

**CROSSINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH 2023**



**VOICE  
OF HOPE**

**CONTINUING A LEGACY OF FAITH AND GENEROSITY**



AS A CHRIST-CENTERED CHURCH,  
WE ARE COMMITTED TO

**LIVE BY FAITH,  
BE A VOICE  
OF HOPE, &  
BE KNOWN  
BY LOVE.**

**ALL GLORY  
TO GOD, WHO IS  
ABLE, THROUGH HIS  
MIGHTY POWER AT  
WORK WITHIN US,  
TO ACCOMPLISH  
INFINITELY MORE  
THAN WE MIGHT ASK  
OR THINK. GLORY TO  
HIM IN THE CHURCH  
AND IN CHRIST  
JESUS THROUGH  
ALL GENERATIONS  
FOREVER AND EVER!**

EPHESIANS 3:20-21



“ I thank everyone at Crossings for believing God is doing something, believing in what hasn't been seen yet, and believing in the power of people taking big risks in his name to help others. ”



**MATT HANGEN**

PRESIDENT/CEO OF WATER4;  
ATTENDING CROSSINGS SINCE 2022

## INTRODUCTION

One aspect of the vision at Crossings is to be a voice of hope. The name of this new initiative is very intentional. It's meant to help keep our focus on the goal of sharing Jesus with those in our existing community and the communities we hope to build in the future. It's a reminder that this initiative isn't about us; it's about what God can do through us if we allow him. In the following pages, you'll see the substantial scope of this initiative—opening two new Crossings locations, expanding a prison chapel, adding ministry space in existing locations, and preparing for the future.

Because there are so many opportunities to be a voice of hope available for us, this is the most money we've ever asked for. We know this is a huge undertaking, and we don't ask for your participation lightly. These projects have been prayed over extensively by the Elders and leadership at Crossings, and we believe this is where God is directing us right now.

To make this happen will require sacrificial prayer and sacrificial giving from all of us. It is going to take faith to give beyond our regular tithe. God is calling us to do more than we've ever done, and it's going to take each and every one of us to reach this goal. Will we answer God's call to be a voice of hope?

As you look through this material, you'll see the Voice of Hope Initiative is unique because you may not personally see all of these projects completed. Some of the opportunities will be completed across town from your Crossings location; some will be completed in the future.

When this church began in 1959 with 50 people—or in the 1980s when the congregation prayed for God to bring 200 people—they had no idea their faithfulness and generosity would one day lead to a church with thousands of people attending at multiple locations each week—with plans for new locations being considered. We are standing on the faith of those who were here before us, and now it's our turn to demonstrate that same kind of faith. Just imagine what God can do with our faith-filled and sacrificial giving.

As always, we will not incur any long-term debt during the process. This means, we only complete projects that are fully funded by your commitments.

We pray as you look over this material, you will see the opportunities God has so clearly put before us. We hope you'll prayerfully consider your commitment to be a voice of hope in our communities now and in the future.



**ON THE FAITH OF GIANTS  
WE STAND, WITH THE FAITH  
OF GIANTS WE MUST LEAD.**

**FROM HEBREWS 11**

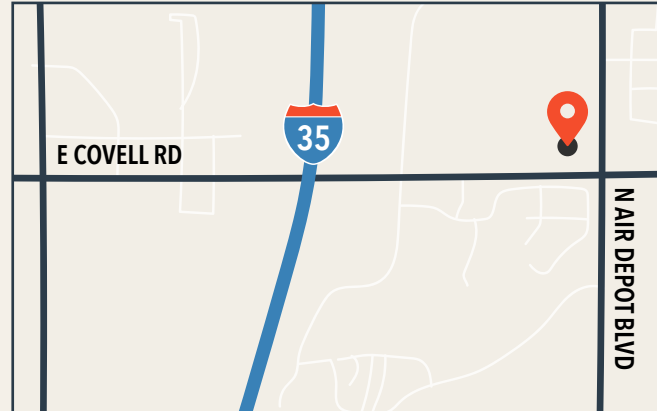


## CROSSINGS EAST EDMOND

We purchased 11 acres of land at Covell and Air Depot using funds generously donated during the 2019 GO capital campaign. As a part of the Voice of Hope Initiative, we're asking for funds to construct a building for the new church on that land. This is the biggest allocation of funds in the Voice of Hope Initiative due partially to high building and material costs.

