

A LETTER FROM MARIO & BEKAH MELENDEZ

Dear CrossPoint Family,

It has been 6 months since Bekah and I got married, and the Lord has blessed us as we enjoy learning married life. These months have, however, been filled with struggles particularly at the church to which I was assigned by the local association. My contract was brought to a close when they cut the church planting/church revitalization budget by 60 percent. So I have been looking for other opportunities. On a positive note, I have been accepted and begun the process of striving for my PhD in Biblical Theology from the South African Theological Seminary.

We thank you all for joining us in prayer about numerous opportunities that were posed to us. We have chosen to take a full-time position of Academic Advising at Victory University (a liberal arts Christian college in Memphis). The purpose of moving from the full-time ministerial role to the academic realm is that I need to focus wholly on my PhD since it is the next step to reaching the mission field. Bekah is in her last semester of classes with Union University and will be doing her internship next semester in some social-work capacity in Memphis. This will be a great opportunity for her to learn ministry, and to truly learn social-work ministry.

It is a struggle to stay focused on our tasks especially in a city with so many needs and problems, but the Lord has called us to be faithful in what we are currently doing. We appreciate the financial support CrossPoint has sent our way during the time of church planting and revitalization. If CrossPoint is willing, we would like for other seminary students to be blessed by the funding that we have been receiving. We ask CrossPoint now to please pray for us to faithfully complete this season of life quickly so that we might move to the mission field to fulfill our calling.

Your Beloved children in Ministry,
Mario and Bekah Melendez



THANK YOU TWO MEN & A TRUCK

CrossPoint extends a tremendous debt of gratitude to Joseph South and Two Men And A Truck for donating their services to the Operation Christmas Child ministry. Two Men And A Truck transported approximately 130 packed boxes from CrossPoint's campus to Florida Boulevard Baptist Church's campus. Their contribution of service saved us the expense of renting a truck allowing us to focus on providing boxes for children.



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)

6:30 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)

LADIES BIBLE STUDIES

Every Tuesday

9:30 AM "Women of the Bible" Call 924-8095 for more information.

7:00 PM "Jesus, the One & Only" Call 313-6074 for more information.

EQUIPPING CLASSES THIS FALL

Sunday Nights | 5:45 PM

"Respectable Sins" in the Worship Center

Music & Missions in the Large Room on the 2nd Floor of CEB

Mission Friends on the 1st Floor of CEB

English As a Second Language on the 2nd Floor of CEB

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING

Sunday, December 16 | 8:30 AM

Youth and adult Sunday School teachers are asked to attend a meeting before Sunday School. We will distribute Romans teaching materials. A donut breakfast will be provided.



PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

We are in need of people to help with KidMo and Extended Session beginning in January. If you are not already serving, please consider helping in this vital ministry. We also need someone to help every other week with Preschool snacks during Sunday School. If you feel any of these areas are somewhere you could serve in, please contact Sherry.

HOSPITALITY NEEDS

In preparing for the past few receptions and events that CrossPoint has had and anticipating future needs, the Hospitality Committee has identified several serviceware items in which we are in need. We have had to rent or borrow these for past events. If you feel led to purchase or contribute toward these items, please contact Sonja Kelly at 938-8319 for details.

Cream & Sugar service

Coffee Server (1 large/ 1 small)

Tablecloths (to replace stained)

Beverage Server with spigot (2)

Serving Tongs (2 small & 2 large)

Cake Server (2)

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Week of Prayer | December 2 - December 9

This is an international mission offering of the Southern Baptist Convention going on through the month of December. There are a couple of ways you can be involved. You can give an offering in one of our Sunday services, or "mail" your Christmas cards to CrossPoint members through the Lottie Moon Post Office set up at the church. Cards are \$0.25 to "mail" and all funds will go directly to the Lottie Moon offering.

PRESCHOOL FAMILY MINISTRY MORNING

Saturday, December 15 | 8:45 AM

We'll meet in CEB to have donuts and decorate cards for the senior adults at Old Jefferson Community Care Center. At 10:15 we'll leave to go pass out the cards to the residents. It's a great chance to teach our preschoolers about ministering to others. The residents will love to see their smiling faces!



YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 16 | 5:45 PM

All youth are invited to join us for a time of worship, games and a white elephant gift exchange. You won't want to miss this!

