



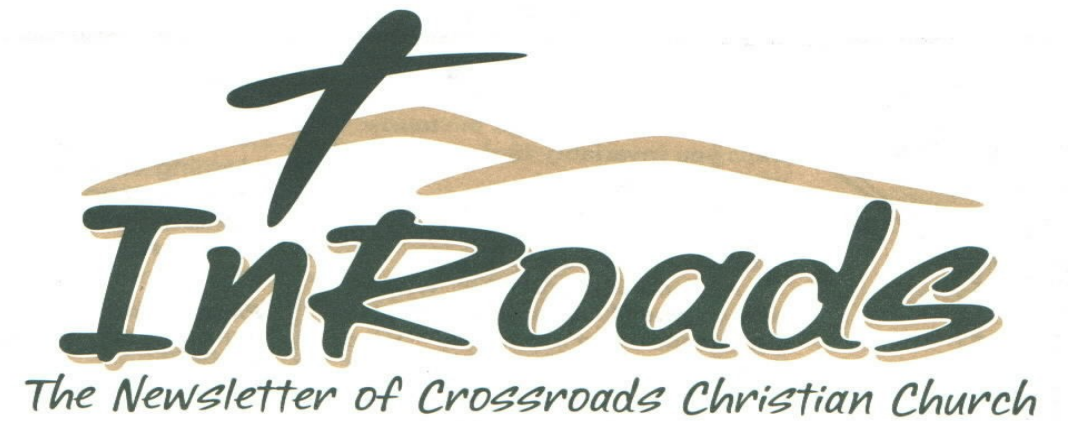
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January 2012

## Crossroads Student Ministry



Thank you to all who baked desserts, set up tables, and purchased desserts in the 2011 Dessert Auction! It was a huge success thanks to your generous donations. The total amount raised was \$2,714. Thank you for willingly participating in the new format. We hope you and your family enjoy the desserts!

### Upcoming Events-

- TN Christian Teen Convention is January 6-8
- NFLs Biggest Game of the Year Party is February 5
- Mobile Lock-In is February 24

**TCTC 2012-** Students who are joining us for the TN Christian Teen Convention need to go to the Crossroads Student Ministry Facebook page and vote on the Fun Day event of their choice. Packing list is available on the Facebook TCTC event page.



### 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 Youth Room
- Small 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 some difficult questions people have about Christianity. We'll have different speakers throughout the study and we'll have break out discussions so you can join the conversation.

- 1/4 NO Youth Group. Happy New Year!
- 1/11 Winter Kick-Off
- 1/18 Youth Group
- 1/25 Youth Group

**Small Groups-** We will resume Small Groups on January 15.

- 7-8 grade gals at the Aurigema home
- 7-8 grade guys in SMB (Student Ministry Building)
- 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

**The Table for 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](http://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.



## CrossPath Kickoff

January 11  
6:30 p.m.

Bring a dessert  
(Drinks provided)

Play "Minute to Win It"



# The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

## 2012!

**It's a new year and according to the ancient Mayan calendar, time for the Apocalypse!**

The official date for this apocalyptic world-ending event is supposedly December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. How exciting is that? And me with only half my bucket list accomplished! I guess I'll never get to climb Mt. Everest after all! Rats.

Anyway, I recently read an Associated Press article that a group of modern-day Mayans has begun a countdown of sorts, using an eight foot tall clock placed in the village square. Apparently they've abandoned their stone calendar in favor of something a bit more contemporary. One can't say they haven't changed with the times. Honestly, it's the stuff of movies...and in fact, Hollywood did make one this past year entitled appropriately enough, 2012.

What strikes me is, that unlike Christian End-Of-the-World prophets, the Mayans are not going to wait out the end in prayer and meditation. No. As I understand it, they are going to celebrate their final days in a year-long party! Their reason for doing so is, the Mayan elders have been told to expect something like 52,000,000 tourists to visit Mexico this year...more than twice the number they've had in the past! So, in hopes of capitalizing on some of that One Percenter's money, the elders have put together an entire year of tourism with Mayan religious rites and ceremonies. Kinda' like what you see from American Indians along the highways of the Southwestern part of our country.

