

Dear CrossPoint,

It's been two months since our commissioning to replant Grace. In some ways it feels like it's been more than two months, and in other ways the time has flown by. I wanted to give you an update on how things are going.

On a personal front, Cynthia and the kids are doing very well settling in the new house (Our old home near CrossPoint is still for sale, so let me know if you're in the market...). Rachel just celebrated her first birthday and Ethan will be graduating from CP's Kindergarten in May. You can keep up with everything else on Cynthia's Facebook page.

At Grace, we held our first replant service on January 2nd. There were 60 of us from CP, about 20 from Grace, and about 20 visitors! We're averaging 100 in worship and 80-something in Sunday School. Numbers aren't the only measure of success, but as Mr. Al wisely noted, "Those are not just numbers, those are people." Indeed, God is building up His Body at Grace. There are a couple of families with younger children that have started attending, as well as a family with teenagers.

We have not yet "advertised" to the neighborhood because we have not yet completed cleaning and painting the facility. Now that warmer weather has arrived we can knock out those final projects. We will only get one shot to make a first impression with our guests, and we want the first impression to count. If you are not currently on the email list for workdays, please send a request to GraceBatonRouge@gmail.com

I brought at group of Grace ladies to the Band of Sisters February luncheon at CrossPoint. The Grace ladies had a very enjoyable time and I was so proud to introduce the two groups to one another! I look forward to taking another group this month.

Continue to pray as we (1) gather weekly to exalt Christ and encourage one another, (2) continue to clean and paint, and (3) discern effective ways to advance the Kingdom in Capital Heights.

Thank you for being a church that has God's-Kingdom purpose in mind. Your generosity and willingness to serve is the way it should be. Thank you for being a faithful example!

Before I sign off, please know - on behalf of all of us CP members serving at Grace - our being away from you has caused us to better understand Philipians 1.3-11 (except for the prison part...).

*God's peace to you all.
byron.*

HELPING CROSSPOINT COMMUNICATE

To help foster better communication at CrossPoint, please take complaints or concerns to Jason Whitehead, Moderator of the Management Team, or Tim Tullos, Chairman of Deacons. Jason can be reached at 677-8139 and Tim can be reached at 892-7991.

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 (225)752-2400.

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

1 Michael Lea	13 Ben Hebert	25 Piper Smith
1 Eddy Wu	13 Jowanna Lee	26 Amanda Loftis
3 Amanda Polk	14 Annette Gant	27 Maureen Gross
3 Kellie Polk	21 Charlie Grose	27 Brian Moore
4 Ann Bolton	22 Dirk Fairchild	27 Christopher Walker
8 Katie Collins	22 Kristi Luke	28 Payton Kingsley
8 Michael Foret	24 Cole Tourere	28 Patrick Knab
8 Claire Wicker	24 Kim Weatherford	30 Peggy King
10 Brandon Jones	25 Chuck Grose	30 Georgia Smith
10 Randy Lewis		

Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers men's ministry will now meet on the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 am instead of the first Sunday in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and fellowship. **Saturday, March 12 @ 7:00 am will be the first Saturday meeting.** All men are invited to attend. To RSVP, please call 752-2400 or email michelle@crosspointchurch.org.

Band of Sisters Luncheon

Band of Sisters monthly luncheon will be held **Friday, March 4, 2011, at 11:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish and join these special ladies for a time of fellowship and prayer. Our guest speaker will be Michelle Lesley, Prayer Coordinator for BAGBR and Christian author. Childcare is provided. Contact Billie Middleton at 225-769-6498 with the number and ages of children needing care.

MISSION CAMP INFORMATION

Time to register for Boys' Mission Camp or Girls' Mission Camp. Boys' camp is June 13-17 and Girls' camp is July 18-22. The registration form and \$81 deposit (without horseback riding) or \$100 deposit (with horseback riding) is due by Sunday, March 20, 2011. The remaining balance of \$100 will be due two (2) weeks before camp. Please make checks payable to CrossPoint. Registration forms may be printed at www.judsonretreat.org. See Gay Ann Tate for additional information or for answers to your questions.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - MARCH 25

Parents' Night Out (PNO) is a ministry to married couples with children and also 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 CEB—Childhood Education Building—on Friday, March 25, from 6-9:30pm.** 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), call the church office, 752-2400 or email Michelle Lulei at michelle@crosspointchurch.org.



• **Wednesdays @ 6:15 pm** - Your Home Group meets @ the Rumfellow's 37099 Timothy Avenue Prairieville. This is a great time of refreshing and fellowship.

• **Saturday, March 5** - St. Anthony's AIDS Home Ministry - Meet @ CP at 9:45am & return by 12:30pm. Come and love on these precious people.

• **March 27** - Chili Cook-Off & Cake Auction

• **April 1st-3rd** - Disciple Now—Sign-up with Kevin.

• **June 1st-6th** - Sr. High trip to Washington D.C.