The vision for Crossings East Edmond is to be a voice of hope to the growing population east of I-35 right now and for decades to come. This building will have space for adult Sunday School classes, kids and students programming, and a Venue for a contemporary worship service.

Crossings East Edmond will offer the same church experience that is available at all of our current locations, including live worship on Sunday mornings and teaching streamed from Crossings OKC. Our goal is to create another place where people can grow in their faith and build lasting relationships. We hope to be an integral part of the growing community as we help families and individuals in this part of Edmond find and follow Jesus.



Located on NW corner of Covell & Air Depot



Watch AJ's full story

“ I had no family here; I was kind of looking for community, looking for a place to belong. And that's when I stumbled into Crossings. I came to The Gathering one night expecting this big “mega-church vibe” that I was not going to like—and I have never felt more at home. The people here welcomed me with open arms. They took me in. ”



**A.J. JEFFRIES**

GRADUATE RESIDENT IN WORSHIP MINISTRY; ATTENDING SINCE 2022

## CROSSINGS MAYFAIR

For many months, Crossings Elders, leadership, and a number of staff have been exploring opportunities to be able to serve again in the Belle Isle area where we first began in 1959. Mayfair Church of Christ at NW 50th has been faithfully serving the Belle Isle and Mayfair communities since 1958. In a demonstration of incredible humility and faithfulness, they have decided a more effective way to reach the community is to embrace the shared love of our two churches for the people of the city.

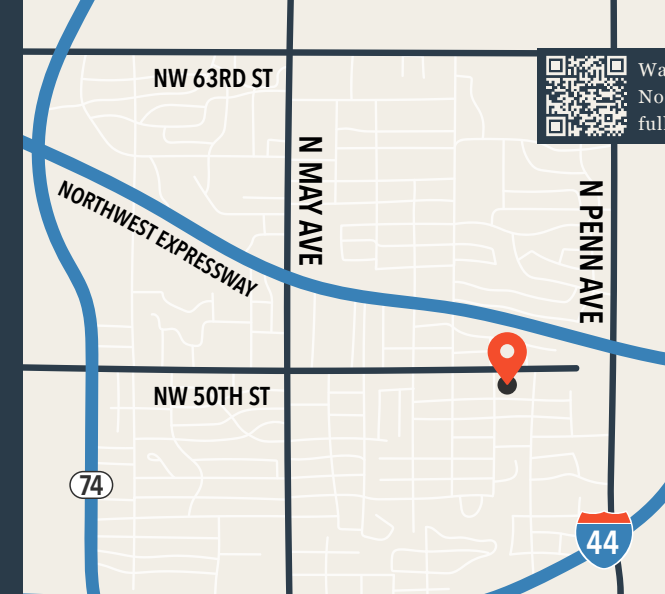
Mayfair Church of Christ is graciously giving their building to us to become Crossings Mayfair, along with a global missions ministry, a committed staff, and a congregation that is motivated to reach the community. Crossings will provide families that want to be a part of this new effort, a pastoral staff, our ministries, and our Wesleyan doctrinal



roots. We are thankful for our Church of Christ friends and their willingness to do “whatever it takes” to reach the community. Mayfair and Crossings realize there is more to unite us than divide us; we are truly one in the essentials.

Funds from the Voice of Hope Initiative will allow us to renovate areas of the existing building to make necessary changes to prepare it for our ministries, including a place to experience meaningful worship and space for kids to learn about Jesus in an exciting environment, just like our other Crossings locations.

This neighborhood of Oklahoma City is a growing metropolitan area with many physical and spiritual needs. Within a five-mile radius is the potential to impact 41,107 households; Crossings Mayfair can help meet the growing needs of this community and help individuals find and follow Jesus in this part of the city.



