

Sunday Morning Bible Study Schedule Spring & Summer 2010

Classes meet at 9 am

Discovering the God of Second Chances (minor prophets)

April 4 Week 4 Review of Amos // Day 1 of Week 5

April 11 Week 5 Review of Amos // Day 1 of Week 6

April 18 Week 6 Review of Amos // Day 1 of Week 1 of 1 John

God's Love Alive in You (1,2,3 John, James & Philemon)

April 25 - Week 1 Intro of 1 John // Day 1 of Week 2 of 1 John

May 2 - Week 2 Review of 1 John // Day 1 of Week 3 of 1 John

May 9 - Week 3 Review of 1 John // Day 1 of Week 4 of 1 John

May 16 - Week 4 Review of 1 John // Day 1 of Week 5 of 1 John

May 23 - Week 5 Review of 1 John // Review of 2 John

May 30 - Review of 2 John // Review of 3 John

June 6 - Review of 3 John // Review of Philemon

June 13 - Review of Philemon // Day 1 of Week 1 of James

June 20 - Week 1 Review of James // Day 1 of Week 2 of James

June 27 - Week 2 Review of James // Day 1 of Week 3 of James

July 4 - Week 3 Review of James // Day 1 of Week 4 of James

July 11 - Week 4 Review of James // Day 1 of Week 5 of James

July 18 - Week 5 Review of James // Review of book of James



Spring 2010

The purpose of a home group is to provide an opportunity for Christian relationships (koinonia) to develop within our congregation. Christian relationships are made through the bond of love we share with the Holy Spirit. Some home groups share a meal. All of the home groups spend some time in prayer and they all meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, unless otherwise noted.

- **The Green Home** 3044 Crestwood, BR 70816
- **The Moore Home** 15322 Emmett Moore, PV 70769
(Home with Teenagers)
- **The Morrison Home** 1312 Ridgeland, BR 70810
- **The Rumfellow Home** 1666 Bellfort, BR 70815 6 pm
(Home with Teenagers)
- **The Townsend Home** 18013 Bryans Crossing, 70817 6 pm
(Home with Preschoolers)
- **Making Disciples Equipping Class** CrossPoint Campus 6:15 pm

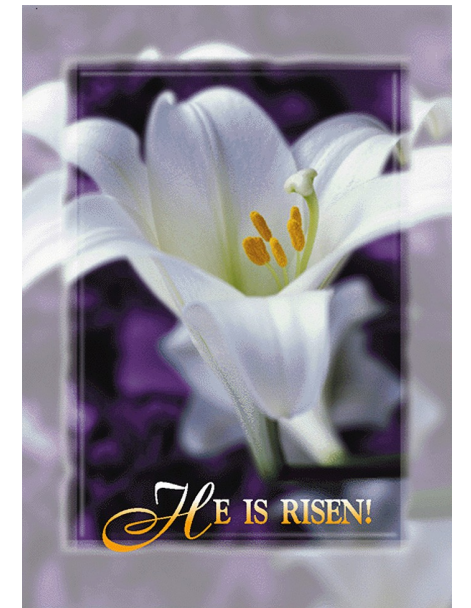
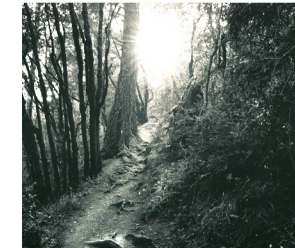
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"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Luke 24:5-6

Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers men's ministry will meet Sunday, April 4, 2010, at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and fellowship. All men are invited to attend. Please call 752-2400 to RSVP.

Band of Sisters Luncheon

The Band of Sisters is hosting the Passion Week service this month on **Friday, April 2, at 11:45 am** in the Worship Center. Area churches are participating in this week-long event and everyone is invited to come hear Dr. Randy Johnson, pastor at Florida Blvd. Baptist Church preach on the Crucifixion.



COMING TO CROSSPOINT
JUNE 7-11, 2010
9AM-NOON
AGES 4-5TH GRADE

Join us as we look at the life of Joseph. We will see how God used him a long time ago and how He can use you and me today to take His message to the world around us! Family night is Friday, June 11!

