



Join

The

Family

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# Welcome

## Dear Friend,

Let me be the first to welcome you to our family here at Cross Church. I'm delighted you are interested in becoming a member of our church. We believe it is no coincidence that you are here. God has supernaturally appointed you and I to make a significant difference in this world.

The Bible says that the plans God has for you are great, and I am committed to serve you as your Pastor and help you fulfill the calling God has for your life. Philipians 1:6 states, "Being confident in this very thing, that He which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ". I know that you will find your place here, and our goal is to equip you in knowing how to use your gifts and talents to advance the kingdom of God.

If there is anything we can do better to serve you, please do not hesitate to let us know, We can be reached at (956) 399-5590. Our office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9am - 5pm. Once again, welcome to the family.

In His Name,

*Jaime & Rose Mary Loya*

Senior Pastors





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**Jaime Loya** was born on December 28, 1974 to Juan and Norma Loya of San Benito, Texas. He graduated from San Benito High School in 1993. That same year, in the summer of 1993, he married the love of his life, Rose Mary Benavides. Soon after marriage, Jaime attended Tell My People Bible Training Center and graduated with the highest GPA of his class. Upon graduation, Jaime & Rose Mary began their ministry as youth pastors at ICCM Tabernacle of Life in Harlingen, Texas.

They continued working until God moved them to start Valley International Christian Center, now known as Cross Church alongside their parents in 1995.

In 2004, soon after entering their new 600 seat sanctuary, Pastor Jaime Loya was recognized by the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC), Third Day Believer's Network (3DBN), and the Hispanic Registry of Who's Who in America as one of the most significant and successful Hispanic pastors in the United States of America. In that year, he also had the distinct honor and privilege of being named and recognized as a Bishop by the Third Day Believer's Network (3DBN).

In 2011 and 2013, VICC was recognized by Outreach Magazine as one of America's 100 Fastest Growing Churches. In 2014, the church entered into their new state-of-the-art facility which seats 1,800 people and includes administrative offices, cafe, a bookstore, and a children's wing.

Pastor Loya's duties include leading a church of over 2,400 people in weekend attendance, employing a full time church staff and developing church leaders. Pastor Loya has also successfully launched several church plants and campuses and is in the process of launching more in the near future. He serves as a mentor and ministry coach to pastors in and around the area.

Pastor Loya is regarded as one of the emerging voices in America and prominent preachers of his generation. His unique style and bilingual speaking ability has taken him all over the nation ministering in some of America's largest churches. He has also ministered abroad in places such as Germany, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica and several parts of Central America. Aside from his pastoral duties, he serves as a Board Member of the National Hispanic Leadership Conference (NHCLC) - America's Largest Hispanic Christian Organization leading the way in addressing issues such as poverty, healthcare, education reform, religious persecution, juvenile delinquency, etc.

Jaime and Rose Mary currently reside in the city of Harlingen, Texas and are the proud parents of four children - Hannah, Sarah, Isaiah and Josiah.

# MISSION

WE BELIEVE IN THE  
POTENTIAL OF EVERY  
PERSON.

HELPING PEOPLE *Cross Over* FROM SIN & DEATH TO *New Life in Christ*

WHAT WILL YOU FIND?

## WE ARE CROSS CULTURAL

Reflects our commitment to reach people from different cultures, ethnicities, and languages.

We are committed to cross borders and breaking all barriers in order to reach every tribe, tongue, and nation with the life changing message of Jesus Christ.

## CROSS GENERATIONAL

Describes our vision to reach people of all ages and stages of life. All life is precious to God and we believe that you are never too young or too old to pursue your calling and fulfill your destiny. We offer ministry to the entire family because we desire to see every generation fulfill their divine purpose and reach their God-given potential.

NOT ABOUT RELIGION BUT...

## CROSS DENOMINATIONAL

Speaks of our desire to reach people from all denominations or no denomination at all. We desire to reach across denominational lines and unite the Body of Christ around the world. We are a church who embraces people of any background with the objective of producing strong, mature Christ followers.



- The "Cross" is made up of two lines and is both horizontal and vertical. No other symbol incorporates passion and promise like the cross - successfully branded the eternal hope of glory to all mankind.
- The "Cross" encompasses the need for Man to be right with God (Vertical) , but also man's need to reach out and help his fellow man (Horizontal).
- The "Cross" is the universal Christian symbol that not only conveys a message of what was, but what is and is to come!

***'Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.' - Matthew 16:24 (KJV)***



# WHAT WE BELIEVE

16 Fundamental Truths

## 1. The Word of God

We believe the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man. It teaches us how to live and is the ultimate authority of faith and conduct.

*2 Timothy 3:15-17*

## 2. The One True God

We believe there is one true God who eternally exists as three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (known as the Trinity).

