



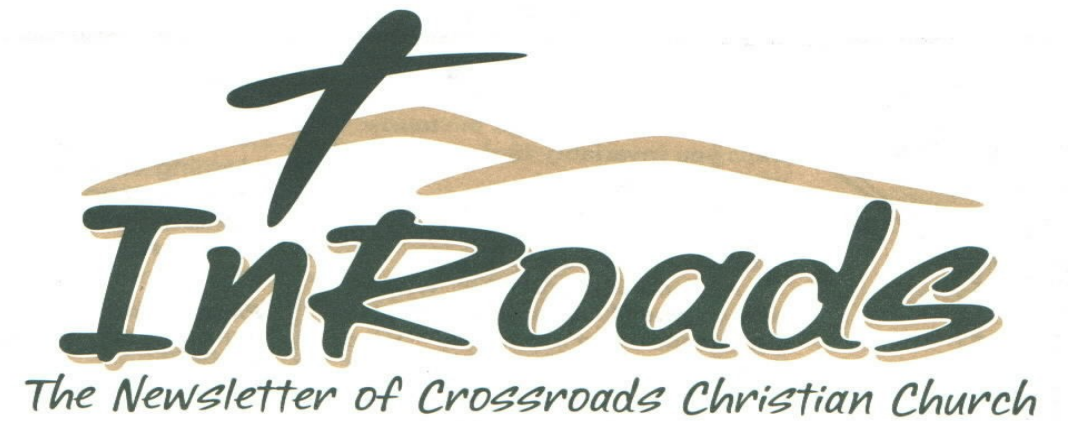
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Crossroads Student Ministry

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- Small groups will resume this fall
- Wednesday: Youth Group @ 7:00 pm in The Youth Room.

Yard Sale Donations: We are CURRENTLY taking donations for the annual student ministry yard sale which will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 17-18, 2011. There is a Kwik-Way Trailer behind the offices (Thanks Bill Graham). Please feel free to bring your treasures up at any time. If possible, try to move them as far forward as possible to make room. It is a great time to start cleaning those garages and attics. We appreciate everyone's treasures that they would like to donate to help with the High School Mission trip to inner city Louisville, KY.

Yard Sale Information: The annual student ministry yard sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 17-18, 2011. The proceeds from the yard sale will go to help with the High School Mission trip to Louisville, KY. As a result, we would like to ask/encourage those who are going on the high school mission trip to do your best to help with the yard sale. If you cannot because of work or camp or something else but can have a parent(s) help, that would also be great! You can help in the following ways: Volunteer to help keep the trailer clean and stuff moved forward from mid-May until the sale, help unload on Wednesday, June 15th, help set up on June 16th, help with the sale on the 17th and 18th, help with cleanup on the 18th.

Middle School Mission Trip: Riverwood — June 19-24, 2011. Information is on Facebook and the Church website.

High School Mission Trip: Louisville, KY to do inner city work with Crossroads Missions. The dates will be July 17-23, 2011. All the info is on the Crossroads website and on the student ministry Facebook page.

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.

