



Greetings CrossPoint family!

How do we minister to the youth of CrossPoint? How do we engage a generation that is more technologically savvy than I am? How do we convince students of the excellence and uniqueness of Christ when much of our culture decries the existence of absolute truth, much less a Christian truth? How do we reach a group that spans as many personalities as it does high schools? And most importantly, how do I relate to today's students when I can't bring myself to watch Twilight?

Jesus' ministry intentionally focused on the will of God, not on the cultural preferences of those around him, and time alone with the Father was a priority in this ministry.

Jesus, the Son of God, had stepped into a Jewish world where the people believed the savior of Israel would dramatically overthrow the Roman government, bringing power and glory to the Jewish nation. A humble carpenter expressing full dependence on the Father, with an itinerant preaching and healing ministry and rag tag group of disciples, did not fit their expectations for the Messiah.

In Mark's gospel account Mark quickly jumps into the ministry of Jesus, highlighting Jesus' preaching and healing by the end of chapter 1, which draws quite a large following. Verses 35-39 of chapter 1 follow a scene in which Jesus ministered to practically the entire city of Capernaum, healing multitudes. Needless to say, Jesus was an instant hero and his disciples were proud to be associated with him.

However, just as the disciples quickly learned about popularity through Jesus, they also learned that following Jesus required radical sacrifice. The feelings of awe from the crowds would eventually turn to contempt, first towards Jesus and later towards the disciples themselves.

In verse 35 the reader finds Jesus, unlike many of today's heroes, rising before dawn to pray by himself. However, while he is praying, Peter and the disciples interrupt with the exclamation, "Everyone is looking for you." Hometown fishermen were not used to being friends with such a popular entity and likely found it fun. Jesus responds to them by saying that they must go to other towns to preach, claiming this as his purpose. The disciples would have been very content to stay in Capernaum and soak in the glories that being a disciple to Jesus had brought them thus far, but Jesus' mission to preach forced them to follow. None of this is to say that people will be basking in our glory, but the priorities of Jesus highlight what should be important for us. Jesus knew that his purpose was not to enjoy the short-term esteem of the world. So the question becomes, are we attempting to minister to people in a way that bows to culture or rises up to train people for the kingdom of God? In other words, our popularity will never convince people of the Lordship of Christ. Neither will our technological ingenuity.

Now we shouldn't throw the baby out with the bathwater and neglect any pursuit of cultural sensitivity. Meeting students where they are is necessary for engaging them. Facebook and Twitter can be great outlets for this.

Jesus teaches us that leading others to God requires that we ourselves follow God. Capernaum had created what many would consider a great base for ministry opportunity. The disciples were excited about what was going on there. Most of today's "successful" preachers would have been quite happy to start a building program in the middle of the city and use their charisma to continue to draw a crowd. This is not the mission of God. Knowing God is most plainly expressed in the New Testament as discipleship to Jesus. If Jesus would have remained in Capernaum he would have been leading the disciples to someone other than the Father. Likewise, our "coolness" and cultural knowledge may assist us in relating to youth but if overemphasized could easily lead students to something other than Jesus.

In Christ,  
Kevin

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 JULY

1 Kelli Lewis	11 Chloe Castello	21 Olivia Montgomery
3 Jordan Berry	12 Lorena Shelton	23 Madelyn Jones
3 Gary Cook	13 Erik Cooper	23 Victoria Phelps
3 Katherine Phipps	13 Tannie Fairchild	24 Jessica Singletary
3 Zachary Weaver	14 Jamee Brennan	26 Kory St. Pe
5 Julie Brown	14 Lila Garrison	27 Jacob Whitehead
7 Carson Smith	14 Mary Trevillion	28 Chaz Keating
8 Susan Raborn	15 Tyler Luke	30 Vanessa Knight
9 Jamie Clare Curry	16 Diane Paul	31 Pam Johns
9 Jamey Smith	17 Kylie Berry	



### Children's Swim Party—Friday, July 9th

5:00 pm @ the Weaver's House

We'll have hot dogs, games and of course swimming!

Guys bring drinks and girls bring chips. Everyone bring a towel and be ready for some fun!! RSVP to Kristi Campbell @ 673-9066 or 603-7277.

