

A NOTE FROM DAVID MORRISON

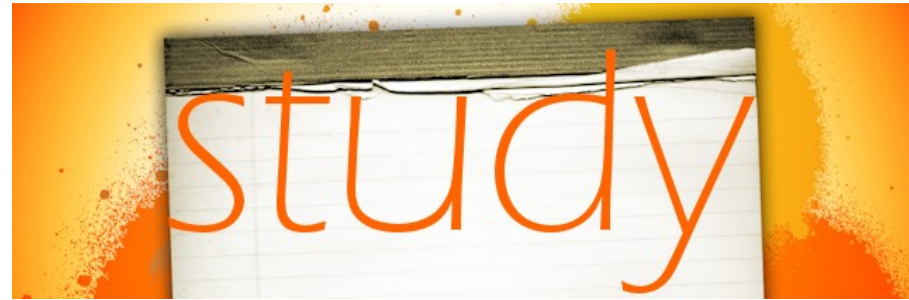
Dear CrossPoint Church Family:

I appreciate the opportunity to communicate with each of you through this newsletter. As I write this, I cannot help but recall that this month marks one year since the Pastor Search Team began their work. I have been blessed to be a part of their efforts and can attest to their "leaning not on their own understanding" but trusting in God's guidance.

God has truly blessed CrossPoint during the past 12 months. I am sure there are some things that have fallen through the cracks that would not have with a Senior Pastor on staff, but I trust those have been few in number. We have been so blessed by Pastor Kevin's preaching and I thank God for his gifts. We also have been blessed financially with 2012 giving to date being greater than the same period in 2011. I thank God for that and for the faithfulness of our members. We have continued our focus on Biblical literacy with a lengthy study of the Gospel of Luke and we are nearly done with our study of Biblical Manhood & Womanhood. Though there have been some hiccups with this study, the Elders believe it was greatly needed and is something God will use. It shows maturity when our members can study something where all may not agree but still glean positives from having been exposed to unique viewpoints about God's design. On August 19, we will resume our Bible book studies with a study in the Book of Judges.

Also as I write this, I am remembering a recent sermon from Philippians 3 where the Apostle Paul says (vs. 14) "I press on toward the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Can each of us truly make this statement? Can we truly say that we are living as if our "citizenship is in heaven" (vs. 20)? Reflecting on this made me think of our need to practice godliness – what Christian author Jerry Bridges defines as "devotion to God which results in a life pleasing to Him." In 1 Timothy 4:7, the Apostle Paul told Timothy to "train yourself to be godly!" Is this training a daily, ongoing goal in your life and mine? It is important to note that the verb "train" implies unrelenting, persevering, diligent effort. That means it is first and foremost a personal responsibility related to what Philippians 2:12-13 means when it says "work out your own salvation." So, let me encourage each of you not to grow weary or fainthearted but with endurance, train yourself in godliness knowing that as 2 Peter 1:3 tells us "God has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness."

David Morrison, Elder



HOME GROUPS

The purpose of a home group is to provide an opportunity for Christian relationships to develop within our congregation. All of the home groups meet on Wednesday evenings at various times.

5:30 PM | The Whitehead Home

Location Varies, Call 603-7290 for Location (Kid Friendly & All Welcome)

5:30 PM | The Wicker Home

19016 Epernay Ct., BR 70817 (Families w/Toddlers & Adult Friendly)

6:15 PM | The Rumfellow Home

37099 Timothy Ave., PV 70769 (Open to All Ages)

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)

"WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?" STUDY

Every Sunday | 9:00 AM | Meet in the Worship Center

The topic of manhood and womanhood is still strongly debated today and still greatly impacts our society. For Christians there is no doubt that the Bible must be the last word. But what does it teach about true manhood and womanhood? Join us in our Sunday AM Bible Study through August 12 as we go through John Piper's *What's the Difference* together. Visit desiringgod.org for more information.

EQUIPPING CLASSES

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. **Information on topics and times of equipping classes for the fall are coming soon.**

JUDGES STUDY

Every Sunday | 9:00 AM | Beginning August 19

REMINDERS

Deacon's Meeting | Saturday, August 11 | 8:00 AM

Management Team Meeting | Tuesday, August 21 | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

CrossPoint extends Christian sympathy to Gayle Boyd in the death of her brother-in-law.

Congratulations to Dylan and Cathy Eschete on the birth of Kennedy Jane born July 19, 2012 weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces.



