

Cross Creek Community Church 2006 Congregational Survey Results



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	Yes	No	Total
1 Do you consider Cross Creek your church home?	96	2	98
	98%	2%	

	Yes	No	Total
2 Are you a covenant member?	77	21	98
	79%	21%	

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
3 If yes, for how many years?	14	17	5	5	10	4	5	6	8	3	77
	53%				18%		29%				

	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21+	Total
4 How many miles do you live from the church?	35	35	9	8	11	98
	36%	36%	9%	8%	11%	

	Faith	Count	%
7 What religious tradition were you raised in?	Methodist	24	24%
	Baptist	15	15%
	Catholic	15	15%
	Presbyterian	8	8%
	UCC	8	8%
	Pentecostal	6	6%
	None	7	7%
	Episcopal	5	5%
	Other	5	5%
	Lutheran	2	2%
	Congregational	1	1%
	Fundamentalist	1	1%
	Church of God	1	1%
	Total	98	

	Not involved				Somewhat involved			Strongly involved			Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
8a Indicate the level of involvement in your faith now?	4	3	1	3	11	6	16	16	22	16	98
	11%				17%			71%			

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
8b Indicate the level of involvement in your faith 10 years ago?	25	9	6	3	10	6	3	5	12	19	98
	44%				16%		40%				

	Inc	Dec	Same	N/A	Total
9 Has your overall involvement increased or decreased in the past 2 years?	46	12	29	11	98
	53%	14%	33%		

	Reason	Count
9a If increased, what are the reasons?	Stronger faith	22
	More positive attitude toward Cross Creek	15
	Accepted volunteer/paid position with the church	15
	Because of children	8
	Other	7
	More time available	5
	Better health	3
	Total	75

	Reason	Count
9b If decreased, what are the reasons?	Less time available	8
	Gave up volunteer/paid position with the church	4
	Because of children	4
	Health problems	2
	Less positive attitude toward Cross Creek	1
	Faith struggles	1
	Other	1
	Total	21

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Program/Service	of Total	%	Count
10 Which four programs and services offered by many churches are most important to you and your family?			
Justice programs	53%	14%	52
Adult theological talks	44%	11%	43
Family activities and outing	44%	11%	43
Children's ministry	38%	10%	37
Spiritual retreats	37%	10%	36
Bible study discussion and prayer groups	31%	8%	30
Youth programs	28%	7%	27
Personal/family counseling	23%	6%	23
Mission projects	17%	5%	17
Marriage enrichment	13%	3%	13
Grief/divorce recovery	11%	3%	11
Sports or camping	11%	3%	11
Active retirement programs	7%	2%	7
Food pantry and clothing resources	6%	2%	6
Care for terminally ill	6%	2%	6
Parent training programs	6%	2%	6
Church sponsored day school	4%	1%	4
12-step recovery programs	3%	1%	3
Day care services	2%	1%	2
Total			377

What are your preferences?	Emotionally uplifting			Intellectually challenging		
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
11 Worship which is:	10	11	50	13	14	98
	10%	11%	51%	13%	14%	
	21%		51%	28%		

	Traditional, Formal, Ceremonial			Contemporary, Informal		
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	4	4	26	39	25	98
	4%	4%	27%	40%	26%	
	8%		27%	65%		

12 Music which is:	Traditional			Contemporary		
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	3	9	38	28	20	98
	3%	9%	39%	29%	20%	
	12%		39%	49%		

	Performed by others			Participatory		
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	3	9	45	26	15	98
	3%	9%	46%	27%	15%	
	12%		46%	42%		

13 Involvement and mission emphasis which is:	Community focused			Personal spiritual		
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	5	24	60	3	6	98
	5%	24%	61%	3%	6%	
	30%		61%	9%		

	Global mission			Local mission		
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	1	25	48	4	20	98
	1%	26%	49%	4%	20%	
	27%		49%	24%		

14 Church architecture which is:	Traditional			Contemporary		
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	2	7	30	36	23	98
	2%	7%	31%	37%	23%	
	9%		31%	60%		

	Somber/serious			Light & airy		
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	0	2	17	37	42	98
	0%	2%	17%	38%	43%	
	2%		17%	81%		

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15 Among the following items, select 6 of greatest concern to you.