All of this begs the question: if the end of the world is coming, what good will a stack of money be? I mean, what are they planning on doing with all the money they fleece off tourists? Hmmm?

I think we know the answer to that question. Just in case this whole End-of-the-World stuff is nothing more than another Y2K style scare (remember that hoopla?), they want to make hay while the light of world attention shines on them. I really can't blame them. In fact, it might all be very interesting...

However, all that said, it got me to thinking. As Christians, we believe Jesus could come back at any moment. And who knows...maybe this will be the year. In fact, if we pray what the Bible says the early Christians prayed, *Maranatha*" (which is interpreted, "O Lord, come!"); a prayer for Jesus Christ's speedy return), then it is very possible that could be the year! Now, I ask again, "How exciting is that?" Changes the whole outlook doesn't it?

So, let's think about it for a moment. What if this is THE YEAR? What if this should be the actual year of our Lord's return? How would that change our approach to the coming year?

I thought I'd share a few ideas. Christianity has always been a religion of choices. So, in keeping with that basic concept, here are a few choices that I think would be wise...

- 1. Let's put away the past.** Past mistakes. Past sins. Past failures. As the book of Hebrews admonishes us: *"let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."* (Hebrews 12:1)
- 2. Let's live in the present.** Three things only...as far as I can tell...go to heaven with us. Souls won. Good deeds done. And treasures laid up in heaven. Nothing else. All else is wood, hay and stubble...and will be burned up and left behind. This is a good year to begin to concentrate on our heavenly bank account...instead of tourism bucks of any kind!
- 3. Let's hope for the future.** Paul said of his life that to live was to live for Christ...but to die...that was gain! Let's make heaven something we hope for. May 2012 be a fresh start in our race...

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### SUNDAY STATISTICS

#### December 4, 2011

Morning Worship	607
General Offering	\$14,929.43
Covenant Offering	\$2,866.00

#### December 11, 2011

Morning Worship	596
General Offering	\$17,812.15
Covenant Offering	\$5,633.00

#### December 18, 2011

Morning Worship	618
General Offering	\$27,335.24
Covenant Offering	\$6,642.43

#### December 25, 2011

Morning Worship	455
General Offering	\$21,094.01
Covenant Offering	\$6,157.00

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

**Crosseyed, Crossroads' Teen Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, January 15 at 4:00.**

**Mark your calendars now for April 22 for the spring program.**

There will be a

for  
*Alora Martzin*

Sunday, January 8  
3:00—4:30 p.m.  
Lobby Classroom

She is registered at Target, Wal-Mart & Babies R Us.

**CROSSROADS WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
**MARCH 2 & 3, 2012**  
(Friday 7 p.m. to Saturday 4 p.m.)

Highland Manor Inn  
Townsend, TN

Speaker: Ronda Paulson  
Worship & Special Concert  
by Alatheia

**Cost:**  
(includes 1 night's lodging, continental breakfast, lunch & retreat expenses)

2 people to a room—\$72.00 per person  
3 people to a room—\$62.00 per person  
4 people to a room—\$56.00 per person

Registration begins January 8.  
\$20.00 deposit due at registration.  
(non-refundable after January 29)

**WOMEN'S Bible Study**

**LADIES** - Start your new year off right - on MONDAY, JANUARY 2 at 7pm in the Lobby Classroom we'll hear Beth Moore's teaching on *"Wising up at Work."* Don't miss this valuable lesson which is part of the Once-a-Month Women's Bible Study series. If you have questions, contact Twyla at 477-3314 or [joetwylat@gmail.com](mailto:joetwylat@gmail.com).

