



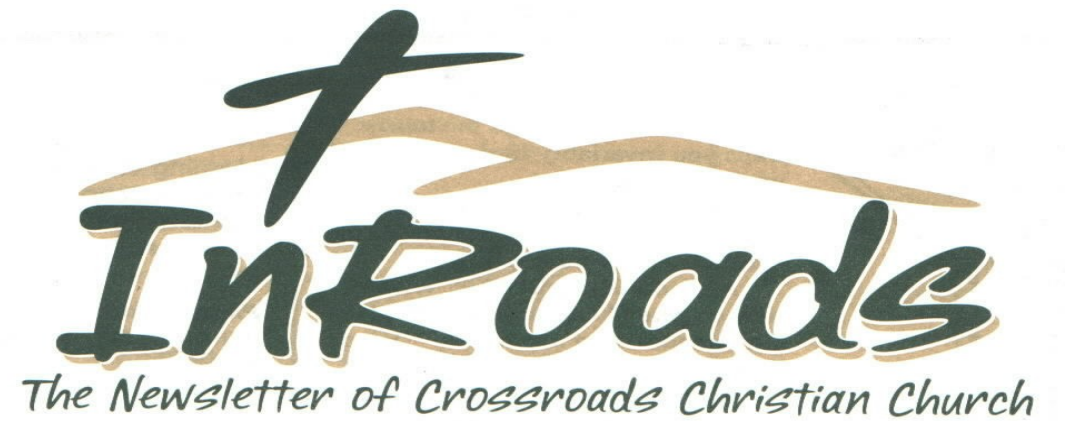
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## Crossroads Student Ministry

### Upcoming Events-

- August 1- Redneck Olympics
- August 5- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome Pool Party
- August 12- Lake Day
- August 19- Life Group Kick off



**CIY MOVE Conference-** We had an amazing Spirit filled week at CIY Move and many students made decisions to go into ministry and to be baptized! Some students also opened challenged cards and committed to things like serving single moms and teaching Sunday school. Please pray that our students continue to seek and serve God as they did this week.



**Redneck Olympics-** Come on out for an evening of hubcap hurlin', seed spittin', corn shuckin' and down home cookin' on August 1. It's a FREE night in the holler out back of Crossroads that's sure to be fun! We'll get dirty, eat a lot and spend the night under the stars next to a campfire. Invite your friends and come on down!

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

Sunday:

- Worship @ 9:30 am
- Sunday School @ 10:55 am

During the summer months we will combine everyone in The Greenhouse for Sunday morning Bible studies.

Student Life Groups @ 5:45 pm- Meeting in homes

Wednesday: see below

### Wednesday Night Youth Group:

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Over the summer we will still meet Wednesday nights but every night will have a different look! You won't want to miss out!

- 1 Redneck Olympics
- 8 No programming
- 29 Youth Group



**Student Life Groups-** We will take a break over the summer from Student Life Groups and resume August 19.



**The Garden @ Crossroads-** CCC has planted a ¼ acre vegetable garden in the holler behind the church! We are excited about our entire church family participating in the harvest, which has already begun. All of the veggies will be donated to families in need in our community. Please come out THIS WEEK to help us pick squash, tomatoes, and peppers. You can come any time you wish. Call the church office for details 477-2229.

**PARENTS-** Parents please email [andy@crossroadsgray.org](mailto: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 City.

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 City. To become a member simply go to [www.crossroadsgray.org](http://www.crossroadsgray.org) and click "get connected" then select "the city". This will be the primary mode of communication for parents to receive information about Student Ministry events.

