

We hope that 2024 is off to a good start for you. Here is a preview of this year's senior adult events:

"March Movie Matinee" – Thursday March 14—11:30 AM –Come for a delicious lunch and stay for an afternoon movie in the Student Center Gym (complete with popcorn, soda, and movie candy). The classic film "The Hiding Place" is the inspiring true story of one family's courageous efforts to save Jews from Nazi death camps. You may invite guests to this free event, but registration is required. Please visit crosswaybc.org/events to sign up.

"Pioneer-Era" Day Trip – Thursday May 30 – 8:00 AM – We will explore early days as we visit the George Washington Carver Museum in Diamond, Missouri and the Har-Ber Village Museum near Grove, Oklahoma. On the way home, we will stop for supper at Clanton's Café in Vinita, Oklahoma. The cost is \$50 per person, which covers museum admission and the supper. Online sign-up will open in early April.

Fall Retreat – September 16-19—Join us on a four-day/three-night retreat in beautiful Ozark Mountain Country. The week will be filled with morning Bible studies, fun afternoon activities, evening games and good food. It will be a chance to grow closer to the Lord and each other. An informational meeting will be held after evening services on Sunday March 3 in the room A3/A4.

Medicare Part D Consultations--October - December—Trained Crossway volunteers will again provide assistance to senior adults as they review their Medicare Part D Prescription Drug coverage for 2025. Watch for more information in September on the Realm Senior Adult Group.

"Surviving the Holidays" Seminar—Sunday, November 3 – 4:00 PM -- The Crossway GriefShare ministry will host the video workshop "Surviving the Holidays." The afternoon seminar will provide some practical steps for successfully coping with the upcoming holiday season for those who have suffered loss. It is from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in A3/A4. There is no cost but registration is required online beginning in October.

"Out-of-the-Way Eats "Day Trip—Thursday, November 7 – Missouri is home to some of the best out of the way restaurants. We will visit one of these delicious locations on Thursday November 7 for a mid-afternoon dinner. Shuttles will depart church at 12:30 PM. There is no cost for the trip, as we will pay for our own meals. The destination will be announced in September when online registration opens up.

Operation Christmas Child Trip—December 2-5—A team of senior adults will travel to Dallas, Texas to help prepare Christmas shoeboxes for overseas shipment at the Operation Christmas Child processing center. There will be an information meeting on Sunday, August 25 in room A3/A4 after evening services.

Watch for updates on these activities in the online Realm Senior Adult Group or the church website under "Events." A step-by-step guide to join the Realm group is on the back of this letter. Cindy and I are so thankful to serve the Crossway senior adults. May the Lord bless you 2024!

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Minister to Senior Adults and Pastoral Care



Realm Senior Adult Group Sign-Up Steps

Realm is the online communication group that is so important to Crossway Senior Adults. We post all events and announcements in our “Realm Senior Adult” group page. If you do not want to miss the great events and ministries for senior adults, become a part of both “Realm” and the “Realm Senior Adult” group. The following are the steps to join both:

1. Go online to the Crossway Baptist Church website.
2. At the top of the page select the “Resources” drop-down tab.
3. Click on “Realm” on the drop-down tab list.
4. Complete the form on the “Create A Realm Account” and click on “Submit” at the bottom of the page.
5. Once your completed form is received and processed, you will be a member of the church wide “Realm” group, which will allow you to receive church-wide announcements.... BUT you are not finished yet. Now you must choose to join the “Realm Senior Adult Group.”
6. To join the “Realm Senior Adult Group” go online to the Crossway Realm page.
www.onrealm.org/crosswaybc/account/start
7. On the left side of the page under the “Connect” section, click on “Groups.”
8. This will open up the main page entitled “Groups” at the top.
9. Choose the selection on the second line entitled “Find Groups”
10. This will open up the page entitled “What type of group are you looking for?” In the main page section, click “Community” for the group type (the second choice on the page).
11. Several individual groups of Crossway will then be listed on the main page section. Click on the group “Senior Adults” (the eleventh choice on the page).
12. The “Senior Adults” group will then open up in the main page section. Click on the gray tab at the top of the page that says “Join Senior Adults.”
13. Office staff will automatically receive your request to join the “Senior Adult” group, and once your request is processed, you will be added to the “Senior Adults Group” and will receive all update posts sent out to Crossway Senior Adults.

If you have any questions or difficulties, do not hesitate to contact Ministry Assistant Christie Hill at the Crossway church office Monday-Thursday during normal office hours. 417-865-7311