



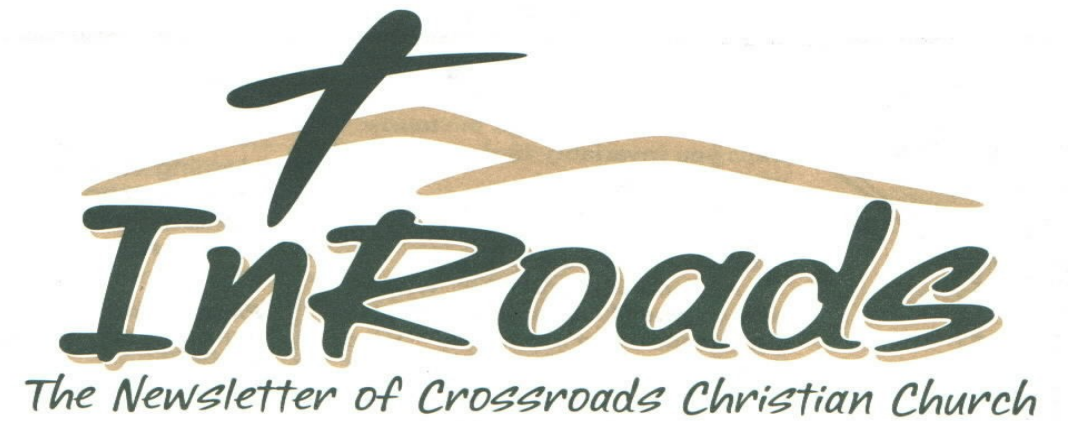
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Crossroads Student Ministry

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

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

Teen Choir: Crosseyed (the Crossroads Teen Choir) has started and meets in the Student Ministry Room @ 4:00 pm on Sunday Afternoons. We'll be doing the musical "Let It Be Said of Us". There will be "rehearsal CD's" available for \$5.00 each that I'd like everyone to purchase. These are great tools, because the CD you purchase will have YOUR part (Soprano, Alto or Baritone) louder than all the rest. This kind of CD really helps you to learn your part! If you have questions, please contact Tempa at tempa@crossroadsgray.org

Super Bowl Party: Our annual Super Bowl Party will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at the Trujillo's House. It starts at 6pm and will end when the game ends. See Kit for directions (they only live a couple of miles from Crossroads). The bus will be leaving from Crossroads about 5:40 pm (after Teen Choir ends). To ensure that we have enough food, we are asking you to bring the following depending on your grade:

- 7th and 8th Grade: Bring Chips/Pretzels/Doritos/Snacky Stuff
- 9th and 10th Grade: Bring Desserts (Cookies, Cakes, Pies, Brownies, etc.)
- 11th and 12th Grade: Bring **TWO (2)** 2 Liter Drinks **each**

Ski Trip: Our annual Ski Trip has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 12th, 2011. It was originally scheduled for the 19th until I realized that was President's Day Weekend, which is the second busiest skiing day of the year (behind MLK Day). As a result, it would have been a frustrating waste of time and money with 60+ minute waits for lifts. So, **IT IS RESCHEDULED TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2011.** Please get information TODAY from Kit if you are interested or you can download it by going to www.crossroadsgray.org and then selecting STUDENTS>UPCOMING EVENTS. You will have only until Sunday, February 6th to decide what you are doing and turn in money/forms.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Stay tuned...there will be more events added soon

- February 6: Super Bowl Party
- February 12: Ski Trip
- March 13: Teen Choir Monster Practice
- May 1: Teen Choir Program



Gathering mid-week to KNOW each other and to GROW in Him.

Children's Ministry

- 5:30 p.m. Meal with Parents in Gym
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (ages 3-K) - Bld. 2, Rm 105
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. King's Kids (grades 1-6) - Bld. 2, Rm 202
- 6:30—8:00 p.m. Nursery Care (birth—age 2) - Bld. 1, Rm 109
- 7:00—7:45 p.m. Preschool Small Groups (ages 3-K) - Bld. 2, Rm 108
- 7:00—7:45 p.m. Elementary Small Groups (grades 1-2) - Bld. 2—Rm 211/213
- 7:00—7:45 p.m. Elementary Small Groups (grades 3-4) - Bld. 2—Rm 207/209
- 7:00—7:45 p.m. Club 56 (grades 5-6) - Bld. 2—Rm 204
- 7:45—8:00 p.m. Activities (all ages) - remain in small groups classrooms

Student Ministry

- 5:30 p.m. Meal in Gym
- 6:30—6:45 p.m. Hang out time! (grades 7-12) - Bld. 2—Student Ministry Room
- 6:45—8:00 p.m. Wednesday night worship (grades 7-12) - Bld. 2—Student Ministry Room