Concern	of Total	%	Count
Social injustice	67%	18%	66
Racial/ethnic prejudice	42%	11%	41
Good church	38%	10%	37
Stress	37%	10%	36
Life direction	37%	10%	36
Spiritual teaching	35%	9%	34
Personal health	29%	7%	28
Time for recreation/leisure	23%	6%	23
Long-term financial security	23%	6%	23
Fulfilling marriage	22%	6%	22
Parenting skills	21%	6%	21
Companionship	20%	5%	20
Good schools	17%	5%	17
Satisfying job/career	16%	4%	16
Teen/child problems	15%	4%	15
Health insurance	15%	4%	15
Aging parent care	14%	4%	14
Day to day financial worries	11%	3%	11
Abusive relationships	10%	3%	10
Divorce	7%	2%	7
Employment opportunities	7%	2%	7
Retirement opportunities	7%	2%	7
Better quality healthcare	6%	2%	6
Child care	6%	2%	6
Educational objectives	6%	2%	6
Problems in schools	5%	1%	5
Alcohol/drug use	4%	1%	4
Affordable housing	3%	1%	3
Neighborhood crime & safety	2%	1%	2
Adequate food	1%	0%	1
Neighborhood gangs	0%	0%	0
Total			539

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16 Read each statement and indicate the degree of your satisfaction or dissatisfaction.		Not	Very			Very		
		Applica	satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	
		9	1	2	3	4	5	
		Total						
a	Relationship with God	13	17	53	11	4	0	85
		82%		13%		5%		
b	Personal spiritual growth	1	9	56	22	8	2	97
		67%		23%		10%		
c	Personal Bible study and prayer	4	5	15	41	32	1	94
		21%		44%		35%		
d	My health	1	11	41	20	23	2	97
		54%		21%		26%		
e	My job/career	10	18	34	17	11	8	88
		59%		19%		22%		
f	My personal financial situation	2	19	31	16	25	5	96
		52%		17%		31%		
g	My family life	3	36	24	24	9	2	95
		63%		25%		12%		
h	Relationship with my extended family	3	23	35	18	14	5	95
		61%		19%		20%		
j	Relationship with my spouse/partner	25	41	19	9	3	1	73
		82%		12%		5%		
k	Relationship with my children	32	26	20	13	5	2	66
		70%		20%		11%		
l	Spiritual development of my family	12	6	37	28	13	2	86
		50%		33%		17%		
m	Sharing my faith with others	3	4	40	35	14	2	95
		46%		37%		17%		
n	My actual ministry involvement in church	1	7	49	26	15	0	97
		58%		27%		15%		
o	Personal relationships with people in church	3	15	44	23	13	0	95
		62%		24%		14%		
p	General satisfaction with the church	3	33	52	8	2	0	95
		89%		8%		2%		
q	Relationship with former spouse/partner	50	5	11	19	9	4	48
		33%		40%		27%		
r	Relationship with stepchildren	76	3	8	8	2	1	22
		50%		36%		14%		
s	Quality of life in my community	2	10	52	20	12	2	96
		65%		21%		15%		
t	My education	3	29	43	12	9	2	95
		76%		13%		12%		
u	My children's educational environment	48	12	22	10	6	0	50
		68%		20%		12%		

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17 What is your relationship status?