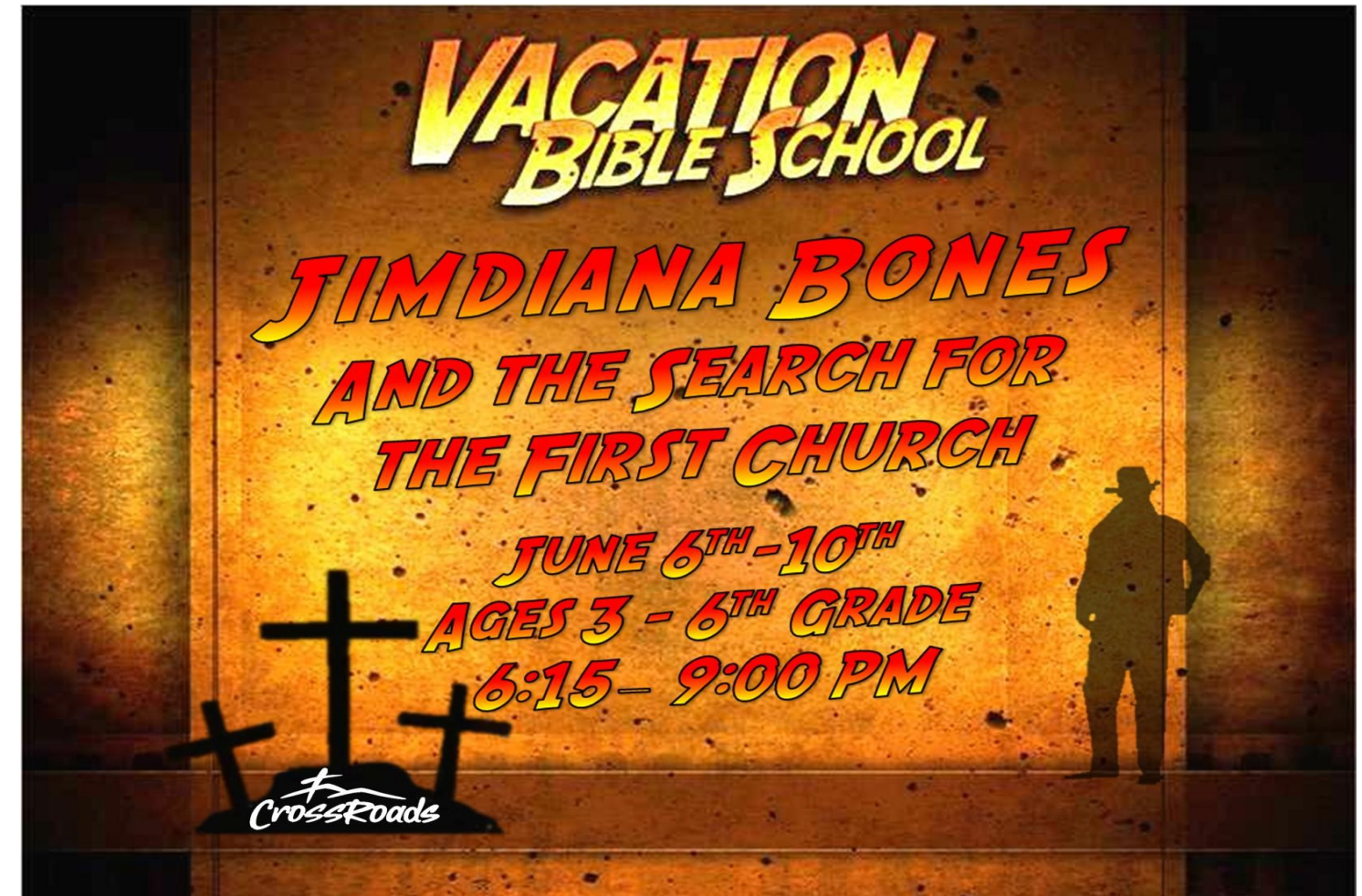
Wednesday Night Summer Schedule

- June 1: Regular Youth Group or Student Led if anyone wants to lead it
- June 8: No Youth Group because of VBS (come help at VBS)
- June 15: Unloading Yard Sale Trailer
- June 22: Crossroads at Wetlands
- June 29: Welcome McNeelys Party

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

- June 15: Unload Yard Sale Trailer: 7:00 p.m.
- June 16: Yard Sale Setup
- June 17-18: Student Ministry Yard Sale
- June 19-24: Riverwood Mission Trip for those presently in grades 7 & 8
- July 17-23: High School Mission Trip to Louisville, KY
- July 24-30: Youth In Ministry Student Leadership Conference

- July 6: Up to Andy
- July 12: JC Cardinals Baseball Game
- July 19: Up to Andy
- July 26: No Youth Group- African Children's Choir



More details are in the KidZone Section.

The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

Harold Camping, the 89 year-old founder of Family Radio was wrong. In case you've been sleeping for the past few weeks, Camping was the guy who predicted the world would come to an end last Saturday, May 21st at 6 PM. Obviously, it did not...at least not that I'm aware of. One paper called the whole episode "Apocalypse Not." For my part, I was never quite sure to which time zone Camping had attached his 6 PM prediction. Was it 6 PM Jerusalem time? 6 PM Rome? Washington's? Crossroads'? I read where the folks of New Zealand and Australia, who are the first in the world to see a 6 PM, have joked that their feelings were hurt because it wasn't their time zone.

