



CONNECTIONS

MINISTRIES AT THE CHURCH OF THE CROSS



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Faith Formation For Men

Men of the Cross

The men from both campuses of The Church of the Cross gather for many kinds of activities during the year. This group ranges in interests from Bible and book studies, discussions of the challenges of work, family, and what it means to be a Christian man in today's world, to pancake suppers, hikes, kayak trips, and work projects. The Men of the Cross team facilitates all Men's events.

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Administration, Teaching, Hospitality, Encouragement

Time Investment: 2-4 hours per week depending upon the activity

Time Commitment: One year

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study focuses on in-depth Scripture study and personal accountability and is taught in the Parish Hall on the Historic Campus. The study begins at 7:00am and ends promptly at 8:00am, allowing working men to fit the time of study, friendship and care into their busy schedules. If you want to grow in your faith, form lasting friendships and deepen your understanding of the Scripture, the Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study is something that you might consider. This Bible study is led by a facilitator.

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Administration, Teaching, Hospitality, Encouragement

Time Investment: 2-4 hours per week depending upon the activity

Time Commitment: One year

Men Greeting Men

The Men Greeting Men Ministry is a service ministry in which new men are welcomed into the Church of the Cross. During the contact the new member is provided the latest information about the activities/ministries with a focus on men's activities. The Men Greeting Men team makes all contacts with new members.

Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Encouragement, Leadership and Hospitality.

Time Investment: One hour per month.

Time Commitment: One year

Cross Christian Women

The mission of Cross Christian Women is to provide opportunities for women to serve, and grow spiritually, to strengthen their relationships with God and to fellowship with other women. Every woman who is a member of the Church is a member of Cross Christian Women. Events are held in the fall and spring of each year in addition to special programs as the Winter Retreat, Christmas Bazaar and the Bluffton Village Festival. This ministry team focuses on service and fellowship activities.

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Helps, Hospitality, Administration, Prayer

Time Investment: 1-2 hours per week prior to an event

Time Commitment: CCW Board members commit two to three years

Women's Bible Studies

Interactive Bible studies include personal daily assignments and weekly group sessions during which the video lectures are viewed as a group. Each session allows for time to participate in small group discussion and sharing with one another, all focused at helping us grow in our relationship with one another and the Lord.

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Administration, Faith, Mercy, Teaching, Encouragement

Time Investment: 2-5 hours per month

Time Commitment: One year

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King is an Order for women willing to undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. By reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to spreading Christ's Kingdom and strengthening the spiritual life of the parish. For any woman who is interested there is an informational class in the spring at which time she can find out about it and decide if she is called to join.

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Helps, Knowledge

Time Investment: 2 hours per week

Time Commitment: One year

Expectant Mom's Ministry

This ministry is designed to assist and support expectant as well as adoptive moms through prayer, meals, counsel, mom to mom support, home Communion, and hospital visits. The ministry strives to meet each mom where she is and works to support her in the all ways best suited to her needs.

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Evangelism, Encouragement, Teaching, Hospitality, Helps

Time Investment: 2-4 hours per week

Time Commitment: One year

Mom's Ministry

Over the years, it has become very apparent that there is a desire and need for a Mom's Ministry at The Church of the Cross. This ministry grew from that need. The hope is to give moms the ability to find the type of support they need ranging from support groups and playgroups to Bible studies.

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Evangelism, Encouragement, Teaching, Hospitality

Time Investment: 2-4 hours per week

New Member Shepherding Ministry

The Mission of The Cross Christian Women's Shepherding Ministry is to reach out to all new women members to familiarize them with the facilities, activities and ministries of the Church; to help them enjoy fully the many blessings of membership; and to encourage them to share openly their time, talents and resources. Members of the team become shepherds to the new women members.

Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Encouragement, Leadership, Hospitality

Time Investment: varies with new members

Time Commitment: One year

Crafters Guild

The purpose of the Crafters Guild is to provide leadership and guidance for the crafters and Christmas Bazaar. Crafts are constructed throughout the year to be sold at the Bluffton Festival and the Christmas Bazaar. This is the main revenue source for *Cross Christian Women* and the funds are used for various outreach projects each year. Work of the Crafters Guild is facilitated by a ministry leadership team.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Craftsmanship, Leadership, Hospitality, Faith, Shepherding

Time Investment: 4+ hours per week

Time Commitment: One Year

Wedding Guild

This ministry aids in coordinating the various aspects of weddings being held in the church, including pre-service arrangements, altar flowers, and the reception. The purpose of the Wedding Guild is to ensure that a bride and groom, along with their families, are comfortable and able to enjoy their wedding day. The Wedding Guild provides a coordinator on behalf of both the couple being married and the Church. Serving in Wedding Guild involves hard work, but it is enjoyable and promotes unity among the parish members involved.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Helps, Hospitality

Time Investment: 4+ hours per wedding

Time Commitment: One Year

Family Faith Formation

Cross Schools - Preschool Volunteer

Volunteers in this ministry donate their time as needed for assisting with the young children ages 2-5 who are entrusted to us on a daily basis. This work varies from general office needs to classroom needs and is meant to maximize the teacher's time during the day to be more focused on the children.

Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Teaching, Helps, Administration

Time Investment: 1-4 hours per week

Time Commitment: One year

Cross Schools Volunteer - Grades 1-8

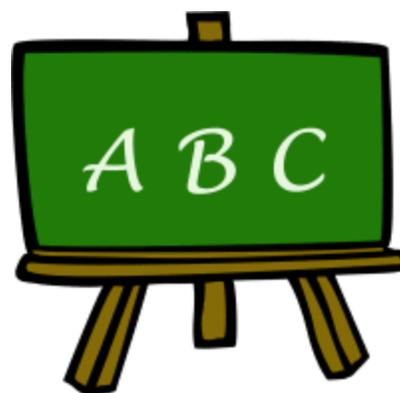
Cross Schools Lower School is committed to providing an education in the Anglican tradition of academic excellence, spiritual development, service to community, respect for self, others, and a search for truth.

Volunteers to this ministry assist the school through a variety of services that allow the teachers and leaders the much-needed time to focus their energies on teaching.

Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Teaching, Helps, Administration

Time Investment: 1-4 hours per week

Time Commitment: One year



The Church of the Cross offers dynamic children's programming on each campus which is focused not only meeting the needs of our diverse worshipping body and community but also in attracting families and children that do not currently have a place to worship.

What does that look like?

We offer Children's programming on both campuses on Sunday mornings. The Historic Campus offers a traditional program while the Cross Schools Campus offers a more contemporary program. Both programs are Bible based and complimentary to the style of worship on each campus. Both serve children ages 3 years to 12 years old. Time commitment is every 3 weeks on the Cross Schools Campus and once a month at the Historic Campus.

Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Encouragement, Craftsmanship, Leadership, Administration, Teaching, Knowledge, Helps, Evangelism, Mercy, Wisdom, Creative Communication
Weekly Time Investment: 2 hours when scheduled, One year commitment

Childcare Volunteers

The Church of the Cross offers childcare for infants and young children for most of the programs it offers. This ministry allows those with young children the ability to take part in worship, fellowship and teaching while their children are being cared for in a Christian environment (*training and background checks are required*).

Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Encouragement, Craftsmanship, Leadership, Administration, Teaching, Knowledge, Helps, Evangelism, Mercy, Wisdom, Creative Communication
Weekly Time Investment: 2-4 hours when scheduled, One year commitment

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls is a Christ centered character development program for girls ages 5-18, dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. The AHG program is built upon six Program Emphases that address the spiritual, mental, physical and social needs of today's young women. We currently meet at our Cross Schools Campus location bi-weekly on Mondays from 6:15pm-7:30pm, September through May.

Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Teaching, Encouragement, Leadership, Administration, Apostleship, Craftsmanship, Evangelism, Faith, Hospitality, Shepherding, Wisdom
Time Investment: 2-3 hours per week
Time Commitment: One year

Young Voices

The Young Voices are the Church of the Cross's youth singing group. Less formal than a traditional youth choir, this ministry encourages children from the ages of 5 through high school to sing for the Lord at various events and services. The music is contemporary Christian, and the kids are given not only guidance and instruction in the music they sing, but are also taught the biblical principles behind the songs and the events. If you are good with kids, are familiar with contemporary Christian music, and work well in a "fluid" environment, this is a ministry for you.

Spiritual gifts: Creative Communication; Teaching; Wisdom.
Time Investment: 1-2 hours per week when scheduled
Time Commitment: One year

With the support of weekly volunteers, we offer two weekly group gatherings and one annual Youth Confirmation program.

