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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Crossroads Student Ministry

Upcoming Events- (sign up in The Greenhouse)
February 3- BIG Game Party
February 9- Baby Shower
March 1- Mobile All-Nighter

BIG Game Party- Come help Andy celebrate his hometown team, the Baltimore Ravens, as they beat the 49ers in the Superbowl! We will be in The Greenhouse 6:00pm - 10:30pm with the game on the big screens, open gym and video games. 7-8 graders bring veg/fruit tray, 9-10 graders bring chips and dip, 11-12 graders bring a side dish.

Baby Shower- Help us celebrate with Cheyenne Duncan the birth of her baby boy—in The Greenhouse on Saturday, February 9 at 2:00pm. Check out the CSM Facebook page to let us know you're coming and to learn where Cheyenne is registered.

Mobile All-Nighter- This year we are teaming up with Boones Creek Christian Church and First Christian Church of Johnson City for an epic night of Nerf Wars, bowling, Chick-Fil-A, basketball tourney, inflatables, swimming, movies and more! Join us March 1, 8:00pm - 8:00am for only $20.

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

Sunday:
- Worship @ 9:30 am
- Discipleship Groups @ 10:55 am
  - The entire Crossroads Faith Family is journeying through The Story together. It's God's story told through Scripture and the Student Ministry is walking through The Story during Sunday morning Discipleship Groups. Join us in The Greenhouse.
- Student Life Groups @ 5:45 pm- Meeting in homes

Wednesday: see below

Wednesday Night Youth Group:
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Meet in The Greenhouse.
Field 44: Beatitudes:
2/6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
2/13 Blessed are the merciful
2/20 COMBINED Worship night
2/27 Blessed are the Pure in Heart
Wild Branches: The Bible:
2/6 Navigate through the Bible
2/13 Memorize Verses in the Bible
2/20 COMBINED Worship night
2/27 Leading a Life of Significance

PARENTS- Get in the loop by emailing andy@crossroadsgray.org

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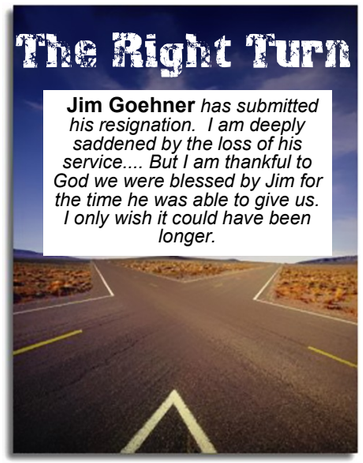
The Newsletter of Crossroads Christian Church

February 2013

Thanks Mr. Jim!!!

The staff and board invite you to a reception and brief program in honor of Jim Goehner and his wife, Grace, to thank them for their ministry to the children of Crossroads. The reception will be in The Greenhouse immediately following morning services this coming Sunday, Feb. 3rd. Please bring a card or note of appreciation as we share in sandwiches, chips, and dessert in their honor.



by Clint Andrews

Back in the Stone Age, when I first entered full-time ministry, there were few exceptions to the two positions most churches offered. The first was the "Preaching Minister", sometimes called the "Senior Minister" (which, over the years, has taken on a whole new meaning what with my age). And the second was the "Youth Minister", whose responsibility covered all ages from nursery up to college age. Of the two positions, the tougher role was that of the youth minister...who was generally paid about half of what the senior minister received. Typically, youth ministry was seen as an "entry level" into full-time Christian service. Once a youth minister had garnered enough "name recognition" and experience...and years...he usually began to search for a senior minister position.

Frankly, it wasn't the best of arrangements. Hales Chapel (from whence we came), and now Crossroads, was the exception to the above rule. The reason is, we admired churches like Eastside Christian Church in Fullerton, California, where Les Christie served as the youth minister.

Eastside looked at their youth ministry position, not as a stepping stone to some lofty senior ministry position ...but as an end in itself. That is, both Eastside and Les Christie took the view that the role of youth ministry was just as valuable and important as any other position in the church. They did not want Les to see himself as a "senior minister in training". If he was called to the youth ministry...then let him be a youth minister, period. As such, the church compensated him well. And the end result was, Les held his position at Eastside for a long and productive time.

Because we admired Eastside's model...Crossroads took the same approach to the youth ministry position...and frankly, all the other positions we filled over the years. We chose to view each of them as valuable and important ministries. And frankly, we did our best to demonstrate that by attempting to compensate each one as best as we were able. But maybe more importantly...we gave each minister the freedom to administer his or her various ministries as they saw fit...rather than have the senior minister serve as CEO.

