



Quite honestly I haven't thought about the start of school for many years. Once Lauren entered high school the whole school-starting-thing just kind of passed me up. From then on Wendy would get her schedule organized to start the year with her students, but from there that was about it.

Well, this year will be a bit different. As many of you know, I spent the summer in a teacher certification program and starting August 11, I will have my very own class of fifth graders at Greenbrier Elementary. The summer has been a whirl and as you can imagine; I am not near ready for the start of school. I have bulletin boards to put up, class rules to post, lesson plans to prepare, the list goes on and on. I know I am not the only teacher among our midst, so for all the teachers and families that home school, I will be calling for help.

Many have asked why I made this move from the adult world of business to the halls of academia run by the students. Honestly, I think I was meant to be here all along. When I earned my Eagle Scout award at 16 I was asked then what I wanted to do with my life. I said I wanted to be a history teacher. I don't know why. All of my history teachers were dorks. I had the same teacher in both 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade excelling in both with the highest average. I came home from college one week and snuck into her current 11<sup>th</sup> grade class sitting next to my best friend, convincing Ms. Simmons that I was a new student. She was so excited to have me join her class! I was obviously a memorable student! For whatever reason, I think I knew then that I was meant to teach.

Looking back over the years, I can recall some memorable teachers. Regrettably, few of them came from school or college, but rather from church. I remember Mr. Bob (my Jr. High Sunday School teacher at First Presbyterian Church in Picayune) giving me a Reach Out New Testament and explaining how I might find it easier to read. I remember Dr. Sam Dudley, the College Sunday School teacher at First Presbyterian Church in Starkville encouraging me to take Scripture in pieces and meditate on it. Then there was Dr. Tim Minton, the first church staff member who encouraged me to consider teaching Sunday school. Dan Hall helped me see how ministry was done in the Baptist Church through the structure of Sunday school departments and small groups and keeping in touch with your people. Sounds like our Carpenter's Children class. In First Baptist Church Covington it was David Hilleran, our Young Married teacher who taught me to consider what the lesson was really saying in light of the context of the scripture and its audience. Lastly, there's Al Jones. Al has taken me into the broccoli a time or two but he always brought me back. Al has taught me that in most cases it is my "wanter" that needs adjusting and if I spend more time reflecting on my own life and the areas I need to fix there then grace and mercy will allow me to influence those around me. Oh, and I need to make sure that I am "prayed up".

This month CrossPoint honors our Sunday school teachers. There aren't enough words to thank them for the preparation they put into teaching each week. Many of them go beyond the call to research and study finding ways to make each lesson applicable to our daily lives. Take an opportunity to drop your teacher a note, or an email and let them know how much you appreciate their work each week preparing to bring you a word from God. We are reminded often of the Great Commission to go into all the world but what is it we are told to do, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matt 28:19-20.

Lastly, many of you may feel that you aren't called to teach or worse that you aren't capable. Each of us is able to help in some way. Pick an area, volunteer to co-teach or just help out, with time the Spirit will develop your gifts and you will know where to serve. Oh, and by the way, pray for that class of fifth graders who on August 11 will meet Mr. Shoff for the first time. Pray that we have an "Excellent Adventure" together this year.

Jim Shoff

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 752-2400.

## BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

1 Dawn Melendez	13 Helen Green	21 Elizabeth Moore
1 David Woerner	15 Nancy Duhon	24 Ethan Rogers
2 Barbara Dowden	16 Andrew Brennan	26 Richard Green
2 Darcie Moore	16 Holly Guerin	27 Cole Morrison
3 Chris Fontenot	17 Luke Knight	27 Ethan Townsend
4 Rick Robertson	18 Casi Brown	28 Jenna Schumann
5 Brandon Jenkins	19 Sonja Kelly	28 Cody Brown
5 Aubrey Jones	19 Abram Williams	29 Cooper Smith
5 Olivia Jones	20 Wendy Cheney	29 Walker Stephens
11 Craig Satterfield	20 Honorè Templet	29 Waylon Stephens
11 Kayleigh Smith	20 Leslie Tate	30 Betty Crouch
12 John Luke	21 Carl Middleton	31 Josh Green