College Age Ministry

- 5:30 p.m. Meal in Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night worship (college age) - Garage

Adult Ministry

- 5:30 p.m. Meal in Gym
- 6:30 p.m. First Place 4 Health—led by Theresa Aubrey—Bld. 1, Rm 101
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study—led by Sandy Carty—Bld. 1, Lobby Classroom
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Bible Study—led by Phil Robertson & Rob Aubrey—Bld. 1, Rm. 107
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night teaching—led by Clint Andrews—Bld. 1, Lower Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. Finding God in Narnia—Bld. 1, Room C

Note: LifeGroups meet at the church as well as at off-campus locations. For more information or to join a LifeGroup, contact Larry Albrecht, Adult Discipleship Minister.

The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

Perhaps I'll find a spot in my sermon for a couple of off-the-wall ideas I had about the story of Mary and Martha for this coming Sunday. I may finish up my sermons on Saturday...but the percolating process begins much earlier in the week...with reading commentaries and other preachers' sermons. I mean, here it is on Monday evening...and I know I'm suppose to figure out an article for the church paper...but all I can think about is what I've been studying most of the evening.



However, now I'm thinking maybe I can combine the two!

Just to set the stage, let me refresh your memory when it comes to the story of Mary and Martha. Our text will come from Luke 10. It is basically a simple story. Jesus and his disciples visit the home of Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus. And while Martha is busy in the kitchen...playing the role of hostess for the large crowd...Mary's got her backside plopped on the floor next to Jesus, listening to everything he had to say.

Apparently all was cool until...Martha began to whine to Jesus about the fact that Mary wasn't being any help. "Lord," Martha said in a high pitched whiney voice, "Don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" Actually the Bible doesn't say she said it in a high pitched whiney voice...but I swear I've heard the same thing coming out of the back seat of my car when one daughter said to another, "She's touching me."

Anyway...as I read over the story looking for some insight...something occurred to me. Jesus never told either woman what to do. It seems he gave each of them the freedom to make up their own minds as to what to do. So Martha chose to work, while Mary chose to listen. But in addition to the freedom Jesus offered...he never made a judgment call on their decisions either. In other words, Jesus never called out to Martha over in the kitchen and said, "Martha! You need to get in here and sit down next to your sister and listen to what I have to say." No. Instead, it's almost as if Jesus would never have even said anything about their decisions UNTIL...Martha began to complain about Mary. Then Jesus spoke up and let his opinion be made known.

And that's another thing I noticed: Jesus stopped Martha from complaining about her sister by turning the tables on her. That is, Jesus removed the topic of Mary from the table and replaced it with Martha. In other words, what Jesus said was something like, "Martha. Now we're not going to talk about other people like they're not even in the room. Instead, let's focus on you...and what you are doing. You are serving...which is a noble thing to do... but it is obvious you aren't doing it with the right attitude. You're complaining about your sister indicates you aren't serving with a joyful heart. Let's talk about your resentment over being a servant."

One more thing caught my attention. The text reads, "But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made." I note that preparations "had to be made"...but even so, Martha let those preparations get in the way of her listening to Jesus. Could it be that Martha could have done both at the same time...preparing and listening. Or perhaps a little less of one and more of the other? Maybe Martha, in her frustration over her sister's lack of help, over did the "preparation" thing. That happens you know. Sometimes when we feel put-upon because someone isn't helping us, we tend to make a little more noise going about the work. You know, so that we can let the negligent partner know we aren't real happy. Ever do that? I have. It's childish, I know. But I've been guilty.

The last thing that struck me was Jesus' final comment, "but few things are needed — or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Jesus left it up for speculation as to what the "only one" thing was. Most think that it was "sitting at Jesus' feet," rather than bustling around the kitchen. But I'm beginning to think it's more than that. Perhaps it was a matter of priorities; putting first things first.

Remember Jesus' words to the Pharisees about their tithing mint and herbs but failing to show mercy. His comment was something to the effect, "This you ought to have done and not to have left the other undone." (Luke 11:42) In other words, there's nothing wrong with doing our duty, so long as we do it joyfully... that is, with the right spirit.

Any way, it's something to think on... See you Sunday!

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

January 2, 2011

Morning Worship	561
Sunday School	294
General Offering	\$22,427.19
Covenant Offering	\$8,874.50

January 9, 2011

Morning Worship	525
Sunday School	230
Student Ministry—TCTC	96
General Offering	\$12,261.23
Covenant Offering	\$5,048.96

January 16, 2011

Morning Worship	624
Sunday School	361
General Offering	\$15,990.49
Covenant Offering	\$2,274.25

January 23, 2011

Morning Worship	629
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$16,598.88
Covenant Offering	\$4,127.96

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

DECISIONS

Membership January 9, 2011

Jeremy & Mary Jo Lizotte
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TRANSFORMED!