GETTY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 21 | 7:00 PM

Keith and Kristyn Getty will be performing at the River Center and members of CrossPoint will be signing in the choir. Tickets are available for purchase at ticketmaster.com.

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, January 20

We will have a parent/child dedication service next month. If you would like to participate, please email Pastor Nick to set up a meeting before the **January 13** deadline. You also need to email Sherry a picture of your child, their full name and date of birth.



REMINDERS

- Deacon's Meeting** | Saturday, December 8 | 8:00 AM
- Management Team Meeting** | Tuesday, December 18 | 6:30 PM
- No Sunday School** | Sunday, December 23 & Sunday, December 30
- No Equipping Classes** | Sunday, December 23 & Sunday, December 30
- No Home Groups** | Wednesday, December 26
- Church Offices Closed** | December 24, 25, & 31

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Year end contributions must be turned in by December 30 in order to receive credit for the 2012 tax year.

MANAGEMENT TEAM ELECTION

Sunday, December 9, we will vote following the service to elect three members to the Management Team to replace those rotating off.

WITH SYMPATHY

CrossPoint extends Christian sympathy to George Castello and family in the death of his grandmother, Alberta Castello and his uncle, Willard Castello.

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

1 Doc Wilson	15 Sandy McKnight
3 Cristina Blackman	16 Trey Bordelon
3 Kelsea Thomas	16 Caroline Jones
6 Steve Stevens	16 Graham Jones
6 Jay Curry	19 Glenda Parker
7 Bernard Castello	19 Mark Collins
9 Charlotte Stevens	19 Brent Hutson
10 Wendy Shoff	19 Sarah Carls
10 Christopher Rumfellow	20 Stacy Green
11 Patsy Earnhart	20 Presley Eschete
12 Barbara Langley	21 Lincoln Williams
12 Angela Franklin	26 Richard Lachney
13 Liz Dickson	28 Wylene McCullar
13 Stephanie Whitfield	29 Al Jones
13 Tony Moore	29 David Rumfellow
13 Sarah Wagnon	30 Amy Whitson
14 Tracy Cooper	30 Rebecca Rumfellow
14 Ethan Collins	31 Holden Dryden

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2012

- Tithes and offerings for October were \$40,883.65, while expenses were \$66,235.76 resulting in a deficit for the month of \$25,352.11.
- Through October, tithes and offerings for the year are \$532,489.86, while expenses are \$514,557.43, resulting in a surplus of \$17,932.43. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$53,248.98 while all expenses averaged \$51,455.74.
- Tithes and offerings for 2012 have equaled \$532,489.86. They equaled \$523,956.57 during 2011 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2012 are \$8,533.29 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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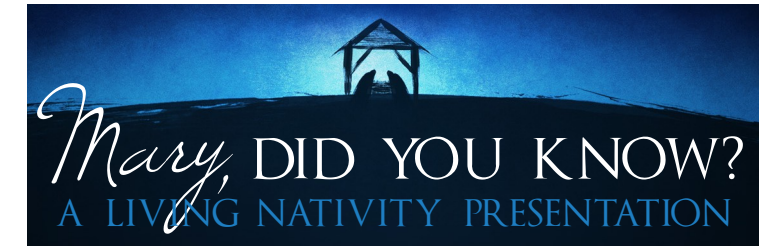
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CROSSPOINT BAPTIST CHURCH



Monday, December 24 | 6:00 PM

We hope you will make plans to join with us on Christmas Eve for a special time of celebration and worship. We will light the final advent candle, read the birth narrative of Christ's incarnation, gather at the table of the Lord's Super, and sing praise to God for his glorious provision, OUR SALVATION through the Child-King, Jesus Christ!



December 7 - December 8 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

A live presentation of scenes from the Christmas story open to the community, that allows us as a congregation to spread the Gospel during the Christmas season. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Please be in prayer as we serve our community through Living Nativity.

To those participating in the Living Nativity:

- 5:00 PM** Dinner will be served.
- 5:30 PM** Please be dressed and/or in position before performance begins.

"...behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." *Luke 1:31-33*

Nick Taylor, Senior Pastor
Kevin Whitfield, Associate Pastor
Al Jones, Elder
David Morrison, Elder

Byron Townsend, Missions & Church Planter
Angela Franklin, Minister of Music & Children
Gay Ann Tate, CrossPoint School Director
Sherry Wilson, Minister to Pre-School Children