



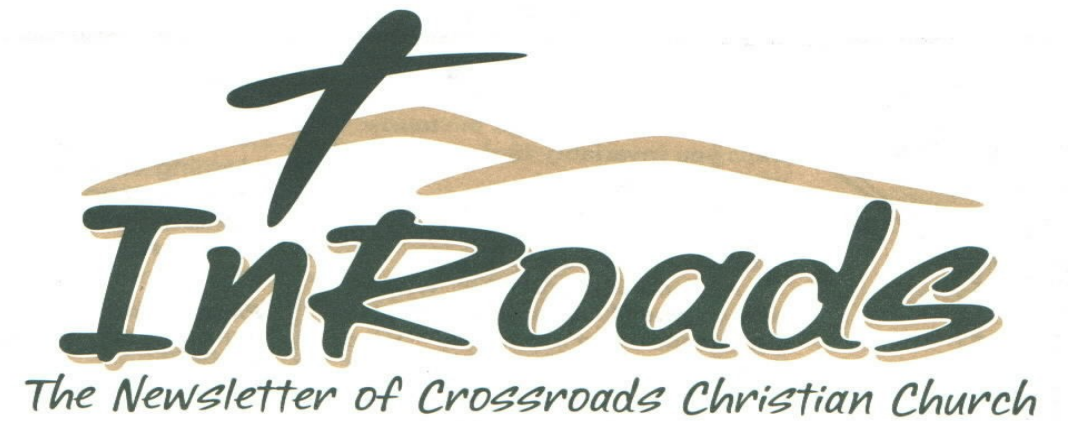
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December 2010

Crossroads Student Ministry

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

· Sunday:

- Worship @ 9:30 am
- Sunday School @ 10:55 am- All Start in The Youth Room and then divide into smaller groups by grade
- Small Groups— In area homes from 5:45-7:30 pm

· Wednesday: Youth Group @ 7:00 pm in The Youth Room. We DO NOT have Youth Group on Wednesday, November 24th due to Thanksgiving and all the travel that many people are involved in at this time.

Small Groups: We will have Small Groups November 21, November 28, and December 5th. After that, we will not have small groups again until January because of all the holiday activities.

Riverwood Present Wrapping Party: We will be wrapping presents for Riverwood on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 from 7-8 pm during our normal Wednesday Night time. It will be a fun evening together.

Riverwood Christmas Party: Sat., Dec. 4th. Cost is \$10.00 per person which covers lunch at Riverwood & helps with the cost of the presents we buy for the residents there. You'll need to sign up in the Youth Room. You'll also need to eat breakfast before we leave (leaving at 8:30 am) because we will not be stopping on the way down. We'll eat lunch there & have a Christmas Party with them. We'll be home about 6:00 pm & will NOT be stopping for dinner on the way home (you can eat when you get home— this makes the trip as cheap as possible).

Student Ministry Christmas Party: Wednesday, December 8th, we will have our Student Ministry Christmas Party. The Seniors are in charge of everything that evening.

TCTC Signups: TCTC Information is available in the youth room and online. Signups will take place on Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th and December 12th.

TCTC T-Shirt Sizes: I have to turn in T-Shirt Sizes before we actually do the TCTC Signups so if you are planning to go to TCTC please give Kit your T-Shirt Size ASAP. There is a signup sheet in the Youth Room for you to put your shirt size on.

Dessert Auction: We will have our annual dessert auction on Sunday, December 12th after the kids' Christmas Programs. We need students to make desserts, serve desserts, get others to make desserts, etc. More info is coming soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December 1: Wrapping Presents for Riverwood Christmas Party

December 4th: Riverwood Christmas Party

December 8th: Student Ministry Christmas Party

January 7-9: TCTC

February 6: Super Bowl Party

Christmas at Crossroads

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

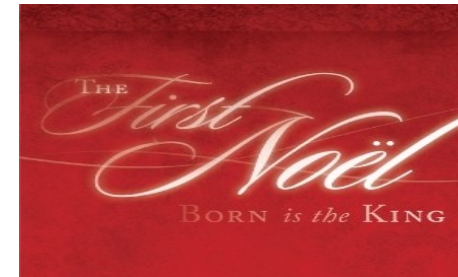


AROUND THE WORLD

Presented by both the
King's Kids and Cherub Choir

Sunday, December 12
6:00 p.m.