*Deuteronomy 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14*

## 3. Jesus

We believe Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of the World.

*John 3:16*

## 4. Sin

We believe man voluntarily fell into transgression and sinned against God, thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. We have all sinned.

*Romans 5:12-19*

## 5. Salvation

We believe that Jesus came and died for our sins on the Cross and rose from the dead on the third day. We believe that every person can have a relationship with God by repenting of sin, accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. Salvation is a gift from God and cannot be earned through our own efforts.

*Romans 10:9-10*

## 6. Baptism and Communion

We believe and practice two ordinances established by Jesus:

- (1) Water Baptism by following salvation;
- (2) Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) as a reminder, of Jesus' suffering and death for our salvation.

*Matthew 28:19; Luke 22:19-2*

## 7. The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge Him as God, as much as Jesus and God the Father. We believe in the infilling of the Holy Spirit in the life of every believer.

*Acts 1:4-5, 8*

## 8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

We believe the initial physical sign of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is 'speaking in tongues'. As experienced on the Day of Pentecost and referenced throughout Acts and the Epistles.

*Acts 2:4*

## 9. Holiness

We believe in holiness (sanctification). It is initiated by the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation. It is a progressive work, that lasts throughout life.

*Romans 12:1-2*

## 10. The Church

We believe 'the Church' is the Body of Christ. The Church is the Hope of the world with the mission of establishing the Kingdom of God on the earth. We have been given the assignment of evangelizing the world and making disciples of those who believe.

*Matthew 28:19-20*

## **11. The Ministry**

We believe that ministry every person has a ministry and should use their talents, treasure and time in order to fulfill their calling.

*Ephesians 4:11-14*

## **12. Healing**

We believe that God heals today. Divine healing of the sick is provided for through Jesus Christ's death on the cross.

*Isaiah 53:4-5*

## **13. The Blessed Hope**

We believe Jesus is coming back as He promised, and all believers who have died and those who are still living will meet the Lord and be with Him forever.

*1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*

## **14. The Millennial Reign of Christ**

We believe Jesus will return with the believers at His second coming and will rule over the earth for one thousand years.

*Revelation 20:1-6*

## **15. The Final Judgment**

We believe a final judgment will take place for all who have rejected Jesus. They will be judged for their sin and condemned to eternal punishment in hell.

*Revelation 20:11-15*

## **16. The New Heavens & the New Earth**

We believe and look forward to a New Heavens and New Earth where all people who have been saved throughout time will live forever with God.

*Revelation 21:1*

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# OUR HISTORY



## 1995

VICC Launched in Francisco Benavides, Sr.'s Living Room in Harlingen, TX.

## 1998

VICC Purchased a small Comic Book Store along with 2.2 acres.



## 2003

VICC completes construction of their 600 seat facility.

## 2007

VICC purchased Old Theater Downtown and converted to Next Gen Center.



## 2008

VICC Purchased 13.79 acres for future site of new facility.

Be a part of Our Story...

## HIS - STORY



# 2014

VICC enters new 70,000 sq. ft. facility.

# 2015

VICC is now Cross Church.



# 2017

Cross Church launches a second campus in McAllen, TX.

# 2018

Cross Church launches a third campus in Brownsville, TX.



# 2018

Cross Church launches a fourth campus in Raymondville, TX.

# 2020

Cross Church launches a fifth campus in Laguna Vista, TX.



# CORE VALUES

No matter what Cross Campus or Location you visit, this is what you will find. This is our culture, and we strive to make sure that it is evident, visible and woven into the fabric of our ministry. This is who we are and what we will be known for.

## WE ARE CROSS CENTERED

We stand on God's Holy Word without compromise. We will proudly and boldly proclaim the whole counsel of God to the whole-wide world. We are committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to the Message of the CROSS His death, burial and resurrection. We are all about Jesus, nothing more and nothing less. Jesus is the Savior, Healer, Deliverer, and Friend that every person needs. He stands alone as the only answer for humanity.

## WE STRIVE TO BE CROSS FIT

We are passionate about people and desire to see them be healthy: spirit, soul and body. We will do everything within our power to see people far from God come to Christ and to help them grow in their relationship with God. In order to reach our city, region and world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we will aggressively act in faith with every move we make. We will not allow our surroundings or limitations dictate to us what our God is capable of. We will set impossible goals, take bold steps of faith and watch God move.

## WE WILL GO CROSS COUNTRY

We are mindful of the Great Commission given to us by our Lord. Jesus commanded us to go into the entire world and preach the Gospel to every Creature, to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever He has commanded. For that reason, we are committed to going beyond our borders, across the country and around the world strategically planting campuses and intentionally expanding our ministry outreach.



