

CrossPoint Family,

I hope you've had a great start to 2012. It's hard to believe we are already entering March. I want to take the time to encourage us all to take special time in preparing for Easter this year. Easter, you might say? That isn't until April! Exactly...we tend to spend a great deal of time preparing for Christmas and rightfully so. But shouldn't we spend as much time preparing to celebrate the work of Christ that accomplished our eternal salvation?

What are some ways that we can prepare to celebrate the Resurrection? Well, I'm glad you asked! While we seek to focus on the gospel in every Sunday worship service, we, the Elders and staff, are intentionally shaping our services in the coming weeks to remind us of the crucifixion and the resurrection of our Lord. Our Sunday morning Bible Study classes are focusing on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, where he would be crucified. If Sunday mornings are not already a priority, please commit to attend these gatherings and to worship the Savior with your community of faith. In your personal life, make repentance a priority. Again, this is something that should be happening at every point in our lives, but this season gives a chance to refocus on the most important aspects of our walk with the Lord. Are there things that have crept into your life that have taken a higher priority than they should? How consistently are you engaging in personal worship with the Father? I urge you to consider fasting from things that mean a great deal to you, things that might normally play a large role in your everyday life. Fasting is never a method for gaining God's approval. It is, however, a way in which some of our 'blindness' can be taken away, and our hearts can be more fully engaged with the Lord. And by the way, Jesus said we should fast (Matt. 6:16).

The idea of fasting and preparation for a period leading up to Resurrection Sunday is by no means new and many of you are familiar with it. The Christian church has practiced the season known as Lent for centuries. The term itself simply refers to the Spring time, during which the days are *lengthening* (hence, *Lent*). Eventually it became more widely used to refer to the forty days prior to Easter, a special period used to prepare one for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. Just as a side note, some people would consider the practice of Lent heretical because of its strong association with Roman Catholicism. I would respond that it's never heretical to do what Jesus commanded (fast and repent), for the right reasons (humility before Him and intimacy with Him). Motive is the important factor here.

While we are already into the Lenten season, it is never too late to start preparing. I urge you to consider today how you might prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this year.

In Christ,
Kevin

WORCESTER MISSION TRIP

We will be traveling to Worcester, MA June 1st-6th to partner with Chris Mott in spreading the gospel in New England. Our work will consist of putting on a Backyard Bible club, prayer walking and helping in the promotion of a new church planting effort. Please contact Kevin (kevin@crosspointchurch.org) if you are interested in this opportunity.

A NOTE TO CROSSPOINT MEMBERS

The CrossPoint website has a directory with members' addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, and other information, which can only be accessed with a password. Please check this information and let the office know if there are any changes. If you do not want this information on the website, please contact Krysten Babin in the office at krysten@crosspointchurch.org.

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

1 Eddy Wu	13 Jowanna Lee	24 Casey Dufour
3 Amanda Polk	13 Benjamin Hebert	25 Chuck Grose
3 Kellie Polk	14 Annette Gant	25 Brandon Hutson
4 Ann Bolton	16 Sarah Whitehead	25 Piper Smith
6 Bryce Blackmon	21 Charles Grose	27 Brian Moore
8 Michael Foret	22 Dirk Fairchild	27 Christopher Walker
8 Katie Collins	22 Kristi Luke	29 Selah Satterfield
8 Claire Wicker	24 Kim Weatherford	30 Georgia Smith
10 Brandon Jones	24 Cole Touree	31 Cassidy Causey

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

Your Pastor Search Team has been meeting weekly since August, and we would like to update you on our progress. At this point, we have received approximately 450 resumes and have worked our way through about 400 of them. We have requested resumes from four of the major Southern Baptist seminaries and also have received resumes from interested individuals and through referrals.

We currently have five resumes that are active in the questionnaire stage, and we will continue reviewing the remaining resumes we have received.

As was printed in a Sunday worship folder a few weeks ago, we are including a step-by-step list below to explain our process. To preserve unity, each member of the team must agree to move to each subsequent step:

1. Review resumes.
2. Send candidate questionnaire designed to get more information than would normally be provided on a resume and request sermons.
3. Contact candidate references.
4. Conduct Level 1 interview with candidate and spouse.
5. Visit with candidate at home church if practical.
6. Conduct Level 2 interview without spouse.
7. Confirm/Finalize decision concerning candidate.
8. Present candidate to the church.

The PST appreciates your ongoing support, and we earnestly request that you pray often for us as a team and for our new pastor. Just as Jesus prayed all night before he chose His 12 disciples, so we as a team and you as a congregation should be diligent in regularly bringing this important need before the Lord.

Please pray specifically that as we go through this process, we don't rely on our own self-sufficiency as mere people, that God grants patience to wait for His man in His timing, that we would have humble attitudes leading to unity, and that we would have wisdom from above and Godly discernment. The PST fully recognizes that this task is beyond human capability and earnestly and humbly ask for your continued prayer.

Your Pastor Search Team
Dustin Jenkins | Sonja Kelly | Billie Middleton | Terry Moore
Dianne Paul | Charlotte Stevens | Mike Tucker, Chairman
Marsha Curry | AJ Melendez



Friday, March 23 - Sunday March 25 - Disciple Now Weekend The theme of our weekend is Christian compassion. Visit 30hourfamine.org for more details.

