



**Proclaiming Christ in a Culture
Hostile Toward Christ**

Acts 4:1-31

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- Proclaiming Christ in a hostile culture oftentimes results in difficult _____. (4:1-4)
 - Don't be _____ when opposition comes.
 - Don't be _____ and bring opposition on yourself.
 - Don't have a _____ complex toward opposition.
 - Don't always think that opposition is a _____ door.

- Proclaiming Christ in a hostile culture always involves proclaiming an _____ name. (4:5-12)
 - The exclusive nature of salvation should not provoke feelings of _____ within but Christ-like _____ from us.
 - Religion is not simply a matter of personal _____, but a question of _____.

- Proclaiming Christ in a hostile culture comes from an overwhelming sense of _____ and deep-seated _____. (4:13-22)
 - One of the reasons we may not _____ the name of Jesus as urgently and with the same compulsion as the disciples is because we aren't as fully _____ of Jesus as they were.
 - An overwhelming sense of compulsion to proclaim the name of Jesus _____ from deep-seated conviction of the person, death and resurrection of Jesus.

- Proclaiming Christ in a hostile culture requires fervent _____ for Spirit-empowered boldness. (4:23-31)
 - Boldness comes from a source _____ of ourselves.
 - Every morning and all throughout the day continually _____ that God would give you boldness to speak the name of Jesus.
 - Boldness does not mean being _____, but it does mean faithfully and courageously speaking the name of Jesus in the face of _____.

Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray that you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, 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'd also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card, which is located at the Welcome Table.

Update from the Central Asia Team

Are you up for trying a traditional Central Asian dish and ethnic snacks from Meghan? Come for dinner at 6 p.m. tonight to hear more details about how Meghan is doing and to see pictures from the recent trip to visit her. We will meet at Josh and Jamie Reasons' house (5410 W. 99th Street, Overland Park). Women, please bring a head covering (scarves provided if needed). After dinner we will pray for Meghan and the country where she works.

Nall Hills Neighborhood Block Party

The Nall Hills neighborhood in which our church meets is having a block party on Sunday, June 22, from 2-5 p.m. at Indian Woods Middle School (9700 Woodson, Overland Park). This will be a great opportunity for our church to connect with and get to know others from the neighborhood. Bring games, blankets, folding chairs, frisbees, snacks, drinks and whatever else you might want. Hope we can have a really big group there!

Nall Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale

The Sanders' Discipleship Community will be participating in the Nall Hills neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, June 21. They will also have a BBQ during the day, which is another great way to engage the people surrounding us. You can help by donating items for the sale, and by coming to get to know the neighbors. Contact Rita Sanders if you'd like to help.

Global Prayer Focus

This year, we're following along with the World Watch List Prayer Challenge from Open Doors. You can sign up for weekly prayer emails that will guide you through praying for the top 50 countries where Christians face the most persecution. Learn more at worldwatchlist.us.

Email Newsletter

Have you signed up to receive our weekly email newsletter? If not, simply go to crossfellowshipchurch.org, click the "Sign Up" button near the top of the page, and fill in the form. This is the best way to stay up to date on what's going on at Cross Fellowship Church.

Sunday Morning Offering

Unlike most churches, we do not pass a collection plate each Sunday to collect your financial gifts and offerings. Instead, if you would like to financially contribute toward our church-related ministries, you can do so in the offering box located in the back of the gym. Thank you!

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Discipleship Communities

Our discipleship communities, or small groups, are the primary place in which we seek to live as disciples together who love God supremely, one another humbly, and the world sacrificially. Please join us!

Reasons' House
Wednesdays | 7 p.m.
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Overland Park KS 66207
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Taylor's House
Wednesdays | 7 p.m.
6519 W 99th St
Overland Park KS 66212
913.624.4273

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