

February Management Team Action Update

In an effort to keep the congregation better informed of Management Team actions, the following items were discussed during the February 16 meeting:

- MDO Director Gay Ann Tate provided her quarterly report and indicated the program was at near capacity, except for kindergarten, with 237 children enrolled. Some turnover in teachers has occurred but has not been a problem. The program is financially sound.
- Pastor Landon updated the Team on progress in his pursuit of a Pastor of Family Discipleship. There are several men with whom he is working through a process of “best fit” and seeking God’s guidance. Also, at Pastor’s request, a letter to be sent to the congregation requesting identification of men qualified for Elder was reviewed.
- Authorized expenditure of \$1,000 from Renovation & Maintenance to patch a hole in duct work and replace the burner assembly in the Youth Dome heater. Funds will be expended from Renovation and Maintenance. Also are investigating ways to improve HVAC efficiency and airflow on 1st floor of Preschool Building.
- Pastor Byron showed the Team the progress that had been made to improve campus lighting and the Team discussed further plans for additional progress.
- Heard a report from the Long Range Plan Team, which met on January 28, about building plans being considered for a new multi-purpose building.
- It was reported that Chuck Grose had agreed to Chair CrossPoint’s Capital Fund Team, which will begin soon to develop plans for raising funds for a new multi-purpose building to be used for worship, fellowship, ministry, and other activities. The Team also identified several other possible members of the Capital Fund Team to be contacted.
- Approved that a request be made to the congregation on February 21, which would amend the 2010 church budget by providing \$1,000 per month beginning in March to the Uganda Baptist Seminary in general and continuing support. Agreed to begin having quarterly “Members’ Meetings” to further improve information sharing with the congregation and to provide opportunity for discussion of activities and ministries. The first of these will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 17. Because of this meeting, home groups will not meet that evening. 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 March 16 at 6:30pm.

David Morrison, Moderator



Spring 2010

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 6:30pm, unless otherwise noted.

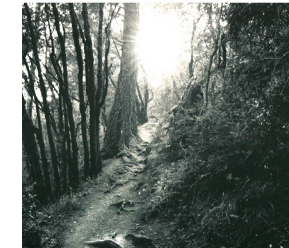
- **The Green Home** 3044 Crestwood, BR 70816
- **The Moore Home** 15322 Emmett Moore, PV 70769
(Home with Teenagers)
- **The Morrison Home** 1312 Ridgeland, BR 70810
- **The Rumfellow Home** 1666 Belfort, BR 70815 6 pm
(Home with Teenagers)
- **The Townsend Home** 18013 Bryans Crossing, 70817 6 pm
(Home with Preschoolers)
- **Making Disciples Equipping Class** CrossPoint Campus 6:15 pm
[This is a repeat of the Sunday night Equipping Class.]

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You're Invited!

It's been said that "there's a place for everyone at CrossPoint" and this is especially true this month. Below are just a few of the happenings that you are invited to attend during March. Please mark them on your calendar and plan to spend these times with your church family!

Band of Sisters Luncheon

The Band of Sisters monthly luncheon will meet Friday, March 5, 2010, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Dianne Paul will be our guest speaker this month. Please bring a friend and your favorite potluck dish and join us for a great time of fellowship and sharing together.

Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers men's ministry will meet Sunday, March 7, 2010, at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and fellowship. All men are invited to attend. Please call 752-2400 to RSVP.

CrossPoint ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Cheryl Tate

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Immediately following the morning worship service

CrossPoint's Fellowship Hall

Cheryl is registered at Crate and Barrel & Bed, Bath and Beyond. Please ship gifts on registry at Crate and Barrell.com or gift cards are also appreciated. Registered under Cheryl Tate and Daniel Beckerdite of Denver, Colorado.

"JESUS IS ALIVE" DAY

Presented by CrossPoint School

Please join us for our special "Jesus Is Alive" Day on Wednesday or Thursday, March 17 & 18 at 9:30 am in the Worship Center. Our weekday preschool program will present through song and art what Easter means to them. Everyone is invited to attend.

