



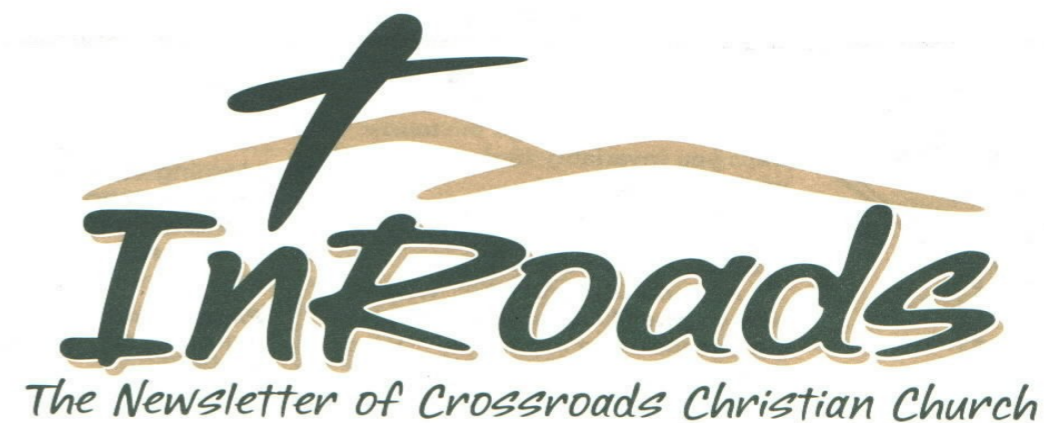
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Crossroads Student Ministry

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

- Sunday:
 - Worship @ 9:30 am;
 - Sunday School @ 10:55 am- All Start in The Garage
 - Small Groups- Small Groups meet @ 5:45 pm in local homes.
 - Teen Choir- Meets @ 4:00 pm in The Garage
- Wednesday: Youth Group @ 7:00 pm in The Garage

Teen Choir Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday evening, March 30th.

Middle School Mission Trip Meeting: Our Middle School Mission Trip Meeting will be right after church in The Garage on Wed. April 14th for about 15 minutes. Dates for the trip are June 20-25, 2010. If you are considering going on the trip, please do your best to be here for the meeting (parents too).

Staff/Leaders vs. Students Basketball Game: The 6th annual Basketball Game between the staff/leaders & the students going on the mission trip to Mexico will be Saturday, April 17th @ 6:00 pm @ Crossroads. This is one of our fundraisers so there will be opportunities to donate money & there will be food available for you to buy...all of which helps us get to Mexico. So come enjoy the game & help us raise the money we need for Mexico. FYI: The Staff/leaders are 5-0.

Encounter: The High School Encounter Retreat will be April 23-25. Stay tuned for more details soon.

High School Mexico Mission Trip: Reminder: Your second payment (\$75.00) was due on Wednesday, February 24th. If you were not able to pay that on the 24th, please do so as soon as you possibly can because I have more payments I have to make toward the trip. You also need to get your passport done as soon as possible too. If you missed our meeting last Wednesday, you will be able to download the packet of information from the website or the Crossroads Student Ministry Group on Facebook. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28th. Your FINAL \$75.00 will be due by the Meeting (April 28th).

College Mission Trip: Signups for the New Orleans Mission trip are now over. We will be going to New Orleans to work with Samaritan's Purse May 9-15, 2010. The Information is available on the Crossroads College Group on Facebook and is also available on the Crossroads website by going to www.crossroadsgray.org and then selecting "Students" and then "2010 summer mission trips." Your remaining \$25.00 will be due April 11th.

