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The Newsletter of Crossroads Christian Church

July 2012

Crossroads Student Ministry

Upcoming Events-

July 9-14 - CIY MOVE Conference
August 1 - Redneck Olympics



CIY MOVE Conference- July 9-14 a group of 15 students and Sponsors will be spending a week going deeper in our relationship with Christ. We ask for your prayers as these students seriously consider what their purpose is and how God wants to use them to further His Kingdom. Students who are attending, please make sure you have completed all 4 forms and submitted them to Andy by Sunday, June 24.

Redneck Olympics- Come on out for an evening of hubcap hurlin', seed spittin', corn shuckin' and down home cookin' on August 1. It's a FREE night in the holler out back of Crossroads that's sure to be fun! We'll get dirty, eat a lot and spend the night under the stars next to a campfire. Invite your friends and come on down!



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

Sunday:

Worship @ 9:30 am

Sunday School @ 10:55 am

During the summer months we will combine everyone in The Greenhouse for Sunday morning Bible studies.

Student Life Groups @ 5:45 pm- Meeting in homes

Wednesday: see below

Wednesday Night Youth Group:

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Over the summer we will still meet Wednesday nights but every night will have a different look! You won't want to miss out!

4 Holiday- No programming

11 Student Lead

18 Movie Night

25

August 1 Redneck Olympics



Student Life Groups- We will take a break over the summer from Student Life Groups and resume in August.



The Garden @ Crossroads- CCC has planted a ¼ acre vegetable garden in the holler behind the church! We are excited about our entire church family participating in the harvest, which has already begun. All of the veggies will be donated to families in need in our community. Please come out THIS WEEK to help us pick squash, tomatoes, and peppers. You can come any time you wish. Call the church office for details 477-2229.

PARENTS- Parents please email andy@crossroadsgray.org so that we can add you to the Parent Email list. These are informational emails that will be sent out regularly. This is an additional means of communication paired with The City.

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 City. To become a member simply go to www.crossroadsgray.org and click "get connected" then select "the city". This will be the primary mode of communication for parents to receive information about Student Ministry events.



All-Church Carry-In Dinner and Outdoor Movie July 1, 2012

The meal will begin at 7:00 and
the movie will begin at dusk.

Bring the whole family for an evening of food and fun!
Each family is asked to bring 2-3 dishes (entrees, sides, desserts, etc.)
and serving utensils. Drinks will be provided.
The movie will be a family-friendly flick that everyone will enjoy!
Bring a chair or blanket!



Let's We Forget!

by Clint Andrews

REVEREND PETER MUHLENBERG

Copied from: <http://www.heritageofthefoundingfathers.com/article11.html>

It was Sunday morning early in the year 1776. In the church where Pastor Muhlenberg preached, it was a regular service for his congregation, but a quite different affair for Muhlenberg himself. Muhlenberg's text for the day was Ecclesiastes 3 where it explains, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted..."

Coming to the end of his sermon, Peter Muhlenberg turned to his congregation and said, "In the language of the holy writ, there was a time for all things, a time to preach and a time to pray, but those times have passed away." As those assembled looked on, Pastor Muhlenberg declared, "There is a time to fight, and that time is now coming!" Muhlenberg then proceeded to remove his robes revealing, to the shock of his congregation, a military uniform.

Marching to the back of the church he declared, "Who among you is with me?" On that day 300 men from his church stood up and joined Peter Muhlenberg. They eventually became the 8th Virginia Brigade fighting for liberty.

Frederick Muhlenberg, Peter's brother, was against Peter's level of involvement in the war. Peter responded to Frederick writing, "I am a Clergyman it is true, but I am a member of the Society as well as the poorest Layman, and my Liberty is as dear to me as any man, shall I then sit still and enjoy myself at Home when the best Blood of the Covenant is spilling? ...So far am I from thinking that I act wrong, I am convinced it is my duty to do so and duly I owe to God and my country."

During the war there were rumors that the British wanted to hang Peter's father, Henry Muhlenberg. Henry wrote, "Toward evening came a report that they were near-by and going to take me. I cannot flee, much less leave my sick wife behind, so I must await whatever God's holy providence and governance...has ordained for me and commit it to him, the Lord of Lords..." Miraculously, the British never came for Henry Muhlenberg.

Peter Muhlenberg was a great soldier. He became a Major General under Commander-in-chief George Washington. Baron Steuben, in general orders, requested "General Muhlenberg to accept his very particular thanks for his gallantry and good dispatches." Because of his actions, Muhlenberg was given command of one thousand light infantry. Muhlenberg finished the war strong and is portrayed in a painting displayed in the United States Capitol Rotunda of the surrender of the British at Yorktown.

After the war, Muhlenberg continued to serve his country. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives not once, but three times. He was also elected to the Senate in 1801.

Peter's brother, Fredrick, had a change of heart to his brother's doings. Fredrick became elected to the House of Representatives and was Speaker of the House twice.

Peter Muhlenberg passed away in 1807 at the age of sixty-one. He was a great patriot as can be seen on his tombstone which reads, "He was Brave in the field, Faithful in the Cabinet, Honorable in all his transactions, a Sincere Friend and an Honest Man."