To be followed by the
Student Ministry Dessert Auction



Presented by The Crossroads Adult Choir
Sunday, December 19
Will be presented during both worship services that
morning and again at 4:30 in the afternoon

*Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you for one or both of
these programs, which honor the birth of our Savior!*

The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews



No other holiday leaves a lasting impression quite like Christmas. Some of our earliest and happiest memories have to do with the events surrounding this special day. Digging through parents' bedroom closets looking for hidden presents... carefully peeling back the wrapping for a sneak peak... shaking the boxes already under the tree...the aroma of special foods...my mom's toffee candy...my dad's turkey and dressing... pumpkin and pecan pies... eggnog flavored ice cream...not being able to fall asleep...then suddenly waking in the morning...rousing my sisters and then our parents...running down the stairs...diving into the presents piled under the tree... Whew! Recalling those things brought a smile to my face and a warmth to my heart. Moreover, I'm sure my recollections stirred your own childhood memories. I think you would agree, those are happy memories of carefree innocence!

Mind you, not all my memories are secular or materialistic in nature... and no doubt, neither are yours. I mean, I can also remember playing a shepherd in the church nativity program...my little sister dressed in a wide crape paper collar with a red bow, singing Christmas carols with her Sunday School class. I can remember my mom singing the cantata in the church's choir. And of course, there were family times...like when we drove around the neighborhoods looking at Christmas light displays. And the visits with grandma and grandpa...

I imagine the things I just shared evoked a few memories of your own. That's one of the more fundamental realities of this season. It naturally creates memories. But has it ever occurred to you that you are in the process of creating memories for your children...or your grandchildren? It's true. One day they are also going to look back with fondness on these Christmas Days. The question is, "What will they remember?"

In my childhood, Christmas and church were mixed together. That's the way it was back in the 50's. You couldn't tell where church stopped and Christmas started. I don't know of anyone who celebrated one without the other. It seemed like church was a part of everyone's Christmas. But that's not the way it is today, is it? Today, if our children and grandchildren are going to connect Christmas with Christ and the church...we're going to have to make it a point to make it happen.

How about allowing me to offer a few suggestions on how you can make your children's Christmas experience a more memorable experience...one that keeps Christ in Christmas? Consider the following...

Some families go shopping together for a needy family. This year our church is helping with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree. What about picking a name from the tree and letting your children help choose the gifts for that child?

Other families clear out their children's closets. That is, before they "receive" new presents, some parents ask their children to go through their toys and "give" away some of their old presents. Not broken toys...but toys they've outgrown or no longer play with. Perhaps it's just a small thing...but it teaches children to learn how to give away something of their own.

I like it when I hear some families celebrate Christmas with a birthday cake! There is something exciting about picturing a family gathered around the dinner table singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.

For the smallest of children, Fisher Price makes a Little People nativity set for them to play with. I think it's a great idea for an early Christmas present. Consider giving it to them in the first few weeks of December.

There's always our Christmas Eve candlelight ceremony. This year's takes place at 6:00 PM, Friday, December 24th. It's a wonderful family worship time...or you might consider taking it one step further by having your children invite their friends. It's never too early to teach children to be concerned about others.

Some families phone the Salvation Army...or the Haven of Mercy... and ask if they can help serve dinner on Christmas day. One of my favorite memories is doing that very thing with Bonnie and Kyle Harrison...and having the folks at the Haven of Mercy accuse Bonnie of being my mom!

And of course, the old stand by is this...before your kids dive into the presents on Christmas morning, how about sitting them down and reading the Christmas story to them from a Children's Bible. My dad did that...and I did it for my kids. And now my daughters and son-in-laws do it for theirs...

You are making memories. Don't allow all of them to be materialistic. Let some of 'em be Christ filled! May God bless you! And Merry Christmas!

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

October 31, 2010

Morning Worship	584
Sunday School	330
General Offering	\$16,328.02
Covenant Offering	\$7,333.33

November 7, 2010

Morning Worship	618
Sunday School	334
General Offering	\$24,770.85
Covenant Offering	\$3,986.50

November 14, 2010

Morning Worship	625
Sunday School	350
General Offering	\$15,221.26
Covenant Offering	\$8,456.00

Please note: The 2010 General Fund budget requires an average weekly offering of \$14,903.85. The weekly Covenant needed—\$7,307.69.



SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 11
Noon— 3:00 p.m.
at Crossroads

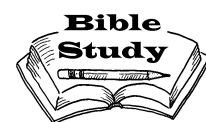
Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, good food, entertainment and door prizes. For more information or if you need a ride call Tony Barnes (913-2695).



