



Greetings Church Family:

"I thank my God for every remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1:3-5). I begin with these words from the Apostle Paul because I am so thankful for your steadfast diligence as we persevere together as a church family for the sake of the gospel. Though we are without a Senior Pastor, I feel optimism and joy in our fellowship and I believe that shows your confidence is in God, not in man. I am encouraged by your unity of spirit, confident that "He who began a good work in us will complete it" (Phil. 1:6).

I also am thankful for our current study in Thessalonians and anxious to see how God will use this portion of His Word in the life of our church. As I write this, we are in week 1 and the centrality of the gospel is strongly presented. We must be a gospel-centered church because, as we see in 1Thessalonians chapter 1, there is a key linkage between the gospel and the church. It is the gospel that creates the church, it is the church that spreads the gospel and it is the gospel that shapes the church to live in a manner worthy of the gospel. All of us need to be faithful to dig into these two epistles relying on the Holy Spirit to teach us. And, I pray that we might be a church known for our "work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 1:3).

Let me take this opportunity to thank so many of you who serve God by your service to our church. And, let me encourage those of you not currently serving to step up. We need you. If we are truly Christians, it will manifest itself in a life of service. In the previous paragraph, I made reference to a "labor of love." If you care about this church and want to express love to your church family, then serve. There are many places where you can plug in, so don't wait to be asked. If you want to know what some of these are, then ask one of the Elders, Pastors or Management Team members. We would love to talk to you about where you can serve.

Finally, now that our Pastor's Search Team (PST) is established and at work, I hope you are committed to pray for them regularly. I would like to give you some tips on how to pray for them as well as for the man God will reveal as our next Senior Pastor. These come from a book I recently read titled When the Word Leads the Pastoral Search by Chris Brauns. Regarding the PST he said: 1) pray for patience because it may be a long process, 2) pray they will have the mind of Christ, i.e. a humble, servant attitude, 3) pray for wisdom to choose the right person, 4) pray for discipline to work hard and follow-through as necessary, 5) pray for unity and agreement, and 6) pray for their families to understand the time they must devote to this task. Regarding our next pastor, Brauns said: 1) pray that God would increase his passion for preaching God's Word, 2) pray that God would give him a love for our church and the strength to leave his current church, 3) pray that God would prepare him to shepherd our flock more effectively than it has been in the past, and also 4) pray for his family. May God bless and keep each of you.

In His service,
David Morrison

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

1 Joe Townsend	10 Carmen Tucker	22 Rachael Grose
1 Joseph Wicker	12 Trey Campo	22 Gayden Jones
2 Brandy Latino	12 Casey Dufour	22 Lucas Kelly
3 Lilly Fridge	14 Suzanne Passman	24 Mia Williams
4 Nathan May	15 Michael Paul	25 Tracy LeBeau
5 Penny Castello	16 Jacob Gillespie	26 Cheryl Richard
5 Brandy Parsons	16 Chris Powell	28 Jordan Bordelon
6 Tim Tullos	17 Calum Paulk	28 Charles Gant
6 Shelia Woerner	18 Donna Maddie	29 Peyton Brennan
8 Terry Moore	19 Don Edwards	29 Jennifer Guillotte
9 Dale Lee	19 Andrew Lewis	29 Abigail Slayton
9 Debra Stark	19 Catie Taylor	29 Amelia Stephens
10 Seth Collins	19 Sherry Wilson	30 Norman Elrod
10 Pam Taylor	22 Buddy Blackwell	31 Thomas Fridge



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!

General Officers - Paper towels*	10th-12th Grade Girls - Bath Soap*
Preschool - Cereal*	10th-12th Grade Guys - Mustard*
Kindergarten - Mayonnaise*	College & Young Prof. - Kool-Aid & Sugar*
1st & 2nd Grade Girls - Jelly*	30 Somethings - Jiffy cornbread mix*
1st & 2nd Grade Guys - Peanut Butter*	WINDI - Minute Rice*
3rd - 5th Grade Girls - Mac & Cheese*	Married w/ Older Children - Bisquick Mix*
3rd - 5th Grade Guys - Canned Soup*	Carpenter's Children - Hamburger Helper*
6th - 8th Grade Girls - Crackers*	Milestones - Spaghetti Meat Sauce*
6th & 7th Grade Guys - Ketchup*	Esther - Canned Fruit*
Adult Men - Canned vegetables*	

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

Young Married Fellowship

We will meet at the home of Al & Mary Gayden Jones, 1120 Meadow Lea on Friday, October 14 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.

Women's Bible Study

"To Live is Christ"

A Journey through the Life of Paul
by Beth Moore

10:00 am on Wednesdays at CrossPoint
Led by Carmen Tucker in CB 1, Room 2
Books may be purchased at LifeWay for \$14.95
Call Carmen at 313-6074 for more information

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.



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

- **Sunday, October 9 - Youth Lunch Fundraiser** - Spaghetti is on the menu and helping at this event will earn money to go towards Youth Camp in the summer. Contact Melissa Fridge at 341-0001 for more information.
- **Saturday, October 15 - Rebeloution Conference @ Istrouma** - All youth are encouraged to attend. The authors of "Do Hard Things" (the book we're working through in our Equipping Class) are the speakers. Contact Kenneth @ Kenneth@crosspointchurch.org for more information.

