



Dear CrossPoint,

Your mission team recently returned from Uganda, Africa. Pastor George and the congregation of Bugiri Baptist Church send their greetings and sincerest love. This was the fourth year CrossPoint has been to Bugiri Baptist (the third year with a team). Our long-term partnership is paying off. Bugiri Baptist Church and its ministry has become a strong presence in the town of Bugiri. This was not the case four years ago.

The relationship between CrossPoint and Bugiri Baptist is a long-term gospel partnership. We did not throw money at a congregation and say, "God bless." We committed for the long-term. We did send money to put on a roof, establish a child support center, fund ministry supplies; but we also sent people to be equippers and examples of faithful Gospel ministry. In turn, we learned much about Gospel ministry that we could not have learned within our own cultural context. CrossPoint is refreshing the hearts of the Bugiri Baptist saints and Bugiri Baptist is refreshing the hearts of the CrossPoint saints. The Unifier of both congregations is the Holy Spirit, working to magnify the Son, Jesus, in Bugiri, Baton Rouge and all over the world. The influence of one congregation can be found in the other. This is God's design in a long-term partnership (similar patterns of disciple-making).

CrossPoint is partnered in Uganda (Bugiri Baptist & Uganda Baptist Seminary), Mexico (Gilgal Baptist with Pastor Ramon) and Baton Rouge. It has been one year since we voted to replant Grace Baptist. Your fellow members at Grace have worked so hard this year. And you have labored in your prayers and support. Thank you. Some CrossPoint members are going to stay at Grace until they feel their work is complete. We do not know how long that will be. That might be another couple months, it might be another year. What we do know is that Christ is exalted when people, united by God's Spirit, work together for the Gospel. Let us continue to labor together for the sake of God's fame, not our own.

As we move into 2012, may the Redemption and Kingdom of God be the theme of our song. I'm so proud to be part of a congregation that works for the good of the nations and our city.

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### IMPORTANT 2011 TAX INFO

As a reminder, all donations must be postmarked or received by the church before January 1, 2012, to be eligible for a 2011 tax deduction. Checks that are placed in the offering during the first worship service in 2012 will not qualify for 2011. Checks that are written, mailed and postmarked in 2011 will be deductible in 2011 though they are not received by the church until 2012.

To avoid jeopardizing the tax deductibility of charitable contributions, do not file your 2011 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 28, 2011.

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 DECEMBER

|                        |                     |                       |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Doc Wilson           | 14 Ethan Collins    | 21 Lincoln Williams   |
| 3 Cristina Blackman    | 14 Tracy Cooper     | 22 Rachel Long        |
| 3 Kelsea Thomas        | 15 Sandy McKnight   | 22 Liam Townsend      |
| 6 Jay Curry            | 16 Trey Bordelon    | 26 Richard Lachney    |
| 6 Steve Stevens        | 16 Caroline Jones   | 28 Wylene McCullar    |
| 7 Bernard Castello     | 16 Graham Jones     | 29 Al Jones           |
| 9 Josh Bolton          | 17 Nicholas Jenkins | 29 John Rowland       |
| 9 Charlotte Stevens    | 18 Alicia Zurigo    | 29 David Rumpfellow   |
| 10 Chris Rumpfellow    | 19 Sarah Carls      | 30 Kristi Campbell    |
| 10 Wendy Shoff         | 19 Mark Collins     | 30 Rebecca Rumpfellow |
| 11 Patsy Earnhart      | 19 Betsie Everitt   | 30 Stephanie Tucker   |
| 12 Barbara Langley     | 19 Brent Hutson     | 30 Amy Whitson        |
| 13 Liz Dickson         | 19 Katie Mullins    | 31 Holden Dryden      |
| 13 Sarah Wagon         | 19 Glenda Parker    | 31 Karen Frank        |
| 13 Stephanie Whitfield | 20 Stacy Green      |                       |

### Christmas Outreach Project - Wrap It Up!

As our Christmas outreach project this year we will be wrapping gifts for anyone and everyone in the Worship Center. Three times are available for you to serve: **Saturdays, December 10 & 17 from 1:00 - 5:00pm or Wednesday, December 21 from 5:00 - 9:00pm.** If you would like to help here are some ways you can do so.

- 1. Be present.** Sign up for a 1 or 2 hour shift (shifts can start as early as 4pm) or stay the whole time - do so by email or on your bulletin tear-off this Sunday. Volunteers are needed to register gifts, wrap gifts, talk to guests and serve hot chocolate/coffee/water and cookies
- 2. Bake cookies or other goodies.** These items can be dropped off at the church prior to the event.
- 3. Bring wrapping supplies to donate.** Do you have some leftover wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, etc. that you'd like to see used? You can donate this in the front office.
- 4. Spread the word.** Promotional resources will be located at each exit available for you. Please take some of these and distribute them as you go about your day.

**We are excited about what the Lord is going to do through this outreach project. And if you're wondering if we'll wrap your gifts, we will!**



### 2012 Budget Discussion

All members are encouraged to attend the 2012 Budget discussion Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for the purposes of walking through the budget together and discussing the ministry of 2012. (Copies of the 2012 budget will be available Sunday, December 4 in the Worship Center). The 2012 Budget will be voted on Sunday, December 11, 2011, without discussion. Your Home Groups will resume on Wednesday, December 14.



