



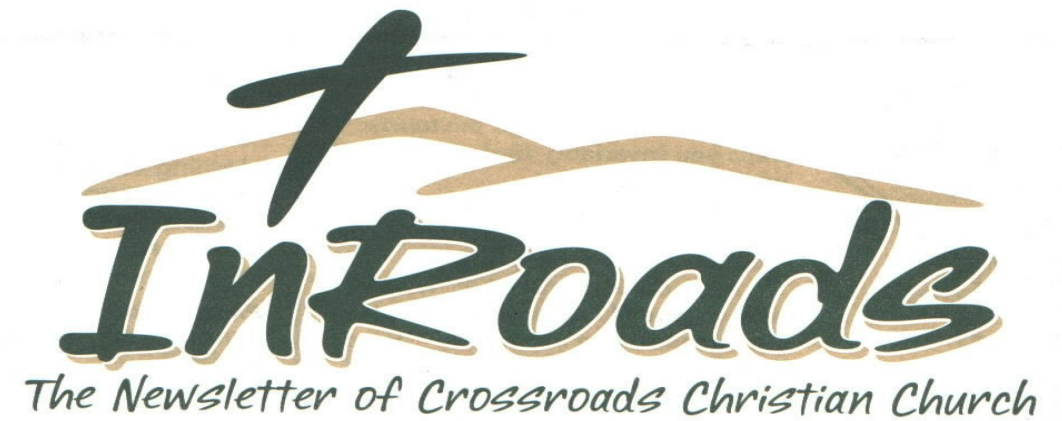
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Crossroads Student Ministry

The Greenhouse- The new name for the Student Ministry area is "The Greenhouse: where Christ takes root". 1 Corinthians 3:4-9 tells us that as Christians we are to be involved in the planting (telling Jesus' story) and watering (encouraging others in the faith) and God will make it (faith) grow.



Upcoming Events-

- April 8- CIY MOVE deposit due (\$50)
- April 15- Mission Trip deposits due (\$50 for MS and \$100 for HS)
- April 22- Teen Choir Performance
- April 28- Servefest at CCC (mandatory for those attending mission trips)
- May 5- Make-up work day for those attending mission trips (@ Camp ACC)

Weekly Events: Crossroads Student Ministry is for those in grades 7-12

Sunday:

- Worship @ 9:30 am
- Sunday School @ 10:55 am- All start in The Greenhouse
- Student Life Groups @ 5:45 pm- Meeting in homes

Wednesday: see below

Wednesday Night Youth Group:

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. We are beginning a new series: Searching for Happiness. We'll have different speakers throughout the study and we'll have break out discussions so you can join the conversation.

- 4 **Children's Ministry Easter Egg Stuffing**
- 11 Searching for happiness in Relationships
- 18 Searching for happiness in Accomplishments
- 25 **Faith In Action (Boone football stadium)**

Student Life Groups-

- Life Groups meet Sundays in homes from 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm.
- 7-8 grade gals at the Aurigema home
- 7-8 grade guys in SMB (The Greenhouse)
- 9-12 grade gals at the Hunigan home
- 9-12 grade guys at the McNeely home
- 9-12 grade mixed gender group at the Craig home

SENIOR NIGHT – High School seniors please submit pictures and a song to be shown at Senior Night, May 16. These should be pictures of you from birth until now for the senior video. Please submit them by May 1 to Andy on a flash drive or CD.



The Garden @ Crossroads- CCC is planting a ¼ acre garden to help provide vegetables to families in our community who couldn't otherwise afford them. This is a whole church endeavor and we encourage families to get involved in the planting, harvesting, etc. of The Garden. Please contact the church office for more information on how to get involved.

PARENTS- Parents please email andy@crossroadsgray.org so that we can add you to the Parent Email list. These are informational emails that will be sent out regularly. This is an additional means of communication paired with The Table.

Crossroads is using a new platform to communicate church events, prayers, service projects, etc. and we have created a group specifically for parents of 7-12 grade students. Please join us once you have become a member of The Table. To become a member simply go to www.crossroadsgray.org and click "get connected" then select "the table". This will be the primary mode of communication for parents to receive information about Student Ministry events.

EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

Please make plans to join our Faith Family for the special services that are being planned to celebrate the work that God our Father did to bring us back to Him!

FRIDAY, April 6, 7:00 p.m.—Good Friday Service

The Way of the Cross

From the Last Supper to His burial, we will remember the things that Jesus experienced during His last days and thank Him for His sacrifice.



SUNDAY, April 8, 7:00 a.m.

Sunrise Service

Just as the women rose early in the morning to go to His tomb, we will meet to experience the joy that they felt when they were told, "He is not here-He has RISEN!"

9:30 and 10:55 a.m.

