



## CONNECTIONS

# MINISTRIES AT THE CHURCH OF THE CROSS





## 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*

## Faith Formation for Women

### 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*

## Moms/Grandmothers in Prayer

Moms and Grandmothers who gather together to pray for children and schools.  
Why we pray - To impact children and schools worldwide for Christ.

*Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Helps, Encouragement, Mercy*

*Time Investment: 1-2 hours per week*

## 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*

## Children's & Youth Ministry

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*

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

Youth ministry begins with 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Co-ed meets the last Tuesday of the month.

**High School Guys Group Gathers** weekly for fellowship, Bible study and accountability. We share a meal and discuss how to live as Christian young men in today's world. If you have a passion for raising up spiritually ready young men please join us.

*Spiritual Gifts: Creative Communication, Teaching, Administration*

*Time Investment: 2 hours per week / when scheduled, Time Commitment: One year*

## DIVA's

(Divinely Inspired, Victorious and Serving) We are a high school girl's 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 teacher's encouragers and confidants. A good sense of humor and a love for teenage girls is required. Meets weekly on Tuesday nights.

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

*Time Investment: 2 Hours per week*

*Time Commitment: One Year*

## Missions & Evangelism

### Alpha

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly and honest environment. No pressure. No follow up. No charge. Typically Alpha has ten sessions, this fall The Church of the Cross will offer an "Alpha Express" which will be only 7 sessions. They include food, a video teaching and a time of small group discussion where you can share your thoughts. It covers topics such as, "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?", and "How can I resist evil?"

Alpha has been effective all over the world, due to the makeup of its DNA. Course hosts and helpers are designed to function more as facilitators than teachers or leaders. Alpha guests are made to feel welcome and at ease in an environment of food, fellowship, study and conversation. Guests come to the truth in a safe, explorative environment. It's a great place to invite friends and neighbors who want an opportunity to explore life's big questions.

*Spiritual Gifts: Discernment, Encouragement, Evangelism, Mercy*

*Time Investment: 3 hours one night a week during course*

*Time Commitment: 7 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 Ultrayas

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*

## Good News Club

Assists in providing boys and girls, ages 5-12, with knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and disciplining them in the Word of God. A weekly Interdenominational Christian ministry that features Bible Lessons, songs, memory verses and games. The Church of the Cross has the opportunity to witness in our community by adopting a Good News Club at one of our Bluffton Schools. All volunteers are provided training and all the materials necessary to conduct their class.

*Spiritual Gift's: Teaching, Wisdom, Faith, Helps*

*Time Investment: 1 Year*

*Time Commitment: 2-4 Hours per week*

## 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, and 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*

## My Father's House

My Father's House is a community wide outreach that devotes its energy to passionately assist those in need of food, shelter, encouragement or perhaps most of all: spiritual guidance.

*Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Encouragement, Mercy, Evangelism, Faith*

*Time Investment: Up to 3+ hours per week*

*Time Commitment: Varies*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Monday & Wednesday Night Dinner Ministry

This ministry organizes and serves Monday & Wednesday night suppers on the Historic & Cross 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 at 6:15pm preceding the teaching at 6:45pm.

*Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Hospitality*

*Time Investment: 3 hours weekly when scheduled*

*Time Commitment: One year*

## Missions and Outreach Ministry Teams

Provide dedicated resources to participate in mission and outreach opportunities locally, nationally, and globally. The goal of the teams is to live into the Great Commission and the Great Commandment by being followers of Jesus Christ, committed to transforming lives in His power and for His glory. Additionally, these teams work to reflect God's love and reach those who have not embraced the Gospel and who do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Examples include: My Father's House, Stop Hunger Now, Good News Club, Samaritan's Purse, and working with the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders. For current mission and outreach opportunities visit our website at [www.thechurchofthecross.net](http://www.thechurchofthecross.net) visit the Missions and Outreach web page under ministries.

*Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Evangelism, Leadership, Administration, Helps, Teaching*

*Time Investment: Varies depending on the needs of the individual Mission and Outreach Ministry Teams.*

*Time Commitment: Varies*

## 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*

## Friendly Faces Ministry

Visits those parishioners' who would like to see a friendly face when they are homebound and/or in support facilities.

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

*Time Investment : Depends on personal Schedule*

*Time Commitment: Two Years*

## 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*

## 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 (5<sup>th</sup> 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 (9:00 & 10:30)

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*

## 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: 1-2 hours per week when scheduled*

*Time Commitment: One year*

## Salvation Shuttle

Shuttle worship attendees to service who must park a distance from the church during our Gracetime and 10:00am worship services. Gold cart drivers are highly desirable.

*Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality, Evangelism, Helps*

*Time Investment: 1-2 hours per hour 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) Chalice Bearers 5:28 Gracetime Service

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 one's 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. 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. A hand bells team is also utilized at special services and events.

*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 Mission – Rooted in the Past, Sheltering the Present, Reaching out to the Future, Empowered by the God of the Ages  
Our Vision – To be followers of Jesus, committed to transforming lives in His power and for His glory.  
Our Strategy – To be one Body on two campuses, committed to bringing the community to Jesus through worship, ministry, evangelism, fellowship and discipleship.