# THE STORY

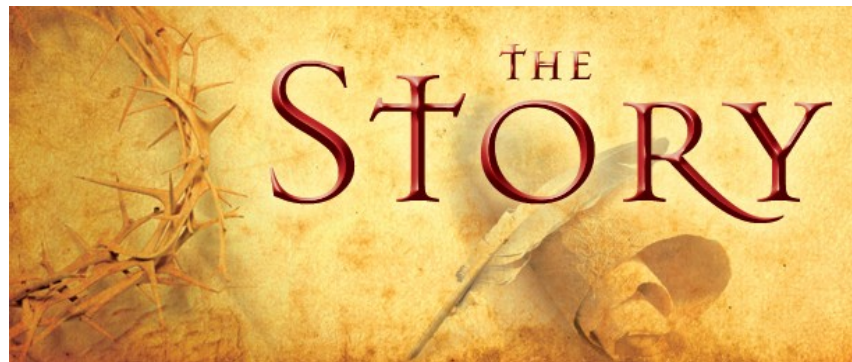


The Story is helping people in churches everywhere experience The Bible like never before. Organized chronologically from Genesis to Revelation, this church-wide experience will help our Faith Family come to better understand God's story and how our personal stories intersect with His.

All materials, including Bibles, Lifegroup materials and Children's and Student Ministry materials will be available in the church lobby beginning August 12. These materials will be available at special reduced prices for a limited time. If these items are all sold, more items will be available at regular prices.

This 31-week series will be launched September 9 and the material will be covered in sermons, Lifegroups and Sunday morning discipleship groups in Children's Ministry and Student Ministry.

We encourage everyone in the Crossroads Faith Family to participate in this inspiring and encouraging all-church experience!



# THE STORY Coming This Fall

by Clint Andrews

Over the next few weeks you are going to see and hear a great deal about a new program we will be using this fall. It's called "The Story." Just what is The Story? It is God's Word...in an abridged form...and arranged in chronological order. But that's only the half of it. What The Story really is, is a journey! A journey we are going to take together. From the Creation to the Cross. From the Church to the Coming of Christ. As an entire church body, our "faith family" will be exploring the story of God. It is His Story, after all. But for many of us, this journey will put it in perspective for the very first time!

One church minister says, "Quite often I have been asked what *The Story* is. What I tell questioners is that *The Story* is a condensed chronological account of the Bible telling the story of creation, what went wrong, and how all will be made right again. Who God is, who we are, and the meaning and purpose of life."

Another minister says, "*The Story* has our church talking about the Bible more than anything else. It offers an opportunity for the congregation to gel. It really becomes the water-cooler conversation!"

It's a sad truth, but the Bible is intimidating to most Christians. They want to know it. They know they should understand it, but it's just so big, so confusing...and it scares them. We trust our ministers and Sunday School teachers to understand it. That's why we listen to them every Sunday. We want the Word of God explained. But imagine yourself having a grip on what the Bible is all about! Personal knowledge! Personal conviction!

I am very excited about this opportunity. Each week we will read a portion of the Scriptures...then listen to a sermon that comes from that section. In addition, there will be opportunities to discuss what we've read and heard in Life Groups. And by the end of 9 months...a school year...we will have a solid grip, not just on a section of the Scriptures...but on the entire Bible! We have never attempted anything like this before, and our hope and desire is that it will lead each individual...each family...and our entire faith family...into a closer walk with God.

Do you know the number one reason why people go to church? It is to hear God's Word applied to their lives. People are hungry for the Word of God. This program is the first time we are going to try and meet that need on a comprehensive level. All of us together, reading, studying and discussing. Adults will be participating. Children. Teens. Even college age young people will be studying this material on a level that meets their needs.

This will be something you will want your extended family to be a part of, not to mention your neighbors and colleagues from work. They are all hungry for God's Word...and you will have the opportunity to help them fill that hunger.

I hope as you hear more about *The Story* you will make the commitment to really be a part...and participate on all levels.

May God bless us as we dive into His Word together!