As a result...we are not like other churches. I say that with pride. Our ministers feel free to be who God has called them to be. That's one of their greatest sources of job satisfaction. They know they are loved, valued, and key to the success of Crossroads Christian Church. But perhaps the greatest result is the longevity of our ministerial staff. We have well over a hundred years of experience between all of us. That's unheard of in most churches.

Yet, we have had ministers choose to leave the church. In each case, it was not because anyone on the board or staff asked them to leave...but because they believed their time of "calling" had come to an end. They felt God calling them to some other ministry or area of service. And as a church, we have agonized over the loss of their services. But in each case, God has been good. He has not left us, nor has He deserted us. Instead, He has brought us someone new to love and serve alongside us.

Jim Goehner has submitted his resignation. I am deeply saddened by the loss of his service. He has been fantastic...and has done a wonderful job with our children. But I am thankful to God we were blessed by Jim for the time he was able to give us. I only wish it could have been longer. But I cannot deny his sense of God's calling. So it is with sadness I pray him well. May God bless Jim in his next season of ministry! May God lead him to open doors and heights of service. I ask you to join me in prayer for Jim's future and for ours as well.

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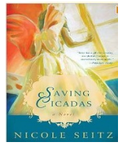
SUNDAY STATISTICS

December 23, 2012	
Morning Worship	611
General Offering	$17,497.68
Covenant Offering	$1,810.00
December 30, 2012	
Morning Worship	533
General Offering	$18,783.24
Covenant Offering	$4,701.00
January 6, 2013	
Morning Worship	621
General Offering	$25,819.26
Covenant Offering	$10,659.00
January 13, 2013	
Morning Worship	590
Student Ministry—TCTC	70
General Offering	$13,718.34
Covenant Offering	$7,078.00
January 20, 2013	
Morning Worship	623
General Offering	$14,654.86
Covenant Offering	$4,673.00
January 27, 2013	
Morning Worship	672
General Offering	$13,479.24
Covenant Offering	$1,962.33

Please note: *The 2013 General Fund budget requires an average weekly offering of $15,769.23. The weekly Covenant needed—$7,307.69.*

Women's Ministry News



BOOK CLUB!
Tuesday, February 12
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
FREE Event. Free childcare, but childcare reservations need to be made by 5:00 p.m. on February 11. The book to be discussed is "Saving Cicadas" by Nicole Seitz. Copies are for sale now at the Information Center for $10.

Cozy Mountain Lodge
Where women find shelter in God.

Women's Ministry Retreat
March 1 & 2, 2013

The Inn at Christmas Place
in Pigeon Forge, TN

Remaining balance due February 17.

YOUNG AT HEART

(for adults close to 50 & older)

Saturday, February 16

Johnson City Symphony Concert at Milligan College—Seeger Chapel
Meet at church at 4:45 p.m.
We'll eat (bring money), then go to concert. Cost for concert: $25.00; Group of 10 or more—$22.00. Make checks payable to Rebecca Sapp. Sign up and pay at the Information Desk by February 10.

Kid Zone News

1. **SuperStart Conference for Club 56**
   Registration deadline is Sunday, March 3!

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.

For more details about the awesome conference, please pick up an information packet at the Children's Information Center on the second floor of the Dig Site.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SWEETHEART BANQUET

February 12 — 6:00 p.m. at Boones Creek Christian Church Gym (enter gym doors marked "D", "K" or "J"). Cost per couple: $6.00. RSVP to Clint (791-1234) before February 6.

Eleanore L. Campbell LADIES CONFERENCE
featuring Lisa Harper
Saturday, February 23, 2013
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Milligan College
Cost: $35 *before* Feb. 1
$40 *after* Feb. 1
Registration brochures available at the Information Center in Church Lobby.

Crossroads Student Ministry (CSM) has been blessed with the opportunity to have a part-time intern for the next 6 months. Jacob Albrecht is a long time member of Crossroads and a CSM graduate. He has an obvious passion for students and will be working to develop and improve our Middle School Ministry. Please take a moment to welcome Jacob and to thank him for his devotion to ministry.

My name is Jacob Albrecht, and I am excited to be back at Crossroads. I am a graduate of Milligan College with a Bachelor's degree in Bible and Youth Ministry. I am happily married to my wife, Lauren, since June of last year. I am eager and excited to be a part of the Crossroads Student Ministry as I pursue my own journey in ministry. I currently serve as a manager at Chick-Fil-A in Elizabethton. During my college career I served in an internship at Mountain Christian Church in Joppa, Maryland. I look forward to learning and growing as I stretch my leadership in youth ministry and have the opportunity to work alongside Andy McNeely and the Crossroads Student Ministry.