

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2010

<p>For more information on these events or any happenings at CrossPoint Church, please check out our website: www.crosspointchurch.org.</p>						1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Worship Only @ 10:30 am			School Resumes No Home Groups				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
"28 Days" Study Begins		Fellas @ 5	Home Groups Meet		Connection deadline	Deacon's Meeting 8 am	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
New Member Luncheon Equipping Classes Begin 5:45 pm	No School	Fellas @ 5 Management Team 6:30 pm	Home Groups Meet				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Blood Drive 8:30-12 CP 101 9am	Louisiana Baptist Conv. Istrouma Baptist-BR	Fellas @ 5	Home Groups Meet		Women's Retreat @ JBRC Parent's Night Out 6-10 pm		

Sunday Services at 10:30 AM

Small Group Bible Study on Sundays at 9:00 AM

Equipping Classes meet on Sundays at 5:45 PM

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Lynda Van Kerkhove has served CrossPoint as Financial Secretary for 17 years and Gay Ann Tate has been Mother's Day Out Coordinator for 9 years. Thank you for all you do—we love you!

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Thank you for helping with communication by updating our records with your email addresses. If you aren't getting emails from CrossPoint we need your email address. Please send any changes to Michelle@crosspointchurch.org.

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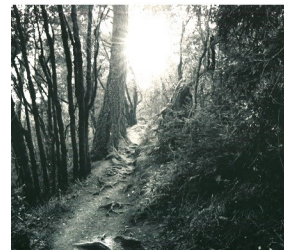
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We're Going Electronic

The Connection's Going Electronic

Beginning February 2010, The Connection will be sent through email. Yes, that's right. We're going electronic! If you don't have an email address or we do not have an email address on file for you, please call the church office at (225) 752-2400, and inform us that you would like to continue receiving The Connection via mail. If you are not receiving regular emails from CrossPoint, we do not have a valid email address for you, so please contact the church office or email michelle@crosspointchurch.org with your correct email address.

CrossPoint's Sunday Morning Bible Study Schedule Spring 2010

How To Study Your Bible in 28 Days

January 17th Week 1 review // Day 8 study
January 24th Week 2 review // Day 15 study
January 31st Week 3 review // Day 22 study
February 7th Week 4 review // pgs 5-14 of next study

Discovering the God of Second Chances

February 14th Obadiah Review // Intro/Day 1 of Joel
February 21st Week 1 Review of Joel // Day 1 of Week 2
February 28th Week 2 Review of Joel // Day 1 of Week 3
March 7 Week 3 Review of Joel // Intro/Day 1 of Amos
March 14 Week 2 Review of Amos // Day 1 of Week 2
March 21 Week 2 Review of Amos // Day 1 of Week 3
March 28 Week 3 Review of Amos // Day 1 of Week 4
April 4 Week 4 Review of Amos // Day 1 of Week 5
April 11 Week 5 Review of Amos // Day 1 of Week 6
April 18 Week 6 Review of Amos

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



Dear CP,

Here's what Jesus did: And he went throughout all Galilee . . . proclaiming the gospel (Matt. 4:23). Here's what the disciples did: And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel (Mark 16:15). Here's what Philip did: And as he passed through (Azotus) he preached the gospel to all the towns (Acts 8:40). Here's what Paul and Barnabas did: And there they continued to preach the gospel (Acts 14:7).

Here's what Jesus believed: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:15). Here's what Paul believed: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes (Rom. 1:16).

Here was Paul's mindset: I do it all for the sake of the gospel (1 Cor. 9:23). But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24).

Here's what Paul did with the gospel: We were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ (2 Cor. 10:4). Who will we be the first to share the gospel with in 2010?

Should the Lord give us 2010 can you guess what our focus will be? You guessed it – the Gospel! We will focus on the Gospel Word and the Gospel Community. As Chester and Timmis note in Total Church, "The gospel word and the gospel community are closely connected. The word creates and nourishes the community, while the community proclaims and embodies the word." For those of you who are thinking "Oh Great – a year spent on the basics" let me challenge you to read Titus 2:11-14. The Gospel is for both salvation and sanctification. The Gospel is essential for every day and every arena of our lives. The Gospel is our only hope.

In 2010, let me challenge you in these ways:

1. Ordinary life – gospel intentionality: wherever we are and whatever we are doing (even grocery shopping) we will do with gospel intentionality (which means I don't just go to the store to get supplies but I go with the mindset that the Lord may want to use me in someone's life who just happens to be shopping on the cereal aisle with me).

2. Relationships, relationships, relationships: evangelism will occur best not through events but through relationships. We want to be a gospel community in which our relationships are strong with one another and gospel conversations are natural and not forced. Let me challenge you in two ways here:

a. Pray through the directory – spend some time every day praying for a different family in our church membership directory Practice hospitality – at least once a month, pick a family from the church directory that you do not know well and invite them to your home for dinner. Many of you have talked about wanting to build more community with other church members, let me ask you – "How many church members have you had into your home to share a meal together?"

Here's what Jesus wants us to do: "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation (Mark 16:15)." Let's go to our neighbors and the nations.

