

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - CROSS CHURCH OF NORMAN

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FOUNDATIONS - YOUTH RETREAT 2026

To kick off 2026, the youth group is going back to the beginning: Foundations, a study of the book of Genesis. The book of Genesis shows us how everything began—creation, humanity, sin, and God's plan for redemption. This series explores four key moments in Genesis that lay the foundation for understanding who God is, who we are, and why our world is the way it is. Through these foundational stories, we'll see how God's plan for His people unfolds and how we are invited into His redemptive story.

- **Session 1: In the Beginning- (Genesis 1:1-31, Genesis 2:1-3)** At the creation of the world, God speaks everything into existence and declares it "very good." This session emphasizes the creativity and intentionality of God in creation. We'll explore what it means for humans to be made in the image of God and how this gives every person value and purpose.
- **Session 2: The Fall - (Genesis 3:1-24)** Genesis 3 tells the story of Adam and Eve's disobedience and the entrance of sin into the world. We'll discover how the fall has impacted humanity—bringing brokenness, shame, and separation from God. However, we'll also point to God's promise of redemption. Students will explore how sin distorts our relationship with God, ourselves, and others, and we'll discuss how this brokenness is still present in our world today.
- **Session 3: Faith in the Unknown- (Genesis 12:1-9, Genesis 15:1-6)** God calls Abraham and makes a promise to bless him and all the nations through him. This covenant marks the beginning of God's plan to restore the world through His people. We'll explore what it means to live in faith like Abraham, who trusted God even when he couldn't see how the promises would unfold.
- **Session 4: God Always Works- (Genesis 50:15-21, Genesis 37:1-28)** The story of Joseph reveals how God can take even the darkest moments in our lives and use them for good. We'll trace Joseph's journey from slavery to becoming a ruler in Egypt who saves lives. In this story, Joseph declares that what his brothers meant for evil, God used for good. Students will be encouraged to consider how God might be working behind the scenes in their own struggles.

Zach Kordic

LAST WEEK @ CROSS CHURCH:

WEEKLY NEEDS: \$9,986.55

OFFERING: \$4,082.77

DIFFERENCE: -\$5,903.78

BUILDING FUND: \$260,205.30

ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH
276

ONLINE
30

YOUTH RETREAT
25

COMING UP:

FIRST TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP 2026
JANUARY 13TH @ 6:00 PM

FIRST FAMILY NIGHT 2026
JANUARY 14TH @ 6:00 PM

YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT
JANUARY 24TH, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

