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CROSS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Newsletter

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Risen*

“Who’s Your One?”

We are in year 3 as a church plant. At the end of last year, I sat down with our Leadership Team and asked them their thoughts on where we were as a church. I wanted to know what they thought our strengths and weaknesses were, relative to our Mission Statement and Core Values.

“Cross Community Church exists to multiply Christ-followers through Gospel restoration.” Our Core Values are: Gospel-Centered, Called To Community, Sent to Share God’s Love, Through Powerful Prayer.

After a great time of discussion, it was observed that we were achieving at least moderately well with being Gospel-Centered, and Called to Community and even Powerful Prayer.

We all felt like it was time for each individual member of Cross Community Church to take the next step with being Sent to Share God’s Love, specifically through engaging the city with the Gospel as individuals.

The team reflected that they felt like I was demonstrating it well for them but that it was time for each person to take responsibility for gospel engagement.

This Church Planter/Lead Pastor was very excited! So we began budgeting and picking calendar dates and events based on this discussion.

With that in mind, we are starting a “Who’s Your One?” campaign through the North American Mission Board from here to Easter. It will re-brand after Easter, but we are excited about the possibilities of God using us in our community to point people to Jesus from here to Easter.

We have built a “scoreboard” we call the Gospel Tank. It will be in all of our gatherings and individuals will have a chance to encourage one another by placing a ping pong ball inside the Gospel Tank each time they advance the Gospel. Our hope is to move each person one step. Some will move from apathy toward action by simply praying for the Lost regularly.

Some will take the action step of asking their server at a restaurant: “How can I pray for you?”



A white ball will be for prayer/How can I pray for you. A red ball will be for starting a gospel conversation/sharing the gospel. A green ball (with a smiley face on it!) will be for someone who trusts Jesus as their savior. A dark blue ball will be an invitation to Cross Community Church on Easter. A light blue ping pong ball will be for baptisms.

Please pray for us as we each take the next step in Gospel Advancement. Now,
Who is YOUR One?



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We are grateful for each of our partners. The North American Mission Board really did a great job of teaching me as a church planter that partnerships work both ways.

We must be willing to give and help as much as we are willing to receive help. I am grateful for the opportunities we have had already to host teams and help partner churches in multiple ways.

If there is ever a time that you would like for me (Kevin) to come and share at your church about what God is doing through your partnership, I would be excited to help.

We could also send a video. I am partially funded through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, so I would love to shoot a video personalizing how the North American Mission Board uses these funds to plant churches all over North America.

We are excited to be working on hosting at least 4 mission teams over the next few months. If you would like to speak with me about sending a team to us, please contact me at kevin@crosscommunitysavannah.org or 912-464-4151 (cell).

Also, I have the following dates that I am looking for pulpit supply at Cross Community Church. Please let me know if you can send someone from your church on one of these dates:

July 5

September 6

October 11

December 27

Slow and Steady

I look back at our Prospectus and I kind of laugh at the hopeless optimism of numerical projections. If you don't still have your prospectus from us...I am glad!

Needless to say, I thought we would be setting world records for church numerical growth and would be busting at the seams and would already have outgrown our meeting space!

I laugh now! I am reminded that faithful obedience IS success in God's eyes! We launched Cross Community Church on October 15, 2023 with just my family of 5 and we have sent 2 of our kids quite some distance away to college in the time since we moved here, leaving us with 3 church planters...BRILLIANT plan!

NAMB encourages us to NOT do these two things: "Parachute" into a town where you have never lived and don't have any previous connections AND plant a church without a launch team. Check and Check! (I can see why they caution against both, but God had different plans!)

That being said, I also recognize that we were sent to this area because the Georgia Baptist Mission Board had identified the 31419 zip code as one of the most unchurched zip codes in the entire state.

It is estimated that approximately 90% of the people living within a 5-mile radius of our meeting location at Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus are unchurched. That is approximately 32,000 people.

I had asked the Lord to allow us to reach at least 1% of those within 5 years, meaning that we would be seeing 300+ people attending by year 6. It's funny now isn't?

What I wasn't considering with those calculations is that the largest attendance of any SBC church in Savannah (a metro area with over 150,000 people and quickly growing) is 350 on a Sunday morning.

I had no idea that when I was asking for 300+ people in attendance that we would be pushing for the largest SBC church in Savannah in just 5 short years. It's funny now isn't it?

That being said, I am happy to report that we have seen 18 people come to faith in Christ in just over 2 years, and although we haven't seen many baptisms yet, I am still hopeful!

The "industry standard" for a church being able to stand on its own after 4 years of NAMB support is 60 people.

I am happy to report that we are trending toward that number by year 5. We are starting to average 30 people on Sunday mornings and hope to see that increase to 45 by the end of the year, which would put us on track for 60 by the end of our 4th year.

We now have children coming regularly and are preparing for more. We now have more than one teenager coming regularly and are preparing for more. We are now seeing our people start to understand their role in sharing the Gospel and are preparing for more.

All this to say, thank you for your patience and faithfulness with partnering with us to see God push back the lostness in one of the most unchurched zip codes in the state of Georgia by 1% in God's timing!

Meet Cross Community Church: Trent, Nilka, Abram, & Ozias Bowman

Meet the Bowman family, one of our newest families who is plugging into Cross Community Church.

