



CrossPoint,

As I write this I am preparing to travel to attend the memorial service for my father. Over the last few days I have been reminded of the loving, caring and giving spirit of our CrossPoint family. Thank you for all of the food, visits, phone calls, emails, text messages, Facebook post and more you have all passed our way.

As Kevin reminded us recently, our journey in life as we grow in righteousness is to Love God and to Love People. Having been asked to serve as your Chairman of Deacons for the coming year I want to commit to you our efforts as Deacons. We will meet the needs of the families of CrossPoint. Because of the addition of five new Deacons, Eric Guiffreda, Ben Jones, Randy Mehlon, Ben Nickens, and Jon Slayton, our assignments for families within our Deacon Family Ministry will be changing. In the next few weeks you can expect to get a letter informing you of your assigned deacon and how you can contact them.

As Deacons, our desire is to connect with you on a regular basis and to share with our staff, our fellow deacons and the church body needs that come along. I would ask as members that you reach out also and not always wait for someone to ask how things are but to let us know how we can help. You can always call the church office or call me at 253-1730. Again, as servants of the body of Christ we want to pray for you, sit with you, work beside you and celebrate with you.

Jim Shoff

Friends,  
Just as Paul says in Philippians, I, too, "thank my God in all my remembrance of you". Due to the restructuring of my position, I feel that it's in the best interest of me and the church to resign. In my ten years serving as CrossPoint's Publications Specialist, I have learned lessons, both professional and life, that I'm sure I would not have learned anywhere else and these are the things that I'll take with me as I move on to what God has in store for the next chapter of my life. I'm thankful for the time spent, relationships developed and experience gained from working in a church office and will be forever changed as a result. I have always viewed my position as a calling and not as a "job" which I hope is the fingerprint I leave on CrossPoint. I appreciate the opportunity to have served both God and CrossPoint for this season. You hold a very special place in my heart—my family and I love you dearly!

Your sister in Christ,

Kristi Campbell

### 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. Jay can be reached at (225) 241-3855 and Jim can be reached at (225) 253-1730.

## BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

2 Cricket Case	9 Ella West	20 Steve Latino
2 Henry Crouch	10 James Thomas	20 Gay Ann Tate
3 Amy Vandiver	11 Jennifer Rowland	21 Grant Weaver
3 Hannah Weaver	13 A.J. Melendez	22 Steve Eskine
6 Christina Hebert	14 Gail Boyd	23 Jacob Whitson
6 Bob Long	14 Ian Moore	24 Joshua Slayton
6 Gordon Stablier	14 Ben Nickens	26 Faye Smith
7 Karen Richard	14 Pat Rea	27 Stephen Prewitt
8 Rachel Townsend	16 Jayson Curry	27 C.T. Taylor
8 Shane Tucker	18 Lawana Blackwell	27 Lynda Van Kerkhove
9 Pat Weaver	19 Bill Taylor	27 Chantelle Whitehead

### BOYS & GIRLS MISSION CAMP

It's time to register for Boys and Girls Summer Mission Camp for children in 1-6 grades. BMC is June 11-15 and GMC is July 16-20. A deposit of \$90 without horseback riding and \$110 with horseback riding is required (checks made to CrossPoint). Please go to [www.judsonretreat.org](http://www.judsonretreat.org) to download the registration form or for additional information. The completed registration form and deposit is due to Gay Ann Tate no later than March 18. The balance of \$105 will be due two weeks before camp. Volunteer counselors are needed for each camp; if you can help, see Gay Ann Tate.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Byron Townsend is beginning his fifth year serving at CrossPoint. His current role is Missions and Church Planter as he leads the flock at Grace Baptist Church: Mid City. Please take time to let him know how much you love him and how thankful you are for his ministry and leadership. CONGRATULATIONS!!

### HOME GROUP MINISTRY

The Morrison Home Group has an upcoming ministry opportunity in which you can participate. They are collecting items for homeless men, women and children. These items will go to St. Vincent de Paul's Bishop Ott Shelter and Myriam's House to benefit their Collection Campaign for the Homeless. Beginning Sunday, January 29 you may drop off items in the Fellowship Hall—look for the box marked "St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter". The deadline for bringing items is Sunday, March 4.

#### Needed items include:

Deodorant; disposable razors; toothpaste; toothbrushes; soap and shampoo; body lotion and body powder (these items can be travel or hotel size); knit caps; gloves; t-shirts; sheets (twin and crib size); blankets; umbrellas and rain gear; pillowcases; pillows; disposable diapers (especially sizes 4, 5, & 6); baby wipes; towels; washcloths; men, women and children's underwear; baby lotion; baby shampoo; baby powder; paper napkins; disposable cups; plates & bowls; plastic forks, spoons & knives; paper towels; drink mix (lemonade, tea, etc.); foot powder and feminine hygiene product

The Bishop Ott Shelter Program and Myriam's House serve homeless men, women and children in the Greater Baton Rouge area, providing over 25,000 guest nights of shelter annually with a philosophy of giving a hand-up, not a hand-out. The items collected in their annual campaign are critical in providing a home to people who have nowhere else to turn for help.



