



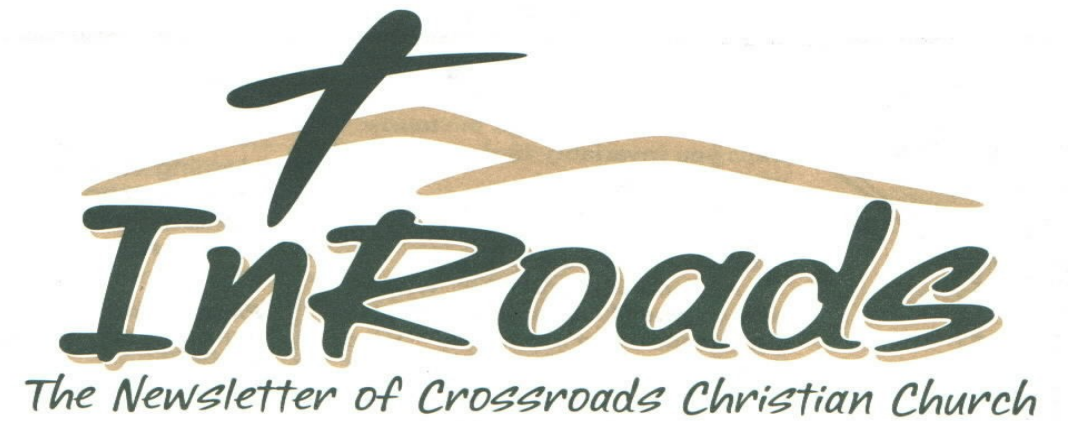
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## Crossroads Student Ministry

**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...starts back on January 16th
- Wednesday: Youth Group @ 7:00 pm in The Youth Room. We will not have Youth Group again until January 19th. There is no Church on January 5th and we are doing a Church-Wide kickoff event for the semester on January 12th

**Small Groups:** Small Groups will start back on January 16th @ 5:45 pm.

**TCTC:** TCTC Signups are now over and Final Information has been sent out. Check your Facebook, Email, Mailbox, etc. Also, you can download the final information from the church website by going to [www.crossroadsgray.org](http://www.crossroadsgray.org) and then clicking Students> Upcoming Events and finding TCTC. We will be leaving at 3:30 pm on Friday, January 7th, 2011. If you still have money to pay, please try to take care of that before we leave. Thanks.

**Dessert Auction:** Thanks to everyone for all their help with the dessert auction. Thanks to those who donated desserts and thanks to those who bought desserts. We will end up pretty close to \$3000.00 from the auction. Thanks so much.

**Teen Choir:** Teen Choir starts on Sunday, January 16th at 4:00 pm and will be over in time for you to get to small groups.

**Ski Trip:** Our annual Ski Trip is coming up on February 19th. Stay tuned for more info real soon.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

- January 7-9: TCTC
- February 6: Super Bowl Party
- February 19: Ski Trip



## CROSSPATH FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, January 12 — 6:30 p.m.  
in Auditorium

Preview of CrossPath 2011 programs  
*Minute to Win It*, hosted by Curtis Booher

Dessert Bar—everyone bring a favorite dessert or snack to share.

All ages will meet together for this special evening of fun and fellowship to kick off the new semester of CrossPath.

# The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

There's quite a debate over the value of New Year's resolutions. And both sides have valid points. On the one side, some argue that it isn't a good idea for a person to set himself up for failure...since that's usually what happens to New Year's "resolutions". You have to admit, there's truth in that. Been there. Done that. Right?



However, on the other side of the issue, some argue it's a good thing any time a person resolves to make a change or an improvement in their life. That happens to be the position I hold. And yes, I admit that many of my resolutions are broken within the first month, or weeks or (in some cases) days of the New Year. But not all. Just some. The truth is, the New Year offers a unique opportunity for a person to examine himself. And that, I think, is a good thing.