## WE BELIEVE IN **CROSS POLLINATING**

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We are strategic about building and cultivating Kingdom connections. We will unapologetically find ways to network with key ministries and people in order to advance God's agenda. We will identify, single out, and engage like-minded individuals in order to build strategic partnerships. We desire to learn from everyone and when possible incorporate a variety of influences into our methodology in order to fulfill the vision that God has given us. We will focus on the positive and refuse to allow the negative to overshadow the wonderful things that God is doing in our midst.

## BECAUSE OF **THE CROSS**

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**We Stand United** - Because of the Cross, we are united under the vision that God has given to our church and though we are one church in many locations, we endeavor to maintain a spirit of unity throughout our ministry.

**We Give Generously** - Because of the Cross, we are generous in every way. Generosity is not just what we do, it is who we are. Our pastors, leaders, staff and church will go above and beyond to give sacrificially to the work of God. It is our goal to be an expression of God's generosity to the world.

**We will be Grateful** - Because of the Cross, we will be grateful. We will be grateful for everything that God is doing. We are fully aware that what we are experiencing is not normal. We understand that God could have easily chosen anybody, but He chose us. We will not take for granted any of the opportunities that are set before us. We will seize the moment, maintain a spirit of humility and vow to always give God the glory.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ONLINE USING OUR OFFICAL HASHTAG:

**#CROSSCHURCHRGV**



HELPING PEOPLE

# CROSS OVER

FROM SIN AND DEATH

TO *New Life* IN *Christ*





# CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Cross Church is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit Organization.

We are committed to upholding a biblical model for church government. The government DNA of the church is based on the standards set forth by the Holy Scriptures. We believe that the local church is the hope of the world, and the hope of the local church revolves around a biblical model of government that operates under the blessing and favor of God.

*(1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4; James 5:14-15)*

**“We believe in being good stewards.” - Pastor Jaime Loya**

Cross Church abides by the biblical standard of stewardship and financial integrity. We handle the finances that flow through the church and ministry with the upmost respect and reverence. Cross Church’s financial books and accounting practices are kept in compliance with the IRS by an outside and independent accounting firm. This firm provides the oversight necessary to comply with all state and federal accounting regulations and policies.

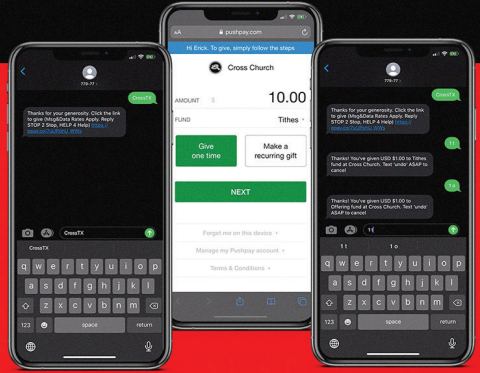
*(Matthew 25:23,29; Luke 14:28; Luke 16:11)*



# WAYS TO GIVE

Text CROSSTX to 77977 to Get Started

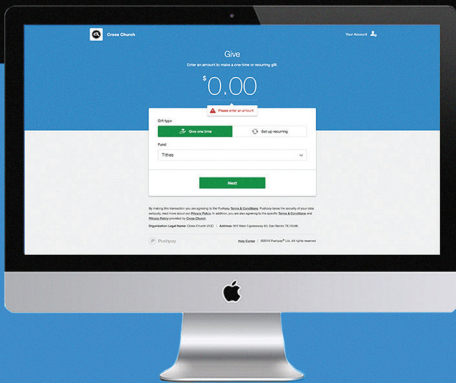
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To give subsequent gifts, text "amount & fund" to 77977  
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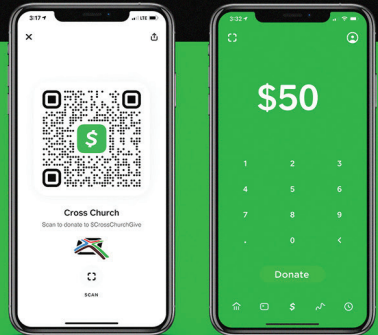
[crosschurchonline.com/donate](http://crosschurchonline.com/donate)

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Simple and secure. Give a single gift, or schedule recurring giving using your checking account, debit, or credit card.

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# CROSS Kids

Our Cross Kids Children's Church is here to serve your children that are in grades K-6th. During our weekend services, your children will get to experience fun & engaging praise & worship, age-appropriate & interactive foundational Bible based lessons & Themed Super Sundays in safe, enjoyable & friendly environment. We have a wonderful & dedicated staff ready to serve your children. We will ensure that your child will have fun, feel valued & accepted, & experience the love of God.