Crossroads Women's Retreat
March 4 & 5
Broyhill Inn—Boone, NC
Friday (7 pm) - Saturday (4 pm)

Speaker: Ronda Paulson

Cost
(includes 1 night lodging,
continental breakfast, lunch,
and retreat expenses)

2 people to a room—
\$84 per person

3 people to a room—
\$70 per person

4 people to a room—
\$61 per person

**Registration deadline is
Sunday, January 30.**

\$20 deposit due at registration.

Deposits can't be
refunded after January 30.

Balance Due: February 20.



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Help Agape Women's Services raise much needed funds by participating in this fundraiser. Pick up a baby bottle from the table in the Lobby. Follow the directions inside the bottle and turn it in by Sunday, February 20. Thank you for helping one of the local missions that Crossroads supports.

COMMUNITY 5K ROAD RACE

The Community Involvement Ministry of Crossroads is organizing a community 5K Road Race scheduled for Saturday, April 16th. In order to offset some of the costs associated with such an event, and to make it affordable to would-be participants, we would like to invite business owners to be financial sponsors of the event. If interested, please contact Rob Aubrey or Mike Lature. Donation of goods or services may also be considered. Sponsors will receive name recognition on shirts and printed material associated with the race.



(for those close to 50 & older)

Our next "outing" will be an "inning". Mark your calendars for February 26. Soup lunch, dessert and bingo at Crossroads.

11:30—1:00

Free

There will be a



for
Christy & Travis Thompson
Sunday, February 13
3:30—5:00 p.m.
Lobby Classroom

They are registered at Target and Babies R Us. It's a boy or a girl! (They chose to be surprised.)

Eleanore L. Campbell
Ladies Conference
sponsored by Associated
Ladies for Milligan

Same Life,
New Song

Saturday
February 19, 2011
9 a.m.—3 p.m.
Milligan College

Speaker—Jan Silvius
(author of *Big Girls Don't Whine* and *Fool-Proofing Your Life*)

Registration—\$35.00
(includes lunch)
(\$30 before February 1)

Call 423-461-8710 or
email alm@milligan.edu
for more information

Women's



LADIES—New Opportunity! A **MONTHLY** Bible Study begins January 31 at 7 pm. "He Is" by Beth Moore is a 4 session DVD study based on Hebrews 11:6. We'll meet once a month during January through April in the Lower Auditorium. If your time is limited, this may be the study for you! No homework—just grab your Bible and join us! Come listen, learn and laugh with other women seeking to know God more. Questions? Call Twyla at 477-3314.

Looking for something to do on Wednesday Nights? Join us for the six-week series "Finding God in Narnia" **beginning February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** We will be watching and discussing the first two movies in the Chronicles of Narnia series as well as looking at how C. S. Lewis wraps up the promise of heaven within the stories of Narnia. This should be a fun class so bring your favorite movie snack and join us in the Lobby Classroom!



From now through the end of February you can register to join one of our 12-week long LifeGroups that begin in March. These groups will meet on various nights of the week throughout the Tri-Cities. To register for a group you can fill out a LifeGroup registration form which can be found at the Information Center or you can email your interest to larry@crossroadsgray.org. There's a LifeGroup waiting for you!



Beginning February 6th Crossroads will be offering a 12-week class titled, "World Religions, Cults, and the Occult." The class will not only examine practices of numerous religions in the world but will also look at how to share the Gospel with people of another faith in a meaningful way. Join us in Room C during the second worship hour for a class that will be enlightening and encouraging to those who are interested in knowing more about the religions of the world.



News

1. Club 56 Snow Tubing at Sugar Mountain -

Date of Event: Saturday, February 26

Time of Event: 11:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Place of Event: Sugar Mountain, NC

Cost: \$25.00 plus snack money

Sign-Up: Sign-Up sheets will be located in the Lab 56 room starting on Sunday, February 6.

Parents: Any parent who would like to come along please let Mr. Jim know and sign-up in the Lab 56 room.

- **Information/Permission sheets can be found at the Children's Information Center and in the Lab 56 room.**
- **Sign-Ups and money are due by Wednesday, February 23.**
- **Please eat lunch before you come.**

2. Children's Ministry Team Leaders' Meeting:

Date of Event: Wednesday, February 9

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 Discipleship Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, February 27

Time of Event: 4:00—5:00 PM

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

4. Parents! Check out February'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!

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.