



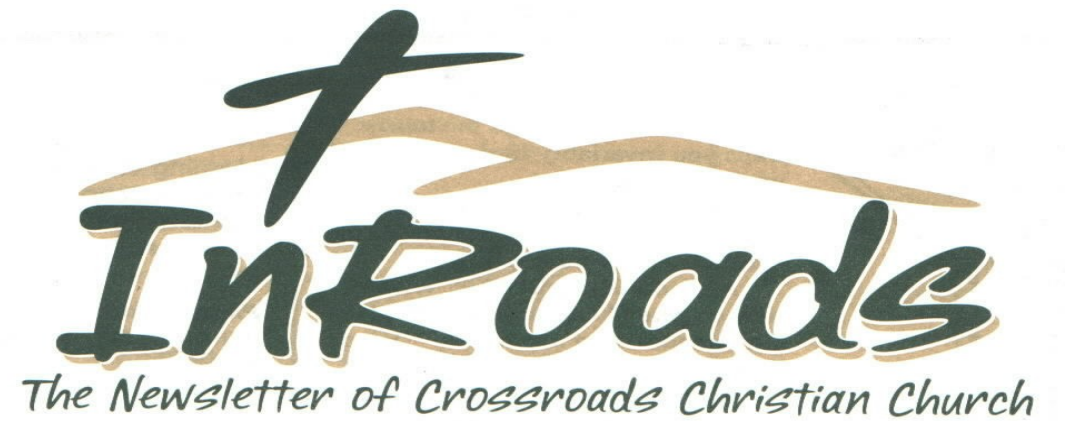
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Crossroads Student Ministry

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

Sunday:

Worship @ 9:30 am

Sunday School @ 10:55 am- Everyone together in the Youth Room

Small Groups- will start back in September

Wednesday: see below

Wednesday Night Schedule:

8/3: Pool Party

8/10: Family Night (everyone in the gym)

8/17: Youth Group

8/24: Appalachian Fair Parking Fundraiser

8/31: Youth Group

Welcome McNeelys Pool Party! Wednesday, August 3 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Martindale pool in Martindale subdivision in Johnson City on Manchester Lane. 7-12 grade students and Adult Volunteers please RSVP on Facebook. Directions available in Sunday School. 7-8 grade bring chips. 9-10 grade bring sweets. 11-12 grade bring drinks.

7th Grade Welcome Party! Sunday, August 7 at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room. Incoming 7th graders and parents are invited to hang out with the Adult Leaders and Andy for a night of getting acquainted and of course, ice cream! Parents, we will also take some time to explain our ministry philosophy and plan.

7th Grade Retreat! August 12-13 at Camp ACC. CSM is calling all students entering 7th grade to join us for an awesome weekend at camp where we'll teach you the ropes of the youth group, answer your questions and have tons of fun! You won't want to miss out on this so RSVP to andy@crossroadsgray.org by August 7.

Lake Day! Sunday, August 14 from 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm on Boone Lake. Bring your friends out for a day of swimming, sliding, eating, cannonballs, and more! More information to come in the bulletin and the Youth Room.

Fair Parking Fundraiser! Please come out and help us raise funds to help offset future cost of CSM trips. We need lots of volunteers to come out to the Appalachian Fair and park cars August 22-27. Look for sign ups in the lobby and in the Youth Room.



CROSSPATH FAMILY NIGHT

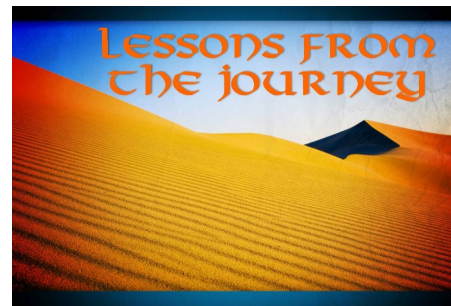
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH
6:30 PM

**DON'T MISS OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING
KICK OFF EVENT**

**FREE ICE CREAM WEDNESDAYS FOR EVERYONE
(KNOWN COMMONLY AS ICE CREAM SUNDAES)**

ENTERTAINMENT BY MAGICIAN EDDIE BRITTAIN

**PREVIEW OF ALL WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS FOR
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS**



The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

It was Ralph Waldo Emerson who once said, "Life is a journey, not a destination." I agree. From a Christian perspective, our destination is heaven. Therefore, as far as this life is concerned, we are little more than wayfarers. How does the old camp song put it? "This world is not my home. I'm just a passin' through."

But sometimes, it takes an actual journey to appreciate the idea that life is a journey. In the year 2000, Jeanne and I and our two daughters drove an RV to Alaska. We took six weeks for our trip: two weeks driving to Alaska...two weeks touring the state...and two weeks driving home. And if you were to ask me what the best time was on our trip...I'd tell you that it was when we were all together in the RV traveling. It wasn't Alaska...although there is no question that the unspoiled beauty of that state filled us with wonder and awe. But it was the journey itself...the time we spent together as a family that was the real joy and wonder. I will never forget it...nor will the others. Our Alaskan trip still comes up in conversations with my wife and daughters.

The Children of Israel also made a journey, from Egypt to the Promised Land. And although the journey did not go exactly as planned, there was still a great deal of joy in the journey...or at least, there could have been. There was so much the Lord wanted to teach them...to let them experience.

For the next few weeks we are going to look at the Children of Israel's journey through the wilderness. We are going to examine some of the lessons they were offered along the way. Some of the lessons they could have...and should have learned. Someone called it "desert wisdom." And from that desert wisdom, there is much we can learn and apply to our own journey...

