



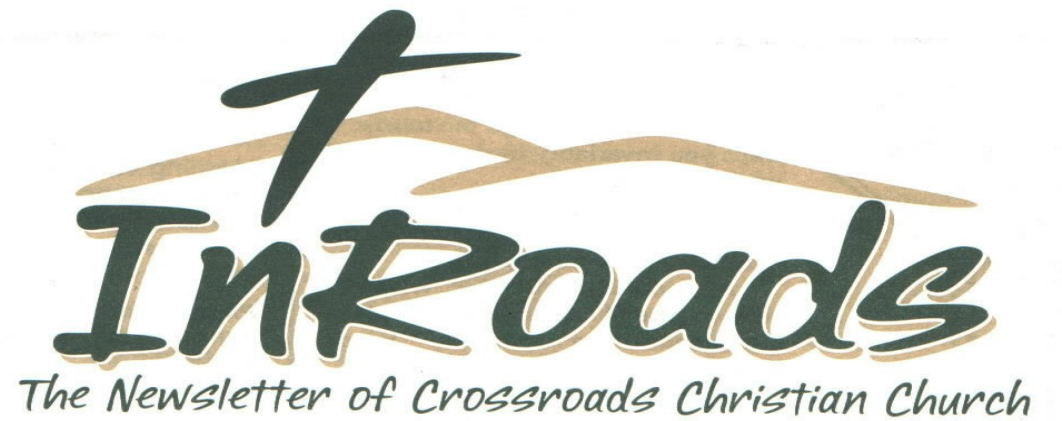
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Crossroads Student Ministry

The Greenhouse- The new name for the Student Ministry area is "The Greenhouse: where Christ takes root". 1 Corinthians 3:4-9 tells us that as Christians we are to be involved in the planting (telling Jesus' story) and watering (encouraging others in the faith) and God will make it (faith) grow.



Upcoming Events-

- NFL's BIG Game of the Year Party is February 5
- Mobile All-Nighter is February 24
- High School Purity Retreat is March 30- April 1

NFL's BIG Game Party- Why watch the game alone and eat leftovers when you could hang out with your friends and eat till your heart's content? Join us Sunday, February 5 from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. Invite your friends and win a prize. Sign up in the Greenhouse so we know how much food to have. 7-8 Graders bring fruit or veggies. 9-10 Graders bring chips and dip. 11-12 Graders bring a side dish.

Mobile All-Nighter- Sleep is for adults. Friday, February 24 join us for an all-night experience full of food and fun across the Tri-Cities! From Fun Expedition to bowling and the movies, this will be one night you won't want to go to sleep! Sign-up in The Greenhouse.

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

Sunday:

- Worship @ 9:30 am
- Sunday School @ 10:55 am- All start in The Greenhouse
- Student Life Groups @ 5:45 pm- Meeting in homes

Wednesday: see below

Wednesday Night Youth Group:

From 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm we will be taking a look at the Supernatural world. We'll have different speakers throughout the study and we'll have break out discussions so you can join the conversation.

- 2/1 Supernatural: Angels
- 2/8 Supernatural: The Dark Side
- 2/15 Supernatural: Psychics, Ghosts and Tarot Cards
- 2/22 Supernatural: The Most Common Supernatural Beings
- 2/29 Supernatural: Hell

Student Life Groups-

- Life Groups meet Sundays in homes from 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm.
- 7-8 grade gals at the Aurigema home
- 7-8 grade guys in SMB (The Greenhouse)
- 9-12 grade gals Purity Group at the Hunigan home
- 9-12 grade guys Purity Group at the McNeely home
- 9-12 grade mixed gender group at the Craig home

PARENTS- 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 Table. To become a member simply go to www.crossroadsgray.org and click "get connected" then select "the table". This will be the primary mode of communication for parents to receive information about Student Ministry events.



Sunday, February 5

Toward the end of last year, the Board of Elders and Deacons commissioned the Vision Team to develop some tangible goals for Crossroads to pursue together.

During both morning services on February 5, the Vision Team will present these goals to the congregation. These goals are designed to challenge all of us to grow the body of Christ. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can participate in this renewed effort to *GO, SHOW, GROW* and *KNOW* together!



