



CrossPoint family,

As we celebrate CrossPoint's 15th Anniversary, it's important that we continue to pose the question, 'What is God's purpose for CrossPoint?' Recognizing that CrossPoint is a covenant community made up of individual believers, as we pose the question of God's will for CrossPoint, we are also individually asking, 'What is

God's will for me?' We tend to overcomplicate God's will because we desire some type of mystical revelation (maybe it's just me). The truth is, God has given us His will through the Scriptures. So, what do the Scriptures teach about the purpose of the church?

In the New Testament we see two primary functions of the church, sometimes described as gathering and scattering. By gathering I refer to what we see in Acts 2:42-47. When these believers get together, they spend their time studying the teachings of the apostles, receiving encouragement from one another, eating and praying, even providing for one another's needs, to the extent of selling personal possessions. From Ephesians 4:12 we see that such gathering times were intentionally used for "equipping the saints in the work of the ministry." In order words, much of the ministry was to be done outside the church. As the church continued to gather in this way, God continued to bring more into their fellowship (Acts 2:47).

Over the next fifteen years, we should be committed to gathering in a way that reflects this New Testament model. We should continue to seek intimate bonds between one another and God's Word. We should be praying together and also be eager to help one another, with no attachment to 'our' possessions. As we gather, people should be equipped so that we all thrive as ministers of the good news of Christ. Furthermore, as we gather in these ways we shouldn't be surprised if God increases our numbers.

The second aspect of the church in the New Testament, scattering, refers to the mandate of making disciples of Christ in all nations. As the church at Antioch sent off Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:1-3), we should be continually mobilizing people to honor God's call on their lives. Notice in these verses that the Holy Spirit spoke to the church during one of their gatherings, commanding them to send out Barnabas and Paul "for the work to which I [Holy Spirit] have called them." This is incredible in two aspects: One, whether we are on the going or sending end, we are faithfully participating in the call to make disciples of all nations. Two, we are helping others fulfill God's call on their lives. Don't you want to be a part of this? Will you commit to asking God to raise up people among us who will be sent out to make disciples elsewhere? Will you also pray for those we have already sent out (Grace Baptist Church)?

What will CrossPoint look like in another 15 years? Will there still be a bubble at the corner of Highland and Airline? Who knows? The better question might be, 'Will Baton Rouge look different in 15 years because of the faithfulness of God's people at CrossPoint to live out God's design for the church?'

By His grace,
Kevin

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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 NOVEMBER

1 Brady Wicker	13 Tony Parker	23 Courtney Sparks
2 Amanda Clark	14 Stephen Sparks	23 Rachel Wagoner
3 Kathy Johnson	14 Casey Tingle	24 Trent Lachney
4 Stan Smith	15 Brandie Satterfield	24 Greg Hillensbeck
5 Kacy St. Pe	16 Dylan Moore	25 Brian Dryden
6 Chad Campbell	18 Jesse Rodrigue	25 Brandy Foret
6 Mike Clark	18 Dorothy Townsend	25 Julie Mehlon
9 Mary Gayden Jones	19 Jimmy LeBeau	26 Rachel Tourere
10 Caleb Whitehead	20 Kris Fridge	26 Luke Woerner
11 Evan Prewitt	20 Laurie Williams	27 Brette Lachney
11 Stephen Weatherford	22 Glenn Rumfellow	28 Oliver Foret
12 Kayla Ash	22 Mary Wiltse	30 Arin Townsend
	23 Sherrie Hutson	



Auction to Benefit CrossPoint School

Join us for the annual school auction Friday, November 11th, in the Worship Center from 6:00-9:00 pm. There will be both silent and live auctions, with many items for you to bid on. Jambalaya plates will be sold for \$10 each. Bring your friends and family! Free childcare is provided!

The CrossPoint Deacons Ministry is honoring the Widows of our church with a brunch to be held **Saturday, November 5, 2011**. CrossPoint has an active and supportive group of widowed ladies that are a vital part of our church congregation and the deacons are looking forward to the opportunity of expressing appreciation to them. Those being honored include: Patsy Earnhart, Mozelle Harris, Wylene McCullar, Mattie Middleton, Dot Olivier, Lorena Shelton, Mary Trevillion, and Lynda Van Kerkhove. The brunch will be held at the home of Martha and David Morrison beginning at 10:30am.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 6

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday! Hope to see everyone at 9:00 am on Sunday.

Our annual Thanksgiving Celebration is coming!

