



Dear CP,

I've asked Shane Folks to contribute to this month's Connection. As many of you remember, Shane interned at CP the last two summers; this year he interned at Grace. Before Shane shares his observations, I'd like to give you a brief update on the replant at Grace. Your fellow CP members at Grace are more than half-way through the year-long mission adventure, and it is quite an adventure! Challenging yet rewarding. Continue to pray for us, that we continually draw strength from the Holy Spirit as we accomplish the mission. Some bullet points in no particular order:

- \* We are averaging 90-100 people a week. More than 20 people are "third-party", meaning they are not with CrossPoint or with Grace, but have started attending since January.
- \* YTD we have positive cash flow.
- \* We have visitors every week, ranging from college students to senior adults.
- \* We have a Youth Director! God called an LSU student, whom I met earlier this year, to coordinate youth activities.
- \* The Morrison Home Group did a service project one night; an excellent job of pruning bushes, sorting the library and cleaning.
- \* Two homeschool groups will begin using the facilities in August.
- \* A local congregation w/o a facility is considering using Grace for their weekly gathering.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Members Meeting!  
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From Shane Folks, Summer Intern

Dear CrossPoint brothers and sisters,

First and foremost, let me say that God is at work in Mid City! Grace Baptist Church is growing as more and more people from the neighborhood are coming to our fellowship. Why is this happening? Of course, God is drawing these people, but also it is because those who attend Grace are being intentional to invite other people and reach out to the community.

Just this summer we have done two block parties at the River Pines, an apartment complex near Grace, that is home to dozens of international residents, many of whom are refugees fleeing political turbulence.

On July 22nd, a group of men and women from Fellowship Church in Prairieville devoted an entire day to improving the buildings and grounds. We were able to paint two rooms in the education building, one of which will be used as a counseling room in the coming months. In the fellowship hall, several old light fixtures were replaced with new, more energy efficient fixtures. Additionally, some old shrubs were removed in order to plant fruit trees.

Finally, many of our men and women are passionately devoting themselves to the Word and to growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Byron is faithfully preaching through Colossians. We have two groups that meet each week to study scripture, the "Men of Grace" and the "Women of Grace." Our Sunday School teachers are teaching the Bible to all those who attend.

Some of you might be asking, "Is Grace Baptist Church being successful?" Well, we are certainly growing numerically, but more importantly, we are growing into "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). So, I think the answer is "yes." While our effort is a part of the revitalization process, we are relying on the Word of God and the Spirit of God to do the Work of God.

Grace and peace,  
Shane Folks

## BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

1 Dawn Melendez	12 John Luke	21 Elizabeth Moore
1 David Woerner	13 Helen Green	23 Harlie Guerin
2 Barbara Dowden	13 Karen Walker	25 Brian Pace
2 Darcie Moore	14 Mary Passman	26 Richard Green
3 Chris Fontenet	15 Nancy Duhon	27 Rebecca Campbell
5 Brandon Jenkins	16 Andrew Brennan	27 Cole Morrison
5 Aubrey Jones	16 Robbie Guerin	27 Ethan Townsend
5 Olivia Jones	19 Sonja Kelly	28 Jenna Schumann
5 Jerry Passman	19 Abram Williams	29 Cooper Smith
5 Gary Ray	20 Wendy Cheney	29 Walker Stephens
9 Edna Dunaway	20 Sabrina Ray	29 Waylon Stephens
10 Stephen Tassin	20 Leslie Tate	30 Betty Crouch
11 Craig Satterfield	20 Honore' Templet	30 Katie Whitfield
11 Kayleigh Smith	21 Carl Middleton	31 Josh Green

CP Students-

It's that time of year-again! I've already heard conversations about shopping for school uniforms and all the other school accessories. For some of you, shopping is the only thing you look forward to about school. For a few, school beginning is an exciting time. And for others, you could not be less thrilled. Regardless, what if you looked at this new school year as a major part of Christ's call on your life? Do you realize that whether you are home schooled or attend private school/public school, you interact with more non-Christians on a weekly basis than many people in our church? You also have more sleepovers than many of the adults in our church ;-), which provides a great opportunity for ministering to your friends and bringing them to church-all with your parents' permission, of course! You see, school, wherever it is, is where God has called you to serve Him and display His greatness. How are you doing in this?

