

Hello Friends of Crosscreek

In a culture saturated with division and polarization, you have dared to be unique and a part of something different. Something FOR everyone. Something FOR people who don't normally go to church. You have helped create a culture and environment where people are discovering God's love for the first time and are genuinely experiencing a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. Because of this Crosscreek is growing.

As we grow, we are seeing our expenses grow as well. In the next steps for Crosscreek we are seeing a greater need for consistent funding.

Unlike most other church plants, we receive no funding from a denomination or sending church. Crosscreek relies completely on generous donations in order to exist.

We have the most important mission in the world and a vision to transform the lives of the people of Salem. We can't, however, fully accomplish this without adequate funding.

At this time, for the year 2020, we need about **\$13,000** donated monthly for things to run smoothly.

Here's where these expenses come from:

GIVE: (*GIVE 10%*) We believe it's important to show our faith as a church by giving 10% of the monthly gifts to Crosscreek back to local and global ministries and non-profits.

(Young Life, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Community Homeless Connect, Way of Life Fellowship Salem, Youth with A Mission, Young Lives, Valley Church Salem, Love for the Poor, Refuge Community Church Cleveland, Evangelism Explosion International, Gospel Focus Ministries, POLE Gems, and Hope Pregnancy Clinic.)

SAVE: (*SAVE 10%*) To be wise and prepared for the future, 10% goes into our savings account. *(This includes a building? A remodel?, future staff additions, or whatever God has for us.)*

LIVE: (*LIVE 80%*) The rest of what we receive go toward these important monthly expenditures:

- *Paying Rent and utilities*
- *Paying our staff.*
- *Buying paper, toner, snacks, coffee, welcome gifts, and supplies for new faces that enter our doors.*

- *Supplies for our kids' environment, music department, and #forSalem opportunities*
- *Other fees we have to pay for things like taxes, insurance, Planning Center, our website, podcast, and any advertising.*

As you can see, there's much more happening here than just a one hour show on Sundays.

In 2019, yours and others generous donations brought in an average of \$10,184 per month. Though this is amazing and we are so thankful. ($\$10,184 - \$13,000 = -\$2,815$) This is a \$2,815 deficit from our target.

We are asking that you prayerfully consider joining our **3-10 Challenge**.

The challenge has two parts...

For **three months**, commit to donating **10% of your income** to the work that Crosscreek is doing. If 10% seems daunting... Maybe choose a percentage that's slightly above comfortable. God calls Jesus-Followers to be generous, and we know that "generous" will mean different things to different people. Everyone has to decide for themselves what that looks like. However, we have found that 10% is a great starting point. And we have seen God provide in amazing ways for both Crosscreek and our own families as we have trusted him and committed to giving 10%.

The second part of the challenge is this... If you are unsatisfied with the outcome of those 3 months, we will refund 100% of what you donated. No questions or judgement. It's a No-Lose situation.

This might seem like we are challenging **YOU**, but in reality it's a challenge for **GOD**. God actually tells us to test him by seeing what he will do when we are generous.

"Bring all the tithes [10%] into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"

Malachi 3:10

If you are currently giving to Crosscreek, THANK YOU! We would not be here without your support. But we would still love for you to take this challenge. If you're not a current giver, would you please consider a monthly, recurring gift to Crosscreek by taking the **3-10 Challenge?**

Attached is a quick directions sheet on setting up a monthly, recurring gift. You can decide the amount, and revisit your budget in a few months.

You'd be surprised to see what God can do when you take a step of faith.

When we say we couldn't do it without you, we mean it!

We are excited to see what God does through you and Crosscreek in the coming months!

On behalf of the Crosscreek Executive Leadership Team

I'm Jon Silva. Signing Out.

Crosscreek Monthly Budget

Payroll, Taxes and Insurance	\$7400
Rent	\$1160
Tithe	\$1300
General Operating Expenses	\$1920
Ministry Expenses	\$1220
TOTAL	\$13,000