The groups include:

- Middle School Large Group (6th – 8th grades) – Meets Weekly on Wednesday Nights
- Confirmation Class - Annually- Offered in the fall
- High School Co-Ed Group (Tuesday Night Teens) (9th -12th grades) - Meets Weekly on Tuesday Night

Youth ministry begins with 6th – 8th graders coming together mid-week in a large, co-ed group setting. This group includes worship, a message, small groups, sharing a meal together and Christian fun through games and fellowship. This group is made up of students from Cross Schools and public schools as well as a growing number of home-schooled youth.

tNt is a co-ed High School Community Group of The Church of the Cross that brings together students and adult mentors from various backgrounds for a time of fellowship, worship, prayer, and Bible teaching within the context of the teenage experience. It's main purpose is to help train up a generation of spiritually powerful witnesses who will go and make disciples of Christ in their homes, schools, communities, and, ultimately, in all the earth.

Spiritual Gifts: Creative Communication, Teaching, Administration

Time Investment: 2-3+ hours per week / when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

DIVA's

(Divinely Inspired, Victorious and Serving) We are a freshmen and sophomore high school girls group gathering weekly for Bible study, fellowship and accountability. We share a meal, laughter and most importantly, how to live as Christians every day through service to others. Volunteers serve as teachers, encouragers and confidants. A good sense of humor and a love for teenage girls is required.

Spiritual Gifts : Encouragement, Faith, Hospitality, Teaching, Discernment, Wisdom

Time Investment: 2-3 Hours per week

Time Commitment: One Year

Missions & Evangelism

Alpha

Alpha provides an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed and casual setting. The Alpha course meets for 3 hours one night a week for 12 weeks and includes an amazing one-day getaway. At each session, people enjoy great food, laughter and learning, all in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life or God is off limits: “Is there a God?” “Why am I here?” “What about evolution?” “How can Jesus be the only way to God?”

Alpha is for anyone... anyone who thinks there may be more to life than meets the eye. Many guests have never been to church, others may have attended church occasionally but feel they have never really understood the basics of the Christian faith. Everyone is welcome, and there's no charge for attending the Alpha course. The Alpha team facilitates the presentation of the Alpha course.

Spiritual Gifts: Discernment, Encouragement, Evangelism, Mercy

Time Investment: 3 hours one night a week during course

Time Commitment: 12 weeks

Connections Ministry Team

Connections is a Bible-based ministry that operates quarterly and is designed to help Christians discover the unique gifts God has given to them. The team that leads this ministry enables others to strengthen their relationship with God by understanding their Spiritual Gifts, Passion and Personal Style. Team members serve as presenters, table facilitators, and coaches to offer guidance, answer questions and provide information for participants to discern how the Lord created them and where they are being called to serve.

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Administration, Teaching, Hospitality, Encouragement

Time Investment: 5-6 hours per quarter

Time Commitment: One year

Cursillo In Christianity Team

Led by a team of people who have previously attended a Cursillo Weekend, this ministry serves others by facilitating the delivery of the program and by walking alongside participants as their eyes are opened to see the difference a personal relationship with Jesus can make. Team members plan and facilitate Welcome Home events and local Ultreyas.

The weekend is designed to encourage and prepare attendees to adopt a new way of life, as Christian Leaders standing against the flow of society for the Gospel.

Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Encouragement, Leadership, Evangelism, Faith

Time Investment: 6 hours per quarter

Time Commitment: One year

Food Bank Ministry

The Food Bank Ministry can be summarized as a glorious opportunity to share God's Word while sharing His food with the less fortunate. There are many opportunities for service within this ministry. Volunteer are needed at various times on Mondays and Tuesdays on the Historic Campus. The Food Bank opens at 9:30am on Tuesdays and serves guests until 11:00am.

Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Encouragement, Leadership, Mercy, Helps, Administration, Evangelism

Weekly Time Investment: up to 4+ hours per week

Time Commitment: Long Term

God's Goods

God's Goods is a Christ-centered shop that provides usable goods to the people of our community at a reasonable price, assists people in need by pass-through goods, and provides funds to support outreach ministries of The Church of the Cross and community.