Ever since Camping made his prediction, people on both sides of the aisle have been skewering him. Christians and non-Christians have filled the internet with silly photos of empty clothes of people who were supposedly raptured: blue jeans and boots sitting on motorcycles...pajamas in beds...suits at the office desk...etc. Preachers of all denominations have ridden Camping with predictions of their own, saying it wouldn't happen; that we'd all see a May 22nd. "Jesus himself," they said, "told us no man knows the time or the hour."

However, while I was also among those who were skeptics...I have to admit that I was also disappointed. Does that surprise you?

In the early days of the church there was a strong belief Jesus' second coming was imminent; that it wasn't far off...and would be during their lifetime. You can see evidence of that in the writings of the New Testament. Paul wrote to the Philippians, "**Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.**" (Philippians 3:20)

To the Thessalonians he wrote, "**For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.**" (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17) Notice how Paul uses the word "we." One gets the impression that Paul believed it would be his generation that witnessed the return of Christ.

James' belief of Christ's imminent return was even bolder. He stated, "**You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.**" (James 5:8) And the author of Hebrews said, "**For in just a very little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay.**" (Hebrews 10:37)

I can't help but wonder if the first century church would have been surprised to discover that nearly 2,000 years later, we're still waiting for that glorious event?

Or are we? Are we really waiting for Jesus' return...much less "eagerly awaiting" as Paul said of the Philippians? Or are we more in keeping with Peter's prediction of the end times, about which he prophesied, "**...understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, 'Where is this "coming" he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.'**" (II Peter 3:3,4)

Did you know that the early church often encouraged one another with the word "Maranatha?" If you have a New International Version of the Bible, look up I Corinthians 16:22, which reads, "**If anyone does not love the Lord – a curse be on him. Come, O Lord!**" The phrase "Come, O Lord!" is "Maranatha" which is Aramaic. There's a good chance you have a footnote at the bottom of your Bible that explains that. But if you have a NIV Study Bible, there is a further notation. It reads, "**Maranatha** is an expression used by the early church as an appeal for Christ to come again soon." In other words, as we might use a phrase such as, "Bless his heart" or "Praise the Lord" or "Hallelujah", the early church used the word "**Maranatha**" as a greeting...or parting statement. It was both an encouragement to keep the Lord's second coming in mind...and a warning to keep their nose clean.

So, I ask of us again. Which camp do we fall into? Are we "eagerly awaiting" Jesus' return? Or are we scoffers who no longer believe it will really happen...or if it does...it won't happen during our life time?

The last recorded words of Jesus were not spoken while on this earth...but to John the Revelator. Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming soon!" In fact, he said it three times: in Revelation 22:7, 12 & 20.

Well, Jesus' return didn't happen on Saturday May 21st, but honestly, nothing would make me happier than if it happened before this newsletter even went to press!

Maranatha!!!

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

May 1, 2011

Morning Worship	556
Sunday School	383
General Offering	\$29,188.27
Covenant Offering	\$4,045.33

May 8, 2011

Morning Worship	591
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$12,501.15
Covenant Offering	\$1,767.00

May 15, 2011

Morning Worship	533
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$15,121.50
Covenant Offering	\$5,432.96

May 22, 2011

Morning Worship	535
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$14,303.62
Covenant Offering	\$2,915.83

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

SUPER SUMMER NIGHTS AT CROSSROADS

SUNDAY, MAY 29: Outdoor Movie Night @ Crossroads—6:30 p.m.

- Carry-in Dinner (each family is asked to bring 2 or 3 dishes; drinks provided)
- Games and activities for all ages
- Outdoor Movie at 8:45 (bring blankets and lawn chairs; metal chairs will be available)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22: Wetlands Water Park—6-8 p.m.

- Suggested donation of \$3.00 per person
- Everyone bring a dessert or snack

SUNDAY, JULY 3: COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

Details coming soon!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13: Crossroads at The Cardinal's Game

Time: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$2.00

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27: African Children's Choir—7:00 p.m.