### Management Actions March thru July 2010

- \* Mid-year assessment of church budget/expenditures revealed spending is on-target with tithes & offerings received. A small surplus is projected.
- \* A church financial audit is being considered and bids are being obtained. The scope of the audit has not yet been determined.
- \* CWS Survey Company has completed the physical aspects of the property survey and are moving to the mapping and documentation stage.
- \* Relationship between Church Elders and Management Team was discussed. More on this later.
- \* Approved that a proposal from Siebenlist Architects of Tyler, Texas, be obtained regarding the preparation of a Master Site Plan for the church as we move forward with planning for the possible construction of a Multi-Purpose Worship Center.
- \* Heard a proposal from the Sub-Committee on Copy Machines regarding the purchase of new machines for the church.

David Morrison, Moderator

### 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, August 10, 24, & 31.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - August 27

We're BAACCKK!! After taking the summer off, Parents' Night Out (PNO) will resume this month. 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, August 27, from 6:00 - 10:00 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.



• **Back 2 School Bash** - Saturday, August 7 - 4PM @ the Moore's. Help welcome the new 6th graders to the group!

• **Wednesday Night Words of Wisdom** - every Wednesday @ the Moore's - 6:15PM. Join us for food & studying Proverbs together.

### CHURCH WORK DAY— SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Everyone is invited to the church work day on Saturday, August 21, beginning at 8:00 am. There will be jobs for people of all ages and skill levels, so nobody is left out. Please plan to help us clean up the campus that God has blessed us with and bring your family along to help. What a great way to grow and serve alongside each other!

### A Study in Psalms—



Beginning August 15  
@ 9 am on Sundays.

### Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers men's ministry will meet Sunday, August 1, 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.

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT... Emma Taylor



One of CrossPoint's high school seniors, Emma Taylor, begins her last year at Baton Rouge Magnet High School this month. She has set some high goals for herself both academically and spiritually this year. Academically she wants her grades to be high enough to earn TOPS and scholarships for college while spiritually she wants to grow to look more like Christ and be a mentor to the younger girls in the youth group.

When asked what she hopes to leave as her legacy in the youth group, Emma said that she wants the younger girls to look up to her and she wants to know that they are doing well. Her favorite passage of Scripture is Psalm 27 which has helped her when she was doubting or needing guidance.

This summer she worked at Judson Baptist Retreat Center as a counselor which she said taught her patience. She saw God working in the lives of the girls and was encouraged by that. "God put certain girls and adults in my cabin for a purpose. Each one worked in my life differently to help me grow."

After graduating, Emma plans to attend LSU majoring in Early Childhood Education and possibly attending seminary after that with a focus on missions—which is her first love. Going to Africa this past Spring was truly one of the best times in her life.

Please pray for Emma this year that she will finish strong and shine brightly for Christ at Baton Rouge Magnet High School.

### 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.

## SS Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, August 8

These are the servants who spend time pouring into us by preparing to teach you and/or your children God's Word each week.

Liz & Clay Dickson	Infants	Tara Dowden	6th-8th grade girls
Steve Stevens	Infants	Darcie Moore	6th-8th grade girls
Julie Brown	Toddlers	Pat Weaver	6th-8th grade guys
Rachel Wagoner	Toddlers	Marsha Curry	9th-12th grade girls
Ann Wicker	Toddlers	Stacy Green	9th-12th grade girls
Sandy McKnight	1 year-olds	Terry Moore	9th-12th grade guys
Gay Ann Tate	1 year-olds	Chuck & Rachael Grose	College
Tracy Cooper	2 year-olds	Jim & Wendy Shoff	College
Doc Wilson	2 year-olds	Ben Jones	Young Professionals
Neal & Amy Whitson	3 year-olds	Mandy Trammell	Young Professionals
Cherie Robertson	4 year-olds	Jason Whitehead	30 Somethings
Casey & Stacie Tingle	4 year-olds	Jay Curry	Married w/ Older Children
Barbara Langley	4 year-olds	Al & Mary Gayden Jones	Carpenter's Children
Kim Weaver	4 year-olds	Lee Green	Carpenter's Children
David & Shelia Woerner	4 year-olds	Buddy Blackwell	Milestones
Kay May	5 year-olds	A.J. Melendez	Milestones
Stephanie Menou	5 year-olds	David Morrison	Milestones
C.T. Taylor	5 year-olds	Billie Middleton	WINDY
Suzanne Passman	1st-2nd grades	Lynne Tullos	WINDY
Charlotte Stevens	1st-2nd grades	Tim Tullos	Men's
Jeff & Kristi Campbell	3rd-5th grades	Ann Bolton	Esther
Mark & Patti Collins	3rd-5th grades	Patsy Earnhart	Esther
Tiffany Wagoner	3rd-5th grades		