Milligan College Concert Choir Coming February 26

Crossroads will be hosting the Milligan College Concert Choir on Sunday, February 26 during both morning worship services. Directed by Noah DeLong, the choir is an auditioned mixed chorus, including Crossroads students Caitlyn Brock, Nathan Hall, Lydia Lockner and Sarah Underwood.



The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

8 Keys to Understanding Forgiveness

I hope you've been challenged by the sermon series we are going through based on "Radical Together" by David Platt. I know it's motivated me to do a bit of re-evaluating in my own life...

That aside, Sunday's message on "*ten things Jesus commanded that ought to make a radical impact on our lives*" probably raised more questions than it did answers. Not because folks disagreed with what I said, but because I didn't have time to develop each one. A case in point was Jesus' command that "we must forgive others in order to be forgiven". I've had more comments and questions over that command than all the others put together. So, let me take this column to share what I understand the Bible says about forgiveness...

1. Jesus taught about "forgiveness" six times during his ministry; more than any other subject matter! To me, that makes sense. I mean, after all, isn't that why Jesus came to this earth? To offer us a means of being forgiven? It is no surprise that he turns right around and commands we do the same for those who have sinned against us. As to the six times; according to the Thompson Chain Reference Bible, they are: ① In his Sermon on the Mount, (Matthew 6:9-15; Luke 6:37), ② during his third year of ministry (Matthew 18:21-35), ③ when the disciples asked him to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1-4), ④ during his last months (Luke 17:1-4), ⑤ in his last week (Mark 11:24,25), ⑥ after his resurrection (John 20:23).

2. One of the times he taught forgiveness was at the question of Peter. Peter generously suggests we ought to forgive people seven times. "No. Not seven times," Jesus says, "but seventy times seven!" The fact that Peter asks, tells us that forgiveness was just as difficult for the folks back then as it is today.

3. Jesus admits that sins against us hurt. I believe that's the point of the Parable of the Unjust Steward. (Matthew 18:22-35) We think of a hundred denarii as being a small sum, but it wasn't. A hundred denarii represented 100 days of work. In today's money that would be several thousand dollars! No little sum to forgive. But in comparison to what we've been forgiven...no matter how large it seems...it is small. Therefore, in light of what we've been forgiven, we need to forgive others their debts no matter how large they seem.

4. Forgiveness does not mean "forget!" I know that's a popular concept. But that just isn't so.

5. Forgiveness means you don't hold the offense over someone's head. That is, when you forgive, you treat the offender as if it did not happen. You don't make him "pay" emotionally. You don't make him "squirm" in your company.

6. Forgiveness does not mean you put them in a position to sin against you again. As Larry Albrecht said, "When my brother borrowed my car and wrecked it, I forgave him. I still have a good relationship with him. But that doesn't mean I give him the keys to my next car!"

7. Forgiveness takes time. The very fact that Jesus went over this topic time and time again, suggests that he understands human nature. In Romans 8, Paul admits that he wrestles with what it means to be righteous. "What I want to do, I don't do. What I don't want to do, I do." Nothing illustrates the time, effort and determination of what Paul was talking about like the need for forgiveness.

8. However, the acknowledgement that we need to forgive someone, is a step down the path of forgiving. Regardless of the time...regardless of the number of times we have to "talk to ourselves" and remind ourselves to forgive, if we are working on it...then we are obedient to what Jesus has asked us to do. It is only when we ignore the sins against us...or refuse to forgive them...that we are in danger of losing our salvation.

Conclusion: So, whether we are speaking of a wayward son, or a cheating husband, or an abusive father, or an unfair boss, or an offensive neighbor...or whatever...our righteousness is found in the journey towards forgiveness. I'll close with Jesus' own words: "*This then is how we should pray...Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*"

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

January 1, 2012

Morning Worship	460
General Offering	\$18,407.70
Covenant Offering	\$3,386.90

January 8, 2012

Morning Worship	601
Youth—TCTC	83
General Offering	\$12,104.00
Covenant Offering	\$4,836.00

January 15, 2012

Morning Worship	570
General Offering	\$13,768.45
Covenant Offering	\$1,703.00

January 22, 2012

Morning Worship	655
General Offering	\$20,569.80
Covenant Offering	\$3,016.73

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



(for adults close to 50 & older)

BINGO

Saturday, February 18

1:00—3:00 p.m.

Lobby Classroom

Soup, fruit salad and dessert will be served beginning at 1:00. Play BINGO after eating. Sign up sheet on the Lobby bulletin board.