Here's the kicker- Is Jesus Lord of your life? Jesus says in Luke 9:23, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Here's how Jesus says his followers will look: people who daily die to self and pursue him. Of course, we aren't intended to do this by ourselves. We have God's Spirit to help us in the process. The question is, when Jesus looks at me, does he see one who is dying to self, daily trying to follow his ways? This does not mean we are perfect, but we are seeking to get rid of our sin and be more like Jesus! I want to challenge you to think of school as a place to work out your salvation, to stretch your spiritual muscles by seeking to die to yourself and follow Jesus everyday! If you are not doing this, you are not following Jesus. Here are just a few practical guidelines for dying to self this school year:

1. Luke 9:23 says we are to take up our cross daily. This means we need a plan for giving ourselves to Christ at the beginning of every day. Begin the day with prayer to the Lord and think on the Scriptures. Read a Psalm or a Proverb in the morning before school. Pray before you go to bed at the end of the day. Think about the day and ask God to help you to continue to grow.
2. We should serve others. Jesus washed his disciples feet and said we should do likewise. We should even think of others before ourselves (Read Philippians 2:1-8).
3. We should avoid unwholesome talk. This means avoiding conversations that are hateful towards others or crude. You should try to speak in a way that encourages others (Ephesians 4:29).
4. We should work hard in our responsibilities—school work, etc. as for God and not for people.
5. We should be respectful towards others, particularly adults. You should be the example of a son or daughter who dies to self by obeying and respecting your parents.

These are just a few. I pray denying yourself and living for the Lord makes this your best school year yet!

Much love in Christ,  
Kevin



• **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, August 6 - St. Anthony's Home Ministry** - Meet @ CP at 9:45am & return by 12:30pm. Come and love on these precious people and be blessed in return.

• **Saturday, August 20 - Back 2 School Bash** - at the Moore's from 4:00-6:00 pm. Wear old clothes and bring a change of clothes & a towel—get ready for a GUYS vs. GALS "Minute to Win It" competition!!!

## 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 Tullos, Chairman of Deacons. Jason can be reached at 677-8139 and Tim can be reached at 892-7991.

## 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, August 13, 2011 @ 7:00 am. To RSVP, please call 225-752-2400 or email [michelle@crosspointchurch.org](mailto:michelle@crosspointchurch.org).



## OUR CUPBOARD NEEDS YOU!

Although Bible Study classes have been asked to bring certain items, there are other items that we are in need of at this time. Please check the list below and see if there are things listed that you might be able to supply. The cart is located in the Fellowship Hall for donations. Thanks.

<b>Sugar*</b>	<b>Canned Milk (PET Milk/ Evaporated)*</b>	<b>Kool-aid Packets</b>
<b>Canned Meat</b>	<b>Canned Corn*</b>	<b>Mayonnaise</b>
• Ravioli*	<b>Canned Sweet Peas*</b>	<b>Ketchup/Mustard</b>
• Beefaroni*	<b>Cereal*</b>	<b>Feminine Products</b>
• Spaghetti-O's*	<b>Instant Oatmeal*</b>	<b>Deodorant &amp; Soap</b>
• Manwich*	<b>Jiffy Cornbread Mix</b>	<b>Ramen Noodles*</b>
• Chili	<b>Toothbrush &amp; Toothpaste</b>	<b>Rice*</b>
<b>Bush's beans*</b>	<b>Shampoo/Conditioner</b>	<b>Spaghetti/Pasta*</b>
<b>Toilet Tissue</b>	<b>Laundry &amp; Dish Detergent</b>	<b>Saltine Crackers*</b>
<b>Paper Towels</b>	<b>Bathroom/Kitchen Cleaner</b>	<b>Bisquick*</b>

\* Denotes a much needed item

## CREATE :: ART

Join the fun on Fridays, August 12 & 19, beginning at 6:00 pm to scrapbook, paint, draw, crochet...any of the above and more. Meet in the Fellowship Hall and share life. So, bring your supplies, a snack/drink and a friend or two to hang out. All are welcome!

**Mark your calendars — Band of Sisters resumes Friday, September 9 at 11:30am. Please plan to join these special ladies for food, fun and fellowship.**

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](mailto:Kristi@crosspointchurch.org). If you have any questions, call Kristi Campbell at the church office at (225)752-2400.