FALL FOOD ROUNDUP

The Fall Food Roundup, benefiting The Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, will end on Sunday, October 9. Please donate regular size food and toiletry items which will be used in cottages. Everything received during this drive will be used by the boys and girls throughout the year. For a complete list of items needed, please visit www.lbch.org.

Band of Sisters Luncheon

Band of Sisters monthly luncheon will be held **Friday, October 7, 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. Childcare is provided. Contact Billie Middleton at 225-769-6498 with the number and ages of children needing care.

Friday, October 14 - Senior CrossPointers Fish Fry at 11:00 am

Mark your calendars for this annual event that promises great food and great entertainment. If your last name begins with the following letters, please bring the following food items:

A-M green salad, potato salad, etc

N-Z dessert

A love offering will be taken for the quartet that will be singing



Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers men's ministry meets on the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and fellowship. All men are invited to attend on Saturday, October 8, 2011 @ 7:00 am. To RSVP, please call 225-752-2400 or email michelle@crosspointchurch.org.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO MICHELLE LULEI!

Michelle is beginning her fourth year as CrossPoint's Ministry Assistant. Thank you for all you do to minister to everyone in such a special way—you are a blessing!

CHURCH WORK DAY

On Saturday, October 1, everyone is invited to the **Church Work Day beginning at 8:00 am**. There is a task for everyone—no one is too small or too old. There are many jobs around our campus that need to be done, so bring your work gloves and a helpful attitude as we clean up our campus and get ready for God's work!

CrossPoint Church extends Christian sympathy to **Barbara Dowden** in the loss of her aunt and **Bob Long** in the loss of his nephew.

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.

Financial Report for August 2011

- Tithes and offerings for August were \$41,344.24, while expenses were \$57,033.21, resulting in a deficit for the month of \$15,688.97.
- Through August, tithes and offerings for the year are \$422,751.46, while expenses are \$425,974.91, resulting in a deficit of \$3,223.45. Tithes and offerings have averaged \$52,843.94 while all expenses averaged \$53,246.87.
- Tithes and offerings for 2011 have equaled \$422,751.46. They equaled \$467,351.06 during 2010 for the same time period. {August 2010 had receipts of \$70,189.67}. Tithes and offerings for 2011 are \$44,599.60 less than 2010.

The following is a letter from the recipients of our VBS donations:

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (Romans 8:16)
 Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
 Words cannot express our gratitude and sincere appreciation for your generosity you have bestowed upon the children of Alabama. Your school supply donations went to help so many children and we cannot thank you enough for your willingness to help out.
 The personalized drawstring packs, backpacks, notebooks, pencils, crayons, folders, markers and all the other gat items you sent were given to children in Hackleburg, Phil Campbell, East Franklin, Russellville, Red Bay and Vina. As you can see, your good will spread far and wide across the surrounding towns.
 The children you helped were in great need of basic items so many of us take for granted. They were delighted and their parents were relieved that these items were donated. Really, the only way to describe the expressions is priceless.
 So, thank you once again from both Pastor Heath & myself for your love, prayers, generosity and thoughtfulness. God bless each of you!
 With love,
 Pastor Heath McCarley & Stephanie Umfress



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)

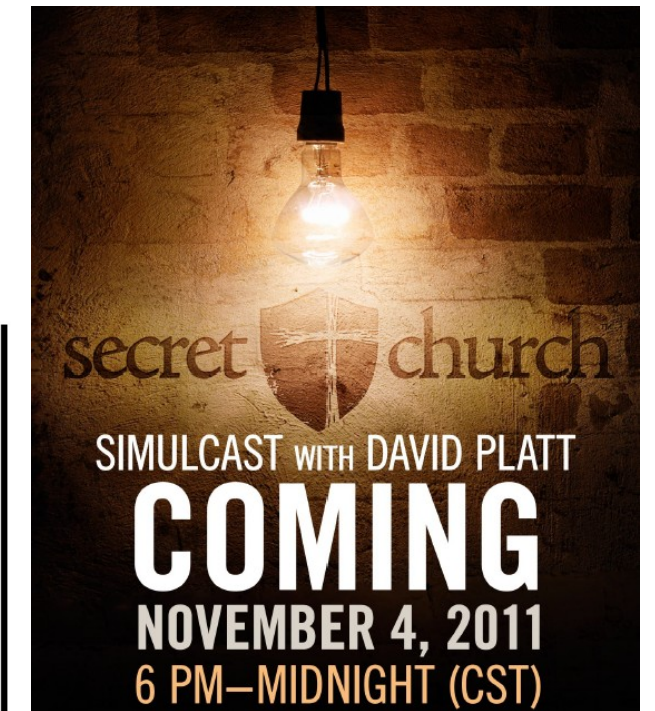
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FAMILY, MARRIAGE, SEX, AND THE GOSPEL

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.

Refreshments provided. **Childcare is not available for this event.** Cost is \$5/person or \$20/family. Study guides included in price. Do not let cost hinder your attendance.

For more information about Secret Church, go to www.secretchurch.org.



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