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## SUNDAY STATISTICS

### June 24, 2012

Morning Worship	608
General Offering	\$15,625.26
Covenant Offering	\$6,458.00

### July 1, 2012

Morning Worship	510
General Offering	\$14,200.18
Covenant Offering	\$5,538.00

### July 8, 2012

Morning Worship	520
General Offering	\$20,285.14
Covenant Offering	\$9,012.00

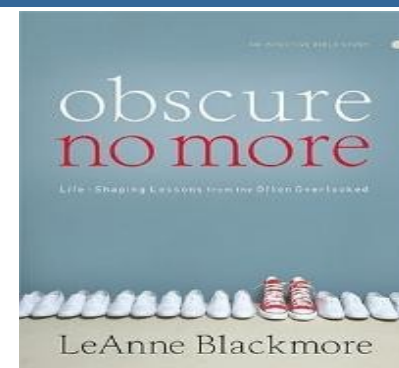
### July 15, 2012

Morning Worship	537
General Offering	\$12,829.00
Covenant Offering	\$2,144.50

### July 22, 2012

Morning Worship	580
General Offering	\$14,158.04
Covenant Offering	\$2,698.33

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



Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday mornings  
9:30

We will be starting a new Bible study on Wednesday, August 22nd. It is titled "Obscure No More" by LeAnne Blackmore. Books are available at Lifeway Bookstore. It is a study focusing on often overlooked characters in the Bible and the lessons we can learn from them. Please sign up on the Lobby bulletin board and note if you need childcare.



Adult Choir  
begins  
August 19  
at 5:30 p.m.

Details coming soon in  
News & Announcements.  
New members welcome.



Crosspath Meals begin on  
Wednesday, August 29 at 5:20 p.m.  
More details coming soon in  
News & Announcements.

## King's Kids Kick-Off Party



King's Kids is a choir for children who are in grades 1-6. While preparing two musicals each year, the children learn scripture and Biblical principles. They also develop teamwork and leadership skills. These musicals provide the children opportunities to use their various talents and gifts to honor and glorify the Lord Jesus. All children in grades 1-6 are invited to a Kick-Off Party on Wednesday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dig K-4 Room (K.I.D.'S Church). There will be games, an introduction to a service project, a sneak peek at our Christmas musical, "The Light Has Come" and BIRTHDAY CAKE (since we're celebrating Jesus' birth)! CD's of the musical will be available for purchase that evening for \$6.00.

There will be a



BRIDAL SHOWER

for  
Erin Aubrey

Sunday, August 19  
2:00—3:30 p.m.  
in the "Overflow"

She is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

5. **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.

**Current Opportunities:**

<b>Infant Caregiver</b>	<b>Every 5th Sunday each month at 9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Every 4th Sunday each month at 10:45 AM</b>
<b>Toddler Caregiver</b>	<b>Every 4th Sunday each month at 9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Every 5th Sunday each month at 9:30 AM</b>
<b>2 Year Old Assistant</b>	<b>Every 1st Sunday each month at 9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Every 3rd Sunday each month at 9:30 AM</b>
<b>3 Year Old Assistant</b>	<b>Every 2nd Sunday each month at 10:45 AM</b>
	<b>Every 4th Sunday each month at 10:45 AM</b>
<b>K.I.D.'S. Church</b>	<b>Sunday's at 10:55 AM</b>
<b>1st Grade Assistant</b>	<b>Every 4th Sunday each month at 9:30 AM</b>
<b>2nd Grade Assistant</b>	<b>Sunday's at 9:30 AM</b>
<b>4th Grade Assistant</b>	<b>Every 4th Sunday each month at 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Club 56 Audio/Visual Tech.</b>	<b>Sunday's at 9:30 AM Every Other Week</b>

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**DECISIONS**

June 24, 2012  
Membership

Chrissie Baldrige  
136 Morris Ln.  
Gray, TN 37615

Jason & Melissa Strouth  
149 Morris Ln.  
Gray, TN 37615

Leonard Friday  
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July 15, 2012  
Baptism

Steve Jones  
13054 Hwy. 226N  
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Emily Cooper  
11 Moccasin Court  
Johnson City, TN 37604



## News

**1. Promotion Sunday**

**Date of Event:** Sunday, August 5

**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. **Parents:** Please take your child to their new classroom on August 5.

**Event Contact:**

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

**Email:** [jim@crossroadsgray.org](mailto:jim@crossroadsgray.org)

**2. Club 56 Kick-Off Day at the Lake!**

**Date of Event:** Saturday, August 4

**Time of Event:** 4:00 PM

**Place:** Sherrill 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 1 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](mailto:jim@crossroadsgray.org)

**3. Parents! Check out the August 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!

**4. Young Discipleship Team Meeting:**

**Date of Event:** Sunday, August 26

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

**Place of Event:** Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site

