

THE “CROSSWORD” DNA
23RD Church Anniversary Message
God is Able and Available – Part 3
CrossWord Christian Church
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(Jesus said) ***“On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*** Matthew 16:18b (ESV)

Nine Principles That Make Our Church Grow:

C limate Of Acceptance

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”
Romans 15:7 (NIV)

R esponsible Leadership

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.” Hebrews 13:7 (NIV)

O rganized With You In Mind

“All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.” 2 Corinthians 4:15 (NIV)

S ensitive To Non-Believers

“To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. (23) I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.” 1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (NIV)

S piritual Growth Format

*“This (the teaching of God’s Word) is to continue until we (all) become mature...
(14) Then we will no longer be little children, tossed and carried about by all kinds of teachings that change like the wind. We will no longer be influenced by people who use cunning and clever strategies to lead us astray.”* Ephesians 4:13-14 (GW)

Where Every Member Has A Gift

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; (7) if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; (8) if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” Romans 12:6-8 (NIV)

Outstanding Life Groups

“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.” Acts 5:42 (NIV)

Real Life Teaching

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 (NIV)

Directed By Christ

*“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” (37) Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ (38) *This is the first and greatest commandment.**

(39) And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matthew 22:36-39 (NIV)