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



Dear CP,

In 2010, part of our focus is going to be on the Gospel Word and the Gospel Community. The Word creates and nourishes the community, while the community proclaims and embodies the Word. We are going to study more about this in future worship services. For this connection, however, we want to answer a more basic question, "What is the Gospel?" Here is how one pastor answers that question:

The (Gospel) is that the one and only God, who is holy, made us in His image to know Him. But we sinned and cut ourselves off from Him. In His great love, God became a man in Jesus, lived a perfect life, and died on the cross, thus fulfilling the law himself and taking on himself the punishment for the sins of all those who would ever turn and trust in Him. He rose again from the dead, showing that God accepted Christ's sacrifice and that God's wrath against us had been exhausted. If we repent of our sins and trust in Christ, we are born again into a new life, an eternal life with God.

In our making disciples class, I shared with our class members an outline from Metzger's Tell the Truth. A true Gospel presentation should have four parts: God, man, Christ, response. Thus the Gospel is:

1. God is the self-sufficient creator who is Sovereign over all things. He is our ruler and has absolute claim on our lives. (Ps. 100:3; Matt. 5:48; Gen. 2:7; Exod. 19:16-20). God has designed a way for us to live and His rules are to be obeyed perfectly. God is holy and just.

2. Instead of submitting to God's Kingship, humans attempt to become rulers themselves. Every person is born into sin because of our "birth in Adam" and every person willingly chooses sin, which is treason against God. We are creatures and guilty rebels under judgment who cannot help ourselves. We have chosen to reject God. Our sin separates us from God and the consequences of sin are both physical and spiritual death. (Jer. 17:0; Rom. 3:20; James 2:10; Ps. 36:1; Is. 64:6-7; Rom. 1:20-25)

3. Jesus Christ is the only way to life because of His life, death, and resurrection as Redeemer. We are forgiven because Christ on the cross bore God's judgment. God in Christ redeems sinful people. In his death on the cross, Christ became sin for man, in his resurrection he conquered sin and death. His perfect life and his death for us are vindicated by his resurrection, and he, therefore, is our reconciliation to God. (Is. 53:1-11; Is. 43:25; Mark 10:33-34, 45; Acts 2:22-24, 36; Eph. 1:7)

4. Our necessary response is to turn from sin and trust in Christ. We cannot earn God's favor with our works. But we can be reconciled to Him through faith alone in Christ alone. God promises to forgive and adopt all those who come to Him through Jesus. (Mark 1:15; John 1:12; Rom. 3:21-25)

May the Gospel be advancing in us and through us,

Pastor Landon

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.

QUARTERLY MEMBERS' MEETING

CrossPoint's first quarterly members meeting will be held Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please note, Home Groups will not meet this night, so please plan to attend this meeting.

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 MARCH

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| 1 Michael Lea | 14 Annette Gant | 25 Piper Smith |
| 3 Amanda Polk | 14 Jill Ogletree | 27 Brian Moore |
| 3 Kellie Polk | 21 Charlie Grose | 27 Shelby Pepper |
| 4 Ann Bolton | 21 Joanna Paz | 27 Marc Stevens |
| 8 Katie Collins | 22 Dirk Fairchild | 27 Christopher Walker |
| 8 Michael Foret | 22 Kristi Luke | 29 Tiffany Kinnison |
| 8 Claire Wicker | 24 Cole Tourere | 30 Peggy King |
| 10 Brandon Jones | 24 Kim Weatherford | 30 Georgia Smith |
| 10 Randy Lewis | 25 Chuck Grose | |

BAPTIST MESSAGE SUBSCRIPTIONS

It's time to renew subscriptions to The Baptist Message. The cost is \$9.25/person and the deadline for renewal or new subscriptions is March 21, 2010. If we have less than five subscriptions, the price goes to \$14/person. Please place your check in the offering plate marked "Baptist Message".

MISSION CAMP INFORMATION

Time to register for Boys' Mission Camp or Girls' Mission Camp. Boys' camp is June 14-18 and Girls' camp is July 19-23. The registration form and \$81 deposit (without horseback riding) or \$100 deposit (with horseback riding) is due by Sunday, March 14, 2010. The remaining balance or \$100 will be due two (2) weeks before camp. Please make checks payable to CrossPoint. Registration forms and additional information is available at www.judsonretreat.org.