Dr. Landon Dowden, Senior Pastor
Byron Townsend, Associate Pastor
of Music & Missions

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The Atonement of Jesus – The Doctrine of Easter

By David Morrison

I appreciate the opportunity to write a short article related to the Basic Christian Beliefs Equipping Class being taught this semester. As we approach Easter, the most appropriate doctrine to write about would seem to be the Atonement of Jesus Christ, which is what makes Easter so special for Christians. Obviously, whole semesters at seminary are spent on this most important subject, so hopefully this brief synopsis will not over simplify God's great provision made on behalf of Christians.

The place to start with this doctrine must be why atonement was needed in the first place. In our systematic study of theology, it is always important to establish who God is early on. So, we spend several weeks studying the attributes of God. One very important attribute is God's holiness. In Dr. Wayne Grudem's book that we use in class, he says that God's holiness means "God is separated from sin and devoted to seeking His own honor. God's holiness provides the pattern His children are to imitate." The Bible says we are to be holy as God is holy and also that without holiness, no one will see the Lord.

When God created, He made one creature uniquely in His image. Humankind (Adam and Eve and their descendants) were to reflect the character of God and God's righteous rule over His creation. God promised He would continue perfect fellowship with them as long as they were obedient and submissive to Him. But, as we know, Adam and Eve chose to disobey God by, in effect, claiming they could know and decide for themselves what was good or evil without any regard to God. Thus, sin entered the world and the image of God in humans (including all Adam's descendants) became severely tarnished. The ability of fallen man to mirror God's holiness was erased and because God is perfectly holy, mankind became guilty before God, deserving of His wrath and punishment. The human nature of every person became corrupt to the core and the verdict of scripture is as follows: "there is none good, no not one" (Romans 3), we are "dead in our trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2), "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3), we are "by nature children of wrath" (Ephesians 2). Jesus said in John 3:36, "whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

Because of sin and the separation from God it caused and the condemnation and wrath it brought, mankind was doomed. Every member of our fallen world became in need of a savior, a mediator, a redeemer; someone to reconcile our estranged situation and propitiate God's wrath. First Timothy 2:5 says, "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

A mediator is a go-between that brings estranged parties together. We were estranged from God and Jesus brought us together. To be reconciled means to have a change in relationship occur. In mercy, God the Father appointed and sent His Son to absorb and quench the wrath we deserved and thus bring change to the broken relationship. To redeem means to regain possession by paying a price or to set free by paying a ransom. All mankind was/is in bondage to sin. Christians are those who have been ransomed by the blood of Jesus, bought out of slavery and freed from the power of sin. This is the doctrine of the atonement.

Jesus atoning work did not end with His death on the cross. If it had, as the Apostle Paul says, our faith would be in vain and Christians would be people to be pitied. But Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven a victorious, conquering King. The resurrection validated the atoning power of Jesus death and assures that all who look to Him for salvation have been born again from the dead.

In summary, the Doctrine of the Atonement of Jesus Christ is that Christ lived a perfect life and died a terrible death to "save His people from their sins." He paid the penalty we deserved, bore the wrath we deserved, overcame the separation our sin caused, and freed Christians from the bondage of sin. Christ's atonement delivered Christians from darkness and transferred us to God's Kingdom. May we recognize this great salvation anew this Easter and praise our triune God forevermore.

Any items for submission in the monthly publication should be in the church office by the 20th of the month. Please email items to Kristi@crosspointchurch.org.

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

1 Mary Ashton Campbell	8 Lee Green	18 Eunice Gennusa
2 Guy Cheney	9 Jaye Townsend	19 David Langley
2 Neal Whitson	10 Kelli Broome	22 Mary Paul
3 Matthew Rumpfellow	11 Brooklyn Wagoner	22 Michelle Paul
4 Arabella Dowden	12 Katlyn Daigle	23 Brittany Kingsley
4 Aaron Eskine	12 Nicole Maillet	26 Earl Garrison
4 Melanee Fuentes	12 Amy Odom	26 Judy Hanks
4 Byron Townsend	12 Stacie Tingle	26 Charles Rea
6 Josh Jones	14 William Cook	28 Claire Kelly
6 Kathy Rumpfellow	16 Jack Kinnison	30 Amy Purpera
7 Tracey Creel	16 Karen Murphy	30 Jennifer Stark
7 Kate Detro	17 Arwen Hughes	30 Jessica Stark

HELPING CROSSPOINT COMMUNICATE

To help foster better communication at CrossPoint, please take any complaints or concerns to David Morrison, Moderator of the Management Team, or Tim Tullos, Chairman of Deacons. David can be reached at 761-1635 and Tim can be reached at 766-7469.