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Again this year we are supporting Agape Services for Women and Men by participating in this project. Agape Services is an agency that provides

- *confirmation of pregnancy
- *STI Testing
- *Education on Abortion and Alternatives
- *Education on Lifestyles and Relationships
- *Education on Sexual Health
- *Education on Parenting

All their services are confidential and free.

Funds raised through the Baby Bottle Fundraiser represent one-third of the ministry's operating budget. To participate in this fundraiser, simply pick up a baby bottle and in the coming weeks, fill it with pocket change or any other amount that you wish to contribute to this ministry. Baby bottles should be returned to Crossroads by February 26. More detailed information about Agape Services for Women and Men is available in their brochure, which you can pick up at the Baby Bottle table.

EXTREME COUPONING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30-8:00

ERIN EBERHART

ERIN WILL SHARE TIPS FROM WHAT SHE'S LEARNED ABOUT USING COUPONS IN A WAY TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM VALUE. COME LEARN FROM HER EXPERIENCE TO HELP TRIM YOUR FAMILY'S BUDGET. THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LOWER AUDITORIUM. DOOR PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY AND SNACKS WILL BE SERVED. CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT WE ASK THAT THOSE NEEDING CHILDCARE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BY NOON ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 TO MAKE A RESERVATION.

LADIES - LYSA TERKEURST IS COMING TO MILLIGAN COLLEGE!!

Bestselling author and speaker Lysa TerKeurst will provide a day of spiritual renewal and study for women at the annual Eleanore L. Campbell Ladies Conference on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Milligan College. Hosted by Associated Ladies for Milligan (ALM), this conference for women, titled "Becoming More," will be held on the Milligan campus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is a day for women of all ages to be spiritually fed and recharged through biblical teaching, uplifting music and fellowship with other women from throughout the region. As president of Proverbs 31 Ministries, TerKeurst helps everyday women live an adventure of faith through following Jesus Christ. Throughout her 15-year ministry, she has led thousands to make their walk with God an invigorating journey.

TerKeurst is the award-winning author of 14 books, including her latest New York Times bestselling release, "Made to Crave: Satisfying Your Deepest Desire with God Not Food." She is a frequent speaker at women's events throughout the country each year, including Extraordinary Women and Focus on the Family conferences, as well as her own conference, She Speaks.

Registration for the conference is \$35 per person before Feb. 1, and \$40 after Feb. 1. Student registration is \$20, if received by Feb. 1. A box lunch will be provided. Proceeds from the conference benefit student scholarships at Milligan College.

To download a registration form or learn more, visit www.milligan.edu/ALM. Brochures which include the registration form are also at the Information Center in the Lobby.

DECISIONS

January 8, 2012

Baptism

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Membership

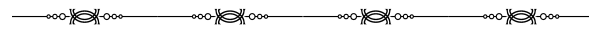
Jessica, Andi & Nick Bracken
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January 22, 2012

Membership

Donna Guinn
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News

1. I Want To Be A Christian Class -

When: Sunday, February 12

Time of Event: 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Place of Event: Lab 56 on the Second Floor of the Dig Site



“Mom, what do I need to do to become a Christian?” “Hey Dad, what is baptism all about?” If you have a child who is in the 2nd through 6th grade and is asking one of these questions, I encourage you to attend the “I Want To Be A Christian” class. I have had the pleasure of teaching this class during the past 15 – 16 years and have witnessed many children come to the true understanding of the meaning of what a Christian should be and what it takes to become a Christian.

While attending this class, each child will receive a booklet for keeps. As I guide the children through the booklet, the children will listen to entertaining stories, participate in object lessons, have a chance to ask questions and fill in the blanks (children will copy answers from the screen). What I love about this class is that the parents sit in with their child and are an active part of their child’s learning experience. After the class is finished, each child will have a homework assignment. There is a review section in the back of the booklet for you and your child to complete. This will allow for you and your child to have time to talk about the most important decision that your child will ever make – accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

If your child is starting to ask questions about their salvation, I would love to see you and your child in class! There is nothing more important than sharing the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ and the everlasting life that He gives! See you in class!

A brother in Christ,
Mr. Jim

2. Parents! Check out the February 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!

3. Young Discipleship Team Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, February 26

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

Place of Event: Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site



4. 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.