	Single	Married/partnered	1st time Separated	Divorced	Remarried/repartnered	Widowed	Total
	29	35	8	9	16	1	98
	30%	36%	8%	9%	16%	1%	

18 What is your race/ethnic origin?

	Caucasian	African-American	Cuban	Total
	97	3	1	98
	99%	3%	1%	

19 How would you rate the following programs and ministries of our congregation?

	Don't Know	Very negative	Somewhat negative	Neutral/Neither	Somewhat positive	Very positive	Total
a Retreats	9	1	2	3	4	5	48
	50	0	0	7	4	37	
		0%		15%	85%		
b Our Whole Lives	52	0	0	8	6	32	46
		0%		17%	83%		
c Weekend Intensives	30	0	0	6	10	52	68
		0%		9%	91%		
d Music Ministry/Choir	20	0	1	3	25	49	78
		1%		4%	95%		
e Fellowship events	22	0	1	6	37	32	76
		1%		8%	91%		
f Great Adventure	45	0	0	4	6	43	53
		0%		8%	92%		
g Vacation Bible School	48	0	0	3	3	44	50
		0%		6%	94%		
h Justice and Witness	33	0	1	4	18	42	65
		2%		6%	92%		
j Youth programs	60	0	0	3	15	20	38
		0%		8%	92%		
k Member Care programs	62	0	1	7	12	16	36
		3%		19%	78%		

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20 Pastors emphasize different roles in their ministries. Based upon what you perceive to be the needs of our congregation, rate the importance of the following characteristics of a senior pastor.

	Don't Know	Very unessential	Unessential	Neutral/Neither	Essential	Very Essential	Total
a Minister of the Word/teacher of the congregation - finds primary fulfillment in preaching and teaching. Is attracted to a congregation with strong educational emphasis.	3	0	1	13	27	54	95
	1%		14%		85%		
b Church administrator - fulfillment comes in administering and managing a productive, varied and effective church program.	5	1	9	20	44	19	93
	11%		22%		68%		
c Social activities - ministry centers on relating the Gospel to the social context. Enjoys being on the cutting edge of social concerns and involvement in community affairs.	1	0	0	14	48	35	97
	0%		14%		86%		
d Enabler/Facilitator - centers ministry around work with small groups of people, helping them relate to particular needs and interests.	6	0	4	29	33	26	92
	4%		32%		64%		
e Celebrant/Liturgist - most at home leading the congregation in worship. Appreciates ritual and ceremony in both formal and informal settings.	7	1	8	28	34	20	91
	10%		31%		59%		
f Spiritual Guide - encourages development of the spiritual life by all in the congregation. Own spiritual life is exemplary.	2	0	2	14	43	37	96
	2%		15%		83%		
g Witness/evangelist - focus of ministry is sharing the Gospel with those in and outside the church.	1	0	9	28	36	24	97
	9%		29%		62%		
h Counselor/healer - spends major part of each week in pastoral counseling and visiting in homes and/or hospitals. Enjoys helping people through crises.	2	0	9	22	43	22	96
	9%		23%		68%		
j Community chaplain - finds fulfillment in civic roles and leadership. Often serves on community committees and task groups.	1	0	6	30	41	20	97
	6%		31%		63%		

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21 Style of ministry varies by pastor. While you would probably agree that all of these characteristics are important, if you had to choose, in which direction would you lean?

	Strongly Prefer	Slightly Prefer	Neutral	Slightly Prefer	Strongly Prefer		
a	Expertise in Biblical and theological matters	14	17	31	17	19	High degree of spirituality
		32%		32%	37%		
b	Tends to be provoking and challenging	23	32	16	12	15	Tends to be comforting and assuring
		56%		16%	28%		
c	Preaching emphasizes the Bible	5	6	33	32	22	Preaching emphasizes contemporary issues
		11%		34%	55%		
d	Welcomes and implements new ideas and approaches	30	35	20	5	8	Deep appreciation and commitment to tradition
		66%		20%	13%		
e	Is a strong, decisive force in decisions regarding policy and program	3	8	33	38	16	Encourages decision making of other Pastors and/or lay leaders
		11%		34%	55%		
f	Has formal style	0	4	30	37	27	Has relaxed style
		4%		31%	65%		