



## **The Transition to Two Services:**

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

On Sunday, December 16, we shared the exciting vision that Crosspoint will be launching our second service on Easter (March 31, 2013). Below are some common questions that you may be asking.

#### **Why do we have to move to two services? Isn't one enough?**

The short answer is that we will move to two services to make room more people to hear and be changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our mission to glorify God by reaching the lost and making disciples has not changed. Currently, our SonChasers ministry is getting close to running out of space in the Family Room and classrooms. On average, 33% of our Sunday attendance is involved in SonChasers, and we anticipate that as we grow, SonChasers will be too crowded for effective ministry to happen. In the Living Room, we often have over 66% of our seats full, which the statistics show that as you move into the 66% to 75% range, new guests walk in and feel the church is already full. We believe by adding another service, we'll be able to open up more room for more lives to be changed by the Gospel.

#### **I thought by moving to the new building that our space problems would be solved?**

We knew that by moving from the Middle School to the new building, that it would open up additional space for growth. It has done just that. By God's grace, we've grown since the move, and have seen many new individuals and families begin to call Crosspoint their church home. We also knew that by moving to the building, it would not solve every space problem. We discussed that fact even in the midst of the NEXT campaign in spring 2011. We anticipated and prayed that we would continue to experience 'space problems' as a result of God's work in lives and in this area. We are excited and humbled by what God is doing, and simply what to follow Him in obedience, and glorify Him.

#### **Why didn't we construct additional space at the new building to accommodate for more people?**

Simply put, it would've made the construction costs far too much. The cost of the purchase and the remodel of the building was slightly over \$1.6 million. By adding on space for additional classrooms, foyer, etc., estimates showed the project would've cost over \$3 million, and put Crosspoint under too much debt load for healthy ministry. After many revisions and input from leaders, we felt like the current floor plan maximized the available space to its fullest and greatest potential for all our ministries. We are so thankful for how the Lord has provided and led the way as we've taken this faith step. He continues to provide through the generosity of His people, and we are grateful.

#### **So if this is not happening until Easter, then why talk about it now?**

We want to be proactive as a church, rather than reactive. We see God at work, and we want to be wise about preparing for it. Someone has said, you can't plan a movement of God, but you can prepare for it. So that is what we are doing. Preparing for what is next, and praying for God to give us unity, wisdom, creativity, and joy for what is ahead.

#### **Will the two services be identical?**

Yes, they will be. Same message, worship music, and service format.

**What would the potential new Sunday morning schedule look like?**

When we make this transition, our plan right now is to shorten the service length by 10 minutes (65 versus 75 minutes). Potentially, the service times would be as follows: first service: 9:00-10:05; second service: 10:30-11:35. We may need to adjust these times down the road, but as a church we were mobile for six years, so we are flexible and adaptable to change.

**Will volunteers and staff be asked to serve in both services?**

Some volunteers and staff might serve in both services. For example, the worship band, pastors, and other potential volunteers. Other volunteers, such as those in SonChasers, will be encouraged to only serve in one service. We believe it is healthy and encouraging for believers to not only serve and give of themselves, but be involved in music worship, and hearing the Word preached on a consistent basis.

**What if it doesn't work for our family to serve in one service, and attend the other?**

That is ok. The format of serving in one and attending another works very well for some individuals and families, but for others it doesn't. For example, we understand that for some families with small children, those children may not do well with being in SonChasers for two services. Some families may want to have their children be with them in the Living Room during the worship service, instead of being in SonChasers for a second time. We would encourage that if it works for your family. We recognize that not one-size-fits-all, and we are thankful for how volunteers continue to give of themselves for God's purposes.

**It takes a lot of volunteers to properly staff Sunday ministries, specifically SonChasers. Do we have enough volunteers to make the move to two services?**

If we were to make this move with just the current amount of volunteers, then no, we don't have enough. But we believe that through this move, many Crosspointers will step up and begin using their gifts and abilities as members of the Body of Christ. As a church, we have seen God continually provide for His church. Not just financially, but through faithful, available, and teachable volunteers. For example, when we moved from the storefront to the Middle School, and went mobile, there was hesitation among Crosspointers. Questions such as, 'Will we have enough volunteers to sustain the ministry?' were common. And through six years of being mobile, we saw God provide. Our God is forever faithful, and we believe Him for big things as a church.

**I feel like I won't know everyone if we move to two services.**

You are right. You won't know everyone, and yet you need to be known and know some. Even now (with over 350 attending), you are beyond the point of being able to know everyone on a personal, intimate level. We actually experienced that transition while still at the school. This is why community with others is so vital. As we grow larger on a Sunday morning, we must grow smaller in our connections and relationships. Biblical Community doesn't just happen on a Sunday morning, but in community groups, and while you serve, and around dinner tables, and the other six days of the week. The vision of 'Building 3D Relationships' hasn't changed, whether we were at the storefront with 75 attending, or at our current location with over 350.

**How can I help in this transition?**

First of all, we would ask you to spend dedicated time praying and seeking the Lord together with us. Praying for things such as clarity, unity, discernment, wisdom, provision, and creativity. Begin asking the Holy Spirit for direction in how you are to play a part in this transition. Is there a place of serving that He is calling you to? Be open to His direction and leading. As a church, we ultimately want to glorify our God. Our focus is not the glory of our name, or our comfort. Our focus is on elevating the name of Jesus, through the Crosspoint community being devoted to Jesus, dedicated to one another, and driven to reach people.

**If I have questions or thoughts, who do I talk to?**

We encourage you to talk to any member of the Crosspoint elder team, or a member of the Crosspoint staff.