A new study entitled *"James: Mercy Triumphs"* by Beth Moore will be offered at the following times:

- Wednesday morning - 9:30 (Portia Sams 477-8598) - starts January 11
- Wednesday evening - 6:30 (Sandy Carty 833-2793) - starts January 11
- Thursday evening - 7:00 (Cindy Freeman 477-2729) - starts January 12

Books are at LifeWay in Johnson City. **Please sign up on the sheets on the lobby bulletin board for the day/night you will attend the James study and note if you need childcare. Your attention to this helps us with planning.**

To the Crossroads congregation,

We are once again amazed at the generosity that you have shown through the Christmas love offering that we were presented. These words do not give justice to the depth of gratitude with which we receive our gift. We consider it a privilege and a tremendous blessing to be involved in sharing God's grace and love with such a wonderful church family. May the hope, peace, joy, and truth of the Christmas season be real to each and every one of you.

Crossroads Ministry Staff

There will be a

for  
*Anna Martzin Tallman*  
(given by friends)

Sunday, January 29  
3:00—4:30 p.m.  
Lobby Classroom

She is registered at Target & Babies R Us.

**"Your Body is a Temple – Not a Drive-Thru"**  
Tuesday, January 17  
6:30 – 8:00

This interactive seminar, led by Sheri Aubrey, will focus on tips and encouragement for healthy living. Healthy snacks will be served and Door Prizes will be given away. This Seminar is sponsored by Crossroads' Women's Ministry and will take place in the Lower Auditorium. Childcare will be provided, but those needing childcare must make reservations by Sunday, January 15 by calling the church office.

## DECISIONS

December 25, 2011  
Baptism  
Jared Everroad  
2005 Michael Dr.  
Johnson City, TN 37604



## News

### 1. Parents! Check out the January 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. Important Date Changes:

- **Wednesday, January 4** - No Children's Ministry Programming due to New Year's & Staff Retreat.
- Wednesday, January 11 - CrossPath Family Night.
- Wednesday, January 18 - Full Children's Ministry programming begins.

### 3. Club 56 Snow Tubing at Hawksnest -

**Date of Event:** Saturday, January 28

**Time of Event:** 11:30 AM – 6:00 PM

**Place of Event:** Hawksnest in Seven Devils, NC

**Cost:** \$30.00 plus snack money

**Sign-Up:** Sign-Up sheets will be located at the Children's Information Center on the second floor of the Dig Site.

**Parents:** Any parent who would like to come along please let Mr. Jim know and sign-up at the Children's Information Center .

- **Information/Permission sheets can be found at the Children's Information Center.**
- **Sign-Ups and money are due by Sunday, January 15**
- **Please eat lunch before you come.**

### 4. Young Discipleship Team Meeting:

**Date of Event:** Sunday, January 29

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

**Place of Event:** Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site

### 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.



Throughout the month of January we will be holding open enrollment for LifeGroups. If you are new to Crossroads, a LifeGroup is a group of people who meet on a regular basis with the purpose of growing closer to God and one another. This happens as the people of the group care for each other, pray, study, worship, and serve together. Life-Groups are about sharing life together.

These new LifeGroups will begin in February and will continue through the end of April. If you are interested in learning more about or joining a LifeGroup just go to the

church website, click on **Adults**, then select **Join a LifeGroup** and fill out the request for information. You can also stop by the Information Center in the lobby to pick up a brochure about LifeGroups. Join a LifeGroup and start growing today!

### SUNDAY MORNING SNOW POLICY

In the case of weekend snow or wintry weather which causes a schedule change for Sunday services at Crossroads, we will notify our church contact list by phone using the One Call Now notification system. We will also update our message line at the church office as soon as possible to indicate if we are on a "snow schedule". A "Snow Schedule" is: 10:55 (second) worship service only with no Sunday school classes. Second hour nursery, preschool and K.I.D.'S Church will be provided.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING SNOW POLICY

In case of a snowfall or wintry weather which causes a schedule change for Wednesday evening services at Crossroads, we will notify our church contact list by phone using the One Call Now notification system. We will also update our message line at the church office as soon as possible to indicate schedule changes.