



**Are You Certain?**

*Luke 1:1-4*

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## The Prologue to Luke's Gospel

- Who wrote this gospel?
  - Luke
- How did Luke compose this gospel?
  - The existence of previous accounts (1:1)
  - The source of these previous accounts (1:2)
    - Eyewitness messengers who saw Jesus' life, death and resurrection (and heard this teaching), and then reported what they saw and heard.
  - The composition of Luke's account (1:3)
    - Luke's account is the product of careful, thorough, extensive investigation.
    - Luke's account is written in an orderly manner.
- To whom did Luke write?
  - Luke wrote his account of Jesus to Theophilus.
- Why did Luke write this account?
  - Luke wrote this account of Jesus so that Theophilus (and we) would be certain about the things we have been taught about Jesus.
    - Luke wants Theophilus (and us) to be certain that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation as promised in the Old Testament.
    - Luke wants Theophilus (and us) to be certain that Jesus came to bring salvation to "all" people, particularly those outside the Jewish religious circle.
    - Luke wants Theophilus (and us) to be certain about what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

## The Application of Luke's Prologue to Our Lives Today

- We need to realize that there is a difference between being taught about Jesus and being certain of Jesus.
- When we become certain of everything Jesus did and said, then it will radically change our lives.
  - Imagine the practical difference it would make in our lives if we were certain and 100% convinced that Jesus is the fulfillment of all the Old Testament promises God made.
  - Imagine the practical difference it would make in our lives if we were certain and 100% convinced that Jesus came to bring salvation to "all" people, particularly those on the "outside."
  - Imagine the practical difference it would make in our lives if we were certain and 100% convinced that Jesus meant what He said about what it means to be his disciple.

# Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray that you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, sermon or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We'd also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card, which is located at the Welcome Table.

## Fall Festival

*Saturday, Oct. 27 / 3:30-6:30 p.m. / Indian Woods*

Cross Fellowship will be hosting our annual Fall Festival on Oct. 27. Mark your calendars as we need everyone's help to make this happen. Here are some of the ways you can serve:

- setup and cleanup
- food table organization
- pumpkin painting
- face painting
- balloon animals
- children's games and activities coordination

Please let Mike or Rita Sanders know how you would like to help. Flyers will be available soon for you to invite your friends and neighbors.

## Cross Fellowship Church Week at Lifeway

*Monday-Friday, Nov. 5-10*

We're partnering with the LifeWay Christian Store in Olathe. Go into their store, purchase any item, say you are a member of Cross Fellowship Church, and you'll receive 20% off your purchase. It's that easy! This deal is only available at the LifeWay in Olathe (11941 South Strang Line Road) on the dates listed above.

## Hospitality Team

The Hospitality Team is in need of one person to be a greeter once a month on Sunday mornings. Please contact Tim Vance if you would like to serve in this way.

## Children's Ministry Opportunities

Here are some opportunities to serve in the children's ministry. Please talk to Nicki McDowell if you are able to help.

- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday baby room volunteer | four times per year
- Substitute for baby, toddler, preschool rooms | 9:45-11:45 a.m.; up to once a month
- Preschool class lead teacher to help communicate with teachers and parents

## Email Newsletter

Have you signed up to receive our weekly email newsletter? If not, simply go to [crossfellowshipchurch.org](http://crossfellowshipchurch.org), click the "Sign Up" button near the top of the page, and fill in the form. This is the best way to stay up to date on what's going on at Cross Fellowship Church.

## Sunday Morning Offering

Unlike most churches, we do not pass a collection plate each Sunday to collect your financial gifts and offerings. Instead, if you would like to financially contribute toward our church-related ministries, you can do so in the offering box located in the back of the room. Thank you!

## Elders

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## Discipleship Communities

In our discipleship communities, or small groups, we seek to live as disciples together who love God supremely, one another humbly, and the world sacrificially. Please join us!

### Chasteen DC

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