



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! Be it 8th grade, 12th grade, college, seminary, or ballroom dancing lessons, congratulations to you and your family! I pray you will soak in all the festivities and the special moments that will happen only once. I hope that you will take

lots of pictures and share lots of laughs. No more homework (at least for one night)!!!!

It seems like just yesterday I was a junior in high school waiting to get my senior ring. It felt like the day would never arrive when we would finally receive our bling! The wait for graduation seemed even longer! Yet somehow since that point, it feels like life has been going faster than the Millennium Falcon in hyperdrive. Though life may have seemed agonizingly slow up to this point for you (believe me I know – I spent two years in kindergarten), there will never be a slower point in your journey.

I'm also keenly aware that you will be receiving tons of wisdom, advice, and unsolicited opinions over the next few weeks. Whether it's the 3 "How to Discern God's Will" books you will receive, or the 6 "How not to have to move back home" books, or 1 from your parents called "Graduation is spelled 'J-O-B,'" I realize you will not be lacking in guidance. But . . . since I am your shepherd and care much for you, I'd like to offer 3 brief thoughts:

1. *There's only one life and it will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last (1 Cor. 3:13-15). As you try to discern what you should do next, always remember life is a vapor, a mist, a shadow and its brief journey will soon run its course. When all is said in done, all that will remain and all that will have mattered is what you have done with, through, and for Christ.*

2. *Be a lifelong student of the Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17). If you want to be wise, study the Word. If you want to be competent and equipped for every good work, study the Word. If you want to know what matters most in life, study the Word. If you want to please Christ, study the Word – hide the Word in your heart – and live the Word. You may be graduating, but make a commitment to be a lifelong student of the most important Word on the planet.*

3. *Resolve to boast only in Christ and His cross (Gal. 6:14). Some of you will graduate with honors – congratulations. Some of you will be very successful in your career – congratulations. Some of you will accomplish incredible things – congratulations. None of the aforementioned items, however, will declare you righteous before God. Many of them will even cause you to doubt your need for God because they are fertile soil for the seed of pride to flourish. Please, please, please – hear the Word of the Lord – on this day and every future day the Lord gives you – let your boast be in Christ alone. This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Congratulations again graduates (and families)! May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the next chapter be a sweet part in your journey with Christ. If I can serve you in any way, then please do not hesitate to ask. And by the way . . . I can indeed tell you God's will for your life . . . Matt. 22:37-39 . . . Matt. 28:18-20 . . . 1 Thess. 4:3 . . . Rom. 8:29 (Don't be lazy! Look them up and let the summer reading begin!)

*With much love,
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.

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 MAY

3 Kirk Daigle	13 Cindy Sambola	23 David Slayton
6 Grant Morrison	13 Lynne Tullos	23 James Slayton
6 Sam Whitson	14 George Castello	24 Kaden St. Pe
6 Sara Beth Pierson	17 Kim Smith	24 Noah Tingle
8 Marsha Curry	18 Alex Cooper	25 Angela Slayton
9 Jeanell Hannula	18 Will Cooper	26 Micah Brennan
10 Jeff Campbell	18 Anna Lewis	26 Cassidie Tingle
10 Eric Guiffreda	18 Caroline Robertson	27 Brandt Fairchild
10 Caitlyn Haines	19 Kim Pierson	28 Kerry Daigle
10 Steven May	20 Tiffany Wagon	28 Terry Stark
11 Stacy Dufour	20 Kenneth Whitfield	29 Lee Curry
11 Madison Tourere	21 Greg Ziecker	30 Caitlyn Turner
12 Victor Zurigo	22 Alyssa Dryden	31 Matt Vandiver
13 Cody Etheridge	22 Mike Fuentes	31 Austin Walker

CROSSPOINT 101 MEMBERSHIP CLASS

This class will meet Sunday, May 23, 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.

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
 - Receptionist
 - Food Assembler
 - Pantry Assistant

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



BLOOD DRIVE ON SUNDAY, MAY 23

Everyone can be a hero by choosing to donate blood at CrossPoint's next blood drive on Sunday, May 23, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Good tips to remember: eat a good breakfast, bring a photo ID and remind your friends to donate, too. Help keep CrossPoint's blood "bank" supplied.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - MAY 28

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, May 28, 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.



• Car Wash & Bake Sale - Saturday, May 8 -

Please bring your dirty cars, trucks and vans to the church on Saturday, May 8 and help the Youth make money to go to Camp this summer. There will be baked goodies to buy as well—so come hungry—and bring a friend or two!

• **Youth Lunch Fundraiser - Sunday, May 23** - For only \$5/plate of \$20/family you can help the youth go to camp this summer by purchasing a delicious lunch on Sunday, May 23. The menu is Pasta-laya, petite green peas, French bread, lemon dessert & fruit punch. Don't worry about eating out that week, the youth will have lunch ready when church is over, just come to the Fellowship Hall and pick up your lunch—dine in or carry out—your choice.