Watch  
Norma's  
full story

“ God is still working; he is still faithful. What is he planning for Crossings now? I have no idea ... but I certainly don't want to miss it. ”



**NORMA TOWNSDIN**

CROSSINGS ELDER; ATTENDING SINCE 1960

## CROSSINGS EDMOND ADULT EDUCATION EXPANSION

Our Edmond location (on Covell and Kelley) has experienced significant growth over the past seven years since the doors first opened. In 2019, we made our first addition to the Edmond location with an 8,500 square foot expansion on the west side of the building. This expansion was necessary due to the rapid growth and consistent attendance in Kids and Student Ministries.

Given the rapid growth of the Adult Education Ministry taking place at Crossings Edmond and the desire for connection on Sundays and throughout the week, we need more space for Sunday School and Wednesday Night classes. Funds from the Voice of Hope Initiative will allow us to build more classrooms and spaces for adults to gather in community and grow in their faith.



### ADDITIONAL 6,200 SQUARE FEET INCLUDES:

- Three Adult Education rooms (can be divided to make six rooms)
- More space for 5th & 6th graders
- 2nd-4th grade kids get to move to first floor Crossings Kids area



**LET US HOLD FIRMLY TO  
THE HOPE THAT WE HAVE  
CONFESSED, BECAUSE WE  
CAN TRUST GOD TO DO  
WHAT HE PROMISED.**

**HEBREWS 10:23**



Watch Ben  
& Kendra's  
full story

“ Because of Crossings, we were able to weather the storm and be held together as a family. We had people within the church step up; they found out about the situation, and they called and reached out. Our Sunday class supported us in so many ways: watching our boys, providing meals and gifts, being a shoulder to cry on ... there was a lot of support and love from our Crossings family. ”



**BEN & KENDRA CHRISTIAN**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CO-LEADERS;  
ATTENDING SINCE 2014

## JESS DUNN CHAPEL EXPANSION

Crossings first church service in Oklahoma prisons was on Easter Sunday 2018 at Joseph Harp Correctional Center. Now, we have volunteers bringing the Sunday service to ten different prisons and have partnerships with all facilities in the state. We have been amazed by the opportunities God has given us to show up for our incarcerated church family.

Jess Dunn Correctional Center has been one of our closest partners since the launch of our Prison Ministry, and it is one of our most attended prison services. This gathering continues to grow, and there have been times where our media team has set up three overflow rooms to fit everyone.

Through the Voice of Hope Initiative, we have the opportunity to help expand the existing chapel and update the equipment at Jess Dunn Correctional Center to create a more dynamic worship experience and make space to welcome more people into the Crossings family. We are excited for the opportunity to be a voice of hope to even more incarcerated individuals through this prison chapel expansion.



Jess Dunn inmates pack 40,000 meals with Crossings 2023 Feed the Hunger packathon.

## FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

As you've seen in the previous pages, God has placed multiple opportunities before us, and we don't expect him to stop anytime soon. Another aspect of the Voice of Hope Initiative is raising funds for future opportunities that we don't even know about yet. This could be anything from purchasing land for new church buildings, purchasing existing buildings and preparing them for our ministries, expanding ministry efforts at current locations, and more. As our culture and our opportunities change—and as, unfortunately, more and more churches are closing their doors—we want to be ready to move where God leads us to meet the needs of new communities.

These funds require faith because we aren't even certain what God has in mind for us yet. We trust God to show us how we can continue to be a voice of hope, and we want to be prepared when he brings those opportunities to us.



Crossings engages community as Night to Shine host.

**DON'T FORGET TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED. THESE ARE THE SACRIFICES THAT PLEASE GOD.**

**HEBREWS 13:16**

## MIDTOWN CLINIC IMPROVEMENTS

In August 2022, we were approached about merging Good Shepherd Clinic in Midtown with our existing clinic. We are honored and grateful for this opportunity to expand our mission of proclaiming the message of Jesus by serving the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of vulnerable members of our community through consistent, quality medical, dental, and vision services.

We look at it this way: we now have one clinic with two locations. Because we want to ensure we are providing the same standard of service across all locations, it is important the clinics have the same technology, equipment, etc. Funds raised through the Voice of Hope Initiative will enable us to make needed enhancements to Crossings Clinic - Midtown.