(For anyone who's completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade)

## 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.

### Management Actions March thru June 2010

- Repairs and upgrades to facilities
  - ▶ Repaired TV in Worship Center
  - ▶ Repaired broken glass at front entrance to office
  - ▶ Cut off bottom of doors in CEB-1 to improve airflow; extend thanks to Lee Green and Stan Routh
  - ▶ Repaired heater on north side of Youth Dome
  - ▶ Performed cleaning and maintenance on all AC units
  - ▶ Replaced compressor in CEB-2
  - ▶ Installed lighting on rear of CEB-1 to illuminate rear parking area
- After dealing with 2 requests for use of facilities for weddings, updated the Church Wedding Policy
- Approved use of Worship Center by Keller-Williams in July and August for a flat fee of \$500; this resulted in the development of an "Event Planning & Facility Use Form, which must be completed by anyone requesting use of our facilities for non-church-related events; these to be considered and acted on by Management Team on a case by case basis
- Voted to provide \$450 in support of Shane Folks as he attends NOBTS this Fall
- Consulted with Pastor Landon on letter to be sent to congregation regarding Elder nominations
- Mgt. Team, LRPT, Capital Fund Team and Pastoral staff have met with two companies that specialize in construction of church facilities – Allen Construction Co. of Rayville, LA on May 11 and Siebenlist Architects of Tyler, TX on June 22; other firms are being considered
- Recently obtained membership approval to expend \$4,500 to contract with GWS (Wayne Sledge) to conduct church property boundary survey, a limited topographical survey and locate all improvements.
- Heard an excellent quarterly report from MDO Director Gay Ann Tate who reported a positive year-end balance for the program, with all student and teacher slots filled for the upcoming year; first day for teachers is August 17, kindergarten starts on August 23, and the preschool program will begin after Labor Day
- Working on a new contract to provide new copy machines for church

David Morrison, Moderator



## WELCOME KEVIN WHITFIELD

as our Youth Pastor!! We are glad he and his wife, Katie, are at CrossPoint serving with our Youth!



- **July 13** - Girls' Swim Party @ Lynda Van Kerkhove's House from 2-6 pm - for all Youth girls. Remember to wear a dark shirt over two-piece suits, and please bring snacks and drinks.
- **July 14 - Youth Planning Mtg.** - 6:15 pm @ the Moore's House. Anyone wanting to help plan activities for the fall needs to be at this meeting—youth, parents, Youth Activities Team, etc.
- **July 20** - Blue Bayou @ 10 am. Cost is \$18/person. Bring your lunch or bring \$ for lunch.
- **July 24 & 25** - Youth go to Pollock, LA to visit and worship with the Youth from FBC Pollock that we went to Camp. We'll leave CrossPoint on Saturday @ 3:00pm and return on Sunday @ 4:00 pm.

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Parents' Night Out is taking a break this month. The next PNO will be Friday, August 27, 2010, from 6-10 pm. Please thank these volunteers for watching your children this year. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please email michelle@crosspointchurch.org.

## 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, July 13, 20 & 27.

## Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers men's ministry will not meet Sunday, July 4, 2010, but will resume meeting on Sunday, August 1, 2010, at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and fellowship. All men are invited to attend. Please call 752-2400 to RSVP.

## SS Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon - Sunday, August 8

We are blessed with so many wonderful servants who spend much of their time pouring into us by preparing to teach you and/or your children God's word. Please take this opportunity to recognize your current, former or child's teacher with a note or acknowledgement of how their service has impacted you or your child. A list of teachers will be in the Worship Folder so you may pray for these servants.

## Financial Report for May 2010

- Tithes and offerings for May were \$58,765.12, while expenses were \$45,073.82, resulting in a surplus for the month of \$13,691.30.
- Through May, tithes and offerings for the year are \$288,349.69, while budgeted and non-budgeted expenses are \$241,992.75, resulting in a surplus of \$46,356.94. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$57,669.94 while all expenses averaged \$48,398.55.
- Tithes and offerings for 2010 have equaled \$288,349.69. They equaled \$321,585.73 during 2009 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2010 are \$33,236.04 less than 2009.