Worship Celebration

We continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection as we gather for worship. Featuring special music by the Adult Choir, with special features by our Children's Ministry and Student Ministry, each element of the service will be designed for the congregation to actively praise and thank Him for redeeming us.

EASTER is the perfect time to invite someone to come with you to church. We hope that you'll be prayerfully considering who you could bring!



The Garden is a benevolence project of Crossroads Christian Church. The plan for The Garden is to plant vegetables that, when harvested, will be distributed to those in need. Everyone in the congregation is welcomed and encouraged to take part in the planting, weeding, watering and harvesting! Young and old, experienced and inexperienced—you are invited to join in this work of service to our community.

Although some of the details are still being worked out, the ground has been plowed and tilled and is ready for planting (thank you to Mike McClure and Lee Hilton!). Potatoes will be planted soon and in late April or early May, we plan to plant corn, green beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, zucchini and carrots. Each week, announcements will be made through the News and Announcements, email and The Table regarding the work that needs to be done that week and volunteers will be enlisted to accomplish it. Some of you may only be able to volunteer once, but others may have time to work on a regular basis. Whatever your level of commitment can be you're welcomed to participate. Together we can help feed those in our community in need. Stay tuned and get your hoe and straw hat ready!

For more information or to make suggestions or help with planning, please contact Andy or Tempa in the church office. (Both of whom, by the way are big-time novices!!)

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

<u>March 4, 2012</u>	
Morning Worship	604
General Offering	\$19,184.78
Covenant Offering	\$3,175.00
<u>March 11, 2012</u>	
Morning Worship	533
General Offering	\$13,463.01
Covenant Offering	\$6,507.00
<u>March 18, 2012</u>	
Morning Worship	572
General Offering	\$14,124.32
Covenant Offering	\$2,917.00
<u>March 25, 2012</u>	
Morning Worship	644
General Offering	\$18,671.84
Covenant Offering	\$4,878.33

Please note: The 2012 General Fund budget requires an average weekly offering of \$16,134.62. The weekly Covenant needed—\$7,307.69.



There will be a



BRIDAL SHOWER

for
 Lyndsey Trivett

Sunday, April 15
 2:00—3:30 p.m.
 Lobby Classroom

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SEMINAR

"Growing Annuals and Perennials for Cut Arrangements"

presented by Kim Whiston
 (The East Tennessee Garden Coach)

Tuesday, April 17
 6:30—8:00
 Lower Auditorium

Kim will share tips for growing annuals and perennials in shade or sun, tips for doing flower arrangements and tips for preserving them. Door prizes will be given away and refreshments will be served. FREE Childcare will be provided, but RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE by calling Robin in the church office by noon, Tuesday, April 17.



5K Run/Walk--Crossroads will be having our 2nd Annual 5K Road Race on Saturday, April 14th at 9:00 AM. The event is open to runners and walkers with each participant receiving a commemorative performance race shirt. Awards will be given to the first male and female finisher as well as awards to age group winners. Entry forms are located at the Information Table in the lobby as well as the church office. Early registration is \$15 and is available through April 11th—registration fee after the 11th is \$20. Proceeds from the race will be given to support the College Ministry Mission Trip to Pine Haven Christian Children's Camp in Montana this May.

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING—APRIL 8th

On Easter Sunday a special offering will be taken as part of the Crossroads Covenant. For those who may not know, the Crossroads Covenant is the current capital fundraising campaign to pay for our new Children & Student Ministry Building and Community Courtyard area, known as "The Front Porch". This offering will be above and beyond the pledged amounts for the Covenant. Please prayerfully consider participating as we return a portion of what God has blessed us with. If you are not a part of the Covenant, then this offering could serve as your "first fruits" as you take the next step in our journey at Crossroads. Special offering envelopes will be in the Easter Sunday bulletin.



SERVE fest
 April 28, 2012

ServeFest is coming soon!!!

On Saturday, April 28th at 9:00, the people of Crossroads will be out in the community, SHOWing God's love to others in practical ways. Several work projects are being organized, and we'd like to have a large number of volunteers available to work on those projects. The work will begin at 9:00 and we'll work till noon or soon after. A light breakfast will be served to prepare us for the day. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby (Age 6 and up).



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The Teen Choir
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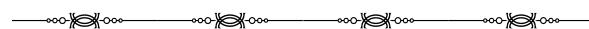
Sunday, April 22, 2012
 7:00 p.m.

Everyone welcomed!!