Trent and Nilka Bowman and their children, Abram (3) and Ozias (1) are new to Cross Community Church. Nilka is our new Worship and Volunteer Coordinator. They have been at Cross Community Church since September, 2025. Nilka was referred to us through a partner church's Worship Pastor.

Since attending Cross Community Church, God has provided community for our family and have had a stronger desire for community. God has been filling that desire in our hearts through the people here. It is a smaller church, but it is still very tight knit and very welcoming, so we felt adopted in immediately.

Our favorite part of Cross Community is: (Trent) The Worship Team (Good Answer!) (Nilka) Starting to get to know the people here and I definitely love the fellowship time after each service.

God is multiplying Christ followers through gospel restoration through: Our season in life as parents of two toddler boys. Right now our daily devotion is to our kids and raising them up to be Christ followers, teaching them the gospel, grace and learning what mercy looks like every day over ourselves.

As parents who make mistakes, we are trying to own up to those mistakes, showing them what apologizing looks like, even from their parents. We are teaching them what sharing looks like, and what generosity looks like.

Jesus came here to do what we could not by living the perfect life and dying on our behalf so that He could save us from our sin. We are showing our kids how to love others.

Of our core values of Gospel Centered, Called to Community, Sent to Share God's Love through Powerful Prayer, we are experiencing being Called to Community by getting to know others each week through the meals after the service each week and through events.

Gospel Centered: We try every day to pray with the kids and try to go over either a Bible story or try to nurture that side of learning the gospel and talking about Jesus.

Powerful Prayer also, praying with the kids, also relying on prayer more and more and seeing how God has transformed our hearts to be closer to Him.

We could use prayer for some of Trent's co-workers to be drawn closer to God and to find a church home where they live in South Carolina.

Nilka has a brother in Michigan who is a believer, but recently has left his church and is looking for a new church home. She would really appreciate prayer for him as he looks for a new church home. He lives with Nilka's grandfather and is looking for a church community.

Also, pray for Nilka's dad in his faith walk.

Trent's favorite Bible verse is Mark 11:24. "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Nilka's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:8-9. "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."

Nilka: "I love that verse because I know I can become anxious pretty easily over anything and it is a good reminder that when I lean on God, He is with me."

Nilka's favorite worship song right now is "So Be It" by Elevation Worship, Tiffany Hudson and Chris Brown. It was just released but it is such a good song. It is very interesting compared to other current songs.

Trent is a fan of hymns and his favorite hymn is "It Is Well."

Editor's note: I wish you could hear Abram and Ozias playing in the background while Trent and Nilka answered these questions...Precious sounds from a precious family! Welcome to Cross Community Church, Bowman family and thank you to those who prayed for us to find a new Worship Ministry Coordinator. God heard you and we have received this precious family!



Remaining 2026 Calendar

March

Sunday, March 15-Tuesday, March 17
Host University West Georgia BCM Mission Team
Projects including: Painting, Backyard Bible, Prayer Walking, etc.

Monday/Thursday 23/26 at 6 p.m.
Community Groups Begin

Monday, March 30
Host Student Ministry Team from Kingsland First Baptist Church

April

TBA
Launch MOMCO at Public Library

Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm
Good Friday Service at the BCM Building

Saturday, April 4 from 10-11:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt at the BCM Building

Easter Sunday, 5 April at Sunrise
Sunrise Service at the BCM Building, with breakfast to follow
Easter Sunday, April 5 at 8:30/10:30 a.m.
Easter Services at the BCM Building

Tuesday, April 14
Connect Fest Event with local schools from 5:30-7:00 pm

Thursday, April 16
North American Mission Board in Macon, Ga

Tuesday, April 28 at 6 p.m.
P.A.C.K. (People of Action Caring for Kids) packing party at PACK location

May

Tuesday, May 12 at 6 p.m.
P.A.C.K. (People of Action Caring for Kids) packing party at PACK location

Remaining 2026 Calendar Continued

June/July

Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26 from 6-8:30 pm
VBS with Central Baptist Church-Douglasville at BCM Building
Backyard Bible Clubs at Timberland Apartments/Crescent Place

Monday-Sunday, July 19-25
Host Student Mission Team from Hillcrest Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fl.

August

Tuesday, August 11 at 6 p.m.
P.A.C.K. (People of Action Caring for Kids) packing party at PACK location

Wednesday, August 26 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Browse Event Outreach at GSU Armstrong Campus

September

TBA
Launch MOMCO at Public Library

Tuesday, September 8 at 6 p.m.
P.A.C.K. (People of Action Caring for Kids) packing party at PACK location

Monday, September 21 at 6:30
Launch Community Groups

Wednesday, TBA from 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Feed 100+ students at B.C.M.

October

Sunday, October 18
Operation Christmas Child kickoff at BCM Building

Tuesday, October 13 at 6 p.m.
P.A.C.K. (People of Action Caring for Kids) packing party at PACK location

Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Trunk or Treat at BCM Building

November

Tuesday, November 10 at 6 p.m.
P.A.C.K. (People of Action Caring for Kids) packing party at PACK location

Saturday, November 14 from 10am to 1pm/afternoon
Drive Through Prayer at the BCM Building

Sunday through Tuesday, November 8,9,10
Georgia Baptist Convention at Warner Robbins

December

TBA
Fellowship/Outreach