Youth In Ministry Summer Conference: This is available to anyone who has completed grades 9-12 (meaning you will be in 10th-College Freshman in the Fall of 2010). It takes place on the campus of Milligan College July 25-31, 2010 & is an amazing week. It is designed for those who are seeking to better understand God's call for their life, who are serious about their relationship with Christ & about being a servant leader. Curtis Booher & Kit are two of the leaders of the week (you can decide if that is good or bad). We have had a bunch of people attend over the years & all have loved it. Stay tuned for all the info coming soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- March 30: Teen Choir Dress Rehearsal
- March 31: Teen Choir Program
- April 11: College Mission Trip Money Due
- April 14: Middle School Mission Trip Meeting.
- April 17: Staff/Students Basketball Game
- April 23-25: Encounter
- April 28: Mexico Mission Trip Meeting
- May 9-15: College Mission Trip to New Orleans
- June 4-5: Yard Sale
- June 20-25: Middle School Mission Trip
- July 8-July 18: High School Mission Trip to Mexico
- July 25-31: YIM Conference for High School

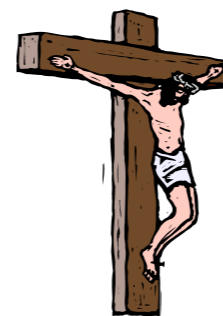
RESURRECTION!

Join us for the special services planned to help us focus on Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

Service of Darkness

Friday, April 2—7:00 p.m.

What a significant event for each of us on a personal level—the crucifixion of Jesus! At 7:00 on Friday, April 2nd, we will gather to remember this event. The service will present a somber reminder to each of us of what took place toward the end of Holy Week. Captured in a dramatic reading written by Dr. Lee Magness are imagined responses of the Apostle Peter to the events leading up to and including the crucifixion of our Lord. Interspersed in the reading will be music that will help us focus on the event which is so vital to world history as well as being deeply personal for each of us. We strongly encourage you to set aside this time to be a part of our annual 'Service of Darkness'.



Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 4—7:00 a.m.

"He is not here—He is risen!"

Curtis Booher and our college ministry will lead us in celebrating the empty tomb.

Sunday Worship Celebrations

April 4—9:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.

Our worship services will feature music by the Crossroads Adult Choir and the message "Resurrection" by Clint Andrews.





Jesus Christ Our Redeemer...

This past week we began our Easter series by looking at the word Redeemer. We defined a "redeemer" as one who pays our bill... who purchases our debts... and thus frees us from slavery.

A friend sent me this story. Perhaps it illustrates a "redeemer" better than I can.

There once was a man named George Thomas, pastor in a small New England town. One Easter Sunday morning he came to the Church carrying a rusty, bent, old bird cage, and set it by the pulpit.

Eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, Pastor Thomas began to speak. It seems he was walking through town the day before, when he saw a young boy swinging a bird cage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with fright.

He stopped the lad and asked, "What do you have there, son?"

"Just some old birds," came the reply.

"What are you fixing to do with them?" the pastor asked.

"Take 'em home and have some fun," the boy answered. "Then I'm gonna tease 'em and see if I can make 'em fight." Then he added suspiciously, "Ain't no law against that, is there?"

"No, I suppose not. But then what are you going to do with them? After you get tired of playing with them?"

"I've got me some cats," said the little boy. "They like birds. I'll let 'em have 'em when I'm done."

The pastor looked at the young man for awhile. After mulling things over in his mind, he asked, "How much do you want for those birds, son?"

"Huh?" he muttered. "What would you want them for? They're just plain old birds. They don't sing or nothing. They ain't even pretty!"

"How much?" the pastor repeated.

The youngster sized the man up and tried to figure on a price he thought the man would pay. "Ten dollars," he said with a touch of 'I-dare-you.'

But the pastor took the dare. He reached for his wallet, took out a ten dollar bill, and placed it in the boy's hand. The boy handed over the cage...and in a flash, was gone.

The minister carried the cage to the end of the alley where he saw some trees and grass...and there set the birds free.

"Well, that explains the empty cage," said the pastor to his audience, "but now let me tell you the moral of my story..."

"One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. 'Yes, sir, I just caught a world full of people down there. Set me a trap. Used bait I knew they couldn't resist. And got 'em all!'

