



Dear CrossPoint,

See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name Him Immanuel, which is translated, "God is with us". - Matthew 1.23

The gospel of Matthew begins the account of Jesus with an incredible genealogy and inspired prophecy. Referring to Isaiah 7.14, Matthew teaches us that Jesus fulfills Isaiah's prophecy: the historical Jesus of Nazareth is the "son born to the virgin" Mary. Matthew makes sure we understand who Immanuel is; he translates the name for us: "God is with us."

Immanuel, "God is with us." Let the words sink in...God...is...with...us. With that in mind, let's consider the two seasons our faith family has recently entered. The first is Advent, the point in the year where Jesus-followers celebrate the arrival of our Redeemer, Jesus Messiah. Jesus being *Immanuel* means that God Himself has stepped into history - as one of us, a human! - to walk, live, laugh, love and die like us and for us...thanks to the Resurrection, He now sits at the right hand of the Father, having paid our penalty for sin and living to intercede on our behalf! The season of Advent is hope fulfilled: God has comforted His people with His presence: through Jesus and His Spirit, *God is with us*.

The second season we find ourselves is the re-plant of Grace Baptist Church. How do we describe this season? There's no doubt we all have questions in our mind: *Who's leaving? Who's gonna do music? What if our "big" tithers leave? Can you believe we might have to dip into savings? What if the neighborhood around Grace doesn't attend? What if it fails?* The questions can go on and on. To be sure, these are real concerns, but how do we temper these questions with the concept that God is with us? [Even though I have lots of questions about the future of CP and Grace, I know The One who started the whole church thing way back when!]

I like to think of it this way: I have an uncertain confidence. I am uncertain about tomorrow (*will I sell my house? will I be a bi-vocational pastor in a couple of years?*) but I am confident about The One who has called me to live, love and die in Him. I am able to cast my uncertainties and concerns upon The One who Himself is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

The disciples 2,000 years ago were in the same boat we are today: they, too, were uncertain about the future. There were lots of questions, few answers and even disciples who doubted! (see Matthew 28.17). Matthew ends his book describing the final assignment Jesus gave His disciples: **As you are going to all places, teach people to follow Me and build My church.** That's a big assignment loaded with questions (*Who's gonna go? Who's gonna stay? How are we gonna do this? How are we gonna fund it? What if we fail?*)

The disciples' emotions, questions, thoughts, and, dare I say, excitement! may be the same as yours and mine. Nevertheless, Jesus commissions His disciples with the same words that describe His name, Immanuel: *And remember, I am with you always...*

We are weak, He is The Strong Tower. We have questions, He is The Answer. We have flawed thinking, He is The Reason. Yet no matter what challenges we will experience, we **cannot** say "I am alone" for He is Immanuel, God with us.

That is our hope for the season of Advent and the season of re-planting Grace Baptist.

Humbly,  
Byron.

## ***BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER***

1 Doc Wilson	13 Stephanie Menou	20 Stacy Green
6 Jay Curry	13 Tony Moore	22 Rachel Long
6 Steve Stevens	13 Sarah Wagnon	22 Liam Townsend
7 Bernard Castello	14 Ethan Collins	24 Tara Dowden
8 Nell Wilson	14 Tracy Cooper	26 Richard Lachney
9 Josh Bolton	15 Sandy McKnight	28 Landon Dowden
9 Charlotte Stevens	16 Anna Arceneaux	28 Wylene McCullar
10 Misa Nash	16 Trey Bordelon	29 Al Jones
10 Chris Rumpfellow	17 Nicolas Jenkins	29 David Rumpfellow
10 Wendy Shoff	18 Alicia Zurigo	30 Kristi Campbell
11 Patsy Earnhart	19 Mark Collins	30 Rebecca Rumpfellow
11 Michael Herrington	19 Betsie Everitt	30 Stephanie Tucker
12 Barbara Langley	19 Katie Mullins	30 Amy Whitson
13 Liz Dickson	19 Glenda Parker	31 Holden Dryden

### **Band of Brothers**

Band of Brothers men's ministry will meet Sunday, December 5, 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 or email [michelle@crosspointchurch](mailto:michelle@crosspointchurch) to RSVP. We will NOT meet in January so please make this note on your calendar. Thank you!