Contending for Christ,
Pastor Landon

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

1 David Morrison	9 Lyndsey Campbell	21 Adoniram Dowden
2 Ashley May	9 Sharron Cook	21 Chris Johnson
2 Tracy Walker	9 Riley Creel	21 Martha Morrison
3 Melissa Fridge	9 Tyrone Sampson	22 Alaina Lachney
3 Rebecca Jones	10 Caedmon Hughes	23 Deanna Morrison
3 Clint McFerren	10 Holly LeBeau	24 Kevin Carls
4 Dustin Jenkins	12 Lydia Griggs	24 Billy Nations
5 Jaylyn Blythe	12 Michelle Jones	25 Jennifer Aucoin
5 Sharon Moore	13 Tom Vandiver	25 David Bordelon
5 Noah Whitehead	14 Cynthia Townsend	25 Pat LeBlanc
6 Hayley Hollier	16 Wes Stephens	26 Chris Morrison
6 Michelle Lulei	17 Levin Fairchild	27 Emma Taylor
6 Kay May	17 Laurel Maddie	28 Mike Tucker
7 Emily Cupit	18 Lauren Shoff	29 Natalie Dickens
8 Mandy Trammell	20 Bridgette Ogletree	30 Robbie Guerin
9 Jeff Arceneaux	20 Layne Raborn	

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, January 19 & 26.



A word from our Youth: Jessica Bolton

(Jessica Bolton is a 16 year-old junior at Dutchtown High School. After meeting Jessica to get her viewpoint as one of CrossPoint's senior high Youth—what she likes, what she would change, goals for 2010—I found a note she wrote on Facebook in her own words that said it much better than I could. So, here's an excerpt from that note.)

Well, Mrs. Kristi asked me a couple weeks ago if I would answer a few questions for her, because she is starting this new thing for the Connection. Well, today we finally had a few MOMENTS to sit down and chat...to start off with I'd like to thank God for bringing me to Prairieville to become a member of CrossPoint Baptist Church. These are some of the best people to be surrounded by in the entire world.

The youth group as a whole...idk [I don't know]...I know almost everyone's name but I could only tell you a "life story" of a few of them...this I think should change...we need to get to know everyone...I love these people so much...I LOVE hanging out, playing games, doing Bible studies, going to McDonald's®, talking, listening to music, whatever with them. I even enjoy hanging with the "younger" ones...and this helps me to be even more careful with what I say and do because I know they're watching my every move.

Highlights: hanging out and getting to know one another...helping others...putting smiles on one another's faces.

Lowlights: when we've had enough of one another and things start getting nasty :(

I've seen our youth group grow so much in the 3 years I've been here and it makes me smile...I see a LOT of potential in each of our lives...I'd love to see each one of our high school students connect with a middle schooler...I'd also love to see that when we have a prob [problem] with someone...GO to that person...not a friend... 'cause this causes drama.

My goals for 2010: HELP others...put others before myself... and be a more Godly example...for God, myself, and for the ones watching me!...I will challenge each of you to help someone else...say thank you...have manners...please, thanks...you're welcome...do something nice for someone.

And last but not least...if you have something that you need to get out...that you really feel you need to tell something to...don't hold it in...trust me, it will help if things were out in the open.

Jessica's honesty and openness are refreshing and CrossPoint's youth group is blessed to have her as a leader. She is one of the most genuine people I know and she truly cares for others. Please pray for her and the other youth as they strive everyday to live for the glory of God in a crazy world. It isn't easy going to school, facing what our students face, so please commit to pray for each of our youth every day. -Kristi Campbell

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT...Patsy Earnhart



One of five sisters, Patsy was born in Oklahoma to a non-Christian family and married young. She was married to Buzz Earnhart for 35 1/2 years, traveling to 38 states with his pipeline welding job. At the age of 25, she felt the Lord convicting her that she needed to be in church, so she attended a revival service in 1957 in the Texas town where they were living at the time.

"God wouldn't leave me alone. He kept pestering me until I went to church," she said. Knowing that God was guiding her even further, when they moved to the next city she began teaching at her church there in Rapid City, South Dakota.

"I kept telling God that 'I'm not fit to teach', but He didn't seem to care what I thought." She taught first graders, then fourth graders, then Junior High, then BTU (Baptist Training Union) at night. Teaching was enjoyable and Patsy was learning so much through studying and preparing to teach.

By this time their two sons, Mike and Phil, were reaching high school age, so they decided to move to a warmer climate where the boys could play baseball. So, she and Buzz got a map and a pen, closed their eyes and chose Baton Rouge for their new home.

When she moved here, she began attending Parkview Baptist where she met Zeke and Laverne Dunaway. She was a member of Laverne's Sunday School class and eventually became the substitute teacher for the class. When Parkview started a mission church called South Airline Baptist Church, Patsy was with the Dunaway's in the group that helped get the mission started. That mission along with River City Baptist Church merged in 1996 to form CrossPoint Baptist Church.

Patsy is a charter member of CrossPoint and serves as the teacher of the Esther Bible Study Class. She is active with the Senior CrossPointers as well as Band of Sisters women's ministry. She is a cancer survivor and serves God and others in ways most people will never see. She sums it all up with the phrase, "God led me all the way". And He's still doing so today—her story isn't over.

CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to **Kristi Campbell** in the loss of her grandmother, **Barbara Dowden** in the loss of her uncle, **Dirk Fairchild** in the loss of his grandmother, **Rachael Grose & Rebecca Jones** in the loss of their grandmother, **Kathy Johnson** in the loss of her father-in-law, **Kacy St. Pe & Amy Stephens** in the loss of their grandfather, **Mary Gayden Jones** in the loss of her niece, **Terry Kelly** in the loss of his cousin, and the family of **Robert Middleton** in his recent homegoing, **Darcie Moore** in the loss of her brother-in-law, **Stan Smith** in the loss of his sister, **Chantelle Whitehead** in the loss of her grandmother and **Nell Wilson** in the loss of her sister-in-law.

CROSSPOINT 101 MEMBERSHIP CLASS

This class will meet Sunday, January 31, 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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT THIS MONTH

When was the last time you had three uninterrupted days alone with the Lord? JBRC is hosting a Women's Silent Retreat on January 29-31, 2010, featuring Becky Brown as the speaker. Registration is \$50 with total cost being \$160. See Michelle for registration forms or go to www.judsonretreat.org to sign-up today.

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.

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.