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Administration, Helps, Evangelism, Mercy

Time Investment: 2-4 hours when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

Kairos Ministry

I was in prison and you visited me Matthew 25:36

The Kairos Prison Ministry is a worldwide lay ministry, modeled after the Cursillo 3 day program. The Kairos ministry members presently serve at both the Allendale and Ridgeland Correctional Facilities. Each facility holds two retreats per year. Opportunities to Serve include the following options:

In Advance of the weekend: Pray, write cards or letters, distribute literature, bake cookies.

During the weekend: Pray, serve as a facilitator inside the prison, interfacing directly with the participants.

Lead or be a part of the kitchen team, preparing meals for the retreat participants

Ongoing: Serve as a team member by participating in monthly reunion groups with the Kairos retreat participants.

Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Encouragement, Mercy, Helps, Hospitality, Intercession, Discernment.

Time Investment: Wide range – based on service choices as noted above.

Time Commitment: One year

Military Care Ministry

This unique ministry reaches out to our military members serving overseas by supporting them with letters, packages, and prayers and providing loving support to their families at home.

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Encouragement, Mercy, Wisdom, Helps, Healing, Faith, Intercession

Weekly Time Investment: 1-2 hours per week

Time Commitment: One Year

Pink Bus Ministry

This is an outreach ministry to East Charleston to work with girls from the inner city at The Biblical Family Center, St. John's Chapel. During the summer we take a team of adult and youth women volunteers to serve in the fulltime day camp from late June through mid August. The volunteer role is to build relationships with the girls, showing them the love of Christ, and to help with daily activities of camp: small group discussion/Bible story, songs, active play, crafts, etc. It is somewhat like Vacation Bible School. The team goes to camp one day per week, departing by carpool from the Cross Schools Campus parking lot at 6:45am and returning at 4:30pm.

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Shepherding, Encouragement, Creative Communications, Teaching, Evangelism

Time Investment: 1 day per week in the summer

Time Commitment: weekly for a summer

Wednesday Night Dinner Ministry

This ministry organizes and serves Wednesday night suppers on the Historic Campus. This provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship while making new friends and visiting with acquaintances during midweek! Each week a hot meal is served in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm preceding the teaching at 7:00pm.

Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Hospitality

Time Investment: 3 hours weekly when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

Ministries at The Church of the Cross

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Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Ministries Support Team

The PC Ministries Support team acts as a liaison between the lay ministers caring for members' needs and the Rector and vestry. The team promotes effective care of parishioners' needs to both lay ministries and staff through on-going communication and training/development. In addition, the team actively evaluates the Parish's needs in order to identify untapped areas of service.

Pre-requisites:

- ~Active member of the church for a minimum of 6 months
- ~Service in a pastoral care ministry (Minimum one year)
- ~Completion of the Connections course and Church Leadership Training
- ~Heart for lay-led ministry

Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Discernment, Administration, Visionary Leadership, Mercy, Faith, and Encouragement

Time Investment: An average of 2-4 hours per week plus bimonthly meeting

Time Commitment: 2 years

Card Ministry

This ministry is a way to reach out to the congregation's members and others on behalf of The Church of the Cross family (aka the Body of Christ) to offer support, prayers, condolences and congratulations, etc. by means of sending cards and notes.

Spiritual Gifts: Administrative, Discernment, Encouragement, Mercy, Wisdom, Creative Communication, Faith, Intercession

Time Investment: 4-5 hours per month

Time Commitment: One year

Community Eucharistic Ministry

CEM's offer Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend weekly services. Through prayers and administering the Holy Sacraments to our congregation and community, lay people live into the strategy of our Church by 'Sheltering the Present'. Community Eucharistic Ministers are members of the parish who are called, trained, and equipped for this ministry.

Spiritual Gifts: Intercession, Encouragements, Mercy, Helps, Faith

Time Investment: 2+ hours per month

Time Commitment: One year

Dinner Ministry

The Dinner Ministry is responsible for preparing and delivering dinners to those in our parish or community who are in need. Volunteers in this ministry prepare and deliver a hot meal to the family with Christian love and care.

Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality, Helps

Time Investment: 1-2 hours as needed

Time Commitment: One year

DivorceCare

DivorceCare ministers to the divorced and separated within our church and the community. DivorceCare resources equip a lay ministry team to facilitate a comprehensive Christ centered divorce recovery ministry. Each session of DivorceCare is 13 weeks long with 3 sessions offered throughout the year.

