



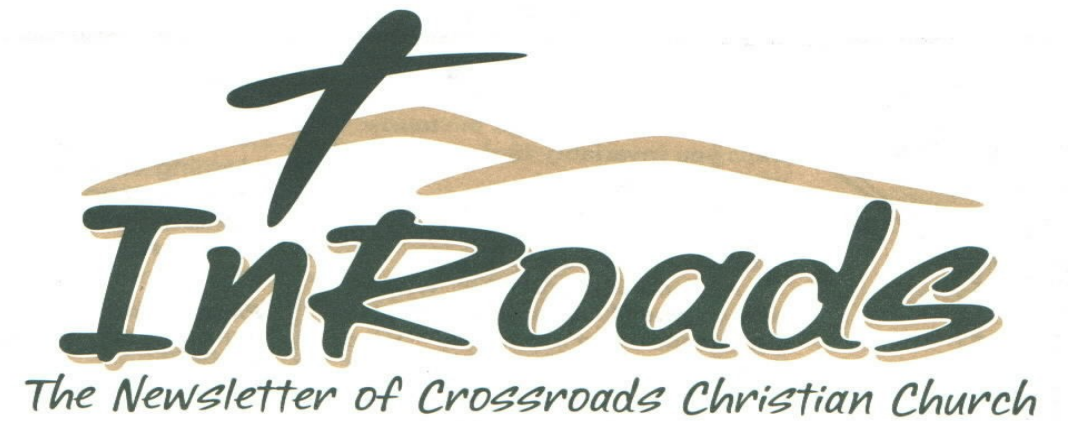
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Crossroads Student Ministry

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

- Sunday:
 - Worship @ 9:30 am
 - Sunday School @ 10:55 am- All Start in The Youth Room and we will all be together for the summer
 - Small Groups- Will start back in the fall
- Wednesday: See Schedule Below

Wednesday Night Schedule:

- 7/6: Student Led Wednesday Night (Olivia and Company)
- 7/13: Johnson City Cardinals Game
- 7/20: Whatever Andy says
- 7/27: African Children's Choir

Yard Sale: Thanks so much to EVERYONE who helped in ANY way with the yard sale. Thanks to Bill Graham for the trailer usage. Thanks to all those who donated items. Thanks to all those who bought items. Thanks to all those who donated items they bought last year so we could sell them again this year (Carter...We did not get to sell the ski machine for the 4th time). Thanks to all those who helped unload, organize, price, clean up, carry, etc.

High School Mission Trip: If you have not yet paid your final \$125.00, please take care of that ASAP. Also, you need to get your forms filled out and notarized ASAP. If you have lost your forms, you can get them from the Crossroads website or the student ministry group on Facebook.

YIM Student Leadership Conference: Youth In Ministry's annual Student Leadership Conference will be July 24-30, 2011 at Milligan College. It is for those who are really interested in beginning to seek God's will for their life (now and in the future). It is a wonderful week that is led in part by some people you know pretty well (Kit, Curtis, Chris Wells, etc.). There are scholarships available for the week & all the info is now available in The Youth Room. Keep your eyes open for the info on Facebook & the Crossroads Website. You can also go to www.youthinministry.org to download all the info.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR *Stay tuned...
there will be more events added soon*

July 17-23: High School Mission Trip to Louisville, KY
July 24-30: Youth In Ministry Student Leadership Conference



Wednesday, July 27, 2011
7:00 pm
at
Crossroads Christian Church
1300 Suncrest Dr, Gray
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A free-will offering will be taken to help provide education, care and emergency relief for over 7,000 children in Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan, Rwanda, Nigeria, and Ghana. The concert will be a mixture of well-loved children's songs, traditional African songs and dances, and favorite gospel tunes. Experience the hope, dignity and beauty of Africa!

ABOUT THE CHOIR

The African Children's Choir has been working with the most vulnerable children in Africa for 25 years, raising awareness of the plight of Africa's orphaned and abandoned, but also showing the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child. They are a voice for the millions of children suffering in Africa.

Volunteers are needed. To find out how you can help, please see page 3.

The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

Each night in Honduras our short term mission team closed out the day with group devotions. Each volunteer did a good job. But on the last night, our host, Marc Tindall gave the devotional thoughts by sharing his testimony as to how he and his wife, Terri, ended up in Honduras as a missionary.