- The African Children's Choir was founded in 1984 by Ray Barnett. The Choir is made up of children from some of Africa's poorest communities. For the last 25 years, the Choir has traveled around the world, showing the world the beauty, dignity and unlimited ability of the African Child. The Choir raises funds that currently support around 7,000 children, providing them with care and an education.
- A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN
- Hosts families will be needed to house the children and their sponsors. Details coming soon!



BRIDAL SHOWER

for
Shelley Thompson
(bride-to-be of Travis Smithdeal)
June 5th
2:00—3:30 p.m.
Lobby Classroom

She is registered at Target and Kohl's.



SAVE THE DATE—Beth Moore simulcast coming to Crossroads September 10, 2011.

➔ Tickets will be available to Crossroads women beginning June 26 and will be made available to the public the week of July 10.

➔ Volunteers are needed in a variety of capacities for planning and to work the day of the event. Please sign the list at the Information Center or call the office.



BRIDAL SHOWER

for
Jennifer Sampson
(bride-to-be of Kris Markl)
June 12th
3:00—4:30 p.m.
Lobby Classroom

She is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Belk.

WOMEN'S



SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY beginning in June! This 9 week, DVD lecture series (no homework) entitled "Inheritance" is by Beth Moore. It is a topical study on the inheritance God offers us. Each DVD teaching is about an hour long. There is a listening guide booklet that we will need to order, so please sign up on the sheets posted on the lobby bulletin board. We will order listening guides on June 1, so sign up and pre-pay (\$5) before then by leaving a check (made payable to Crossroads Christian Church) or cash in the envelope at the information desk. The days and times the study will be offered are listed below. If you have questions, please call Twyla at 477-3314.

Wednesday mornings at 9:30 (childcare provided) - starting June 15

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm—starting June 15

Thursday evenings at 7pm—starting June 16

3. Parents! Check out June'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!

4. Summer Church Camps at Camp ACC -

If you haven't registered your child to attend a session at Camp ACC, please pick up a Camp ACC brochure and take a look. Children's lives are brought closer to Jesus during each day they spend at camp! There are several sessions to choose from. Camp ACC brochures can be found at the Children's Check-In Centers.

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.

6. Important Dates for Your Spring/Summer Calendar -

Sunday, May 29	Vacation Bible School (VBS) Informational Volunteer Meeting
Sunday, June 5	Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Meeting - For All Volunteers
June 6-10	Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Tuesday, June 21	Terrific Tuesday (Bristol Caverns)
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

DECISIONS

May 1, 2011

Baptism

Jon & Ellen Meister—205 Lee Carter Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37601

Membership

Stacy DeBord—1451 Fordtown Rd.
Jonesborough, TN 37659



News

1. Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Come join us for another great VBS week as we reach out to the Children of our community with the love of Jesus! It takes the entire church to come together to pull off a great VBS! We will be needing over 100 volunteers this year! We will be having two informational meetings. Please plan on attending one of them. There is one last meeting that all volunteers need to attend.

Informational Volunteer meetings:

- **Sunday, May 22**
3:00 PM in the Student Ministry Center.
- **Sunday, May 29**
3:00 PM in the Student Ministry Center.

Last Volunteer meeting (*Everyone Attends*):

- **Sunday, June 5**
3:00 PM in the Student Ministry Center.

VBS Date: Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10

VBS Time: 6:15 - 9:00 PM

Child Registration: YOU CAN REGISTER YOUR CHILD EITHER AT THE VBS TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE AUDITORIUM OR IN THE DIG SITE STARTING TODAY!
(Ages 3 - completed 6th grade)

Publicity Flyers are located at the VBS tables. Please pick some up and give to your friends!

Event Contact:

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

Email: jim@crossroadsgray.org

2. Terrific Tuesday—(Kindergarten - 6th Grade)

Date of Event: Tuesday, June 21

Time of Event: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Place: Bristol Caverns

Cost: \$10.00 for kids, \$15.00 for adults (includes a bag of dirt for the gem mine).

Lunch: Please bring a bagged lunch and drink. We will be eating a picnic lunch at the caverns.

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.

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