• **June 11th-16th** - Youth Camp in Tennessee

*CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to **Ann Bolton** in the loss of her grandmother, **Carrie Dodson** in the loss of her grandfather, **Tara Dowden** in the loss of her grandmother, **Earl Garrison** in the loss of his brother-in-law and **Neal Whitson** in the loss of his mother.*

CROSSPOINT/GRACE MEN'S SPRING SOFTBALL

Attention all men wanting to play spring softball, join us for practice on Saturdays at the Highland Road BREC Park near Highland & Burbank/ Essen from 2:30-5:00 pm. The season begins in early April. If you are interested in playing, please contact Coach Steve Stevens at 225-241-2167 or email stevestevens3@cox.net or find him on Facebook.

Fellas @ Five

Tuesdays at 5:00 am is a time set aside specifically for CrossPoint's men led by Pastor Landon called "Fellas @ Five". 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 5:00 am in the Worship Center on Tuesdays, February 1, 8 and 15.

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 27, 2011.** If we have less than five subscriptions, the price goes to \$14/person. Please place your check in the offering plate marked "Baptist Message".

CrossPoint 101 Membership Class

What makes CrossPoint Church unique? If you would like to know more about what we believe and why we do what we do, we invite you to register for CP101. Think you may want to become a member at CrossPoint? Then this is your next step. This class, taught by one of our elders, Dr. David Morrison, covers the history, purpose, strategy and structure of CrossPoint Church. A light breakfast is provided. **This class begins at 9:00 am Sunday, March 27.** Register by emailing michelle@crosspointchurch.org.

Financial Report for January 2011

- Tithes and offerings for January were \$52,988.65, while expenses were \$56,300.75, resulting in a deficit for the month of \$3,312.10.
- Tithes and offerings for 2011 have equaled \$52,988.65. They equaled \$55,858.28 during 2010 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2011 are \$2,869.63 less than 2010.
- As of January 31, 2011, the Building Fund account at the Louisiana Baptist Foundation was \$403,807.03. Funds in the General Savings account at the Louisiana Baptist Foundation were \$262,943.79. Funds in the Preschool Playground at LBF were \$5,222.77.



As you might figure, we have depleted many of the items on our shelves and need to restock our cupboard. Please check the list below and see what your Bible study class is assigned to provide. If everyone brought one item a month, our shelves would stay stocked! Thank you for helping our community in a tangible way!

General Officers - Paper towels	Young Prof. - Spaghetti
Preschool - Cereal	30 Something - Jiffy cornbread mix
Kindergarten - Kool-Aid Packets*	WINDI - Minute Rice*
1st & 2nd Grade Girls - Jelly*	Married w/ Older Child. - Bisquick
1st & 2nd Gr. Guys - Peanut Butter*	Carpenter's Children - Hamb. Helper
3rd - 5th Gr. Girls - Mac & Cheese	Milestones - Spaghetti Meat Sauce*
3rd - 5th Gr. Guys - Canned Soup	Esther - Canned Fruit
6th - 8th Grade Girls - Crackers*	Adult Men - Canned Vegetables
6th & 7th Grade Guys - Ketchup	College - 2 lb. Sugar*
10th-12th Grade Girls - Bath Soap	Toiletry Items are always appreciated.
10th-12th Grade Guys - Mayo & Mustard	

* Denote **MUCH NEEDED** items. Please help us restock our Cupboard!

HOME GROUPS

Spring 2011

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 varying times.

- **5:30 pm | The Grose Home** 1328 Ross Ave., BR 70808
(Near LSU)
- **5:30 pm | The Dowden Home** 9515 Country Lake Dr., BR 70817
(Children Friendly)
- **6:15 pm | The Rumfellow Home** 37099 Timothy Ave., PV 70769
(Youth & Family Friendly)
- **6:30 pm | The Green Home** 3044 Crestwood, BR 70816
- **6:30 pm | The Morrison Home** 1312 Ridgeland, BR 70810

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Start Here. This is the theme for the 2011 North American Missions Emphasis. In the midst of the busy-ness of life, Christians need to stop and look inward at our own relationship with Christ so that we can fully engage outwardly by sharing our faith. In Matthew 9:36-38, Jesus looked at the crowds and had compassion for them. Do we even see the crowds? When someone says "Start Here" referring to missions involvement, it is easy to immediately think the phrase refers only to a geographic designation. But this "here" isn't a location on the map. It's a location within our hearts.

Starting Here is to see those around us with God's eyes and to respond to what we see with His hands of love and His heart of compassion and His message of salvation. As Christians, we must see the individuals within the crowds and not be overwhelmed by the vastness of the numbers. We must Start Here – with sincere prayer that expresses a desire to follow God at all costs and moves us to action. Those who have discovered God's abiding presence, even in the midst of fear, inspire and motivate us to join them with passion and compassion that reaches from one's heart all the way around the world – knowing sometimes the world is as close as the person right beside us.

Dr. Landon Dowden, Senior Pastor
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