



Mary Gayden and I have been a part of this church from the very beginning, fall of 1991-when River City Baptist Church began. I've shared with Landon and many others that this is the sweetest bunch of people we have ever been a part of. We have had our bumps and bruises but we have always risen above some of the struggles of other churches.

While South Airline Baptist was meeting at this site, River City Baptist Church, was renting space each Sunday in order to have a place to meet for services. For several years we rented buildings from week to week. Folks would call on Friday to see if all was set for Sunday. It was something about committed to the church-people, not a building.

Each location River City Baptist Church met required moving chairs, setting up sound equipment and musical instruments each Sunday before service and of course taking it all down after the service. It required a lot of people doing multiple chores just to have one church service. But in all those Sundays, I never heard anyone question if it was worth it or say "it was just too much to do" before each Sunday service. We laughed and said we were like the children of Israel; a people without a place.

We even met for a while at 1:00PM on Sundays at a local church we were grateful was kind enough to share their building with us for several months.

River City Baptist called their first pastor, Steve Veteto, in 1992. With all the moving and uncertainty, River City Baptist Church gained members and lost members. You probably noticed we are not your typical Baptist Church. From the "Bubble" to the lack of church committees, we are unique.

During Dr. Veteto's pastorate, River City Baptist Church merged with South Airline Baptist, and formed CrossPoint Baptist Church. What a blessing it was seeing two congregations come together to form our new church here at this site.

Dennis Mitchell served as Pastor after Dr. Veteto was called to Golden Gate Seminary as President of the Denver Campus. God sent Dennis to us with great administrative skills. He was a great help to us at a critical time in the life of the church with annual budget planning and organization skills.

We have been blessed to have Dr. Dowden as our pastor since the fall of 2005. I have no doubt that God providentially brought Landon to CrossPoint. He has preached the Word without compromise and has become an important part of our growing in knowledge and love for the Lord.

God has provided for us in the most incredible ways. We have worshipped together all these years without borrowing any money for expenses to operate the church and have paid for all new construction on this campus with funds provide by you, the congregation, though your tithes and offerings. We have incurred no debt by God's faithfulness.

Both River City Baptist Church and South Airline Baptist Church have a rich history. By God's grace and provision we at CrossPoint look forward to what God has planned for us. Our prayer is He will use us to minister to the community and world around us..

Thank you, and those before you, for your faithfulness to God's church.

Al Jones

All items of information for publication in the weekly Worship Folder need to be submitted to the church office by noon on Wednesday. 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. If you have any questions, call Kristi Campbell at the church office at (225)752-2400.

## BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

|                        |                       |                     |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Mary Ashton Campbell | 8 Lee Green           | 18 Averie Foret     |
| 2 Guy Cheney           | 8 Kathleen Montgomery | 18 Eunice Gennusa   |
| 2 Max Tingle           | 9 Charity Lee         | 19 David Langley    |
| 2 Neal Whitson         | 10 Kelli Broome       | 22 Michelle Paul    |
| 3 Matt Rumfellow       | 11 Brooklyn Wagoner   | 24 Jessica Bolton   |
| 4 Arabella Dowden      | 12 Katlyn Daigle      | 26 Earl Garrison    |
| 4 Aaron Eskine         | 12 Nicole Maillet     | 26 Judy Hanks       |
| 4 Byron Townsend       | 12 Amy Odom           | 26 Charles Rea      |
| 6 Josh Jones           | 12 Stacie Tingle      | 28 Claire Kelly     |
| 6 Kathy Rumfellow      | 15 Jack Phipps        | 30 Jennifer Nickens |
| 7 Tracey Creel         | 17 Melony Davis       | 30 Amy Purpera      |
| 7 Kate Detro           | 17 Arwen Hughes       | 30 Jessica Stark    |

### Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers men's ministry now meets on the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and fellowship. All men are invited to attend on Saturday, April 9, 2011 @ 7:00 am. To RSVP, please call 225-752-2400 or email michelle@crosspointchurch.org.

### Band of Sisters Luncheon

Band of Sisters monthly luncheon will be held **Friday, April 1, 2011, at 11:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish and join us for a time of fellowship and prayer. Mandy Trammell is speaking about her experience as a missionary for the North American Mission Board to Rhode Island where she served for over three years. Childcare is provided. Contact Billie Middleton at 225-769-6498 with the number and ages of children needing care.

### Fellas @ Five

Tuesdays at 5:00 am is a time set aside specifically for CrossPoint's men led by Pastor Landon called "Fellas @ Five". 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 5:00 am in the Worship Center on Tuesdays, April 5, 12 and 19.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - MAY 6

Parents' Night Out (PNO) is a ministry to married couples with children and also 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 CEB—Childhood Education Building—on Friday, May 6, from 6-9:30pm. (This will serve as PNO for April & May). 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), call the church office, (225)752-2400 or email michelle@crosspointchurch.org.

### HELPING CROSSPOINT COMMUNICATE

To help foster better communication at CrossPoint, please take complaints or concerns to Jason Whitehead, Moderator of the Management Team, or Tim Tullios, Chairman of Deacons. Jason can be reached at 677-8139 and Tim can be reached at 892-7991.



• **Wednesdays @ 6:15 pm** - Your Home Group meets @ the Rumfellow's 37099 Timothy Avenue Prairieville. This is a great time of refreshing and fellowship.