Second location providing medical, dental, and vision services



Located on SW corner of NW 12th St & N Harvey Ave





## ENDOWMENT

The Crossings Community Endowment started in 2017 and allows Crossings members and friends to extend their financial support of the church's Christ-centered vision to impact our community and world during and beyond their lifetimes.

Being debt free has always been part of the Crossings legacy, and the endowment helps us ensure it will continue to remain part of our legacy. The Endowment is a support organization to the church that provides long-term financial assistance to Crossings and its ministries for many years.

All gifts given to the Endowment are gathered for investment, then funds from the investment earnings are given to expand church ministries, improve church campuses, and aid in the development of new ministries as opportunities arise.

Ten percent of all contributions to the Voice of Hope Initiative will go directly to the Endowment, allowing us to be a voice of hope to future generations of Crossings attendees because donations to the Endowment are gifts that "keep on giving" for years to come.

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare."

**C.S. LEWIS, AUTHOR**

**REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS, THAT HE HIMSELF SAID, "IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE." ACTS 20:35**

## OKC SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS

These funds will go towards replacing and updating 12-year-old equipment in the Crossings OKC Sanctuary, allowing us to continue providing an excellent worship experience for our in-person and online attendees.

## CROSSINGS COMMUNITY CENTER WORSHIP SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

Our newest worship service was launched at the Community Center on October 2, 2022. We have been blessed to further develop our relationship with the surrounding community through this weekly service. As this service grows, so does the need for permanent equipment. Currently the service uses rented media equipment, so funds from the Voice of Hope Initiative will be used to provide for the more permanent needs of this service for the people worshipping at Crossings Community Center each Sunday.



Watch  
Craig's  
full story

**"I have a purpose to carry on what Crossings is about ... I am in the neighborhood where I grew up, doing things that were done for me. I am able to share my life and the work God's done in my life ... creating a safe place for someone to feel seen, to feel loved."**



**CRAIG COMPTON**

COMMUNITY CENTER VOLUNTEER;  
ATTENDING SINCE 2013

## WHAT IS THE VISION?

### New Location: East Edmond

Build a location for the growing population surrounding Covell and Air Depot

### New Location: Mayfair

Renovate existing building with necessary changes to prepare it for our ministries

### Edmond Expansion

Build more classrooms and spaces for adults to gather in community throughout the week

### Jess Dunn Chapel

Expand the existing chapel to create more space for inmates to worship

### Midtown Clinic Improvements

Upgrade technology, equipment, etc. to provide the best care to our patients

### Future Opportunities

Be ready when God brings opportunities to reach further into our community

### Endowment

Provide long-term financial assistance to Crossings and its ministries for many years

### Community Center Worship Service & OKC Sanctuary Improvements

Improve audio/visual equipment to meet current worship service needs

## WHAT IS THE GOAL?

\$40 Million  
Three Year Commitments

## HOW CAN I BE A PART?

**PRAY** - Pray for Crossings—our current community and our future communities. Pray about what God wants you to give to help us be a voice of hope in our communities.

**GIVE** - Take a step of faith and give sacrificially towards this initiative. Make a giving decision that honors God and that is right for you. Your giving schedule may be weekly, monthly, or another schedule of your choice.

*Note: If you are not consistently tithing to the church, we ask you to do that first, even if it means you cannot give to Voice of Hope. Biblically, tithes fund the ministries of the church.*

**AS A CHRIST-CENTERED CHURCH, WE ARE DEDICATED TO HELPING PEOPLE FIND & FOLLOW JESUS.**

Turn in your commitment card by mail or drop it in the offering plate during any Sunday service, or you may complete it online at [crossings.church/hope](https://crossings.church/hope).



Watch Dick's full story

“ When we first came to Crossings, we were a little bruised ... We just came to sit in the back row and decide if we ever wanted to attend church again. But it was amazing, from the worship to the preaching ... then we ended up in Sunday School. We had so much support and encouragement; we healed. And today when we've gotten water to over 2 million people, Crossings did that—without this church, there's no way Water4 would exist. Because Crossings was there, we were able to take steps we never would have taken. ”



**DICK GREENLY**

COFOUNDER OF WATER4;  
ATTENDING CROSSINGS SINCE 2004



**CROSSINGS**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE  
AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH  
HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. ROMANS 15:13**