"What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked. And Satan replied, 'Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce, how to use and abuse each other, how to lie and cheat and steal. I'll teach them how to hate...and how to kill. And on top of that, I'm going to teach them how to curse you! I'm going to do all sorts of things with them...but mostly, I'm just going to do with 'em whatever I want!'

"And what will you do when done with them?" Jesus asked. 'That's the best part,' Satan said triumphantly. 'That's when I'll destroy them!'

"How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked.

"Why do you want to know? They aren't any good. If you buy them they won't appreciate you. Most of 'em won't even care. And in the end the majority of them will just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and even kill you! I'm telling you, you don't want these folks.'

"How much?" Jesus asked again.

"Satan looked at Jesus and defiantly sneered, 'Alright then. I'll take your dare. It'll cost you your blood, your flesh and your life.'

"Without hesitation, Jesus said, 'Done!' And upon becoming the redeemer he paid the price on a hill called Calvary."

With that, the preacher picked up the cage...turned to his audience and said, "Happy Easter."

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

February 28, 2010

Morning Worship	541
Sunday School	331
General Offering	\$18,841.50
Covenant Offering	\$5,939.00

March 7, 2010

Morning Worship	563
Sunday School	354
General Offering	\$15,241.65
Covenant Offering	\$3,895.50

March 14, 2010

Morning Worship	481
Sunday School	326
General Offering	\$14,053.59
Covenant Offering	\$6,642.50

March 21, 2010

Morning Worship	534
Sunday School	308
General Offering	\$18,250.16
Covenant Offering	\$7,951.83

Please note: The 2010 General Fund budget requires an average weekly offering of \$14,903.85.



Crossroads will be hosting this simulcast that starts at 10am on April 24th. Tickets are only \$10 and include lunch. Tickets can be purchased either in the church lobby on Sunday mornings or at the church office during regular office hours.

Tickets must be purchased by April 18.

YOUNG AT HEART OUTING (for adults close to 50 & older)

Friday, April 23

Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. to go out to eat (TBD—suggestions welcome) and then to see the play, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* at the Johnson City Community Theatre.

- Tickets for the play will be \$8.00 (payment needed in advance).
- No advance payment required for dinner.

Please sign up and put your check in the envelope at the Information Center in the Lobby. **We need to have your reservation and payment by April 11th** (make checks payable to Rebecca Sapp). If you have any questions, please call the church office.



Special Easter Offering—April 4

On Easter Sunday a special offering will be taken as part of the Crossroads Covenant. 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 yet a part of the Covenant, then this offering could serve as your "first fruits" as you take the next step in our journey here at Crossroads.



Presented by

**The King's Kids
Sunday, May 2**

Preceded by the Cherub Choir's presentation of
"Sing for Spring"

It all begins at **6:30 p.m.**
Everyone Welcomed!



News

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

Is God tugging on your heart to jump out of the boat and serve in a dynamic way? There are many rewards just waiting for you volunteer in the Children's Ministry. If you are interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry please contact Mr. Jim.

2. 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: Thursday, April 1

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Gym

3. 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 3

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.

4. Young Discipleship Team Meeting -

Date: Sunday, April 25

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Where: KID'S Church Room

5. Children's Ministry CPR Training -

Attention all Children's Ministry Volunteers - We will have 3 opportunities this year for you to get Red Cross certified in CPR. There is a limit of 10 per session. The dates are April 17, August 21 & November 20. Please either call or email me to sign up for one of the sessions if you are interested.

Date of Event: Saturday, April 17

Time of Event: 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

Place of Event: Lower Auditorium

Cost: \$6.00

6. Summer Church Camps at Camp ACC -

If you haven't registered your child to attend a session at Camp ACC, please pick up a Camp ACC brochure and take a look. Children's lives are brought closer to Jesus during each day they spend at camp! There are several sessions to choose from. Camp ACC brochures can be found at the Adult & Children's Information Centers.

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