

Crossroad Bluegrass Gospel Jam

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

Psalm 33: 1-3

My Reasons to start a Bluegrass Gospel Jam:

1. The desire to play bluegrass gospel music is within me.
2. I want to encourage non-believers to come to church.
3. I want to create an atmosphere where people can slow down, relax, and have a fun family time in a safe, welcoming environment.
4. I want to create a place where imperfect musicians can learn and practice their skills in a supportive environment.
5. I want to emphasize participation over performance.
6. I want to praise and worship God through making joyful music with others.

Name: Crossroad Bluegrass Gospel Jam

Time: Weekly or Bi-weekly

Day: Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday afternoon

Length: Minimum of 2 hours.

Requirements: Room to meet, microphone and sound system. Would also like to provide coffee, water and other drinks. And provide snacks.

Format: Participation jam in a circle allowing everyone to lead a song (or pass) when the rotating mic comes to them.

Music: Primarily gospel bluegrass and bluegrass (as long as it is a positive message or instrumental).

Instruments: Acoustic instruments (with the exception of electric bass), with emphasis on guitar, mandolin, bass, fiddle (violin), banjo, and dobro (resonator guitar). No drums!

Ways to promote the jam:

1. Church announcement
2. Website – either crcumc.org site or dedicated site (I would design and host this site at no cost). This would provide information about the jam, other bluegrass jams, music/tab downloads, and image gallery.
3. Facebook page – I will design this as well.
4. Outreach with Northeast Florida Bluegrass Association – I was the webmaster for the organization's website. I have a lot of contacts with them and there are a couple of other jams in the area (one is a performance jam).
5. Email – I will maintain a list of emails of attendees.
6. *I do the inviting and encouraging. God takes care of sending the people. How many comes is not my problem. That's God's problem.* Ron Camerrer, Bluegrass Gospel Jams