

Management Team Action Update

This is the first monthly entry in the Connection that the Management Team has decided to implement in an effort to keep the congregation better informed of Management Team actions. The Team met on January 19, 2010, to consider a very lengthy agenda. Following actions were taken:

- Richard Green was re-approved as Church Insurance Coordinator and Charles Rea serves as Church Counsel;
- Advanced Office Care will no longer provide janitorial service effective February 1, 2010; effective February 15, 2010, Jani-King will be under new contract for this service
- Working on improving campus lighting and heating situation in the Youth Dome
- Discussions began on selecting someone to serve as Chair of the Capital Fund Team, which is soon to be assembled; this Team will be asked to lead in raising funds for a new multi-purpose building for which the Long Range Plan Team is finalizing plans
- Approved to become an official partner with Southeast Ministries, which provides food and other items to the needy; more about this later
- Approved \$2,500 to be sent to the Uganda Baptist Seminary for furnishings or other needs related to operating expenses

Several other items were discussed including the church financial situation and 2009 year-end totals. We covet your prayers as we need wisdom from God to discern the right actions for CrossPoint and for His glory. The next meeting is February 16, 2010, at 6:30pm.

David Morrison, Moderator

HOME GROUPS

Spring 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 6.30pm, unless otherwise noted.

- **The Green Home** 3044 Crestwood, BR 70816
- **The Moore Home** 15322 Emmett Moore, PV 70769
(Home with Teenagers)
- **The Morrison Home** 1312 Ridgeland, BR 70810
- **The Rumfellow Home** 1666 Bellfort, BR 70815 6pm
(Home with Teenagers)
- **The Townsend Home** 18013 Bryans Crossing, 70817 6pm
(Home with Preschoolers)
- **Making Disciples Equipping Class** CrossPoint Campus
[This is a repeat of the Sunday night Equipping Class.]

Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers men's ministry will meet Sunday, February 7, 2010, at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and fellowship. All men are invited to attend. Please call 752-2400 to RSVP.

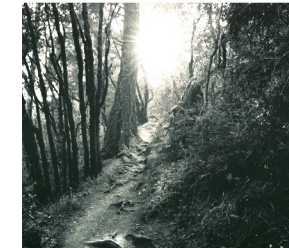


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EQUIPPING CLASSES

Equipping Classes meet Sundays from 5:45—7:00 pm except for ESL which meets from 5:30-7:00 pm. Childcare is provided in the Childhood Education Building for all Equipping Classes. For more information on any of these classes, please call the church office at (225)752-2400.

Classes Meet Sundays @ 5.45pm.

- **Making Disciples** Building on last semester's class, Pastor Landon will teach Theology, Missions and Mentoring. Meets in Worship Center.
- **Worship Matters** Kathy Rumfellow will lead a discussion based on Bob Kauflin's book, *Worship Matters*. Meets in Youth Dome.
- **Systematic Theology** David Morrison will teach about the inexhaustible attributes of God and how that fuels our worship. Meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- **ESL (English as a Second Language)** Rick Robertson will lead an incredible group of volunteers to teach English to non-English speaking residents. Meets in CEB - 2nd Floor.
- **Marriage** Jim and Wendy Shoff will lead a discussion based on Danny Akin's book, *God On Sex*. Meets in Classroom Bldg.1, Room1.
- **Prompting Prayer** Mandy Trammell will do a biblical survey of prayer and teach some practical ways to commune with God. Meets in Classroom Bldg. 1, Room 2.
- **Grace Baptist Church** Byron Townsend is teaching on Sunday nights at Grace Baptist – 620 Richland, BR – and helping this congregation once again advance the Kingdom of God in the Mid-city area.
- **Learning the Basics & LiveOutLoud** Charlotte Stevens will lead the 1st-5th graders through some Bible basics such as learning the books of the Bible and how to use a concordance, Bible dictionary, etc. as Kristi Campbell, Ben Nickens & Jennifer Stark lead the children to be on mission through song in our community while learning about missions in our world. Meets in CEB - 2nd Floor.

Dr. Landon Dowden, Senior Pastor
Byron Townsend, Associate Pastor
of Music & Missions



This month's guest columnist is Kevin Whitfield. Kevin is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity with a focus in Christian Thought at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Katie, attend Edgewater Baptist Church, who partners with CrossPoint in their mission trip to Mexico each summer. He has served as an intern at CrossPoint and has preached here in our pastors' absence previously. Kevin will also be a guest writer in the June & July Connection.



Dear CP,

"The spiritual disciplines are wisdom, --not righteousness." James Bryan Smith, in his book about spiritual disciplines, makes this profound statement which I believe must be understood if we intend to experience the true purpose of such disciplines as bible reading, scripture memory, fasting, serving, etc.

The Spiritual disciplines are wisdom because we have all experienced the reality of needing directions to get somewhere. Traveling without directions results only in frustration and argument, especially if one's map-loving wife is in the car. In the same sense, if we want to grow closer to God, a planned route is helpful, which the spiritual disciplines provide. Paul draws out this point in 1 Corinthians 9 when he says "I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control..." Paul wanted to make every punch count. He wanted every step to be one step closer to His goal, not wasted energy. After all, if even the greatest athletes compete for a trophy that will sit in a nice case and collect dust, shouldn't we (the real Saints) discipline ourselves even more in our pursuit of Christ, who will give us an everlasting inheritance, "an imperishable wreath" (1 Cor. 9:25)?