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

June 3, 2012

Morning Worship	544
General Offering	\$12,695.27
Covenant Offering	\$1,912.00

June 10, 2012

Morning Worship	568
General Offering	\$13,314.00
Covenant Offering	\$6,164.00

June 17, 2012

Morning Worship	531
General Offering	\$11,859.00
Covenant Offering	\$2,004.33

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



WOMEN'S MINISTRY LUAU FRIDAY, JULY 27

at Cookie Mabe's house
1008 Hillendale Rd., Gray

COME AT 4:00 FOR
SWIMMING AND FELLOWSHIP
PHIL'S BBQ AT 6:30

COST: \$5.00 PER PERSON

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED
AT THE INFORMATION CENTER
BEGINNING JULY 1

EACH PERSON IS ASKED TO
SIGN UP TO BRING A SIDE
DISH, DESSERT OR DRINK



Mark your calendar for 'Crossroads on the Road' as we sponsor the July 15th

baseball game between the Johnson City Cardinals and the Kingsport Mets at Cardinal Park on Legion Street. Tickets will be available beginning Sunday, July 1st at a cost of \$2.00 each. Your ticket will not only get you into the game, but also allows you to attend a pregame hot dog meal at the stadium pavilion, gets you a FREE Crossroads gift (if you are among the first 500 fans to enter the game), allows you a chance to participate in on-field activities during the game, and gives you the opportunity to fellowship in the stands with others from your faith-family—that's a lot for only \$2!!! (We encourage you to purchase tickets in advance as we cannot guarantee the \$2 price at the gate.)

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN

The women's ministry board is in the process of planning for the 2012-2013 year. You can help us in 2 ways.

- 1) **Fill out a survey form.** They are located at the Information Center. After filling one out, please place it in the plastic envelope provided.
- 2) **Volunteer to serve**—there are many areas in which women are needed for the ongoing projects and events that our women's ministry provides. A list of opportunities is at a table in the Lobby. Women with willing hearts and hands are asked to sign up.



(for adults close to 50 & older)

LAKE DAY

Sunday, August 5
Hosted by

The Bardes & Grahams

Leave church right after
2nd service

(we will caravan).

Picnic lunch and some
time to "shoot the
breeze" on the
lake or off the lake.

No cost for this fun day.

In order to have
enough food -

sign up by July 29 on
the Lobby bulletin board.



Service Opportunity in our Community!!! The Gray Community Block Party will take place at the Appalachian Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 8th from 6:00-10:00. This event, which is underwritten by businesses, organizations, and area individuals is offered FREE to the community as a means of offering a family-friendly event for our neighbors. There will be entertainment on the museum stage, inflatables, children's games and rides, hot dogs, sno-cones, popcorn, corn hole, and much, much more—and it is all FREE! In recent years, our church has been able to carry out the 'SHOW' element of our vision by serving in various ways at this event. This year will be no different. In fact, the organizers are counting on us a great deal. So, if you are interested and willing to help out during a segment of the event in some capacity, please contact Rob in the church office (477-2229, x22) or email him at rob@crossroadsgray.org. Areas in which you can serve include the meal-serving line, children's games, helping children line up for the train, trash can monitoring, parking lot assistance, set-up, & clean-up.

5. **Terrific Tuesday—(Kindergarten - 6th Grade) Sign-up deadline is Sunday, July 22.**

Date of Event: Tuesday, July 24

Time of Event: 8:00 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.

Parents Needed: We need parents to chaperone and drive on this trip. 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



6. **Important Dates for Your Spring/Summer Calendar -**

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| Sunday, July 8 | Young Discipleship Team Meeting |
| Tuesday, July 10 | Terrific Tuesday (Ripley's Aquarium in Gatlinburg) |
| Monday, July 16 | Children's Ministry Leaders' Meeting |
| Tuesday, July 24 | Terrific Tuesday (Wetlands Water Park) |
| Saturday, August 4 | Club 56 Kick-Off Party |
| Sunday, August 5 | Promotion Sunday |
| Sunday, August 5 | 7th Grade Orientation to Student Ministry |

- Please look in the bulletin and Newsletters for more details.

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.

DECISIONS

June 3, 2012
Baptism

Mikaila Shaffer
320 Boonesboro Rd.
Gray, TN 37615

June 10, 2012
Membership

Lance & Rachel Ellis
903 Hanson Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37601

June 17, 2012
Membership

Angela Friday
1238 Old Gray Station Rd.
Gray, TN 37615

John Daily
202 Lee Carter Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37601



News

1. **Parents! Check out the July 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. **Young Discipleship Team Meeting:**

Date of Event: Sunday, July 8

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

Place of Event: Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site



3. **Terrific Tuesday—(Kindergarten - 6th Grade) Sign-up deadline is Sunday, July 8.**

Date of Event: Tuesday, July 10

Time of Event: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Place: Ripley's Aquarium in Gatlinburg

Cost: \$11.00 (Ages 6-11); \$21.00 (Ages 12+).

Lunch: Please bring lunch money. We will be eating at the cafeteria in the Aquarium.

Sign-Up: Sign-up sheets are located at the Children's Information Center Table on the second floor of the Dig Site.

Parents Needed: We need parents to chaperone and drive on this trip. Any parent who is able to come along and willing to drive, please sign-up too.

Event Contact:

Name: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32

Email: jim@crossroadsgray.org



4. **Children's Ministry Team Leaders' Meeting:**

Date of Event: Monday, July 16

Time of Event: 6:30

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.