Marc was raised in church. It had always been a part of his life for as long as he could remember. But as an adult, attending church had not made him immune to the common problems of life. Not the least was the growing distance between him and his son. A career as an executive with several companies...the last one being Sara Lee...kept him from having the relationship with his son that he believed a father ought to have. He thought that, perhaps a mission trip with his son might be just the thing to get them back on track again. So he contacted TORCH Missions in Honduras and made arrangements for the two of them to spend a week doing mission work.

Tragically, just prior to their scheduled departure, Marc and Terri's son was killed in an accident...and the mission trip never happened. Not wanting to miss the same opportunity with their daughter, Marc and Terri made plans to go to Honduras as a family the following summer.

The trip was everything they hoped it would be. It was a time when their shared experiences in a third world country reinforced their appreciation of the blessings they had received from God. It also drew them closer together as a family. But perhaps more to the point, the trip opened their eyes to the spiritual and physical needs of an impoverished nation. So profound was this last effect on their lives that they repeated the trip yearly for several summers.

At the close of his fourth or fifth mission trip to Honduras...Marc and his family were finishing up a house in Nuevo Oriental (one of the areas where we also did some building and food distribution) when a young 14 year old girl carrying a tiny infant asked for help to buy baby formula. In poverty stricken countries where children are having babies...often the young mothers are so malnourished themselves that they cannot produce milk.

Since Marc and his family were scheduled to fly out the next day, they decided to use the rest of their Limperas (the Honduran currency) to purchase what they could in the way of formula. So with the young mother leading the way, they went to the local neighborhood store and bought out the entire stock of baby formula. Then they helped carry the milk to the girl's house. But when they arrived...they were shocked.

It might help if I stopped here and explained the way the houses of the poor are constructed in Honduras. Poverty stricken neighborhoods are built into the sides of mountains; on land that no one would want or use. Thus the main door is built on ground level...but the rest of the house rises above the slant of the land. In fact, some times the back of the house is on stilts some 10 feet or more above the ground. As it turned out, this young mother of two...two, because there was already a small toddler at the house when Marc arrived...lived, not in a house but under someone else's house. The roof of her place of residence was the floor of the house above her. The floor of her home was nothing more than a straw mat. There were no walls. So in essence, her entire home for her family consisted of a mat on the bare ground.

And there was nothing Marc could do about it because he was flying out the next day. All he could do was help her pack away the formula...and then leave. But all through the night...and all for the entire flight home...he couldn't get the picture of this young mother and her two children living under a house out of his mind. It hit him hard and he was an emotional wreck. And by the time he landed back in the states, he knew he couldn't keep this up. He couldn't keep coming down to Honduras for a week or two...and then go back home and forget about everything he saw and experienced. It seemed to him like he was putting a Band-Aid on a critical wound. It was time to make a decision. So Marc and Terri began to pray about what they ought to do...and eventually...they knew that what they needed to do was dedicate themselves full time to trying to save as many as possible.

The emotion Marc felt has a name. It's called compassion. The Greek word for compassion carries with it the idea of being torn up over something; to be emotionally in turmoil. The King James often interprets it as "Bowels of Mercy," but at the heart, it is the idea of being emotionally disturbed over another person's needs. We would say, "Our hearts are broken," but it's the same idea.

That Jesus was moved by compassion is well known, but Paul wrote to us saying, *"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion..."* (Colossians 3:12)

So I leave you with this question, "What causes compassion and mercy to rise in you?" Over what are you spiritually disturbed? Hmmm?

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

May 29, 2011

Morning Worship	505
General Offering	\$13,250.54
Covenant Offering	\$1,749.00

June 5, 2011

Morning Worship	543
General Offering	\$14,415.60
Covenant Offering	\$3,343.50

June 12, 2011

Morning Worship	512
General Offering	\$14,012.50
Covenant Offering	\$2,306.36

June 19, 2011

Morning Worship	501
General Offering	\$11,303.40
Covenant Offering	\$2,501.33

June 26, 2011

Morning Worship	
General Offering	\$12,282.00
Covenant Offering	\$2,730.00

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

Wednesday, July 13th Crossroads Night at Cardinal Park



VS.