Whether we are talking about losing weight or stopping smoking or developing a daily devotional time or who-knows-what...when ever we decide to make a positive change in our life, it is usually because we recognize we "have not yet arrived" as far as spiritual development goes. And again, that is a good thing...because none of us have. Everyone of us has a long, long way to go before someone can mistake us for Jesus. I suppose that's why it's called "the Way". It is a journey...and sometimes, New Year's is a mile marker along the path. A mile marker where we make a major change.

Socrates authored the oft-quoted pronouncement, "The unexamined life is not worth living." Let your mind dwell on that just for a minute. Note what he didn't say. Socrates didn't say, "The unexamined life is less exciting." Nor did he say, "The unexamined life is less satisfying." And he didn't say, "The unexamined life is less meaningful." No. Socrates said, "The unexamined life isn't worth living!" Wow, that's pretty powerful! There's no ambiguity...no gray area in that. Either a life is examined or it is not. And if it isn't, Socrates says that that life isn't worth living. When you grasp what Socrates is saying, it causes you to look at yourself in the mirror, and ask, "Who am I? What am I? Am I who and what I'm supposed to be?"

One preacher said the reason Socrates made this comment had to do with Socrates' view of man's purpose. "Socrates believed that the purpose of human life was personal and spiritual growth. We are unable to grow toward greater understanding of our true nature unless we take time to examine and reflect upon our life."

Mind you, Socrates wasn't a Christian. He didn't have the opportunity because he lived some 400 years before the time of Christ. But that doesn't mean we can't learn from his wisdom. Besides isn't the "examined life" exactly what Christianity is all about?

Listen to Paul's words to the Ephesians. *"17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. 19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. 20 That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."* (Ephesians 4:17-24)

Christianity is a matter of constantly examining one's self. To "put off" and to "put on" can only happen in light of such self examination. Why even our communion time is to be a matter of looking closely at ourselves. What was it Paul said, "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." (I Corinthians 11:28) Or listen to this one, "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves." (II Corinthians 13:5)

My point is this...New Year's is an opportunity to do exactly as the Bible would have us to do; to make resolutions that have an impact on our character and spiritual development. I hope you take advantage of the season. Or, if not, that you'll use Sunday's communion time to do your examining of self. But regardless of whether you use a special day or a daily occurrence... live the life worth living...live the examined life. Live like Jesus.

May God bless you and protect you through the New Year!

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### SUNDAY STATISTICS

November 21, 2010

Morning Worship	617
Sunday School	339
General Offering	\$19,828.88
Covenant Offering	\$8,003.79
Special Covenant Offering	\$6,965.00

November 28, 2010

Morning Worship	549
Sunday School	314
General Offering	\$14,224.42
Covenant Offering	\$6,919.00

December 5, 2010

Morning Worship	572
Sunday School	333
General Offering	\$17,100.80
Covenant Offering	\$5,651.90

December 12, 2010

Morning Worship	565
Sunday School	291
General Offering	\$28,857.78
Covenant Offering	\$6,877.50

December 19, 2010

Morning Worship	701
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$20,709.19
Covenant Offering	\$6,182.19

December 26, 2010

Morning Worship	169
No Sunday School	
General Offering	\$11,689.46
Covenant Offering	\$4,759.00

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



## News

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY T-SHIRT SALE

The Women's Ministry is selling Crossroads T-shirts (both long sleeve and short sleeve) at the Information Center through January 9.

Short Sleeve—\$10.00  
Long Sleeve—\$15.00  
Plus sizes extra

A variety of colors will be available with the Crossroads logo. Proceeds will benefit Women's Ministry projects and activities.

### 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 starts January 9 at the Information Center.

CHOIRS RESUME

Adult Choir—January 9  
Teen Choir—January 16  
Cherub Choir—January 19  
King's Kids—January 19

### 1. 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. (Last day to register and pay is Sunday, January 9.)

Information packets can be picked up in the Lab 56 Room or just see Mr. Jim.



### 2. Parents! Check out January'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!

### 3. Young Discipleship Meeting:

**Date of Event:** Sunday, January 30  
**Time of Event:** 4:00—5:00 PM  
**Place of Event:** The Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site (Building #2)

### 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.