RIVER PINES BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, August 4 | 5:00 PM

River Pines Apartments at 5750 Florida Boulevard

Join us for pizza and fun as we reach the Baton Rouge community for Christ! Contact Krysten at 752-2400 or krysten@crosspointchurch.org for more information.

ST. ANTHONY'S MINISTRY

Saturday, August 4 | 9:45 AM-12:30 PM | Meet at CrossPoint

Come love on these people and receive a blessing. We'll play games, sing songs and show the love of Christ to those who may not know Him. Email Katie at katiwhitfield12@hotmail.com to sign up.

CHURCH WIDE PAINTING OF CEB

Saturday, August 4 | Beginning at 8:00 AM

We will be painting the hallway in CEB and we need your help. We are asking everyone to pitch in. The more manpower we have, the faster we can complete the work. **If home groups would like to come paint some time this week feel free to call the church office to schedule a time.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

Thursday, August 30 | 6:00 PM

We will provide dinner at the Women and Children's Shelter. You can help by serving food to those in need. We also need salad, dessert, bread, and vegetables for 35. If you would like to help, contact Melissa Fridge at moogie7800@aol.com or by calling her at 341-0001. This is a family friendly ministry! If you are looking for a way for your family to get involved, this is a perfect fit!



BAYOU YOUTH RALLY

September 2 | Istrouma Baptist Church

Come hang out and hear God's word come to life and worship together with other students in the Baton Rouge area. Please contact Krysten at krysten@crosspointchurch.org or 752-2400 if you're interested.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO SHERRY WILSON

We are so grateful for Sherry's service to CrossPoint over the last two years. She has served Him well as Minister to Pre-School Children. Thank you for loving our children the way Christ loves and for sharing your gifts with us.

GOOD LUCK EDDY WU

We want to thank Eddy for his service to CrossPoint. He is moving to Wake Forest, North Carolina where he will attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Eddy has faithfully served us as an intern this summer. Please pray for him as he continues down the path God has willed for his life.

A special thanks to the Men's Sunday School class for generously restocking the CP Cupboard.

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

1 Dawn Melendez	16 Andrew Brennan
1 Caitlin Durand	16 Robbie Guerin
2 Barbara Dowden	19 Sonja Kelly
2 Darcie Moore	19 Abram Williams
3 Chris Fontenot	20 Leslie Tate
5 Jerry Passman	21 Carl Middleton
5 Brandon Jenkins	21 Elizabeth Moore
5 Aubrey Jones	23 Harlie Guerin
5 Olivia Jones	25 Brian Pace
8 Patricia Edmonson	26 Richard Green
9 Edna Dunaway	27 Cole Morrison
11 Craig Satterfield	28 Cynthia Hymel
11 Kayleigh Smith	29 Walker Stephens
12 John Luke	29 Waylon Stephens
13 Helen Green	29 Cooper Smith
13 Karen Walker	30 Betty Crouch
14 Mary Passman	30 Katie Whitfield
15 Nancy Duhon	31 Josh Green

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2012

- Tithes and offerings for June were \$43,858.16, while expenses were \$57,755.81 resulting in a deficit for the month of \$13,897.65.
- Through June, tithes and offerings for the year are \$344,290.46, while expenses are \$295,712.86, resulting in a surplus of \$48,577.60. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$60,086.46 while all expenses averaged \$49,247.33.
- Tithes and offerings for 2012 have equaled \$344,290.46. They equaled \$318,874.91 during 2011 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2012 are \$25,415.55 more than 2011.

HELPING CROSSPOINT COMMUNICATE

To help foster better communication at CrossPoint, please take complaints or concerns to Jay Curry, Moderator of the Management Team, or Jim Shoff, Chairman of Deacons. Contact Jay at (225) 241-3855 and Jim at (225) 253-1730.

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SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

We pray that our students will be bold in sharing the Gospel with their classmates and that any suffering they might endure would draw them closer to Christ.

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. *1 Timothy 4:12*



SERVE AND GO

November 15 - November 26
CrossPoint and Grace will be traveling to Uganda over Thanksgiving. As usual, we will plan a children's program, pastor's conference, prison ministry, hospital ministry, school supply ministry, women's conference, and we can do a host of other activities so long as we have someone who can lead out in that area. The deposit is due as soon as possible. Please contact Byron Townsend at byron@gracemidcity.com to sign up, or for more information.

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