• **Saturday, April 23** - St. Anthony's AIDS Home Ministry - Meet @ CP at 9:45am & return by 12:30pm. Come and love on these precious people. This has been a blessing for those who have participated.

• **June 1st-6th** - Sr. High trip to Washington D.C.

• **June 11th-16th** - Youth Camp in Tennessee



Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 am is a chance for us to help keep our campus looking good! Bring your tools, gloves and help us beautify the buildings and grounds God has given us!



The Istroma Sports Organization is collecting new and gently-used athletic equipment, shoes, clothing, etc. to be used in their sports ministry outreach and church missions area. You may drop off items for donation in the Fellowship Hall. These items will be given to those in need of equipment and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to **Michelle Jones** in the loss of her grandfather, **Connie Parke** in the loss of her father-in-law, **Cindy Sambola** in the loss of her aunt, and **Kim Weatherford** in the loss of her mother.

### PASSION WEEK SERVICES

Last year during the passion week (week prior to Easter Sunday) we participated with four other congregations to share a meal and study the Scripture together. We will be doing this again this year. Each day the food will be served at 11:30 am and the teaching will begin at 12:00 pm. Here is the schedule for the week:

| DATE       | LOCATION           | PERSON PREACHING |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| April 18th | Woodlawn Baptist   | Landon Dowden    |
| April 19th | CrossPoint Baptist | Joel Davis       |
| April 20th | Jefferson Baptist  | Tommy Middleton  |
| April 21st | Family of Faith    | Randy Johnson    |
| April 22nd | Florida Blvd.      | David Goza       |

CrossPoint is providing the meal on Tuesday, April 19. If you would like to help with this, contact Kristi Campbell at 752-2400 or email kristi@crosspointchurch.org.

Save the Date! **VBS - JUNE 20-24**

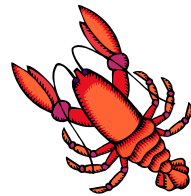
Ages 4 - Grade 5 won't want to miss this year's VBS! Want to help? Contact Linda\_Carls@cox.net and she will plug you in!! Help make a difference in the life of a child during one week this summer.

## Financial Report for February 2011

- Tithes and offerings for January were \$54,403.28, while expenses were \$45,945.95, resulting in a surplus for the month of \$8,457.33.
- Through February, tithes and offerings for the year are \$107,391.93, while budgeted and non-budgeted expenses are \$102,246.70, resulting in a surplus of \$5,145.23. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$53,695.97 while all expenses averaged \$51,123.35.
- Tithes and offerings for 2011 have equaled \$107,391.93. They equaled \$106,989.48 during 2010 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2011 are \$402.45 more than 2010.

## SAVE THE DATE

It's crawfish season in Louisiana and you know what that means—crawfish boils! On Saturday, May 21, CrossPoint and Grace Baptist will share in a crawfish boil at Judson Baptist Retreat Center. So, keep that date open and watch for more details in the weeks to come. You won't want to miss it!



## Highlights from February/March Management Team meetings:

- \* Continue pursuit of the transfer of the Greensburg Community Baptist Church property to that church.
- \* Updating Benevolence Policy as needed to provide more detail recognizing current practices and to recognize our Elders' responsibility.
- \* Approved expenditure for Spring HVAC maintenance from Renovations & Maintenance budgeted account.
- \* Provided feedback to the Elders on the Church Covenant.
- \* Covered contractor requirements.
- \* Decided to allow auto-renewal of Jani-King contract.
- \* Approved several Building Use Forms.
- \* Approved sending Kenneth Whitfield as chaperone on Youth leadership trip.

Please, continue in prayer for your Management Team. Pray that God would grant wisdom and discernment to conduct the business of His church for His Glory.

Jason Whitehead



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 varying times.

- **5:30 pm | The Grose Home** 1328 Ross Ave., BR 70808  
(Near LSU)
- **5:30 pm | The Dowden Group** Meets in the Fellowship Hall at CP  
(Children Friendly)
- **6:15 pm | The Rumfellow Home** 37099 Timothy Ave., PV 70769  
(Youth & Family Friendly)
- **6:30 pm | The Green Home** 3044 Crestwood, BR 70816
- **6:30 pm | The Morrison Home** 1312 Ridgeland, BR 70810

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## COMPASSION SUNDAY

Our church is participating in Compassion Sunday on April 10th. This is a national event that helps us grow in our understanding of God's love for the poor. It's also an opportunity for each of us to intervene in the life of at least one child in poverty. For more information, visit [compassionsunday.com](http://compassionsunday.com).

## POVERTY FACTS

- 1/3 of the world's children live in extreme poverty
- 1 in every 6 children between 5-14 years of age is involved in child labor
- More than 1 billion (1 in 5) people live on less than \$1 a day
- Every day, 1,600 women and more than 10,000 newborns die globally due to complications that could have been prevented
- Approximately 15 million children under the age of 18 have lost one or both parents to AIDS
- An estimated 1.2 million children are trafficked every year, many for sexual exploitation or cheap labor
- Children under the age of 18 make up 49% of the population of the world's least developed countries, compared with 21% of the population of the world's industrialized nations
- Approximately 143 million children in the developing world (1 in 13) are orphans



Sources:  
[www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)      [www.freeworldacademy.com](http://www.freeworldacademy.com)  
[www.unep.org](http://www.unep.org)      [www.nationmaster.com](http://www.nationmaster.com)  
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Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy.

Psalm 82:3-4



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