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## Begin August 28 @ 5.45pm

The purpose of our Sunday Night Equipping Groups is to train members of CrossPoint in specific areas of discipleship. Our goal is to equip members in the areas of Theology, Missions/Evangelism, Church History, Apologetics, Biblical Languages, Spiritual Formation, Relationships, Parenting, and Teaching/Mentoring. Our desire is for these classes to be intergenerational with youth and adults so that each can profit from the other. In addition, the pastoral staff has a desire for CrossPoint disciples to encounter great works authored by believers throughout the history of the church. At times, different reading colloquiums will be offered in a year where members will be encouraged to read the same book and then meet and discuss it.

### STUDY

- **Baptist Faith & Message | Adults - David Morrison & T. Wright | Fellowship Hall**  
 The Baptist Faith & Message (BF&M) was written to clarify and publish the most basic beliefs that frame the faith, witness, and worship of Southern Baptists. Like other statements or confessions of faith, it is useful to teach, defend, and perpetuate these beliefs. Because CrossPoint has officially adopted the BF&M as our basis for doctrinal purity, it is important that we are aware of its contents. The commentary we will use to study the BF&M was written by Charles Kelly, Richard Land, and Al Mohler and published by LifeWay. Please join us as we study this foundational church document.

- **Do Tough Stuff | Youth - Pastor Kevin | Youth Dome**  
 Our youth will spend half of the semester going through Do Hard Things, which will teach and equip our youth to overcome the low standards of obedience and godliness that modern Christian culture has set for them. The second half will focus on giving them the tools they need to better understand God's word. We will cover the various genres of the Bible and the methods of interpretation for each. Overall, we hope to equip students to be more faithful servants of Christ.

- **Growing Kids God's Way | Parents - Jay & Marsha Curry | Worship Center**  
 Parenthood is a gift from God, it is also a great responsibility. Our hope is that through this class parents will learn Biblical principles and how to practically implement them in the nurturing and training of their children. This class is geared more toward parents with children 12 years of age and under. Space is limited and registration is closed after the class begins.

### SERVE

- **English as a Second Language | CEB, 2nd Floor**  
 ESL provides CrossPoint members the unique opportunity to:
  1. Build relationships in the community with those wanting to learn English.
  2. Share God's love through prayer and Bible passages at the conclusion of each lesson.
  3. Help individuals learn English.

Additional teachers and helpers are still needed if anyone is interested in helping with this ministry. Contact the church office to volunteer or attend the class on Sunday evening.

- **Live Out Loud | Songs, Scripture, Serve - Charlotte Stevens | CEB, 2nd Floor**  
 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.
- **Preschool Care - Sherry Wilson | CEB, 1st Floor**  
 Children ages birth to Kindergarten play together and learn about the Word of God through storytime, crafts and music.

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## Financial Report for June 2011

- Tithes and offerings for June were \$48,209.44, while expenses were \$54,291.28, resulting in a deficit for the month of \$6,081.84.
- Through June, tithes and offerings for the year are \$318,539.91, while budgeted and non-budgeted expenses are \$316,636.25, resulting in a surplus of \$1,903.66. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$53,089.99 while all expenses averaged \$52,771.88.
- Tithes and offerings for 2011 have equaled \$318,539.91. They equaled \$337,407.65 during 2010 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2011 are \$18,867.74 less than 2010.



## UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE!

Be a hero by donating at CrossPoint's next blood drive Sunday, September 11, from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Blood supplies are near critical which means there isn't enough inventory on the shelves to keep our area hospitals supplied. All blood types are needed! PLEASE PLAN TO DONATE!

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## HOME GROUPS

Fall 2011

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 (beginning August 31) at varying times.

- **5:30 pm | CrossPoint Campus** 14965 Airline Hwy., BR 70817  
 (Children Friendly)
- **5:30 pm | The Grose Home** 1328 Ross Ave., BR 70808  
 (College & Adult Friendly)
- **6:15 pm | The Rumfellow Home** 37099 Timothy Ave., PV 70769  
 (Youth & Family Friendly)
- **6:30 pm | The Curry Home** 3735 Lake LaBerge, BR 70816  
 (College & Adult Friendly)
- **6:30 pm | The Green Home** 3044 Crestwood, BR 70816  
 (Adult Friendly)
- **6:30 pm | The Morrison Home** 1312 Ridgeland, BR 70810  
 (College & Adult Friendly)

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