## **PARENTS' DAY OUT**

**December 4 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Parents' Day Out 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 day of activities or shopping. **PDO will be in the Childhood Education Building on Saturday, December 4, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.** PNO (Parents' Night Out) will resume in January. **Children from birth-12 years old are welcome and should arrive having eaten breakfast; PDO will provide a snack. A \$5 donation is appreciated.**

## **IMPORTANT 2010 TAX INFO**

As a reminder, **all donations must be postmarked or received by the church before January 1, 2011, to be eligible for a 2010 tax deduction.** Checks that are placed in the offering during the first worship service in 2011 will not qualify for 2010. Checks that are written, mailed and post-marked in 2010 will be deductible in 2010 though they are not received by the church until 2011.

To avoid jeopardizing the tax deductibility of charitable contributions, do not file your 2010 income taxes until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions. This communication should be in writing. The last day the church office will be open to receive donations is Wednesday, December 29, 2010.



• **Sunday Night Equipping Class** - Called "Spiritual Formation" and it's just for you. This class meets @ 5:45 pm in the Youth Dome. If you want to learn about spiritual disciplines and deepen you walk with Christ, this is for you! Email [kevin@crosspointchurch.org](mailto:kevin@crosspointchurch.org) to sign-up or just show up.

• **Wednesday Night Home Group** - We'll meet on the 8th & 15th this month @ 6:15 pm. Join us for potluck (if you dare) & studying the Word together @ the Rumpfellow's Home, 37099 Timothy Ave. in Prairieville, 70769. This has been a great time of growing together—please join us!

• **December 4** - St. Anthony's AIDS Home ministry - meet at CP @ 9:45 am. Return to CP @ 11:30 am. Help us spread a little Christmas cheer as we show God's love to these precious people!

## **Band of Sisters Luncheon**

Band of Sisters monthly luncheon will be **Friday, December 3, 2010, at 11:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and remember the true meaning of Christmas. Our guest speaker will be Faith McNabb, who will talk about her life and times in Wuhan, China. Childcare is provided. Please contact Billie Middleton at 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, December 7, 14, & 21.

CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to **Wendy Cheney** in the loss of her uncle, **Betty Crouch** in the loss of her sister, the **David Morrison family** in the loss of his mother and **Kim Weaver** in the loss of her uncle.

## **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.

## **LIVE OUT LOUD CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Live Out Loud Children's Choir will be singing at Old Jefferson Community Care Center on Sunday, December 5 at 6:00 pm. This is always one of the best outreach ministries of the year and the residents and children alike look forward to this night. If you are not already involved in an Equipping Class, please join the choir as they celebrate Jesus' birth with these special friends.

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 752-2400.

## Financial Report for October 2010

- Tithes and offerings for October were \$62,079.98, while expenses were \$53,822.40, resulting in a surplus for the month of \$8,257.58
- Through October, tithes and offerings for the year are \$585,779.46, while budgeted and non-budgeted expenses are \$547,664.76, resulting in a surplus of \$38,114.70. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$58,577.94 while all expenses averaged \$54,766.47.
- Tithes and offerings for 2010 have equaled \$585,779.46. They equaled \$593,512.67 during 2009 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2010 are \$7,733.21 less than 2009.



The American Cancer Society needs volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatment appointments. To learn more about how you can get involved and make a difference in someone's life, call 225-767-7197.

Dear Friends,

Since 1899, your Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries has depended on friends like you to help "make groceries" for the children and families who need our care.

On behalf of our children, staff and trustees, we want to say "thank you" for your generous response this year to our annual Fall Food Roundup.

We could not care for the hurting children and families who need our services without your help. Your prayers and support enable us to provide love, care, and a positive Christian witness to the many children and families God sends our way.

Thanks again for partnering with us to make an eternal difference in the lives of the children and families we serve!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Perry Hancock

## HOME GROUPS Winter 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 varying times.

- **5:30 pm | The Grose Home** 1328 Ross Ave., BR 70808  
(Near LSU)
- **5:30 pm | The Dowden Home** 9515 Country Lake Dr., BR 70817  
(Children Friendly)
- **5:45 pm | The Townsend Home** 18013 Bryans Crossing, BR 70817  
(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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## Lottie's Post Office

Now open—Lottie's Post Office in the Worship Center! You can "send" Christmas Greetings to your CrossPoint family for 25 cents per card. Cash or checks (made payable to CrossPoint Baptist Church) should be placed in the box on the table.

You may bring your cards on Sundays and during the week to the church office. **The last date to "send" cards will be Sunday, December 19.** Remember to check for your Christmas Greetings often!

100% of the money collected at Lottie's Post Office goes to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which helps support our International Missionaries as they share the love of Jesus all over the world!



**Please join us at 6:00 pm on Friday, December 24, 2010, for our candlelight service. This is a great time to invite friends and family to join you in celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

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