8. Important Dates for Your Spring/Summer Calendar -

Wednesday, April 4	Easter Egg Stuffing Party
Saturday, April 7	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 22	Young Discipleship Team Meeting
Thursday, May 3	Club 56 Prayer Breakfast at Sittin' Bull
Sunday, May 13	Baby Dedication Sunday
Sunday, May 20	Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Meeting
Sunday, May 27	Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Meeting
Sunday, June 3	Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Meeting
June 4-8	Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Sunday, June 17	Young Discipleship Team Meeting
Tuesday, June 19	Terrific Tuesday
Tuesday, July 10	Terrific Tuesday
Tuesday, July 24	Terrific Tuesday
Sunday, July 29	Young Discipleship Team Meeting
Saturday, August 4	Club 56 Kick-Off Party
Sunday, August 5	Promotion Sunday
Sunday, August 5	7th Grade Orientation to Student Ministry

- Please look in the bulletin and Newsletters for more details.



DECISIONS

March 25, 2012
Baptism

Dannah Persinger
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Kamryn Wingfield
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It's Cookie Time! – Thank you on behalf of the Kairos organization for your on-going support of our prison ministry. The cookies that you bake and, especially your prayers, are deeply appreciated. We are about to conduct another weekend inside the prison at Mountain City. It will be held April 19th through 22nd and two of us from Crossroads are members of the inside team. Each of us is required to take 100 dozen cookies to the prison. That's a bunch of cookies, so we need your help. They can be sugar, molasses, peanut butter, or chocolate chip. Please do not prepare cookies with raisins, macadamia nuts or nuts of any kind, fruit, or any sort of topping. We also request that you not write anything on the bags; even a Bible verse. The residents tend to compare and, for that reason, we strive to "treat them all alike". If we receive more than we are requesting, that would be absolutely wonderful. Some congregations aren't nearly as supportive and your extra cookies can supplement those volunteers who come up short. Please sign up on the Kairos cookie sheet in the back of the church. If you would, please list your name and the number of cookies you intend on baking. We ask that you bring your cookies on any Sunday prior to the week of the 19th and drop them off in the church kitchen. Please label them "Kairos". For those of you who would like to bake them at a later date, one of us will swing by the church around 12:30 p.m. on April 18th to pick up any remaining cookies. If you have any questions, please see either Sherrill Trent or Delbert Elliott. You may also call Delbert Elliott at 737-3735.



**Please pray that the weekend, in every way, would express God's love.*

THANK YOU — Kairos Ministry Team



News

1. Parents! Check out the April Issue of the Parentlink Newsletter!

It is packed full of information and activities for you and the entire family! Pick one up at the Children's Information Center! We will be printing the Parentlink monthly and will be available to you the first Sunday of each month!

2. Children's Ministry Team Leaders' Meeting:

Date of Event: Monday, April 2

Time of Event: 6:30

Place of Event: Dig Site

The Children's Ministry leaders meet every other month to plan and discuss current and future programming. We are always interested in ideas and needs that you and your children might have pertaining to the Children's Ministry here at Crossroads. If you would like to make suggestions or present ideas, please either email them to me at jim@crossroadsgray.org or to Neil Johnson at nvljohnson@embarqmail.com.

3. Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations

Help make our Easter Egg Hunt the best that it can be! We are collecting **plastic Easter Eggs** and individually wrapped **chocolate/candy** now through Wednesday, April 4. Please make sure the candy can fit into a plastic Easter egg. Buckets will be located downstairs near the glass doors and upstairs in the lobby in building #1 and on both levels in building #2 (The Dig Site). If you would like to make a financial donation for the Easter Egg Hunt, please place it in the plastic Easter container at the Information Centers.

Event Contact: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32; **Email:** jim@crossroadsgray.org

4. Easter Egg Stuffing Party

If you are 13 (7th grade or older), please come join us as we stuff thousands of plastic Easter Eggs to get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt!

Date: Wednesday, April 4

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: The Student Ministry Facility

Event Contact: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32; **Email:** jim@crossroadsgray.org

5. Easter Egg Hunt

Come join us at Crossroads' Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your Easter baskets or bags and hunt for plastic eggs filled with candy. Maybe you will be the one to find the special golden egg (one per age grouping).

Date of Event: Saturday, April 7

Time of Event: 10:00 AM **Sharp**

Place of Event: We are meeting in the gym and the hunt will take place in several different age grouping areas. Wear appropriate clothing. If it is not raining, the hunt will be outside.

Event Contact: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32; **Email:** jim@crossroadsgray.org

6. Young Discipleship Team Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, April 22

Time of Event: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Place of Event: Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site

7. Crossroads Kids Children's Ministry - A GREAT PLACE TO SERVE:

With the opening of the Dig Site, there comes many opportunities for us to get involved in serving. Several areas of the Children's Ministry are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry please contact Mr. Jim. There are many blessings just waiting for you! Please contact Jim Goehner (Children's Minister) for more details: Call 477-2229 ext. 32 or email jim@crossroadsgray.org.