Spiritual Gifts: Mercy, Encouragement, Faith, Teaching, Intercession

**Strong emphasis on facilitators who have previously been divorced*

Time Investment: 2-3 hours per week during a session as scheduled

Time Commitment: 13 weeks, teams rotate

Financial Counseling Ministry

This ministry is compiled of a group of professionals who feel called to share their professional training and skills with those in need of guidance in financial matters, human resources, resumes and other areas of the business world.

Spiritual Gifts: Discernment, Encouragement, Wisdom, Faith

Time Investment: 1-2 hours per week

Time Commitment: One year

Healing After Loss (HAL)

The Healing After Loss Ministry reaches out to those who have lost a loved one. This is a confidential, scripture-based support group for people mourning the loss of someone close and will be facilitated by members who have experienced a loss in their own lives. HAL sessions are 8 weeks long and offer comfort and encouragement to those mourning.

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Mercy, Encouragement, Helps, Intercession, Shepherding.

Weekly Time Investment: 3 hours per week during 8 week session

Time commitment: Two years

Hospital Visitation Ministry

The purpose of this ministry is to offer words of comfort and prayers to those in hospitals, to help brighten their stay, calm their fears and help rekindle their faith in the Lord. This is a servant ministry for men and women who can provide peace and comfort to a person facing uncertainty at a time when trusting God is most important.

Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Mercy, Wisdom, Helps, Healing, Faith, Intercession

Time Investment: Depends upon personal schedule

Time Commitment: One year

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory prayer is a special form of prayer or supplication on behalf of others. Aside from praise and adoration of God Himself, there is no nobler type of prayer than to intercede before God on behalf of the needs of others. In the Old Testament, this was a special responsibility of prophets and priests, and before them, of the patriarchs. In the New Testament, the responsibility for intercessory prayer is extended to all believers.

Spiritual Gifts: Intercession, Discernment, Faith

Time Investment: 1-4 hours per week

Time Commitment: One year

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an outreach ministry providing hand knit and crocheted shawls and lap robes to those parishioners in need of comfort. Whether it be illness, loss of a loved one, a new baby, surgery, or just a trying time, we will provide a shawl or lap robe with loving prayers and care. Meetings are as gratifying as presenting a prayer shawl or lap robe to someone with love. Our meetings are also a time of fellowship and we have a lot of fun in the process!

Spiritual Gifts: Mercy, Encouragement, Helps, Craftsmanship

Time Investment: 2-4+ hours per week

Time commitment: One year

Stephen Ministry

A Stephen Minister is a congregation member with gifts for caregiving. He or she is a layperson who receives 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care and is a Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports and encourages. A Stephen Minister meets faithfully with his or her care receiver for about an hour each week for as long as there is a need. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. All referrals are kept in strict confidence by the Stephen Leader and by the Stephen Minister assigned to give care to that person.

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Mercy, Shepherding, Encouragement, Teaching, Wisdom, Faith

Time Investment: 1-2 hours per week plus bimonthly meetings

Time Commitment: Two years

Lay Ministry

Biblical Bookworms

The goal of the Biblical Bookworms is to maintain the Church library so it is a viable resource that serves our parish by supporting spiritual growth and enrichment. The Biblical Bookworms team maintains an electronic inventory and shelves the books.

*Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Helps,
Time Investment: 1-2+ hours per month
Time Commitment: One year*

Crossing Hands Ministry Team

Crossing Hands is a ministry that has developed and maintains the Cross Business Directory. The directory includes businesses owned by the Church of the Cross members and parents of Cross Schools students. The directory connects Christians to each other, enlarging our borders, and meeting needs within our church and school communities. The team that leads this ministry facilitates the growth, promotion, and administration of the directory while raising awareness of Christian business principles.

*Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Helps, (Teaching and Creative Communication Optional)
Time Investment: 1-2 hours per month
Time Commitment: One year*

Docent Ministry

The Docent Ministry is an outreach program that welcomes the visiting public to hear the good news about the past, present, and future of The Church of the Cross. We offer visitors a history of the Church, a chance to pray, and the opportunity to ask questions about the current activities of the Church.

