely be a Family/Pastoral leader. Perhaps an intern as well. Part/Full Time as funds allow

**Second Service/Evening Service:** Max room out first, likely second AM service here, then start PM service, likely in a different location. Timeline: Growth.

**Mercy Ministry:** Nursing Home. Homeless downtown. Other thoughts? Point Person: Ben Nolen.

**Outreach to Community:** Word of Mouth. Connection Strategy. Great Website. Yard Signs at intersections. Egg Hunt. Lyndon Fair. Fall Events. Thoughts?

**Kingdom Expansion:** Future church plants in the works. Development of a plant plan. Crossing School of Missional Ministry (seed form). JD's publishing. Dustin's Involvement with Acts 29 as a Coach, etc.

**International Missions:** Several possibilities being explored at the present for a 20

### How We Need You to Partner in the Mission:

#### JOIN THE MISSION:

- Join a Community Group. Start moving toward membership. Process: Group Essentials Class (Sat. Jan 19, 9-Noon) or video online, interview, presented
- Serve sacrificially (setup-teardown, little groups, welcome team, prayer, etc.)
- Take the next step in your financial giving.
- INVEST and INVITE. This kind of church will grow primarily through relationships. (Unchurched, Overchurched, Floating Christians, etc.).
- More Incarnational. Consider moving out here or starting to traffic out here.
- Walk closely with Jesus yourself.

#### PRAYER NEEDS:

- We desire to see a greater hunger for God on Sunday & beyond.
- For God show up and do what only God can do. Radical impact in community
- Pray that the Lord would send workers for the Harvest AND recognize one of those workers is you.
- Pray for our leaders faithfully.
- More disconnected people come to faith and to Crossing.
- More long-term, older Louisvillians to join Crossing. *"Indigenous Missionaries."*
- More people find groups, move toward membership & step into ministry.
- More families teaching their children about God and more marriages becoming healthier and flourish. Men to become spiritual leaders in their homes
- More wisdom, purity and effectiveness for our leaders. More leaders raised up.
- More and better churches planted because of Crossing. Get outside the country
- Crossing to begin to be known as a place of love and mercy as well.

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