

## CHILDREN'S SECTION

It is your group, so determine together and in advance if children will be a part of the meal or not. Ideas for children include:

- Have children play or watch TV quietly in another room after the meal so the adults can talk.
- Have a teen child of someone in the group to care for the children, if willing.
- Find an outside baby-sitter.

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## DESSERTS

The relationships you build during these three months will not end simply because the meals end. You may ...

- Continue to meet and enjoy your friendships informally.
- Seek to grow the group into a Life Group where there is teaching, prayer, and spiritual mentorship.
- Join a new group in January for the February, March, and April *Dinner for Six*.

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Please let Pastor Jim Wallace know who is your group. He is happy to answer any questions, (401) 837-9475 or [jwallace40@cox.net](mailto:jwallace40@cox.net).



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A graphic showing a white plate with a silver fork resting on it. Overlaid on the plate is the text "DINNER for SIX" in a large, bold, serif font. The word "for" is smaller and positioned between "DINNER" and "SIX".

# DINNER for SIX

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The best environment for life-long transformation to take place is within community. Besides faith in Jesus, nothing else reaps such rich rewards as being connected with other believers and intentionally investing into ourselves and each other.



# APPETIZERS

To whet your appetite.

*Dinner for Six* is a simple idea. Six people get to together and eat one meal together each month (November, December, and January). Any combination of couples and singles is fine. Meals usually rotate between the homes of the six people.

The purposes of *Dinner for Six* are:

1. Welcome.

To meet new people in the church. Great friendships must start someplace and should form naturally. We are to 'greet one another in Christian love (1Pe 5:14 NLT).' This provides an opportunity to get things started.

2. Hospitality

Serving and showing hospitality is a spiritual gift (1Pe 4:9) and Paul encourages us to 'practice hospitality (Ro 12:13).' This sets the table for some to use their giftedness and for others to receive its refreshing.

3. Relationship

Ultimately, Christian love is to be our distinguishing mark (Jn 13:35). Yet such love cannot be exercised from a distance. There is a closeness when we share a meal together. Do it often enough, and genuine love will result.



*Dinner for Six is a great way to connect and get to know others at Crossroads International Church!*

# ENTREES

Mouth Watering Meats

## Ministry Leaders

We must insist that you set the example and develop new relationships. We know you are busy and have family matters, but this is critical for CIC to flourish. Build a *Dinner for Six* group and enjoy its sweet taste.

## Build Your Own

Anyone can cook up a *Dinner for Six* group, just find other people in CIC to join you and then let Pastor Jim Wallace know who is in your group.

## When?

Groups will form in October and have their first meal in November. December will be tough with all the Christmas activities so plan that one soon! January will be the final meal of this segment.

## Pray

At some point in the evening, pray for each other. Spiritual conversations are oh so tasty!

## Sounds Fishy?!

## Where?

You can rotate from home to home, or stay at one home for all three meals, or you can even go to a restaurant. The goal is not to see who has the cleanest house or who is the best cook, but to enjoy each other.

## Food?

One host could make the entire meal or it can be a pot-luck style. It is your *Dinner for Six*, so work it out as you desire. We live in a time when there are many food allergies and special diets, please discuss these issues in advance.

## Singles?

Please don't overlook our single adults.