



Kevin Whitfield

GUEST COLUMNIST

Dear CrossPoint,

When I was thinking about what to write I thought of what Pastor Landon always told me when I was at CrossPoint: "Overflow is always best. " For those of you that haven't heard him say this, it basically means that what God is presently doing in our lives is usually the most appropriate thing for us to talk about. I believe that this is true because it places emphasis on the truth that life is a journey. That the ways of God are to be learned and lived within the life that God has given to us. Therefore, the kingdom life that Jesus preached (the gospel) must be reproducible and very practical for the shift-worker at Exxon and the stay-at-home mom. Also, it must have implications for every area of life, for our whole life belongs to God. So the question arises, how do we do this, and is this my overflow?

Ever since my wedding date, August 1, 2009, my life has been very different, as you can imagine. Between school, both of us working, learning about marriage, in particular the communication aspect, attempting to line out some plans for the near future and dealing with finances, life has often stretched us. However, it has been in the midst of this adventure, when I was willing to sit down and listen to God and meditate on the Scriptures, that the overwhelming nature of life responsibilities passed away.

While I have personally discovered God as my peace and refuge (Scripture revealed this long ago, Ps. 46:1), I still wrestle with attempts to make circumstances better myself. This is where I believe the answer lies, of how the gospel (life with God) is to be integrated with real life: Time. It becomes perfectly clear when we realize that all healthy relationships are defined by the amount of time we invest in them. Our wives, our children, our friends, all desire and need our time. Some relationships, particularly in the beginning stages, require extra time in solitude in order to understand one another well. Later on subsequent retreats are wise to nurture the bond of the relationship. The same is true of God.

Jesus himself speaks of the Father being found in "secret". I am not advocating a CrossPoint monastery here, but lives that are not built on the busyness of this world, rather, on times of focused on trust and quietness before the Lord (Ps. 46:10, Is. 30:15). I know that time alone is hard to find, especially for those with children. Parents might have to sacrifice much more to find this time. Regardless of where we are in life one thing is true: Our journey will be much richer and more Spirit-filled if time alone with God is a regular discipline. Ephesians 5:15-18 is insightful at this point: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit..."

Just a few points on this passage:

1. Being wise means using our time well
2. The days we live in are characterized as evil, in one sense meaning they tempt us towards foolishness.
3. In order to use our time wisely, we need to understand the will of the Lord.
4. Understanding comes from the Lord (Proverbs 2:6).

I close by saying that the Scriptures speak clearly of our personal responsibility to pursue God and His way of life. This type of wisdom is most commonly found through time alone with God in the Scriptures and prayer and in worship and fellowship with other believers.

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.

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 JUNE

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Elizabeth Grose | 13 Andrew Daigle | 19 Jordan Carls |
| 2 Madison Clark | 13 Aubrey Daigle | 19 Mattie Middleton |
| 2 Rob Wagnon | 13 Herbert Hooper | 19 Karli Morrison |
| 2 Ann Wicker | 14 Patti Collins | 21 Rebecca Griggs |
| 5 Sharon Hebert | 14 Trevor Cupit | 23 Chris Knight |
| 5 Chris Mott | 14 Jon Slayton | 25 Dot Olivier |
| 6 Michelle Bordelon | 15 Jace Fairchild | 27 Joy Passman |
| 6 Ben Jones | 15 Phil Ogletree | 28 Camille Kelly |
| 7 Joni Gross | 15 Jason Whitehead | 28 Samantha LeBlanc |
| 8 Clay Dickson | 16 Caleb Curry | 29 Blane Purpera |
| 8 Judy Edwards | 16 Anna Slayton | 29 Sally Riddle |
| 9 Brianna Wagoner | 18 Durward Powell | 30 Camden Creel |

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Parents' Night Out is taking a break for June and July. The next PNO will be Friday, August 27, 2010, from 6-10 pm. Please thank these volunteers for watching your children this year.

SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES PARTNERSHIP

CrossPoint has partnered with Southeast Ministries - a community-wide food distributor - to minister to the community of Baton Rouge along with other local churches. But this cannot be done without volunteers. Volunteers are needed to serve once a week for a three-month period.

- Pick a day. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)
- Pick a shift. (10am - 1pm or 1pm - 4pm)
- Pick type of service.
 - Clerk
 - Interviewer
 - Food Assembler
 - Pantry Assistant
 - Receptionist

To take part in this ministry or for info, call Diann Thomas at 225.752.6054.

MISSION CAMP INFO

- All boys (grades 1-6) going to Missions Camp at Judson Baptist Retreat Center June 14-18, need to pay the balance of \$100 by Sunday, June 6.
- 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.

BAGBR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

If you would be interested in serving in our local association (Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge) please contact Byron (byron@crosspointchurch.org).

The positions available are:

1. Nominating Committee (service would begin now and end in 2012)
2. Finance - Stewardship Committee (2 positions available - serve from November 2011 - November 2013)
3. Nominating Committee (serve from November 2011 - 2013)
4. Petitionary Letters, Credentials & Fellowship Committee (serve from November 2011 - November 2013)



• **YOUTH CAMP** - The following youth and adults are at camp in Ocoee, TN this week. Please pray for them by name this week.

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| Jessica Bolton | Josh Bolton | Joshua Boxie |
| Robby Brumfield | Lyndsey Campbell | Mary Ashton Campbell |
| Sara Cheney | Caleb Curry | Jamie Clare Curry |
| Jayson Curry | Josh Green | Michael Lea |
| Andrew Lewis | Anna Lewis | Brian Moore |
| Elizabeth Moore | Bridgette Ogletree | Victoria Phelps |
| Chris Rumpfellow | Matt Rumpfellow | Rebecca Rumpfellow |
| Emma Taylor | Brooklyn Wagoner | Austin Walker |
| Hannah Weaver | Zach Weaver | |
| Stacy Green | Darcie Moore | Terry Moore |
| Kathy Rumpfellow | Bill Taylor | Cynthia Townsend |
| Byron Townsend | Pat Weaver | |

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, June 1 & 22.

CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to **Megam McMahon** in the loss of her grandfather, **Karen Murphy** in the loss of her stepfather, **Marsha Vandiver** in the loss of her mother and **Wen Zhang** in the loss of her grandmother.

Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers men's ministry will meet Sunday, June 6, 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.

QUARTERLY MEMBERS' MEETING

CrossPoint's next quarterly members meeting will be held Sunday, June 27, 2010, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance as a member to get updates on what's going on in your church, so please plan to attend.

Congratulations to Kristi Campbell, Publications Specialist, for completing 9 years with CrossPoint. Kristi works with children in the Mother's Day Out program as well as teaching 3rd-5th grade Sunday School and leading Children's Choir. We appreciate all you do here at CrossPoint. Lynda Van Kerkhove

Financial Report for April 2010

- Tithes and offerings for April were \$75,911.90, while budgeted and non-budgeted expenses were \$47,258.89, resulting in a surplus for the month of \$28,653.01.
- Through April, tithes and offerings for the year are \$229,584.57, while budgeted and non-budgeted expenses are \$196,918.93, resulting in a surplus of \$32,665.64.
- Tithes and offerings for 2010 have equaled \$229,584.57. They equaled \$248,639.94 during 2009 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2010 are \$19,055.37 less than 2009.