To the members of CrossPoint Baptist Church,

I want to thank you for the prayers, cards, food and phone calls when I had my knee surgery. Our church is blessed in that we have so many kind and caring people to help us when needed

Patsy Earnhart

YOUNG MARRIED FELLOWSHIP

We will meet at the home of Mattie Middleton, 8277 Green Moss Drive, BR 70806, on **Friday, March 9 at 6:30 pm**. If you've been married a few years or less and would like to come, contact Kevin for more details at kevin@crosspointchurch.org. This group will meet the second Friday of every month.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

As a ministry to families currently attending CrossPoint with children ages birth to 12, PNO offers a time for moms and dads to enjoy a night out while their children enjoy a snack, hear a Bible story, make a craft, sing songs and play games. Plan to join the fun on **Friday, March 30 from 6:00 -9:30pm**. To register, call the church office at 752-2400.

CO-ED SOFTBALL

The softball team has a full roster and practice will begin in two weeks at a site still to be determined. Games run from April 20th to June 23rd at Istrouma on Friday nights. If you have any questions contact Coach Steve Stevens. You may reach him at 241-2167, email stevestevens3@cox.net or find him on Facebook.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Life Principles from the Women of the Bible." Meet Wednesday @ 10:30 in Room 2 of Classroom Building 1 and on Tuesday nights from 7:00pm-8:00pm at Carmen Tucker's home in Prairieville. We study a different woman of the Bible each week, so if you've missed any weeks prior, don't worry, you won't be behind. For more information, please call Carmen at 313-6074.

Teens In Action Camp

A camp for GIRLS grades 7-10 that will be held June 25th-29th @ JBRC. Deadline to register is April 2nd. For more information or to print out a registration form visit www.judsonretreat.org

CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to Dot Olivier and her family in the death of her niece.

Congratulations to Kris and Melissa Fridge on the birth of their son Lucas Daniel Fridge born February, 29 2012. He weighed 6.7 ounces and was 19.6 inches long.

SBC DISASTER RELIEF CHAINSAW TRAINING

Disaster Relief chainsaw training courses are scheduled on March 10 at First Baptist Port Allen at Grace Point and on March 17 at First Baptist Plaquemine. These are open for anyone who would like to be trained and for those whose badges are expired and need to be re-certified. Both courses will begin at 8:00 a.m. Contact the church office for details.

BOYS & GIRLS MISSION CAMP

It's time to register for Boys and Girls Summer Mission Camp for children in 1-6 grades. BMC is June 11-15 and GMC is July 16-20. A deposit of \$90 without horseback riding and \$110 with horseback riding is required (checks made to CrossPoint). Please go to www.judsonretreat.org to download the registration form or for additional information. The completed registration form and deposit is due to Gay Ann Tate no later than March 18. The balance of \$105 will be due two weeks before camp. Volunteer counselors are needed for each camp; if you can help, see Gay Ann Tate.

Financial Report for January 2012

- Tithes and offerings for January were \$76,008.18, while expenses were \$48,176.85 resulting in a surplus for the month of \$27,831.33.
- Through January, tithes and offerings for the year are \$76,008.18, while expenses are \$48,176.85, resulting in a surplus of \$27,831.33. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$76,008.18 while all expenses averaged \$48,176.85.
- Tithes and offerings for 2012 have equaled \$76,008.18. They equaled \$52,988.65 during 2011 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2012 are \$23,019.55 more than 2011.

HOME GROUPS: Spring 2012

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 p.m. | CrossPoint Campus

14965 Airline Hwy., BR 70817 (Kid Friendly & All Welcome)

5:30 PM | The Grose Home

1328 Ross Ave., BR 70808 (College & Adult Friendly)

5:30 PM | The Wicker Home

19016 Epemay Ct., BR 70817 (Families w/Toddlers & Adult Friendly)

6:15 PM | The Rumfellow Home

37099 Timothy Ave., PV 70769 (Open to All Ages)

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)



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MANAGEMENT TEAM UPDATE

As your 2012 Management Team Moderator, I thank you for the faith you've placed in us as management team members. We each consider it an honor to serve you in this capacity, and it is a privilege that is not taken lightly. We ask for your prayers as we consider the daily business of the church. The following items of recent business might be of interest to you:

- Confirmed the following to continue serving in their respective positions: Steve Stevens, Church Treasure; Charles Rea, Legal Counsel; Richard Green, Insurance Coordinator
- Affirmed the hiring of Krysten Babin as full time ministry assistant to fill Michelle Lulei's position.
- Affirmed the hiring of Jared Kingsley for part time publications assistance to generate weekly bulletins and monthly Connections (to fill part of the responsibilities previously filled by former Publication Specialist, Kristi Campbell)
- Approved scholarship request for Jake Fountain to participate in Nicaragua Mission
- Approved facilities use requests for Shoff Recital, Wilson Reunion and Briarwood HOA Meeting
- Confirmed a revised Personnel section for the church Operations Manual
- Approved proposal to replace HVAC unit in Youth Dome
- Approved funding to update all AED devices

The next quarterly CrossPoint business meeting is scheduled for March 7 @ 6:30 pm. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Jay Curry, Moderator

HELPING CROSSPOINT COMMUNICATE

To help foster better communication at CrossPoint, please take complaints or concerns to Jay Curry, Moderator of the Management Team, or Jim Shoff, Chairman of Deacons. Contact Jay at (225) 241-3855 and Jim at (225) 253-1730.

Al Jones & David Morrison, Elders
Kevin Whitfield, Associate Pastor
T Wright, Assistant Pastor of Teaching & Administration
Byron Townsend, Missions & Church Planter
Stephanie Whitfield, Worship Leader