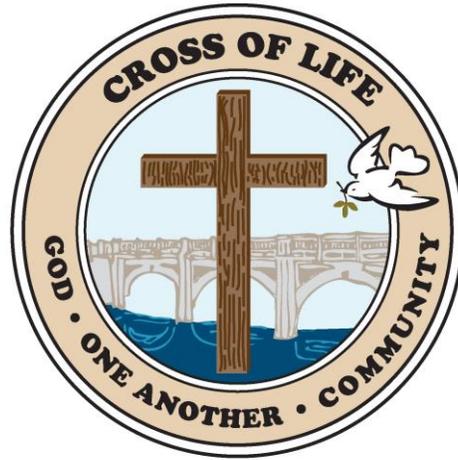


Cross of Life Church



Using Your Spiritual Gifts

Opportunities at Cross of Life

" There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. "

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

We at Cross of Life believe that serving is part of our Christian walk, it is an obligation and a form of worship to our God. The ministry opportunities here offer many ways of utilizing your spiritual gifts to serve God through serving others.

We would like to encourage you to discover your spiritual gifts by finding your area(s) of passionate interest. Where your skills and talents can bring glory to the Lord!

Spiritual Gifts		
Gift	Key Scripture	Resources
1. Administration	This is a gift that enables one to provide leadership and guidance in matters of organization and administration. The administrator serves by recognizing and co-ordinating the abilities and gifts of other members of the group, institution or church. [Rom. 12:8; 1 Cor. 12:28]	
2. Apostleship	The church sends apostles from the body to plant churches or be missionaries. Apostles motivate the body to look beyond its walls in order to carry out the Great Commission. [I Cor. 12:28-29; Eph. 4:11]	
3. Discernment	Discernment is the ability to read or hear a teaching or to consider a proposed course of action and then determine whether the source behind the teaching or action is divine, human, or satanic. [I Cor. 12:10]	
4. Evangelist	This is the special ability to lead unconverted persons to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ. Persons with this gift are able to help others to a life-changing decision which moves them to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. [Eph. 4:11]	
5. Exhortation/ Encouragement	Exhortation is the ability to call forth the best within others, to come alongside someone with words of encouragement, comfort, consolation and counsel, to help them be all God wants them to be. [Rom. 12:8; Heb. 3:13]	
6. Faith	Faith trusts God to work beyond the human capabilities of the people. Believers with this gift encourage others to trust in God in the face of apparently insurmountable odds. [I Cor. 12:8-9]	
7. Giving/ Benevolence	Giving empowers one in an extraordinary way to understand or discern the material or financial needs of others and then meet those needs generously. The more one uses this gift the more God prospers one so that the person with this gift is enabled to give still more. [Rom. 12:8]	
8. Healing	Healing enables one to function as an instrument of God's healing grace in the lives of others. The gifts of healings extend to the healing of the body, the mind, and the emotions. [I Cor. 12:9, 28,30]	

Gift	Key Scripture	Resources
9. Helps/Service	Those with the gift of service/helps recognize practical needs in the body and joyfully give assistance to meeting those needs. Christians with this gift do not mind working behind the scenes. [Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28]	
10. Hospitality	Those with this gift have the ability to make visitors, guests, and strangers feel at ease. [Rom. 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9]	
11. Knowledge	The gift of knowledge manifests itself in teaching and training in discipleship. It is the God-given ability to learn, know, and explain the precious truths of God's Word. A word of knowledge is a Spirit-revealed truth. [I Cor. 12:8]	
12. Mercy	Believers who exhibit a caring and compassionate attitude, always with a kind word. They keep the body healthy and unified by keeping others aware of the needs within the church. [Rom 12:8]	
13. Miracles	A believer who has the faith and ability to produce changes that transcend the laws of nature. For instance, Elijah prayed down fire from heaven. [I Cor. 12:10, 28]	
14. Pastor/Shepherd	Shepherding is the ability to give pastoral leadership to an individual or to a community of Christian believers. The primary function of this gift is to feed, guide, and nurture other Christians with sensitivity and sacrificial concern. [Eph 4:11]	
15. Prophecy	Prophecy is the ability to present God's word with clarity and power. To proclaim the Word of God boldly. [Rom. 12:6; I Cor. 12:10; Eph. 4:11]	
16. Teacher	Teaching is instructing members in the truths and doctrines of God's Word for the purposes of building up, unifying, and maturing the body. [Rom. 12:7; Eph. 4:11; I Cor. 12:28-29]	
17. Tongues	This gift enables some Christians to praise God either in another language not yet learned or in ecstatic utterance which isn't an earthly language. In either case one's prayer is addressed to God, not to other people. [I Cor. 12:10; Acts 2; 1 Cor 14:2]	
18. Tongues, Interpretation of	A believer who is able to interpret, on-the-spot, the language of that one who is speaking in an unknown tongue. [I Cor. 12:10; 14:27-28]	
19. Wisdom	Wisdom is the gift that discerns the work of the Holy Spirit in the body and applies His teachings and actions to the needs of the body. [I Cor. 12:8]	

As you study the materials, use the following space to jot down your ideas:

What are my spiritual gifts?