### Financial Report for June 2010

- Tithes and offerings for June were \$49,057.96, while expenses were \$64,314.99, resulting in a deficit for the month of \$15,257.03.
- Through June, tithes and offerings for the year are \$337,407.65, while budgeted and non-budgeted expenses are \$306,005.19, resulting in a surplus of \$31,402.46. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$56,234.61 while all expenses averaged \$51,117.96.
- Tithes and offerings for 2010 have equaled \$337,407.65. They equaled \$370,711.27 during 2009 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2010 are \$33,303.62 less than 2009.

### Potluck Lunch Coming August 15

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, August 15, CrossPoint will have an old-fashioned potluck lunch. So, bring a dish and stay after church to enjoy getting to know our community of faith. Please RSVP to [kristi@crosspointchurch.org](mailto:kristi@crosspointchurch.org) with the dish you are planning to bring—so we don't have 30 salads.

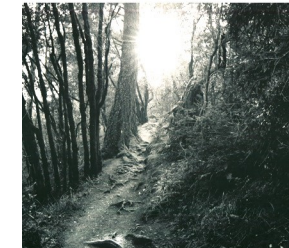


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## EQUIPPING CLASSES FALL 2010

Classes begin Sunday, August 22 @ 5:45

### \* Applied Christianity – Landon Dowden

The focus of this class will be living the Gospel in Baton Rouge. We will be both on and off campus at times. The purpose will be to model disciple-making in the world and not just withdrawn from the world.

### \* Spiritual Formation – Kevin Whitfield

Longing for deeper intimacy with God? Walk through the Scriptures and classic devotional literature to learn about spiritual disciplines and deepening your intimacy with God.

### \* Functions of the Faith – Byron Townsend

New to Christianity or having difficulty "connecting the dots" of the Christian faith? This class will teach a basic understanding of Christianity by addressing the *functions* of God's design. *Tentatively, this class will be held off-campus at 630 Richland Drive, 70806 in Mid-city.*

### \* Overcoming Anxiety & Depression – Cynthia Townsend

As a result of living in a fallen world, *all* of us deal with trials, hardships and both universal and personal sin. This is a confidential, closed (no new class members or guests welcome once we have begun) group for all those willing to learn *and* share how we can battle these common issues such as anxiety and depression.

### \* English as a Second Language (ESL) – Rick Robertson

ESL is a ministry that provides English language literacy training on four levels free of charge to the community in a Christian environment. Curriculums are provided and all that is required is the ability to speak and read English (not the language of the group you are leading) and a desire to help others. We will provide all of the training you need. We are in need of teachers to lead classes and teacher helpers to sit with new students and help them acclimate to the class. We meet at the same times and days as the Equipping Classes.

### \* "Live Out Loud" – Songs, Scripture, Serve – Kristi Campbell & Charlotte Stevens

1st – 5th graders will participate in weekly musical worship and walk through the major bible stories. We will use "God's Big Picture" curriculum, beginning with the creation story in Genesis and ending with John's Revelation. Additionally, children will have mission opportunities to live out what they learn in God's Word.

### \* Truth & Hope – Michelle Lulei

This is a ground-breaking class for CrossPoint. Due to an increased number of conversations with members and attenders we believe it will be helpful to outline a Biblical worldview and provide a Christ-centered support group for people who have family and/or friends in a same-sex relationship. This class can also serve as an introduction to God's design for sexuality and the issues surrounding homosexuality.

**Dr. Landon Dowden, Senior Pastor**  
**Byron Townsend, Associate Pastor**  
*of Music & Missions*  
**Kevin Whitfield, Associate Pastor of Youth**