**THANKS TO THE VBS 2010 LEADERS...**

LINDA CARLS	KRISTI CAMPBELL	MARSHA CURRY
DEANNA MORRISON	GAY ANN TATE	BYRON TOWNSEND

**VBS 2010 WAS GREAT!! THANKS WORKERS...**

**BIBLE STORY WORKERS**

Ethan Collins	Mark Collins	Katie Collins
Patti Collins	Seth Collins	Chase Cole
Katlyn Daigle	Charity Lee	Joshua Lee
Jowanna Lee	Chris Rumpfellow	Zach Weaver

**CREW LEADERS & HELPERS**

Jessica Bolton	Josh Bolton	Robby Brumfield
Lyndsey Campbell	Mary Ashton Campbell	Kevin Carls
Kristen Carmouche	Sharron Cook	Tracy Cooper
Tracey Creel	Stacy Dufour	Shane Folks
Helen Green	Richard Green	Colleen Griffin
Noah Griffin	Jeanell Hannula	Tyler Hardy
Rebecca Jones	Brette Lachney	Anna Lewis
Michelle Lulei	Kay May	Stephanie Menou
Olivia Montgomery	Brian Moore	Darcie Moore
Elizabeth Moore	Rachel Moss	Ben Nickens
Mary Passman	Suzanne Passman	Kellie Polk
Layne Raborn	Susan Raborn	Pat Rea
Rick Robertson	Tina Rochester	Kacy St. Pe
Ashlyn Shearer	Lorena Shelton	Dana Shirley
Chrissy Smith	Faye Smith	Kim Smith
Jennifer Stark	Amy Stephens	Leslie Tate
Cynthia Townsend	Marsha Vandiver	Hannah Veteto
Brianna Wagoner	Brooklyn Wagoner	Rachel Wagoner
Kim Weaver	Pat Weaver	Chantelle Whitehead
Amy Whitson	Nell Wilson	Luke Woerner

**DECORATIONS/SET DESIGN**

Jeff Campbell	George Castello	Penny Castello
Chase Cole	Ethan Collins	Mark Collins
Katie Collins	Patti Collins	Seth Collins
Tara Dowden	Haylie Hollier	Kathy Johnson
Charity Lee	Joshua Lee	Jowanna Lee
Kim Pierson	Bill Taylor	Emma Taylor
Pam Taylor	Mandy Trammell	Sarah Wagnon
Tiffany Wagnon	Big thanks to all the College Helpers	

**MISSION CAMP INFO**

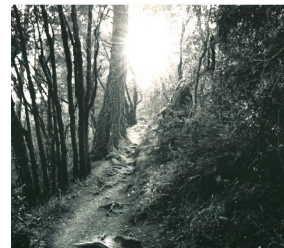
- All girls (grades 1-6) going to Missions Camp at Judson Baptist Retreat Center July 19-23, need to pay the balance of \$100 by Sunday, July 4. Please make checks payable to CrossPoint and give to Gay Ann Tate.
- The camp offering this summer is for the people of Haiti and will be taken up during the evening services each night of camp.
- If you haven't signed up yet, but would like to go to Girls' Mission Camp, see Gay Ann Tate—there's still room for you to attend!!
- Girls need to arrive at CrossPoint on Monday, June 19 at 7:45 am ready to leave for camp. Parents are invited to a short program in the chapel at JBRC at 9:30 am Friday, July 23, 2010.



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**Join us at the**  
**CHURCH PICNIC**  
**Sunday, July 4, 2010**

Baseball, hotdogs, apple pie and  
~~Chevrolet~~ Fellowship...

Bring your favorite BBQ side dish and join us after church on July 4th for fellowship, brisket, and some good, old-fashioned American fun! We'll have water games, face painting, relay races, and plenty of other activities; there's something for everyone! CrossPoint will provide brisket, rolls, hot dogs for kids, watermelon, and beverages— sign-up sheets for additional side dishes are available in the Worship Center.

NOTE: A t-shirt must be worn at all times in order to participate in the water activities. No fireworks, please!

RSVP with number of adults and children by Tuesday, June 29th to Stephanie Menou at [stephanie@crosspointchurch.org](mailto:stephanie@crosspointchurch.org).

**Mexico**  
**2010**  
**Mission**

Please pray for CrossPoint's mission team as they leave for Mexico on July 9 and return on July 17. They will be assisting with VBS at Gilgal Baptist and Bosques Mission as well as doing light construction. Members of this year's team are:

Sarah Arceneaux	Joshua Bailey
Matthew Bailey	David Bordelon
Jordan Bordelon	Michelle Bordelon
Trey Bordelon	Shane Folks
Michael Herrington	Michael Johns
Mario Melendez	Brandie Satterfield

Byron Townsend

**Dr. Landon Dowden, Senior Pastor**  
**Byron Townsend, Associate Pastor**  
of Music & Missions  
**Kevin Whitfield, Associate Pastor of Youth**