BABY DEDICATION SERVICE

CrossPoint will have a spring baby dedication service on Sunday, March 21, 2010. Please send a digital photo and your child's full name to kristi@crosspointchurch.org by Monday, March 15, 2010, if you are planning on dedicating your child/children in this service.

CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to Casey Dufour in the loss of his grandfather, Sally Riddle in the loss of her husband, and Lynda Van Kerkhove in the loss of her aunt.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - MARCH 26

Parents' Night Out (PNO) is a ministry to married couples with children and single parents to encourage them to spend quality time together and/or leave their children at CrossPoint for a night of activities (games, Bible study, songs, crafts). PNO will be held in the Childhood Education Building on Friday, March 26, from 6-10 pm. PNO is held on the last Friday of each month. Children from birth-12 years old are welcome and should arrive having eaten dinner; PNO will provide a snack. A \$5 donation is appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering your time and service for this ministry (preferably individuals without children at home), you may call the church office at 752-2400 or email Michelle Lulei at michelle@crosspointchurch.org.



D-Now - March 5 & 6 - \$30/youth or \$60/family. We will look at what Romans 12:1-2 teaches about being TRANSFORMED! The Casting Crowns & Kutless concert is that Saturday night, too!

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, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.

CROSSPOINT 101 MEMBERSHIP CLASS

This class will meet Sunday, March 28, 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.

Financial Report for January 2010

- Tithes and offerings for January were \$ 55,858.28, while budgeted expenses were \$ 40,731.49, and non-budgeted expenses of \$ 4,165.00, resulting in a surplus for the month of \$ 10,961.79.
- As of January 31, 2010, the Building Fund account at the Louisiana Baptist Foundation was \$ 328,257.26
- As of January 31, 2010, the General Savings account at the Louisiana Baptist Foundation was \$ 261,304.11.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT...Earl Garrison

If you have walked through the doors of our Worship Center and been greeted with a kiss from "Uncle Earl", then you know how special he is to CrossPoint and how much he enjoys his unofficial job as the "Kissing Deacon". This "job" goes all the way back to his days at First Baptist Church when he was welcoming the widow of evangelist Shirley Briggs to church one morning and gave her a kiss. The three ladies behind her expected one as well, and there it all began. Some ladies feel that their day is not complete unless they have received their kiss from Uncle Earl.

Earl and his wife, Lila, are charter members of CrossPoint. He was a member of River City and even helped in the construction of the bubble we worship in today. He was ordained as a deacon in 1950 in Port Allen and has served under 19 pastors, been a member of 9 different churches and worked with youth for 35 years. His job in the wholesale grocery business moved his family around quite a bit, which is the reason they were members of so many churches. But as soon as they got settled in a new town, they found a church and got involved, serving and worshipping just as the Bible teaches.

He views serving the Lord and his church this way, "Anything I see that needs doing that's beneficial to the people, I do it. If it can improve the church in any way, I do it."

When asked what he thinks has been the greatest change in CrossPoint since its beginning, he answered without hesitation, "The preaching and ministering to people has improved greatly." He told of Pastor Landon's first few weeks at CrossPoint when he told him that they would need to go visit the shut-ins. After the first visit, he said he knew then that Pastor Landon was a man of God. Coming right out of seminary he wasn't sure what to expect, but he knew after that first visit to the shut-ins that God had truly blessed our church with this man.

Uncle Earl knows a thing or two about blessings, seeing that he and Lila have been married 66 3/4 years. He said the thing that keeps their marriage strong is love and keeping God first. "We rarely go to bed without kissing each other. Even when we've had an argument, we kiss the next morning and say sorry. God is a big part of our lives and that's key."

Even though he doesn't feel as though the service he does makes a huge difference in the grand scheme of things, one comment summed it all up. "If I can come to church and accomplish something and make somebody smile, I've accomplished a lot." I must say, I agree.

Kristi Campbell