

A LETTER FROM THE ELDERS

Dear CrossPoint Family,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We, the Elders, look forward to seeing what God will do in and through CrossPoint in 2013. As we enter the new year, we want to make Home Groups an even greater part of what we do as a church.

Home Groups are based in what we know about the early church. In Acts 2:42-47 we find the church devoting itself to the teaching of the apostles, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. We see these Christians going to the temple together for worship and later gathering in one another's homes. We also know the church was growing rapidly, so they had no option but to gather into small groups for at least the eating and fellowship portions of their time together.

At CrossPoint we seek to model this biblical rhythm by gathering for worship on Sundays and hosting Home Groups during the week. Home Groups are an extension of our Sunday morning worship time. They allow us to deepen our relationships with one another through intimate fellowship, praying for one another and sharing a meal. While we call them Home Groups, these gatherings are simply an outlet for what Christians have done since Acts 2--follow Jesus together.

Our goal as Elders is to see 100% of our congregation involved in Home Groups. We know it's lofty, but it's that important. We are taking a break from Equipping Classes for the Spring semester, except for ESL, children's and preschool activities. We want you to see Sunday mornings and Home Groups as the primary gathering times of our church. From mid-January until early February you will hear testimonies from people who have experienced the blessing and life-transforming power of the gospel through Home Group participation. Throughout the month of January the elders will be spending time with Home Group leaders. We will walk through training materials, pray together, and talk about how we can facilitate intimacy with one another and greater missional-effectiveness in the Greater Baton Rouge area.

As you are well aware, our congregation represents neighborhoods throughout Baton Rouge, Prairieville, Gonzales, Denham Springs, and Walker. Except for our gatherings on Sundays, the majority of our time is spent in these neighborhoods. We desire to equip all members of CP to be ambassadors for Christ in their respective communities. Involvement in a Home Group close to where you live can enhance your ability to minister within your community. We urge you, if you are not already involved, to become a part of a Home Group in 2013. If you are already participating, please continue in your devotion to this ministry of CrossPoint, and invite others along!

In Christ,

The CrossPoint Elders

Nick, Al, David, and Kevin

STUDY

ROMANS STUDY

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 AM

The truth in Romans will transform your thinking and convict your heart as you discover the power of the gospel for every area of your life and our world. Join us **January 6** as we begin studying God's word together in the book of Romans.

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—will resume in February

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.

SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Beginning January 27 | Sunday Nights at 5:45 PM

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

Pastor Nick will host an on campus fellowship and ministry opportunity for parents of those attending Sunday Night Activities.

SERVE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

Monday, January 7 | 6:00 PM

We will provide dinner at the Men's Shelter. You can help by bringing a salad, side dish, bread or dessert for 35-40 people. Contact Melissa Fridge at moogie7800@aol.com or by calling her at 341-0001 if you would like to provide one of these items. This is a family friendly environment feel free to bring the kids along!

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 27 | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Blood Drive Donations given directly benefit our church body. Sign up online at bloodhero.com, sponsor code: **cpbc**.

CONNECT

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.

BAYOU YOUTH RALLY

Sunday, January 20 | 7:30 PM | Istrouma Baptist Church

Come hang out and hear God's word come to life and worship together with other students in the Baton Rouge area. Please contact Kevin if you're interested.

CROSSPOINT 101

Sunday, January 27 | 9:00 AM

Interested in becoming a member? Here you will learn more about what we believe and the various ministries at CrossPoint. Call 752-2400 to register.

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 27 | 5:45 PM

All youth are invited to join us for a time of worship, food, and fellowship. You won't want to miss this!

BAGBR MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Sunday, January 27 | 6:30 PM | Jefferson Baptist Church

The goal of the conference is to bring together the churches in our association to pray for World Missions and work side-by-side in fulfilling the Lord Jesus' great commission in Matthew 28:16-20. The keynote speaker will be Gordon Fort of the IMB.

REMINDERS

Sunday School Teacher Meeting | Tuesday, January 8 | 6:45 PM

Deacon's Meeting | Saturday, January 12 | 8:00 AM

Management Team Meeting | Tuesday, January 15 | 6:30 PM

WITH SYMPATHY

CrossPoint extends Christian sympathy to Buddy Blackwell and family in the death of his mother, Zita Blackwell.



ANNIVERSARIES

We are so grateful to the Lord for the partnerships in the Gospel with these women. Their joy and delight in serving is an example for all those they meet. They care deeply about the work God has called them to and their attitudes are the same as that of Christ Jesus. Happy anniversary, ladies, you are loved and appreciated!



Krysten Babin
1 Year



Gay Ann Tate
12 Years



Lynda Van Kerkhove
20 Years

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

1 David Morrison	12 April Morales
2 Kirk Stansbury	16 Wes Stephens
3 Melissa Fridge	16 Jake Fountain
3 Rebecca Jones	17 Levin Fairchild
4 Sarah Grose	17 Laurel Maddie
5 Sharon Moore	18 Lauren Shoff
5 Jaylyn Pace	21 Martha Morrison
5 Noah Whitehead	22 Alaina Lachney
6 Kay May	23 Deanna Morrison
6 Victoria Hutson	25 Pat LeBlanc
7 Ana Nolan	25 David Bordelon
7 Emily Cupit	26 Chris Morrison
8 Cathy Eschete	27 Emma Taylor
8 Emma Carls	28 Kathy Gill
9 Riley Creel	28 Mike Tucker
10 Holly LeBeau	30 Holly Guerin
12 Lydia Griggs	31 Lily Taylor

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2012

- Tithes and offerings for November were \$46,112.54, while expenses were \$51,196.92 resulting in a deficit for the month of \$5,084.38.
- Through November, tithes and offerings for the year are \$578,602.40, while expenses are \$565,482.31, resulting in a surplus of \$13,120.09. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$52,600.21 while all expenses averaged \$51,432.21.
- Tithes and offerings for 2012 have equaled \$578,602.40. They equaled \$573,039.56 during 2011 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2012 are \$5,562.84 more than 2011.

HELPING CROSSPOINT COMMUNICATE

To help foster better communication at CrossPoint, please take complaints or concerns to Lee Green, Moderator of the Management Team, or Jon Slayton, Chairman of Deacons. Contact Lee at (225) 671-3705 and Jon at (225) 755-2237.

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CROSSPOINT BAPTIST CHURCH



BAND OF SISTERS LUNCHEON Friday, January 11 | 11:30 AM

Band of Sisters will be held a week later than usual this month. Bring your favorite covered dish and join us for a time of fellowship and prayer. Held in the Fellowship Hall. Contact the church office if childcare is needed.

"Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husband, that the word of God may not be reviled." Titus 2:3-5



MEN'S NIGHT Thursday, January 24 | 6:30 PM

In hopes of making it more convenient for everyone, we are changing the format of Band of Brothers. Dinner will be served and a challenging message provided. Please join us as we encourage one another to be more faithful as leaders in our homes and our church. If you plan to attend, email kevin@crosspointchurch.org so that we have a head count for dinner.

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

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