Secondly, back to the original quote, the disciplines do not impart righteousness and will in no way grow our approval rating before God. The gospel is God's righteousness to us through the work of Jesus on the cross and in His resurrection (1 Cor. 1:30.) The spiritual disciplines must be rooted in this gospel of grace. Without such a foundation we will find only legalism and most likely the same frustrations as those that don't have directions at all.

For more on the Spiritual Disciplines you can look at Donald Whitney's book *Spiritual Disciplines of the Christian Life* and the book containing the quote above, *The Good and Beautiful God*, by James Bryan Smith.

In Christ,
Kevin

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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY PASTOR BYRON!

Byron Townsend has served as CrossPoint's Associate Pastor of Music & Missions for three years. We thank God for blessing our church with such a talented and gifted man. Thank you for serving God at CrossPoint! We love you & your family!

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 752-2400.

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

2 Henry Crouch	10 James Thomas	19 Bill Taylor
3 Amy Vandiver	11 Jennifer Rowland	20 Miriam Kinnison
3 Hannah Weaver	11 Aimee Townsend	20 Gay Ann Tate
6 Christina Hebert	12 Sara Cheney	21 Grant Weaver
6 Bob Long	14 Gail Boyd	23 Jacob Whitson
6 Gordon Stablier	14 Ian Moore	26 Faye Smith
7 Karen Richard	14 Pat Rea	27 C.T. Taylor
8 Shane Tucker	15 Caleb Knight	27 Lynda Van Kerkhove
9 Pat Weaver	16 Jayson Curry	27 Chantelle Whitehead
10 Stephanie Arceneaux	18 Lawana Blackwell	28 Malinda Olexy
10 Victoria LeBlanc		



INTRODUCING: NEW MEMBER...

One of CrossPoint's newest members, Jessica Singletary is a sophomore at LSU majoring in Music Education. She is from Slidell and was drawn to CrossPoint mainly because of how welcomed she felt by everyone. It is important for Jessica to feel comfortable in her church and CrossPoint was that "fit" for her. She said it has been easy to get to know the people here.

"I even found someone to help me change the oil in my car after my Discipleship Class. There are really nice people to rely and depend on and help me out since I'm living on campus and away from home," she said.

Jessica hasn't wasted any time getting involved with activities and ministries like Equipping Classes, College Ministry and working with the Children's Choir. She loves music, children and has a heart for God and knowing Him more. She is looking forward to working at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary this summer in Children's Summer camps and seeing what God will teach her through that experience.

MISSION CAMP INFORMATION

Time to register for Boys' Mission Camp or Girls' Mission Camp. Boys' camp is June 14-18 and Girls' camp is July 19-23. The registration form and \$81 deposit (without horseback riding) or \$100 deposit (with horseback riding) is due by Sunday, March 14, 2010. The remaining balance or \$100 will be due two (2) weeks before camp. Please make checks payable to CrossPoint. You can go to www.judsonretreat.org to get registration forms and additional information.

CrossPoint ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Cheryl Tate

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Immediately following the morning worship service

CrossPoint's Fellowship Hall

Cheryl is registered at *Crate and Barrel & Bed, Bath and Beyond*. Please ship gifts on registry at *Crate and Barrell.com* or gift cards are also appreciated. Registered under Cheryl Tate and Daniel Beckerdite of Denver, Colorado.

CROSSPOINT 101 MEMBERSHIP CLASS

This class will meet Sunday, February 28, at 9:00 am, and is designed for anyone desiring to know more about CrossPoint: who we are and what it means to be a member here. You can register in the box on the communication card in your Worship Folder or by calling the church office at 752-2400.



• **D-Now - March 5 & 6** - \$30/youth or \$60/family. We will look at what Romans 12:1-2 teaches about being TRANSFORMED! Watch for more info in the weeks ahead.

Fellas @ Five

Tuesdays at 5 am is a time set aside specifically for CrossPoint's men led by Pastor Landon called "Fellas @ Five". This semester's theme is *Proverbs: Father Knows Best*. 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 am in the Worship Center on Tuesdays, February 2, 9 & 23.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

We have the perfect place for you. Volunteers are needed to serve in Extended Session, ages birth through three years, during the Worship Service on Sundays at 10:15 am. Please contact Jeff or Kristi Campbell at 673-9066 or 752-2400 if you can help minister and love on these precious children while their parents are being grown in God's Word. Help CrossPoint serve families through this ministry.

Band of Sisters Luncheon

The Band of Sisters monthly luncheon will meet Friday, February 5, 2010, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. This month's meeting will focus on love — God's love for us and our love for Him. Please bring your favorite potluck dish and join us for a great time of fellowship and sharing together.

MEN'S RETREAT COMING THIS MONTH

On February 26-27, CrossPoint will host a Men's Retreat at Judson Baptist Retreat Center in Jackson, LA, for high school—senior adult age men. The cost will be \$35.00 a person. This will be an NFL weekend (Not For Ladies)! To sign-up, please contact the church office at 752.2400. For more information, contact Rick Robertson at 293-4421 or email rickrobertson@richermgt.com.

CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to Tony Parker in the loss of his step-mother and to one of the families in our weekday preschool program in the loss of their father.

Financial Report for December 2009

- Tithes and offerings for December were \$62,302.45, while budgeted expenses were \$58,542.80, and non-budgeted expenses of \$3,913.46 resulting in a deficit for the month of \$153.81.
- As of December 31, 2009, the Building Fund account at the Louisiana Baptist Foundation was \$313,659.22 while the Building Fund checking account was \$779.82.
- Through December, tithes and offerings for 2009 were \$722,164.82, while total expenditures for the year were \$710,367.74, resulting in a surplus for the year of \$11,797.08.