



## Parents,

“LIVES CHANGED BY JESUS” Heard this anywhere lately? As the body of Ooltewah Baptist Church, we **are** LIVES CHANGED BY JESUS and we **actively desire to see more** LIVES CHANGED BY JESUS. Crossroads Winter Conference could be a weekend where Jesus changes your child’s life! Thank you for trusting us. It is a joy to partner with you in helping your children love and trust Jesus more each day.

## ATTACHED ARE THE DETAILS OF OUR TRIP...

If you haven’t already, please download the annual “Parental Consent and Liability Release Form”. This needs to be notarized and will be on file for your student for all of 2019.

## ARE YOU READY!?!?

We are going to enjoy a beautiful cabin in the woods, have a great time with the Crossroads crew, take advantage of some daily downtime to buy ice cream, eat funnel cakes, visit the arcade, shop, and more. AND...most importantly...we are going to see our HOLY and WONDERFUL God at work in our lives and in the lives of those sitting around us.

## PARENTS

Let me encourage you to speak with your children about their walk with Christ before they attend this conference. Share your love for them. Ask them how you can be praying for them. Affirm the ways you see God at work in them...and in your family. There will be daily invitations for students to ask Jesus to be their Lord and we’ve seen a number of our students receive Christ through the years at Crossroads. It’s a wonderful thing and we want you to know that we will be at their side listening and praying should they desire to make this decision for the first time in their life. Maybe your student is already a Christ-follower, but their attention and affection has been elsewhere for some time. Pray for us and partner with us as we affirm the finished work of Christ on their behalf and cheer them along in daily joy and obedience as a Christ-follower. So many emotions can rise to the top when we step out of daily life and enter environments such as these. We covet your prayers. May God make us great listeners! May God speak through His Word to their hearts! May forgiveness take place! May walls and barriers come down! May joy overflow! May He give them such confidence in His work and His mission for them! May they shine for others to see! May we see LIVES CHANGED BY JESUS!

*Your friend,*  
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# **OBC STUDENT MINISTRIES: CROSSROADS WINTER CONFERENCE**

## **Date:**

January 18 (Friday) – January 21 (Monday)

## **Times:**

- Friday 1/18/19
  - Arrive at the Student Center no later than 3:45pm
  - We will depart from the Student Center at 4:00pm
- Monday 1/21/19
  - We will return to the Student Center around 5:00pm
  - Phone calls will be made asap should we anticipate early/late arrival

## **Adult Chaperones**

Michael Bradley  
Cameron Ball  
Karen Robinson  
Virginia Mercer

## **Conference Location:**

Gatlinburg, TN  
Gatlinburg Convention Center  
234 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, TN 37738

## **Cabin Location:**

“It’s 5 O’clock Somewhere”  
Hidden Valley Resort  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Room assignments will be given out upon arrival or can be purchased from Michael Bradley at an incredibly unreasonable rate.

## **Transportation:**

- (2) 15 Passenger Vans, (1) SUV for additional luggage
- Wear seat belts, hands and bodies to yourself, must get all truckers to honk, horns must be used in tunnels, etc.

## **What To Wear:**

- Pack a couple of layers in case we get surprised by cold weather!
- Last check of the weather: *50/40 with a chance of rain each day*
- Rain gear highly recommended
- Warm and comfortable shoes
- Appropriate...no revealing clothing or inappropriate words/images

### What do students need to bring?

- A GREAT ATTITUDE AND AN EXPECTANT HEART!
- A Bible ...please don't forget this.
- A notebook/pad of paper and pen/pencil
- A small purse or backpack to carry Bible, gloves, etc.
- A favorite blanket/pillow (though the cabin will have these...some may want the comfort of home)
- A small air mattress or pool float (easier) if they want their own space in the cabin
- Snacks for the road and to keep your occasional meal expenses down
- Cash (more info. on next page)
- For ease of travel we ask that each person pack as lightly as possible. Please limit yourself to one small suitcase or duffel and one carry-on (purse/backpack) per person.