**Invite family and friends to join you
Wednesday, November 16, at 6:00 pm
in the Worship Center for a time of
food, fellowship and celebration as we thank God for
15 years of His goodness at CrossPoint.**

*Each family is asked to bring a vegetable, dessert,
plus two 2-liter drinks to feed your family plus a visitor.
(The church will furnish turkey, ham cornbread dressing and green salad.
You do not need to bring these items)*

This is a family event, so childcare will not be provided.
**Please call the church office at 752-2400
to make reservations.**



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

• **Saturday, November 5 - St. Anthony's Ministry**

Meet @ CP at 9:45am & return by 12:30pm. Come love on these precious people and receive a blessing. We'll play some games and sing some songs and show the love of Christ to those who may not know Him.

• **Sunday, December 4 - Youth Lunch Fundraiser** - Gumbo is on the menu. Helping at this event will earn money to go towards Youth Camp in the summer. Contact Melissa Fridge at 341-0001 for more information.

Band of Sisters Luncheon

Band of Sisters monthly luncheon will be held **Friday, November 4, 2011, at 11:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish and join us for a time of fellowship and prayer. This is a great time to connect with women of all ages. Carmen Tucker will be speaking on "What I Learned from God in the Middle East". After the meeting we will fill our Operation Christmas Child boxes. Childcare is provided. Contact Billie Middleton at 225-769-6498 with the number and ages of children needing care.

Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers men's ministry meets in the Fellowship Hall on the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 am for a time of prayer and fellowship. All men are invited to attend on Saturday, November 12, at 7:00 am. To RSVP, email michelle@crosspointchurch.org or call the church office at 225.752.2400.

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.

Young Married Fellowship

We will meet at the home of David & Martha Morrison, 1312 Ridgeland Drive, BR 70810, on Friday, November 18 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.

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, September 25.** Email michelle@crosspointchurch.org to register for this class or for more information.

Women's Bible Study

Carmen Tucker facilitates this group as they look at Beth Moore's study on "To Live is Christ - A Journey through the Life of Paul" in Room 2 of Classroom Building 1 at 10:00 am on Wednesdays. Books may be purchased at LifeWay for \$14.95. Call Carmen at 313-6074 for more information.

Financial Report for September 2011

- Tithes and offerings for September were \$46,000.71, while expenses were \$52,766.74, and non-budgeted expenses of \$382.76 (\$200.00 Chris Mott support, and \$182.76 Equipping Class child care) resulting in a deficit for the month of \$7,148.79.
- Through September, tithes and offerings for the year are \$468,752.17, while budgeted and non-budgeted expenses are \$484,305.41, resulting in a deficit of \$15,553.24. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$52,083.58 while all expenses averaged \$53,236.05.
- Tithes and offerings for 2011 have equaled \$468,752.17. They equaled \$523,699.48 during 2010 for the same time period. Tithes and offerings for 2011 are \$54,947.31 less than 2010.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's that time of year! Let's begin filling up boxes for children across the world - that their needs might be met and the Gospel shared with them. National Collection Week is November 14 - 21. For more information, go to www.crosspointchurch.org/#/serve-cp. If you can volunteer during collection week please call the church office at 225.752.2400 or email michelle@crosspointchurch.org. Our hours of collection are Monday, 11/14 through Friday, 11/18 from 10:00am til 1:00pm; Saturday, 11/19 from 9:00am til 3:00pm; Sunday, 11/20 from 1:00pm til 4:00pm. Don't miss this opportunity to be on mission for Christ.



Fall 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 | CrossPoint Campus** 14965 Airline Hwy., BR 70817 (Children Friendly)
- **5:30 pm | The Grose Home** 1328 Ross Ave., BR 70808 (College & Adult Friendly)
- **6:15 pm | The Rumfellow Home** 37099 Timothy Ave., PV 70769 (Youth & Family Friendly)
- **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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Manhood. Womanhood. Marriage. Parenting. Singleness. Sex. Divorce. Homosexuality. Same-sex marriage. Polygamy. Pornography. Adoption. Abortion. Cultures around the world perceive each of these issues differently. So how does God's Word address them? During Secret Church on November 4, 2011, we will explore how the gospel uniquely affects our understanding of family, marriage, sex, and host of related (and controversial) issues that are ultimately foundational for the display of the glory of God in our lives, in the church, and in the world.

Light refreshments will be provided. **Childcare is not available for this event.** Cost to attend is \$5/person or \$20/family (study guides are included in this price) and will be collected that night. Please do not let cost hinder your attendance. For information, go to www.secretchurch.org. **Doors open at 5:15 pm and the simulcast begins at 6:00, so come early to visit please.**

For more information about Secret Church,



Al Jones & David Morrison, Elders
Kevin Whitfield, Associate Pastor
T Wright, Assistant Pastor of Teaching & Administration
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