July 31st we learned that God Hears Us. The children of Israel were oppressed for many years (400? 200? We know of at least 80 years!), before God actually answered their prayers. Yet, it is obvious that it wasn't because He didn't hear them. He did. It's just that He answered them according to his Plans... His Purpose...and His Test.

August 7th we will see how God Sets Us Apart. The word is Holy. It means set aside for His purposes. In his letter, Peter tells us, "...you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1Peter 2:9) Understand that God may love the world...He even claims ownership of it...but it is His high expectations of us, His people, that we need to focus on.

August 14th we will see how God hates Grumbling. I know that's not a fun lesson and hits close to home for many of us (I've often claimed I have the spiritual gift of cynicism). But it is important for us to learn that, while we may work to change things for what we consider the better...we are not to just gripe and complain without offering to be a part of the solution. How's that for meddling!?

August 21st we will discover that God loves the next generation. I know many of us older folks want the church to meet our needs. I mean, after all, it was our checkbooks and our savings accounts that built these present facilities. But just because God used us in our day to do a great work, does not mean that His work came to an end with us. He has His eye on the next generation. And His plan is to use them in a way that is just as mighty and wonderful as how He used us.

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

July 3, 2011

Morning Worship	496
General Offering	\$18,401.75
Covenant Offering	\$7,716.58

July 10, 2011

Morning Worship	533
General Offering	\$12,672.27
Covenant Offering	\$3,434.00

July 17, 2011

Morning Worship	552
General Offering	\$12,705.43
Covenant Offering	\$2,234.33

July 24, 2011

Morning Worship	544
General Offering	\$11,512.00
Covenant Offering	\$1,895.45

July 31, 2011

Morning Worship	579
General Offering	\$21,350.01
Covenant Offering	\$5,075.00

Please note: The 2011 General Fund budget requires an average weekly offering of \$15,575.00. The weekly Covenant needed—\$7,307.69.

There will be a



BRIDAL SHOWER

for
Gina Jury
(bride-to-be of Thomas Gill)

Sunday, August 14
3:00—4:30 p.m.
Lobby classroom

She is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and online through potterybarn.com and anthropologie.com



(for adults close to 50 & older)

Saturday, Aug. 13

Leave church at 8:00 a.m.

Free tour of Mayfield Dairy Farm in Athens, TN

Bring money for lunch. Estimated time back at church is 5:00 p.m. Sign up sheet on Lobby bulletin board. Call Rebecca Sapp if you have any questions (306-0878 or 928-0591).

CROSSROADS T-SHIRTS ON SALE

The Crossroads Women's Ministry will be selling Crossroads t-shirts August 7 – 21. Buyers will be able to select from long and short sleeved styles in adult and youth sizes and in a variety of colors. SALES ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE – NOT JUST WOMEN! All profits will support Women's Ministry projects and events.



Starts Wednesday, August 17
6:30 p.m.
Lobby Classroom

When was your last money fight? When was the last time you paid a bill late? Do you have a car loan, student loan or credit card? In Financial Peace University, you will learn how to communicate with your spouse about money, put together a spending plan that works, and completely eliminate debt. While completing the class, the average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 within 13 weeks. The first class is free.

SAVE THE DATE!

Crossroads Christian Church
10th Anniversary Celebration

November 20, 2011



Beth Moore

Simulcast Tickets

\$20

(includes lunch catered by Main St. Café)

These may be purchased in the church office. For more information, call 477-2229.

DECISIONS

July 10, 2011
Baptism

Heather Shake
9205 Cedar Haven, Apt. 2
Louisville, KY 40291

July 24, 2011
Baptism

Megan Winn
162 Windsong Dr.
Gray, TN 37615

5. Young Discipleship Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, August 28

Time of Event: 4:00—5:00 PM

Place of Event: The Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site (Building #2)

6. Parents! Check out August's 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!

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.

8. Important Dates for Your Summer Calendar -

Saturday, August 6	Club 56 Kick-Off Party
Sunday, August 7	Promotion Sunday
Sunday, August 7	7th Grade Orientation to Student Ministry
Wednesday, August 10	Crosspath Family Night
Wednesday, August 17	Wednesday Night Kick-Off



News

1. Club 56 Kick-Off Day at the Lake!

Date of Event: Saturday, August 6

Time of Event: 4:00 PM

Place: Sherrill & Carolyn Trent's Lake House

Please Bring: Swim suit (girls—one piece please) and a towel

Dinner will be provided.

For: Rising 5th & 6th graders and their families.

Details: Invitations have been mailed out. **Information sheets are at the Children's Information Center on the second floor of the Dig Site.*

RSVP: Please RSVP by August 3 by either emailing Mr. Jim or calling him at 477-2229 (ext. 32).

Event Contact:

Name: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32

Email: jim@crossroadsgray.org

2. Promotion Sunday

Date of Event: Sunday, August 7

Details: You should have received a letter in the mail about the specifics of your child promoting to the next class. Extra letters can be obtained at the Children's Information Center on the second floor of the Dig Site.

Event Contact:

Name: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32

Email: jim@crossroadsgray.org

4. Ice Cream Bash

Date of Event: Sunday, August 7

Time of Event: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Student Ministry Center

For: Rising 7th graders and their parents.

Details: This will be a time for Mr. Jim to say thank you and good bye and for Andy to meet with the students & parents. The meeting will be followed by a time of fellowship as we make our own ice cream sundaes!

Event Contact:

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