*Spiritual Gifts: Discernment, Knowledge, Teaching, Hospitality
Time Investment: 4 daytime hours per month
Time Commitment: One year*

Grounds Beautification Ministry

This ministry acts as caretakers of the church flowerbeds and planters and shares the beauty of God's creation through flowers and landscaping. This is a great place for those with a passion for gardening who are seeing a way to serve and glorify the Lord.

*Spiritual Gifts: Craftsmanship, Helps
Time Investment: As needed
Time Commitment: One year*

Handyman Ministry

This ministry serves the church in doing repairs and small projects that can be done by skilled parishioners that give freely of their time and talents to allow more funds to be directed to ministry rather than paying for services.

*Spiritual Gifts: Craftsmanship, Hospitality, Helps
Time Investment: 2+ hours per month
Time Commitment: One year*

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee serves by archiving Church documents and compiling a history of The Church of the Cross. If you have an interest in the past and present history of this parish, are in possession of information, documents or photographs pertaining its history, have abilities in the areas of research or creating exhibits of these documents and photographs, then perhaps God may be calling you to be a part of this meaningful ministry.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Leadership, Faith, Helps

Weekly Time Investment: 1-2 hours per week

Time Commitment: One year

Memorials Acknowledgment

This ministry keeps records of memorials received and sends acknowledgments to the families.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Helps, Mercy

Weekly Time Investment: As needed

Time Commitment: One year

Finance Committee

This committee is made up of Church members who review the budget and make recommendations to the Vestry for spending based on the financial statement. Certain requirements apply for membership and are detailed in the Church By-laws.

Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Faith, Wisdom, Knowledge

Time Investment: 1-2+ hours per month

Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund is the Church of the Cross' endowment fund which provides possible funding for the needs of the Church, approved outreach ministries, starting of special one-time projects, or other purposes as requested by the Vestry. In addition the Fund presents workshops to assist with life transition choices; such as, preparation of wills, trusts, medical directives, funeral arrangements, hospice care, and personal end-of-life planning. Team members assist with the semi-annual workshop planning and presentation, and work with individuals on specific requests for life transition decisions.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Helps, Leadership, and Teaching

Time Investment: 21-25 hours annually

Time Commitment: Three year service on the Fund

Worship Ministries

Acolytes (Saturday, 8am & 10am Services) (*Torchbearers, Flag Bearers, Crucifers*)

Acolytes assist clergy in celebrating the Holy Eucharist and other rites of the Church by working as torchbearers, flag bearers and crucifers on our Historic Campus. Both adults and students (5th grade and up) are welcome to participant as Acolytes. Those called to this ministry should be prompt, attentive to details and able to work with a team.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Helps, Faith

Time Investment: 1-2+ hours when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

Altar Guild (Saturday, 8am & 10am Services)

The Altar Guild is a group of dedicated men and women who work diligently behind the scenes caring for our altars and preparing them for worship services as their “joyful offering to the Lord”. This ministry is a wonderful way to understand more about our Anglican worship traditions.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Knowledge, Helps, Teaching, Faith

Time Investment: 1-4+ hours when scheduled (6 week rotations)

Time Commitment: One year

Communion Team (9:30am Service)

The ministry is comprised of men and women who love the Lord and love serving Him in the Lord’s Supper. Communion service is conducted monthly on the Cross Schools Campus. This team of people joyfully set the Altar and help to administer the Sacrament.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Helps, Faith

Time Investment: 1-4+ hours when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

Cross Schools Campus Parking Lot Ministry

Be on the front line!! Our Parking Lot ministry is a group of folks that greet and direct our guests as they arrive to worship. With limited parking, what you do enables us not to turn away the people that God has sent us. You are the face of the Church of the Cross to our members and those coming to worship Jesus for the first time!

Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Hospitality, Encouragement

Time Investment: 1 hour per week when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

Flower Guild Ministry

The purpose of the Flower Guild is to enhance and beautify our Historic worship space for the glory of God and to provide a welcoming environment in which we can more fully come to know Jesus Christ. When new folks join the Flower Guild, they are teamed with members who are experienced in sharing their special talent for creating beautiful floral arrangements.

Spiritual Gifts: Craftsmanship, Helps

Time Investment: 2- 4 hours when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

Greeter Ministry

Greeters serve as God's ambassadors and are committed to graciously greeting, directing and assisting worshippers as they enter into worship each week. While seeking to be warm and welcoming, Greeters maintain an orderly flow of worship as doorkeepers in God's house.

Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Administration, Hospitality, Encouragement

Time Investment: less than 1 hour per week when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

Hospitality Hour Ministry

The Coffee Hour Ministry at The Church of the Cross on the Historic Campus and the Cross Schools Campus provides opportunities for all worship attendees to meet and socialize following the Church service. Coffee, juice and refreshments are served for adults and children every Sunday. On the average, more than 400 members are served each week. Refreshments for the coffee hours are supplied by the Church.

Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality, Helps, Administration

Time Investment: 2+ hours per month

Time Commitment: One year

Usher Ministry

The Ushers are personal representatives of Jesus who meet guests on a person-to-person basis when they arrive at Church. They maintain order in the service, provide direction for parishioners and visitors and assist with special needs. Ushers are committed to graciously greeting, directing and assisting worshippers as they enter into God's house.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Helps, Hospitality

Time Investment: 1-2 hours when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

Lay Eucharistic Ministry (Saturday, 8am & 10am Services)

Sacristans and Sub-Deacons work together with Acolytes to assist the clergy in celebrating the Holy Eucharist. Sacristans coordinate the efforts of the ministry team, serve as Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers and assist the clergy in setting the altar for Holy Communion. Sub-Deacons serve as a Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer and assist the clergy in reading the Eucharist. If you attend worship regularly on the Historic Campus, are willing to serve in the early morning, love the liturgy and sharing the Scriptures and have a desire to work with a team, this ministry may be a good way for you to serve God and His people at The Church of the Cross.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Mercy, Helps, Faith

Time Investment: 1-2 hours per month

Time Commitment: One year

Lay Readers (8am & 10am Services)

Since the beginning of congregational worship services, people have been chosen for the task of reading Scriptures during worship. This takes place at our Historic Campus but it is more than just a task. At its best Scripture reading is a calling, a vocation and a spiritual discipline. Reading is a commitment to effectively share Scripture during worship together. It involves a commitment to preparing oneself so that ones reading becomes an effective vehicle for sharing God's word.

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Helps, Evangelism

Investment: 1-2 hours when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

Worship/Music Ministry

In the Bible, musical worship is a central and powerful tool for praising God, but also for ministry and evangelism to the people. We consider the music ministry program to reflect the mission and vision of the church and build on biblical principles and teachings. As members of the Royal School of Church Music our programs cover the five basic categories the program entails: General Training, Musical Skills, Vocal Skills, Repertoire and Christian Education. If you have been blessed with musical ability and a heart for worship consider serving in this ministry.

Spiritual Gifts: Creative Communication, Teaching, Administration

Time Investment: 2- 4+ hours per week/when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

Technology Ministry

Worship services, teachings, weddings, funeral and many parish events depend on technicians who set up sound systems, operate microphones, run PowerPoint presentations, record sermons, music and talks while at the same time making sure the facilities have proper lighting. If you are technically inclined, attentive to detail and willing to serve the Lord behind the scenes this may be the ministry for you.

Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Leadership, Administrative, Creative Communication

Time Investment: 2- 4 hours per week when scheduled

Time Commitment: One year

Historic Campus Music Ministry

Music is not only an integral part of the worship service, but an audible link between God and His people. At the Historic Campus on Calhoun Street, there are three distinct musical styles (traditional, contemporary Christian, & country/southern gospel); one for each of the three weekend services held at the campus. This allows for a broad spectrum of musical talents, both vocal and instrumental. Those who have been given the gift of musical ability and the desire to be part of a team that is honored to be musical ambassadors for Christ are candidates for this ministry.

Spiritual gifts: Creative Communication; Evangelism

Time Investment: 2-6 hours per week

Time Commitment: One year

Cross Schools Campus Music Ministry

Music is not only an integral part of the worship service, but an audible link between God and His people. At the Cross Schools Campus, our worship style is contemporary and follows the format of a modern rock band. Those who have been given the gift of musical ability and the desire to be part of a team that is honored to be musical ambassadors for Christ are candidates for this ministry.

Spiritual gifts: Creative Communication; Evangelism

Time Investment: 2-6 hours per week

Time Commitment: One year



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Our Vision – To be followers of Jesus, committed to transforming lives in His power and for His glory.