

Introduction to Colossians

Colossians 1:1-2 John Crawford January 12, 2025

Who Wrote Colossians?

- The apostle Paul. (1:1)
- Timothy probably served as Paul's secretary. (1:1)

Who Was Colossians Written To?

• Colossians was written to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae. (1:2)

Why Was Colossians Written?

- Paul wrote to warn the Colossian believers about a deceptive philosophy that could potentially tempt the church. (2:4, 8, 16, 18, 20)
- Paul wrote to remind the Colossian believers of the sufficiency of Christ. (1:15-20, 28; 2:6-7, 17, 20; 3:1)

How is Colossians Relevant For Our Lives Today?

- Colossians is going to help us be on guard against the deceptive philosophies of our day.
- Colossians is going to help us rest more fully in the sufficiency of Christ's person and work.
- Colossians is going to help us grow together in our relationships with each other.



Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, the sermon, or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card at the Welcome Table or online at crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect.

Order of Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 150

"Rejoice"

"Revelation Song"

Scripture Reading: James 4:13-17

"Redeemed By The Blood Of The Lamb"

"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"

Prayer

Sermon: Colossians 1:1-2

"Grace And Peace"

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

Prayer and Benediction

Announcements

Prayer Gathering

Today / 4-5:30 p.m. / New Haven

Join us for our church-wide Prayer Gathering. During our time together, we'll pray for one another and our church, and hear specific testimonies of how God is at work in the lives of some of our members.

Exploring Membership Class

Sundays, Jan. 19 & 26 / 12:15-2:30 p.m. / Social Room (201)

Are you interested in membership at CFC, or would you simply like to learn about our church? Join us for this two-part class. Lunch will be provided. Sign up by Jan. 12 at crossfellowshipchurch.org/membership.

Women's Bible Studies

We are offering two women's Bible studies this spring:

- God of Deliverance: A study of Exodus 1-18
- Jonah and Nahum

For more information, contact Amy Crawford at 913-669-3481 or adcrawfordrn@gmail.com.

Equipping Class: Grasping God's Word

Feb. 2 – April 13 / 9 a.m. / New Haven

Learn more about this 11-week class and sign up at crossfellowshipchurch. churchcenter.com/groups/equipping-classes. This semester we are offering childcare for children ages 1-4 years old on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Elders

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Discipleship Communities

DCs gather in homes on Wednesday evenings to provide leadership, community, encouragement, and accountability as we live as disciples. For more information or to join a DC, visit crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc.

Nursing Mothers

We offer a nursing mothers' room in the back left (as you face the stage) of the sanctuary.

Children's Discipleship

To walk alongside parents in teaching children about the good news of Jesus, we offer the following classes.

Sundays at 9 a.m.

The K-6th grade classes will resume in the spring.

Sundays during the Worship Gathering

- Infants (ages 6-12 mo.)
- Toddlers (ages 1-2): rm. 206
- Pre-K (ages 3-4): rm. 202

Sundays at 6 p.m.

• Youth group: 7th-12th grade

Offering

Thank you for your generosity! There are a few ways you can give:

- In the offering box on Sunda
- Through the Church Center app (iPhone/Android)
- Online at crossfellowship church.org/give (scan the QR code)



*Please refrain from eating and drinking in the sanctuary. Thank you!