May Management Team Action Update

In an effort to keep the congregation better informed of Management Team actions, the following items were discussed during the May 18, 2010, meeting:

- The Team was very thankful to hear the Treasurer's report indicating that over \$75,000 in tithes and offerings were given in April.
- Pastor Landon updated the Team on his plans to hire Jim Shoff as a Pastoral Assistant for the summer and discussed Jim's job description and expectations. The Pastor also showed the Team a letter for their review and input, which has now been sent out to the membership announcing those to be voted on in July as Elders of the church.
- Pastor Byron updated the Team on the duties and expectations of the two summer interns (Shane Folks & Stephanie Menou) and reported on plans for the upcoming Youth Camp trip to Tennessee, on which approximately 36 youth and parents would be traveling.
- Information received from Allen Construction Co. during a meeting held May 11, 2010, was discussed. Allen Construction is one of several companies that exclusively construct church facilities. A meeting with another church construction company (Siebenlist Architects of Tyler, TX) will be held in June. A report to the membership will be made as soon as a recommendation has been prepared.
- Related to the previous bullet point, Management Team is currently evaluating two proposals for surveying the church property.
- The next Members Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday evening July 27, at 6:00 pm. Please put this date on your calendar. We continue to covet your prayers that God will provide wisdom to discern the right actions for CrossPoint and for His glory. The next meeting is June 15, at 6:30pm.


David Morrison, Moderator



FRIDAY, JUNE 11
6-8 PM

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
FOOD, INFLATABLES, MUSIC & MORE

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBORS TO COME WITH YOU!

 As a reminder, each Sunday School class is assigned food items that your class is responsible for providing for the CrossPoint Cupboard. This help keeps the cupboard stocked all year long. Items may be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

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| Gen. Officers - Paper towels | 1st & 2nd Grade - Peanut Butter |
| Bed babies - Cereal | 3rd & 4th Grade - Mac & Cheese |
| 1 year-olds - Cereal | 5th Grade Girls - Chicken Soup |
| 2 year-olds - Cereal | 5th Grade Guys - Veg. Beef soup |
| 3 year-olds - Cereal | 6th & 7th Grade Girls - Jelly |
| 4 year-olds - Cereal | 6th & 7th Grade Guys - Crackers |
| Kindergarten - Cereal | 8th & 9th Grade Girls - Ketchup |
| College - 2 lb. sugar | 8th & 9th Grade Guys - Mayo & Mustard |
| Young Prof. - Spaghetti | 10th-12th Grade Girls - Bath Soap |
| 30 Something - Jiffy corn mix | 10th-12th Grade Guys - Kool-Aid packs |
| WINDI - Minute Rice | Esther - Canned fruit |
| Milestones - Bisquick | Married w/older children- Canned meat |
| Adult Men - Canned veggies | Carpenter's Children - Hamburger Help. |

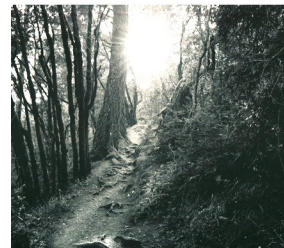
****We are in urgent need of these items:: Jelly, Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese, Minute Rice, Canned Corn, Spaghetti & Sugar. Please place your items in the Fellowship Hall . Your donations are appreciated.**



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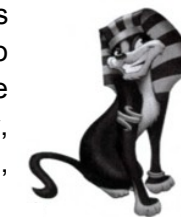
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WBS
is Here!

It's finally June and time for Vacation Bible School!

June 7-11 from 9 am until noon we will begin our trek to Egypt and learn about Joseph's journey from prison to palace. Visit our website at www.crosspointchurch.org to register your 4 year-old through 5th graders for this week of learning one of the great stories of the Bible. We can't wait to see you there. Remember we have Family Night on Friday, June 11 from 6-8 pm with food, inflatables, music and more.



Louisiana Baptist Children's Home 4th Annual Offering Sunday, June 13, 2010

Jeremiah 29:11 declares, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

This verse is very special to both the residents and cottage workers at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home because when many of the children come to the LBCH, they are very young, they may have lost hope and their future is uncertain. But because of the generosity of this ministry, these hurting children and their families are consistently given hope and a future in Christ.

Your financial support of the LBCH serves as an investment in the lives of boys and girls who cannot help themselves and families who need help in their times of crisis. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of this children.

Please prayerfully consider what God would have you give on Sunday, June 13.

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