• **Youth Camp - Horn's Creek Camp in Ocoee, Tennessee - May 29—June 3** - The cost is \$280 per camper but we are doing fundraisers (see above) to help with the cost. The camp preacher is Andrew Arthur, and musical worship leader will be Andrew Hunter. Contact Pastor Byron if you have any questions!

MEN'S SOFTBALL GAMES IN MAY

Come to the Prairieville Softball Field on Post Office Road and cheer on our men at these games on Mondays this month: May 3 @ 6:30 & 7:30 pm, May 10 @ 7:30 & 8:30 pm, May 17 @ 8:30 pm, and May 31 @ 6:30 & 7:30 pm.

Band of Sisters Luncheon

The Band of Sisters monthly luncheon will meet Friday, May 7, 2010, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Cherie Robertson will share how God guided their adoption experience. 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, May 2, 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.

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, May 11, 18, & 25.

Financial Report for March 2010

- Tithes and offerings for March were \$46,683.19, while budgeted expenses were \$60,079.94, and non-budgeted expenses of \$967.36, resulting in a deficit for the month of \$14,364.11.
- Through March, tithes and offerings for the year are \$153,672.67, while budgeted and non-budgeted expenses are \$149,660.04, resulting in a surplus of \$4,012.63.
- Tithes and offerings for 2010 have equaled \$153,672.67. They equaled \$196,902.24 during 2009 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2010 are \$43,229.57 less than 2009.

April Management Team Action Update

In an effort to keep the congregation better informed of Management Team actions, the following items were discussed during the April 20 meeting:

- Heard an excellent report from Linda Carls and Kristi Campbell on plans for Vacation Bible School scheduled for June 7 to 11. The Biblical focus will be on the story of Joseph from Genesis and all activities will relate to this great Bible character and how God used him to save His people. Please pray that God will use VBS for His glory.
- Pastor Landon updated the Management Team on progress in his pursuit of a Pastor of Family Discipleship. He also indicated that Shane Folks (who served last year) and Stephanie Menou (who leads our music sometimes) will be CrossPoint summer interns. Please pray for God's to guide these young ministers this summer.
- Heard a recommendation from our Ministry Assistant, Michelle Lulei, related to the purchase of new copiers for the church. Look for more on this later.
- Management Team is still dealing with HVAC, lighting, and other facility issues but we can report that all ACs have been checked and cleaned for the upcoming summer season.
- The church policy on use of church facilities for weddings by non-members of the church is being updated and will probably be presented at the next Members Meeting.

Finally, thanks to all who attended the March 17th Members Meeting. The turn-out was great and I have heard good comments on the value of such a meeting. Others will be held on a regular basis.


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 May 18 at 6:30pm.

David Morrison, Moderator



COMING TO CROSSPOINT
JUNE 7-11, 2010
9AM-NOON
AGES 4-5TH GRADE

Register @ groupvbapro.com/vbs/hl/crosspoint

 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.

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, Spaghetti & Sugar. Please place your items in the Fellowship Hall . We appreciate your donations.**



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Jordan Bordelon is graduating from Dutchtown High School and plans to attend Baton Rouge Community College focusing on graphic design this fall

Robby Brumfield is graduating from Woodlawn High School and will attend Baton Rouge Community College in the fall with plans of being a high school history teacher.

Levin Fairchild is graduating from East Ascension High School and plans to attend LSU with a focus in the medical field this fall.

Caitlyn Haines is graduating from LSU with a B.S. in Dietetics with Honors Distinction. She will attend Tulane's Dietetic Internship following graduation and her marriage to Chaz Keating in June.

Mario Melendez will receive a B.A. in Christian Ministry from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with Specialization in Theology and Preaching. His future plans are to follow wherever God leads.

Benjamin Shearer is graduating from LSU with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He will serve as a civil engineer in the United States Air Force.

Ashlyn Shearer is graduating from LSU with a B.S. in General Studies. She and Ben are expecting a baby boy on July 23rd. In early fall they will move to Anderson AFB, Guam for their first assignment and will be stationed there for 3 years with the USAF.

Lauren Shoff has graduated from Louisiana Tech with a B.A. in Psychology and plans to attend New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall to obtain a M.A. in Marriage and Family Counseling.

Caitlyn Turner is graduating from LSU with a B.S. in Political Communications and a double minor in Political Science and Communication Studies. Her future plans include getting married this summer and then working for a political consulting company.

Jacob Whitson is graduating from Dutchtown High School and plans to attend the University of Louisiana at Lafayette majoring in Petroleum Engineering in the fall.

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