### What should they NOT bring?

- NO BAD ATTITUDES!!!
- No game/video systems of any kind
- No tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons of any kind (this includes pocket knives)

### What about cell phones?

- This one I am asking parents to determine what is best for their family. I completely understand the value of teenagers having a phone with them on this trip. Please understand, however, that we reserve the right as leaders to take up any cell phone that we see being used during times when students should be listening (messages, group time, etc.) or should we learn that they are abusing your/our trust in any other way through the use of this device. We additionally will not be responsible for lost phones. And...the Wi-Fi password will not be given out at the cabin.

### Money

- Students are responsible for their own money for travel meals, lunches, and optional activities for the duration of our trip. Parents, please talk with your child about how to keep up with and manage their own money for the trip.
- Karen Robinson and Virginia Mercer are planning some light breakfasts and dinners for each day. Thank you ladies! We'd starve without you. Each person should also bring money to cover a few additional meals.
  - A quick "fast food" dinner during travel on the 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Lunch out on the 19<sup>th</sup> (Likely Pizza will be an option)
  - Lunch out on the 20<sup>th</sup> (Likely Five Guys will be an option)
  - Lunch on the way home on the 21<sup>th</sup> (TBD)
- Any additional snacks, shopping, entertainment (stuff can get expensive fast). Gatlinburg being a tourist town...everything tends to be pretty pricey. Activities/Games can range from \$10-\$50. We'd like everyone to bring \$10 for a group activity TBD.
- Most places will want cash not card. Please remind your students to keep their money safely stored away and how to handle spending it in public.
- Be aware that there will most likely be an opportunity during our trip to donate money/make an offering to a ministry or mission. Please consider setting aside some money to do this. What a great practice for us all!

## Illness / Injury Policy

- It is rare, but from time to time students become ill or suffer injury while attending student events out of town. We seek to keep your children as healthy and safe as possible, but sometimes things beyond our control take place. The following will take place if your child becomes sick or ill while in our care:
  1. We will immediately ensure that your child is as safe and comfortable as possible where they are located.
  2. We will immediately contact you to begin communicating with you about their condition as some from our team will communicate with the Lord about their condition.
  3. We will work with you to secure any care your child requires.
  4. Parents are responsible for securing transportation for their child should sickness or injury require their early departure from the trip. We will work with you as much as possible should this take place, but we must remain with our group while out of town. Please have a back up plan/person in place should this be needed. Again, thank you for trusting us with your children. We will do our best to keep them healthy and safe at all times.

## **CROSSROADS WORLDWIDE WINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

### Friday (January 18)

- 3:45 pm – Students/Chaperones arrive at OBC Student Center
- 4:00 pm – Depart
- 5:30 pm – Quick “fast food” stop
- 7:00 pm – Check In @ Convention Center
- 9:00 pm – Opening Session
- 11:00pm – Group Time @ Cabin
- 12:00am – Lights Out

### Saturday – Sunday (January 19 and 20)

- 7:00 am – Wake Up / Quiet Time / Breakfast
- 8:00 am – Leave Cabin
- 8:30 am – Be in line to enter Convention Center
- 9:00 am – Session One
- 11:00 am – Session Two and Family Time
- 12:45 pm – Lunch and Free Time
- 2:00 pm – Session Three
- 4:30 pm – Head to Cabin
- 5:30 pm – Dinner @Cabin
- 7:00 pm – Be in line to enter Convention Center
- 7:30 pm – Session Four and Family Time
- 12:00 am – Lights Out

### Monday (January 21)

- 7:00 am – Wake Up / Quiet Time / Load Vans / Breakfast
- 8:00 am – Leave Cabin
- 8:30 am – Be in line to enter Convention Center
- 9:00 am – Closing Session
- 11:00 am – Lunch / Group Activity
- 2:00 pm – Head Home
- 5:00pm – Projected Arrival @OBC Student Center