



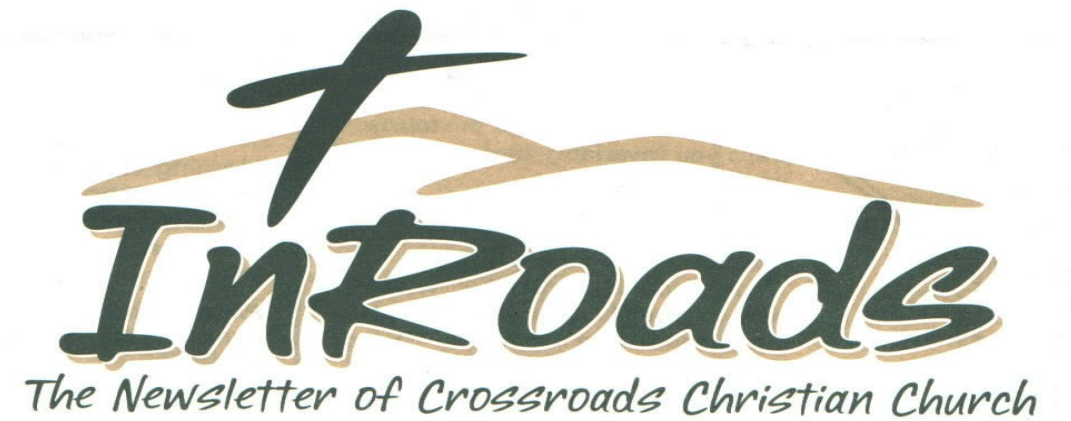
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Crossroads Student Ministry

Upcoming Events- (sign up in The Greenhouse)

January 11-13- TCTC
February 3- BIG Game Party
March 1- Mobile Lock-In



TCTC- Join us for a great weekend filled with meaningful worship, practical teaching and lots of community building with thousands of teens in Gatlinburg, TN! The cost is \$130 and we need to know ASAP if you will be joining us.

Dessert Auction- The Dessert Auction was a huge success thanks to the participation of our wonderful Faith Family here at Crossroads! Thanks to you we raised over \$4,300 toward our mission trip with Haitian Christian Mission! A huge thank you to those who baked desserts, purchased desserts and to those who prayed for this event.

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. Field 44 meets in The Greenhouse. Wild Branches in the Gym.

****Wild Branches and Field 44 will resume normal programming on January 9.****

Student Life Groups- These are age and gender specific groups that meet in homes on a weekly basis to discuss how God's Word speaks into our every day lives.

MS Guys- Meet @ Cox home (Craig Moorhouse leading)

MS Gals- Meet @ Moorhouse home (Amanda/Salena Cox leading)

HS Guys- Meet @ McNeely home (Andy/Craig Shaw leading)

HS Gals- Meet @ Hunigan home (Janet McNeely/Brandy Bradley leading)

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



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

BEGINNING JANUARY 9

5:20 p.m.

Crosspath Meal

6:00 p.m.

Cherub Choir

King's Kids

6:30 p.m.

Nursery Care

Youth Group

College/Young Adults

Women's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday Night Teaching

7:00 p.m.

Preschool Small Groups

Elementary Small Groups

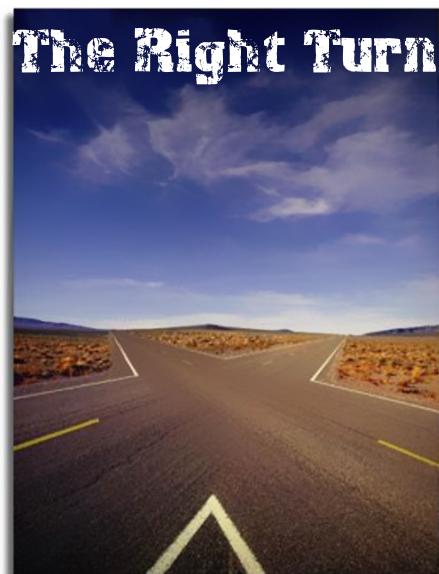
Club 56

A new class, "Storyline", will begin February 6.
Watch for more information in church publications!

by Clint Andrews

If you are reading this, then the New Year has arrived. Which means, the Mayan calendar was wrong...and we've made it through 2012 after all. And if you were to exclude hurricane Sandy and the tragic Connecticut massacre...it's been a pretty good year. Of course, I admit, it is hard to see past those events.

During the sad days following the Connecticut shooting...my sister sent me a letter written by a teacher... paying tribute to the brave teachers of Newtown Elementary School. It reads in part...



To my fallen colleagues,

I heard your stories today on the radio, on my way to school. I heard what you did to protect your students. I learned about your last act of bravery, of love, of kindness. The profound impact of your actions stays with me today, and will always.

As I walk around my school, I see my fellow teachers with new eyes. See, I always knew they lived and taught with love, kindness, compassion, and knowledge. But as I looked at them today, I saw you.

I saw what you did in all of them.

The quiet bravery. The willingness to stand up for children, be it in meetings, conversations, reports or calling out for support. It is in each of them. Then to your extreme last act of love, of selflessness. I see this too, deep behind their eyes. I know they would do the same thing. My colleagues, they would act as you did.