Picnic in the Pavilion @ 6:00 PM
Game Time—7:00 PM

Tickets on sale at Crossroads thru July 12th

Cost--\$2 if purchased at Crossroads

\$3 if purchased at the gate with a church bulletin

\$4 if purchased at the gate without a church bulletin

Ticket includes hot dog, chips, and drink at the pavilion*

***Please note that the JC Cardinals do not allow outside food or drink to be brought into the bleacher area. All food and drink from the pavilion must be consumed there and no food or drink will be allowed to come in to the stadium at the front gate.**

4th Annual Tri-Cities



Presented by the
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

BASKETBALL • CHEERLEADING • SOCCER

Day Camp for Students
Entering 3rd - 8th Grades

July 19-21 at Crossroads

Go to the Information Center in the Lobby
or to the Dig Site to pick up a detailed
information brochure



Tickets on sale now
in church lobby or
by calling
the church office.



Volunteers needed
for African
Children's Choir
Concert

→Product Table
workers (5 or 6)

→Ushers (5 or 6)

→Helpers to load truck
after the concert
(2)

If you can help in
any of these ways,
please sign the list in
the Lobby or call the
church office. Thanks!

GRAY COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY July 3

Appalachian Fairgrounds
6:00—10:00

One of our Super Summer Nights is the 2011 Gray Community Block Party, which will be held on Sunday, July 3rd at the Appalachian Fairgrounds from 6:00-10:00. Members of Crossroads are invited to this FREE event that will include food, games, fireworks, and entertainment. Last year's event drew a record crowd (upwards of 2500). Part of the entertainment will be the Appalachian Express Chorus--Phil Robertson & Dean Renfro from Crossroads are in the group--and Face Like Flint, which includes our own Tom & Melissa Brock, Tim Kirkland, Carter Warden, and Caleb Warden. Not only are you invited to attend, but you have the opportunity to volunteer to help. There will be a need for volunteers throughout that afternoon and evening—if you would like to help, please contact Rob Aubrey or Tony Barnes.

5. Parents! Check out July'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!

6. 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.

7. Important Dates for Your Summer Calendar -

Tuesday, July 12	Terrific Tuesday (Bright's Zoo)
Saturday, July 23	Volunteer CPR Training
Tuesday, July 26	Terrific Tuesday (Wetlands Water Park)
Saturday, August 6	Club 56 Kick-Off Party
Sunday, August 7	Promotion Sunday
Sunday, August 7	7th Grade Orientation to Student Ministry
Wednesday, August 10	Crosspath Family Night
Wednesday, August 17	Wednesday Night Kick-Off



News

1. Terrific Tuesday—(Kindergarten - 6th Grade) Sign-up deadline is Sunday, July 10.

Date of Event: Tuesday, July 12
Time of Event: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Place: Bright's Zoo
Cost: \$15.00

*****Please wear athletic shoes. NO flip flops.*****

Lunch: Please bring a bagged lunch and drink. We will be eating a picnic lunch at the zoo.
Sign-Up: Sign-up sheets are located at the Children's Information Table on the second floor of the Dig Site. Any parent who is able to come along and willing to drive, please sign-up too.
Event Contact: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32; **Email:** jim@crossroadsgray.org

2. Children's Ministry Team Leaders Meeting:

Date of Event: Wednesday, July 13
Time of Event: 1:00 PM—2:30 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 either email them to me at jim@crossroadsgray.org or to Neil Johnson at nvljohnson@embarqmail.com.

3. Terrific Tuesday—(Kindergarten - 6th Grade) Sign-up deadline is Sunday, July 24.

Date of Event: Tuesday, July 26
Time of Event: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Place: Wetlands Water Park
Cost: \$6.50 (Ages 5-11), \$8.50 (Ages 12+)
Lunch: Hot Dog Meal (\$5.50) and a Hamburger Meal (\$6.00)
Sign-Up: Sign-up sheets will be located at the Children's Information Table on the second floor of the Dig Site.

Any parent who is able to come along and willing to drive, please sign-up too.
Event Contact: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32; **Email:** jim@crossroadsgray.org

4. Children's Ministry CPR Training -

Attention all Children's Ministry Volunteers - Please either call or email me to sign up for this session if you are interested.

Date of Event: Saturday, July 23
Time of Event: 8:00 AM—12:00 PM
Place of Event: Dig K-4 Room of the Dig Site
Cost: \$6.00
Event Contact: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32; **Email:** jim@crossroadsgray.org

DECISIONS

May 15, 2011
Baptism

Reanna Bowman—516 West E St.
Elizabethton, TN 37643

May 26, 2011
Baptism

Jay Poole—102 Ed Gage Ln.
Gray, TN 37615

Outdoor Movie Nights
@ Crossroads—9:00 p.m.
July 10 & July 31

Fun, family movie; bring your own snack, drink and lawn chair