What are my current skills and interests?

What areas of serving am I interested in? (not limited to the list below)

Please note that many opportunities have multiple spiritual gifts related to them.

Serving Opportunities at Cross of Life	
Spiritual Gifts	Opportunity Details
Helps	Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up people for services/activities • Van repair and maintenance • Volunteer transportation for personal needs (i.e. doctor appts, etc.) • Transport larger groups (i.e. youth group activities, etc.)
Helps	Facilities and Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Maintenance • Lawn care • Snow removal • Minor plumbing / electrical/ HVAC/ repairs • Housekeeping and cleaning • Set up and removal of holiday decorations • Special projects
Helps	Garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeding • Spring planting • Future development ideas
Administration Helps	Garden Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Set up/ Take Down
Helps	Nursery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch small children and infants during service, Sunday school, bible studies and special events

Spiritual Gifts	Opportunity Details
Helps	Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singers • Musicians • Special Music
Administration	Men's Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan events • Service opportunities
Administration	Women's Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan events • Service opportunities
Administration	Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-25) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan events • Prepare and run bible studies
Administration	Youth Ministry (ages 13 - 18) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan events • Prepare and run bible studies
Administration Helps	Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Soundboard • Prepare Sunday service program (overhead presentation) • Manage email list • Sign content
Helps	Kitchen Volunteer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up and prepare donuts on Sunday mornings • Food prep • Cleaning
Helps	Funeral/Wedding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food prep • Set up/ Clean up
Helps	Seasonal Programs (Christmas/Easter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation, planning program • Costuming • Building 'Sets' /props
Helps	Church Service and Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decorate the church at season change • Prepare Communion • Lead/Open Sunday Service • Reading of the scriptures • Type up prayer requests

Spiritual Gifts	Opportunity Details
Administration Helps Wisdom	Marketing and Promotion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare church bulletin • Calendar maintenance • Monthly Newsletters • Prepare posters, flyers, brochures, etc • Develop content for website • Bulletin Board upkeep
Administration Mercy Helps	New Ministry Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One on One Discipling • Intentional Living Cohort • Spiritual Gifts Development
Giving Mercy	Financial Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides snacks/supplies for Children's Church • Providing for families in need (Benevolence) • Special project sponsorship • Garden projects • New Sign • New Building Completion • Missions • Special giving (5th Sunday of the Month)
Mercy Exhortation Discernment	Counseling and Coaching Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be available to talk with/assist others that are going through difficulties • Discipleship program • Men's Mentoring • Friend in Need
Mercy Exhortation	Visitation Ministries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the sick, shut-ins, and attend funerals • Nursing home visitation • VA Center visitation • Prison Ministry - visitation and correspondence • Coordinate meals for sick/injured as needed • Assemble and distribute get well /sympathy baskets as needed • Phone ministry (follow up/reaching out)
Faith	Prayer Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday Morning
Hospitality Helps	Ushers / Greeters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greet people at the door • Hand out bulletins • Hand out welcome cards when applicable • Direct people to activity locations • Provide wheelchair assistance • Hand out prayer requests after the service • Serve Communion/Offering

Spiritual Gifts	Opportunity Details
Teaching Knowledge Helps	Christian Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Children's Church • Vacation Bible School • Wednesday night bible studies (all ages) • Intentional Living • Discipleship • Monday Night Men's Study
Evangelist Mercy	Outreach Ministries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus Jam • Benefits • Tree lighting • Princeton Expo
Hospitality	Hosting Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small groups • Prayer meetings • Bible Studies • 'Family Gatherings'
Encouragement	Touch Someone's Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making someone's day brighter • Praying with them • Thanking them for something they did • Praise them for their walk with God • Walk with them in their times of need
Apostle Healing Miracles Pastoring Prophecy Tongues	As these gifts and their ministries are more unique, contact Pastor Joel for help in discerning specific areas of service

To discuss getting involved in any of the ministries listed above please contact one of the following:

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Head Deaconess:	Kathy Goetze	763-856-2564
Church Secretary:	Bev Severson	763-
Pastor:	Joel Severson	763-

Register Your Spiritual Gift(s)

Please take a moment to complete the following form and submit it to **XXXXXXXXXXXXXX** so that your spiritual gift may be registered. Multiple forms are provided for an additional member of your household. Extra forms will be available upon request.

Name: _____
Contact Information: _____
My Spiritual Gifts are: _____

My Current Skills and Interests are: _____

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