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

• **Saturday, December 3 - St. Anthony's Ministry** Meet @ CP at 9:45am & return by 12:30pm. Come love on these precious people and receive a blessing. We'll play some games and sing some songs and show the love of Christ to those who may not know Him.

• **Sunday, December 4 - Youth Lunch Fundraiser** - Gumbo is on the menu. Helping at this event will earn money to go towards summer Youth Camp.

### Parents' Day Out

As a ministry to families currently attending CrossPoint with children ages birth to 12, PDO offers a time for moms and dads to enjoy a day out while their children enjoy a snack, hear a Bible story, make a craft, sing songs and play games. Join the fun on **Saturday, December 10 from 9:00am-1:00pm.** To register, call the church office at 225.752.2400.

### Band of Sisters Luncheon

Band of Sisters monthly luncheon will be held **Friday, December 2, 2011, at 11:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish and join us for a time of fellowship and prayer. This is a great time to connect with women of all ages. Childcare is provided. Contact Billie Middleton at 225-769-6498 with the number and ages of children needing care.

### Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers men's ministry meets in the Fellowship Hall on the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 am for a time of prayer and fellowship. All men are invited to attend on **Saturday, December 10, at 7:00 am.** To RSVP, email michelle@crosspointchurch.org or call the church office at 225.752.2400.

### 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.

### Young Married Fellowship

We will meet at the home of David & Martha Morrison, 1312 Ridgeland Drive, BR 70810, on **Friday, December 9 at 6:30 pm.** If you've been married a few years or less and would like to come, contact Kevin for more details at [kevin@crosspointchurch.org](mailto:kevin@crosspointchurch.org). This group will meet the second Friday of every month.

CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to **Michelle Bordelon** in the loss of her grandmother, **Jay Curry** in the loss of his grandfather, **Tim Landry** in the loss of his father, **Darcie Moore** in the loss of her father, **Jon Slayton** in the loss of his father and **Stan Smith** in the loss of his father.

### Women's Bible Study

Carmen Tucker facilitates this group as they look at Beth Moore's study on "To Live is Christ - A Journey through the Life of Paul" in Room 2 of Classroom Building 1 at 10:00 am on Wednesdays. Books may be purchased at LifeWay for \$14.95. Call Carmen at 313-6074 for more information.

## An Update from Mario Melendez

Ps. 107:2, "Let the Redeemed of the Lord say so..."

It has been a year, and three months since CrossPoint ordained and sent me out, and it has not been easy. In the last 10 months I've had 6 burglaries, and 1 robbery. However, the last year has been one of realizing that regardless of what the King permits in our lives, we are to "Say So" at every opportunity. I have been working for the Mid-South Baptist Association in Memphis, as a ministerial strategist in the area of immigrant ministry. Regardless of the fact that I work for the association I have met great adversity on Spiritual and Racial fronts.

Forty percent of Memphis is un-churched, and this does not count how many are just "playing Christian." What are the statistics of your neighborhood? Do you sit on your hands? Or do you "Say that you've been redeemed?" This passage that we quote is a Psalm of temporal redemption and freedom, how much more should we "Say so" since we were eternally Redeemed?

The Association has given me the opportunity to become based out of one particular church as a discipleship minister/writer for the association. I am pleased to announce that in the first night of discipleship we had over 20 adults recommit their lives to Christ, to be disciplined for the first time, and to learn the whole of the Scriptures so they might have something to say. All believers, not just full time pastors, are COMMANDED to evangelize and to disciple! Therefore we must be disciplined, so that we can disciple and then follow our Christ side by side.

The most pressing need for Memphis, and Baton Rouge, is a church that represents the kingdom in all aspects, teaches believers to "obey all things," and relies on the Christ as the sole means of healing such a broken city. I believe that most churches in Memphis and Baton Rouge have neglected their role in seeking the "shalom" of the city (Jeremiah 29). May it not be so for CrossPoint and the churches that I work with in Memphis.

We want to be able to answer the following questions in a God-honoring way. If we were to shut our doors tomorrow, would our cities even know we were gone? Would the city leaders celebrate, feeling as if they had gotten rid of a nuisance? Or would the city grieve and mourn our disappearance? Lastly, can we say the same for our personal lives? If you die tomorrow, will the city notice that a Man or Woman of God has died? Or will they go about their day and never miss you, because you never Said So?

Thank you for continuing to support me as your missionary in a broken world.

Ps. 107:2, "Let the Redeemed of the Lord say so..."

Rev. Mario Melendez



## 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 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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## Lottie's Post Office



Lottie's Post Office is now open for business in the Worship Center!

You can "send" Christmas Greetings to your CrossPoint family for only 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 is Sunday, December 18.** Remember to check the Post Office for your Christmas Greetings often! **Pick up your cards by Sunday, December 25, please.**

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! Thank you for making this happen.



**Al Jones & David Morrison, Elders**  
**Kevin Whitfield, Associate Pastor**  
**T Wright, Assistant Pastor of Teaching & Administration**  
**Byron Townsend, Missions**  
**Stephanie Whitfield, Worship Leader**