You showed America the heart and soul of teachers. This undervalued, underpaid, often criticized much maligned profession called teaching.

As more and more people tell us we aren't good enough, we aren't doing enough, our educational system is failing, I see my colleagues working through lunch breaks. Researching into the night. Calling parents, meeting with students, and trying everything they can do to make their students successful, happy and engaged.

I see teachers working tirelessly each day to not only teach math, literacy, writing, grammar, spelling, science and social studies but also kindness, empathy, bravery, civic engagement and perspective taking.

I thought that was worth sharing. This past fall...as students and teachers returned to the classroom, we neglected to pray for their school year. That was my neglect. I apologize. Our schools need our prayers...even if they shut the doors against it...there is no reason we can't pray a blessing upon them from the outside. And we should. If Connecticut is evidence of nothing else, it clearly demonstrates the need for divine intervention.

I don't know how you feel about celebrating the New Year coming in, but I like New Years. I always have. Maybe it's because I've messed up so many times in my life, I need regular fresh starts. Forgetting to pray about our schools...our students...our parents...and our teachers is one of those fresh starts.

How about covenanting with me to offer a prayer of blessing and protection upon our schools. We have a receptive area when it comes to God. We have teachers...and a school board...that are, for the most part, believers. I know they would covet your prayers.

So...as we look at our New Year's resolutions...allow me to add this to your list. Prayer for our children...our teachers...our school board.

May God bless us...and protect us from those who would do harm! Thank you. And Happy New Year.

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

December 2, 2012

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| Morning Worship | 659 |
| General Offering | \$17,409.05 |
| Covenant Offering | \$10,519.33 |

December 9, 2012

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| Morning Worship | 653 |
| General Offering | \$19,041.80 |
| Covenant Offering | \$5,814.62 |

December 16, 2012

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| Morning Worship | 655 |
| General Offering | \$16,122.94 |
| Covenant Offering | \$3,980.57 |

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



Calling All Singers!!

The Crossroads Adult Choir invites new and former members to be a part of "The Story-The Musical", a work that will be presented at the conclusion of our Faith Family's study of "The Story". Work on this musical will begin on January 6 at 5:30 p.m., but rehearsal CD's are available now. Please contact Tempa at www.crossroadsgray.org or 676-5870 if you'd like to be a part of this exciting project which will be presented on Sunday, May 5, 2013. To see a 16-minute preview video of the music, visit www.wordmusic.com and click on "The Story-The Musical".



The Story resumes
January 6.
We will be on Chapter 14 for
Sunday's sermon and that
week's Life Groups.

Women's Ministry News

* **Plan ahead for our February program—a BOOK CLUB!** - The book to be discussed is "Saving Cicadas" by Nicole Seitz. Copies are for sale now at the Information Center for \$10.

* **Annual Crossroads Women's Retreat**
March 1 & 2, 2013

at The Inn at Christmas Place
in Pigeon Forge, TN



Registration for this event begins January 6. A deposit of \$25 must be paid at registration. The deposit is non-refundable after January 27.

* **Seminar: Your Body is a Temple—Not a Drive-Through** - presented by Sheri Aubrey on Tuesday, January 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Lower Auditorium. Sheri will help us focus on living a healthy lifestyle by forming good eating habits and exercising. **FREE EVENT.** Childcare will be provided by reservation which should be made in the office by noon on Monday, January 7.

WOMEN'S



LADIES - A new study entitled *Nehemiah* by Kelly Minter will be offered at the following times:

- Wednesday morning - 9:30 (Portia Sams 477-8598) - starts January 9
- Wednesday evening - 6:30 (Sandy Carty 833-2793) - starts January 9
- Thursday evening - 7:00 (Cindy Freeman 477-2729) - starts January 10

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 and note if you need childcare. Your attention to this helps us with planning.**

To our faith family,

Once again we are humbled by your generosity that has come our way in the form of the Christmas monetary gift. We are very grateful, and we recognize that we are blessed beyond measure to serve Him along side each of you. Thank you so much, and may our ministry together be a blessing to others!

Serving Him together,
Crossroads Ministry Staff



6. Children's Ministry Team Leaders' Meeting:

Date of Event: Friday, January 11

Time of Event: 7:00 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 email them to me at jim@crossroadsgray.org.

7. 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.



News

1. Children's Ministry CPR Training -

Attention all Children's Ministry Volunteers - Please either call or email me to sign up for one of the sessions if you are interested.

Date of Event: Saturday, January 19

Time of Event: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Place of Event: Dig K-4 Room of the Dig Site

Cost: \$15.00

Event Contact: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32; **Email:** jim@crossroadsgray.org

2. 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!

3. Important Date Changes:

- **Wednesday, January 2** - No Children's Ministry Programming due to Christmas Break.

4. Club 56 Snow Tubing at Hawksnest -

Date of Event: Saturday, January 26

Time of Event: TBD

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 13**
- **Please eat lunch before you come.**

5. Young Discipleship Team Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, January 27

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

Place of Event: Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site

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

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