Christmas Caroling Wednesday, December 15 6:00 p.m.

The whole church family is invited to go caroling on Wednesday evening, December 15. Meet in the lower parking lot at 6:00 to load up in the church van and in the church bus to go caroling at several homes in the community. We ask that children be accompanied by a parent. Depending upon how many come to participate, we may need the use of a few extra personal vehicles!

Women's



A new study entitled "Faithful, Abundant, True" by Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer and Beth Moore

December 1st/2nd 2010 (for two weeks, then resuming January 5/6, 2011 for the next five weeks)

Wednesday morning - 9:30
(Twyla Trujillo 477-3314)

Wednesday evening - 6:30
(Sandy Carty 833-2793)

Thursday evening - 7:00
(Cindy Freeman 477-2729)

Books can be bought at LifeWay in Johnson City.

Please sign up on the sheets on the lobby bulletin board for the day/night you will attend and note if you need childcare. Your attention to this helps us with planning.

Women's Ministry EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN

We are reorganizing the chain, therefore everyone who would like to be a part of it is asked to sign the list on the Lobby bulletin board or to call the church office. Please do this even if you have participated in the prayer chain in the past. The old list will be completely purged. The deadline to sign up is **DECEMBER 5.**

You may simply sign up to be a person who receives the calls in order to pray. There is also a need for women who will be callers. These people need to be readily available to make calls (5 or 6 each week) when we receive a request. You may also choose to receive prayer requests via email. Mark all applicable categories on the sign-up sheet.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Friday, December 24 6:00 p.m.

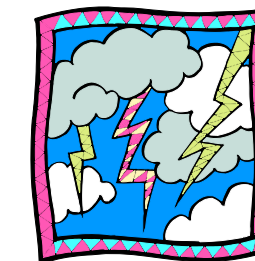
Church Newsletter Changes for 2011

Beginning In January 2011 the church newsletter and calendar will only be sent to those who request a printed version in the mail. Simply call the church office (477-2229) or email: robin@crossroadsgray.org by **December 15** and request to continue receiving a printed version of the church newsletter and calendar in the mail. In lieu of mailings, the church newsletter and calendar are available for viewing and printing on the church website.

— The Finance and Administration Ministry

SAVE THE DATE LADIES!

Crossroads Women's Retreat



Transformed!

March 4 & 5, 2011

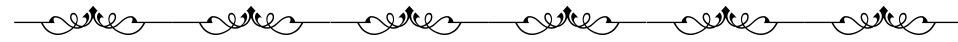
Broyhill Inn
Boone, NC

More details at
Information Center



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.



DECISIONS

October 31, 2010

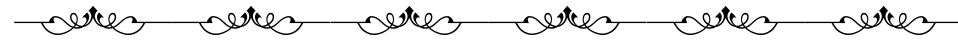
Baptism

John Lature
174 Alfalfa Ln.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

November 7, 2010

Membership

Kraig & Kelley Birchfield
104 Hill St.
Gray, TN 37615



YOUNG AT HEART OUTING

(for adults close to 50 & older)

Tuesday, December 21

See Gingerbread Houses displayed at Grove Park Inn — Asheville, NC

Leave church at 10:00 a.m.

Need to take personal cars

(if you are willing to drive please indicate that on the sign-up sheet)

Touring Gingerbread Houses is Free.

Bring lunch money.

Sign up on the Lobby bulletin board.

1. Parents! Check out December'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!

2. Children's Ministry Team Leaders Meeting:

Date of Event: Wednesday, December 8

Time of Event: 1:00 PM—2:30 PM

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 Rex Garrison at rex@garrisonapp.com.

3. Young Disciples Christmas Party

Date of Event: Friday, December 17

Time of Event: 6:00 —7:00 PM

Place: Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site

More information will be sent out at a later date.

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

4. SuperStart Conference for Club 56 - A Conference Just For 5th & 6th Graders!

What To Expect -

SuperStart is a two-day event put on by Christ In Youth that is specifically for pre-teens. During the event, SuperStart wishes to provide avenues for age-appropriate worship, relevant teaching, drama and fun. You can expect the weekend to be filled with Biblical teaching, worship, enthusiasm, small group opportunities and off-site recreation.

More details about the awesome conference and information packet will be available soon. Please look for announcements in the bulletin.