• **Wednesdays @ 6:15 pm** - Your Home Group meets @ the Rurfellow's 37099 Timothy Avenue Prairieville. This is a special time of refreshing and fellowship and walking in the Word.  
• **Saturday, February 4 - 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.

### Band of Sisters Luncheon

Band of Sisters monthly luncheon will be held **Friday, February 3, 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.

### Young Married Fellowship

We will meet at the home of David & Martha Morrison, 1312 Ridgeland Drive, BR 70810, on **Friday, February 10 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.

### 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, February 11, at 7:00 am**. To RSVP, email [krysten@crosspointchurch.org](mailto:krysten@crosspointchurch.org) or call the church office at 225.752.2400.

### Parents' Night Out

As a ministry to families currently attending CrossPoint with children ages birth to 12, PNO offers a time for moms and dads to enjoy a night out while their children enjoy a snack, hear a Bible story, make a craft, sing songs and play games. Plan to join the fun on **Friday, February 24 from 6:00-9:30pm**. To register, call the church office at 225.752.2400.

CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to **Casey Dufour** in the loss of his grandfather, **Sonja Kelly** in the loss of her mother and **Jim Shoff** in the loss of his father.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Study "Life Principles from the Women of the Bible" by Wayne Barber, Rasnake, Shepherd with Carmen Tucker and friends. This class is offered on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Room 2 of Classroom Building 1 and on Tuesday nights from 7:00pm-8:00pm at Carmen's home in Prairieville. Books can be purchased at LifeWay or online. To sign-up for the Tuesday class, call Carmen at 313-6074.

## Financial Report for December 2011

- Tithes and offerings for December were \$68,189.81, while expenses were \$64,684.56 resulting in a surplus for the month of \$3,505.25.
- Through December, tithes and offerings for the year are \$641,229.37, while expenses are \$645,641.79, resulting in a deficit of \$4,412.42. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$53,435.78 while all expenses averaged \$53,803.49.
- Tithes and offerings for 2011 have equaled \$641,229.37. They equaled \$719,432.35 during 2010 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2011 are \$78,202.98 less than 2010.

*To the members of CrossPoint Baptist Church,*

*Thank you so much for your prayers and support during Richard's illness. That is the only thing that brought us through this difficult time. Your loving, caring spirits lifted us above our sorrow to celebrate Richard's life instead of mourn his death.*

*Sincerely,  
Ruth Landry*

*Dear CrossPoint Family,*

*I am so thankful to have "family" that is so loving, caring & willing to "walk alongside" during difficult times. I always knew that when hardships arose you'd be there and you were!*

*Thank you so much for your love and concern through meals, calls, cards and texts. God always managed to deliver them to me at the perfect time, when I needed encouragement the most.*

*I thank God for you,  
Sonja Kelly*

## HOME GROUPS

### Spring 2012

*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)
- **5:30 pm | The Wicker Home** 19016 Epernay Court, BR 70817  
(Families w/Toddlers & 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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AN UPDATE FROM  
Grace Baptist Church: Mid City

Dear CrossPoint,

Greetings from the new Pastor-in-Training at Grace Baptist Church: Mid City. I am so excited to be here at Grace and to tell you all the great things God is doing.

This Spring, Byron is doing a new sermon series called, "Learning to Be a Healthy Church Family," and we'll be learning about prayer, leadership, mission, and membership. Now that the transitional period is over, we are Grace Baptist Church. As such, we desire to be a healthy body of believers serving Mid City for the glory of God and the good of others. Please pray that God would teach us and shape us through the preaching of His Word.

It has been so encouraging the past few weeks as we have seen steady growth on Sunday mornings. While our focus is not on numbers, per se, we do desire that more and more people come to Grace to gather with believers and hear the proclamation of God's Word. Each week, visitors come to Grace and tell us that they heard about Grace from friends or family members. How exciting it is to know that word of God's work here is spreading throughout Baton Rouge!

Over the last year, we have been in the process of updating/renovating the building so that we can use it most effectively for ministry. Some changes have been small, like moving a pew. Other changes have been large, like buying a new air conditioner. This past Saturday we continued that work with a large-scale Grace Work Day. We were blessed to have four sister congregations helping us: CrossPoint, Fellowship Church, Haven Fellowship, and The Ring. When it was all said and done we had around 75 people working! We were so grateful for these brothers and sisters sacrificing their time to help us. There was much work to be done! We painted, cleaned, did electrical and plumbing work, cleared out meeting spaces, organized, etc.

Lastly, the next couple of months will be a great time of beginnings. We'll be starting Grace Groups to foster community. New ministry teams will be implemented to coordinate the work here at Grace. The Ring Church will begin worshiping in our facilities each week. It is amazing to look back over the last year and forward over the next six months and see what God has done and will do. Truly, although we toil and strive, it is God who works.

Byron and I are excited to be a part of God's work in Mid City. What does the future hold? We don't know. But we're following Jesus wherever He leads us. May we be passionate disciples and faithful stewards for His glory.

Grace and peace,  
Shane Folks

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**Kevin Whitfield, Associate Pastor**  
**T Wright, Assistant Pastor of Teaching & Administration**  
**Byron Townsend, Missions & Church Planter**  
**Stephanie Whitfield, Worship Leader**