Fellas @ Five

Tuesdays at 5 am is a time set aside specifically for CrossPoint's men led by Pastor Landon called "Fellas @ Five". This semester's theme is *Proverbs: Father Knows Best*. The goal is to equip our men to be Pastor Dads with wisdom so they can live it and pass it on to their families Please join him at 5 am in the Worship Center on Tuesdays, April 6, 20, & 27.

CROSSPOINT 101 MEMBERSHIP CLASS

This class will meet Sunday, May 23, at 9:00 am, and is designed for anyone desiring to know more about CrossPoint: who we are and what it means to be a member here. You can register in the box on the communication card in your Worship Folder or by calling the church office at 752-2400.

CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to **Jay Curry** in the loss of his grandfather, **Tara Dowden** in the loss of her grandfather, **Jason Hughes** in the loss of his grandfather, **Carl Middleton** in the loss of his sister, **Jim Shoff** in the loss of his mother, **Gay Ann Tate** in the loss of her brother-in-law, **Ann Wicker** in the loss of her grandmother and **Carmen Wolfkiel** in the loss of her father.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - APRIL 30

Parents' Night Out (PNO) is a ministry to married couples with children and single parents to encourage them to spend quality time together and/or leave their children at CrossPoint for a night of activities (games, Bible study, songs, crafts). **PNO will be held in the Childhood Education Building on Friday, April 30, from 6-10 pm.** PNO is held on the last Friday of each month. **Children from birth-12 years old are welcome and should arrive having eaten dinner; PNO will provide a snack. A \$5 donation is appreciated.** If you are interested in volunteering your time and service for this ministry (preferably individuals without children at home), you may call the church office at 752-2400 or email Michelle Lulei at michelle@crosspointchurch.org.



• **Car Wash & Bake Sale - Saturday, April 24**
- Please bring your dirty cars, trucks and vans to the church on Saturday, April 24 and help the Youth make money to go to Camp this summer. There will be baked goodies to buy as well—so come hungry—and bring a friend or two!

• **Youth Lunch Fundraiser - Sunday, April 25** - For only \$5/plate of \$20/family you can help the youth go to camp this summer by purchasing a delicious lunch on Sunday, April 25. The menu is Red Beans & Rice, Cornbread, Green Salad, Chocolate Cake & Soda. Don't worry about eating out that week, the youth will have lunch ready when church is over, just come to the Fellowship Hall and pick up your lunch—dine in or carry out—your choice.

• **Youth Camp - Horn's Creek Camp in Ocoee, Tennessee - May 29—June 3** - The cost is \$280 per camper but we are doing fundraisers (see above) to help with the cost. The camp preacher is Andrew Arthur, and musical worship leader will be Andrew Hunter. Contact Pastor Byron if you have any questions!



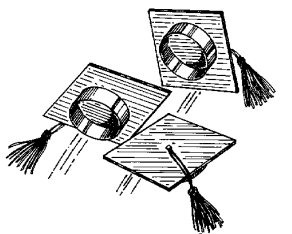
Join our Mother's Day Out on April 28 & 29 for Family Fun Days! There will be food, inflatables and lots of fun. Come see what it's all about.

Church-wide Retreat on May 1st

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, CrossPoint will have a church-wide retreat! We will spend most of the day at Judson Baptist Retreat Center enjoying food, fun and fellowship! Cost is \$10/person or \$20/family. There will be BBQ, fried fish, crawfish (if reasonable price!), swimming, games, worship, prayer, etc. If you are planning on spending the day with us please let us know how many people will be attending by emailing michelle@crosspointchurch.org.

Attention Graduates!

CrossPoint will have Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 16, 2010. Please send a digital photo and your information, i.e. school you're graduating from and future plans, to kristi@crosspointchurch.org by Sunday, May 2, 2010. Congratulations!



Financial Report for February 2010

- Tithes and offerings for February were \$51,131.20, while budgeted expenses were \$43,428.10, and non-budgeted expenses of \$288.15, resulting in a surplus for the month of \$7,414.95.
- Through February, tithes and offerings for the year are \$106,989.48, while budgeted and non-budgeted expenses are \$ 88,612.74, resulting in a surplus of \$18,376.74.
- Tithes and offerings for 2010 have equaled \$106,989.48. They equaled \$119,356.59 during 2009 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2010 are \$12,367.11 less than 2009.