YOUTH

# CROSS YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



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# SUNDAYS

IN-PERSON SERVICES IN-PERSON SERVICES IN-PERSON SERVICES

# SUNDAYS

**ALL CAMPUS ONE NIGHT**

**YTH NIGHT**

EVERY 1ST  
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

EVERY 3RD  
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**SAN BENITO CAMPUS AT 6:30 PM  
901 W EXPY 83, SAN BENITO, TX 78586**

# MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

A Cross Church member is:

**C**hrist Like  
**R**esponsible  
**O**bedient  
**S**pirit Led  
**S**ervant Leader

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and having been baptized in water and being in agreement with Cross Church doctrinal statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Cross Church and I hereby apply for church membership. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

## 1. I will be **C**hrist-Like

- By living a Godly Life
- By keeping God first in my family
- By acting in love toward others

*“So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..”*

- Colossians 1:10

*“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart..”*

- 1 Peter 1:22

## 2. I will be **R**esponsible

- By attending church faithfully
- By cultivating my personal relationship with God
- By giving regularly

*“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... but let us encourage one another” - Hebrews 10:25*

*“Each one of you, on the first day of the week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering” - 1 Corinthians 16:2*



## 3. I will be **O**bedient

- By following the leaders God has set in place
- By submitting to the authority of God’s Word
- By applying the Bible principles we are taught every week

*“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you.”*  
- Hebrews 13:17

*“God gave, some to be pastors, and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”*  
- Ephesians 4:11-12

## 4. I will be **S**pirit-Led

- By developing the Gifts of the Spirit
- By displaying the Fruit of the Spirit
- By allowing the Holy Spirit to be my guide

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." - John 15:5*

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23*



## 5. I will be a **S**ervant Leader

- By developing a servant's heart
- By being equipped to serve by my Pastors
- By fulfilling my ministry

*"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you.."*

*-1 Peter 4:10*

*"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ... who took on the very nature of a servant." - Philippians 2:3-4,7*

# WE STAND FOR GOD'S WORD

At Cross Church, we adhere to the belief and doctrine that God's Word is the final authority on all things. We do not believe it is a suggestion, but sound doctrine for righteous living.

We recognize that our American culture has redefined certain definitions including marriage. At Cross Church, we adhere to a biblical definition of marriage between man and woman. The consistent ideal for sexual experience in the Bible is chastity for those outside a monogamous heterosexual marriage and fidelity for those inside such a marriage.

It should be noted that when it comes to people attending our church, ALL are welcomed.

But, when it comes to serving on our Ministry Serve Team, and serving in Leadership, the standards for righteous living are more closely examined and expected. The Bible makes it clear that we should avoid sexual immorality (1 Thess. 4:1-8). Though God's forgiveness is full and complete, there is a distinction between forgiveness for past sins and necessary biblical suitability for spiritual leadership. 1 Timothy 3 outlines qualifications necessary for those who desire to be spiritual leaders. Those qualifications include being "above reproach" and having a "good reputation."

Lastly, it is critical that those serving in ministry exhibit strong convictions and a lifestyle consistent with biblical standards. A past problem in this area does not necessarily disqualify you, but we believe once saved, your life should display the fruits of the grace imparted in your life.

# NEXT STEPS

*Step* **one**  
**Become a Member**

*Step* **two**  
**Join a Team**



# SERVE TEAMS

## GUEST SERVICES:

- USHERS
- CONNECT TEAM
- CAFE
- GREETERS
- PARKING TEAM

## Next Gen:

- NURSERY
- CROSS YOUTH
- CROSS KIDS
- CROSS YOUNG ADULTS

## Worship & Production:

- AUDIO
- LIGHTING
- SOUND SYSTEM
- VIDEO
- STAGING
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- WORSHIP
- CAMERAS
- MEDIA

## Campus:

- FACILITIES CARE
- SPECIAL EVENTS
- ORGANIZING

## Other:

- PASTORAL CARE



# ONE CHURCH MANY LOCATIONS



## SAN BENITO CAMPUS

901 W. Expy 83, San Benito, TX 78586

**10AM | 12PM**

ENGLISH

ESPAÑOL



EMBASSY  
SUITES  
by Hilton™

## McALLEN CAMPUS

800 Convention Center Blvd,  
McAllen, TX 78501

**10AM | ENGLISH**



## BROWNSVILLE CAMPUS

351 E. Los Ebanos Blvd, Brownsville, TX 78520

**10AM | 12PM**

ENGLISH

ESPAÑOL



## RAYMONDVILLE CAMPUS

153 E. Main Ave, Raymondville, TX 78580

**10AM | 12PM**

ENGLISH

ENGLISH



## BAY AREA CAMPUS

1441 Santa Isabel Blvd, Laguna Vista, TX 78578

**10AM | ENGLISH**

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**MEMBERSHIP BOOK**