



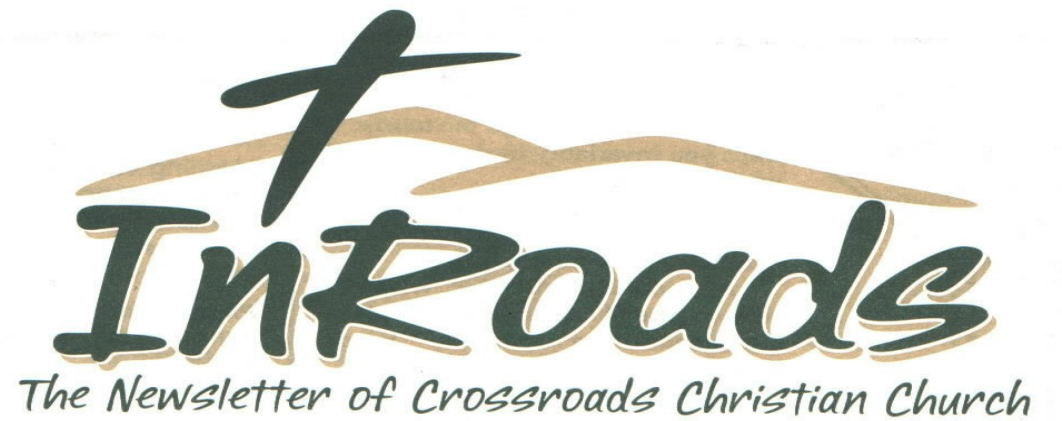
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June 2012

Crossroads Student Ministry

Upcoming Events-

- June 3- Mission Trip \$ due
 - MS \$35 (\$110 total)
 - HS \$150 (\$300 total)
- June 11-14- MS Mission Trip
- June 13-16- Yard Sale
- June 25-30- HS Mission Trip



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!

- 6 VBS- come serve and hang out with the children in our community!
- 13 Yard Sale- unloading of the truck
- 20 Student Lead
- 27 Ultimate Frisbee

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



June 11-14 a group of 20 students and Sponsors will be serving in Gray and at Riverwood. We will be cleaning, cooking, and building relationships with the residents. Please pray for this team.

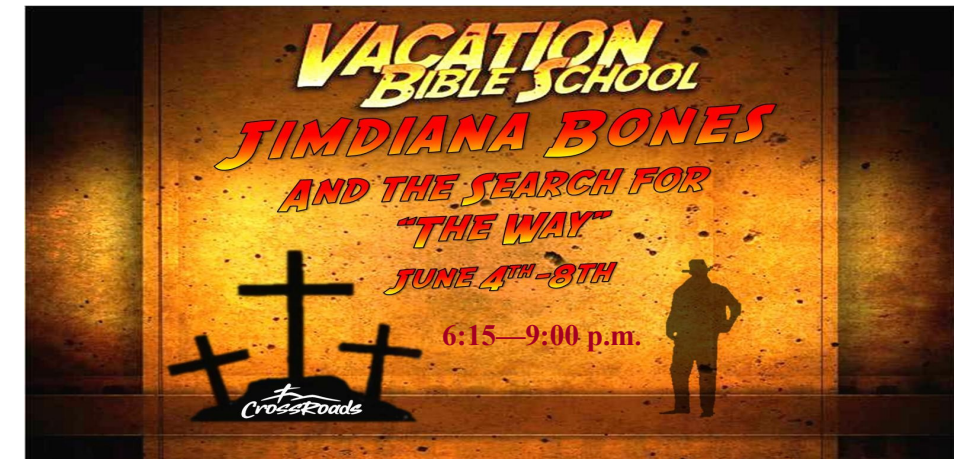
June 25-30 a group of 28 students and Sponsors will be serving in Joplin, MO. We will be helping to rebuild in the aftermath of the F5 tornado that demolished the city last summer. Please pray for this team.



The Garden @ Crossroads- CCC is planting a ¼ acre garden to help provide vegetables to families in our community who couldn't otherwise afford them. This is a whole church endeavor and we encourage families to get involved in the planting, harvesting, etc. of The Garden. Please contact the church office for more information on how to get involved.

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.



FAITH FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

JUNE 10

8:00 P.M.

**BRING CHAIRS, BLANKET, SNACK AND DRINKS!
INVITE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!**

YARD SALE

June 15 & 16

7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

(Donations accepted through June 13—trailer behind offices)

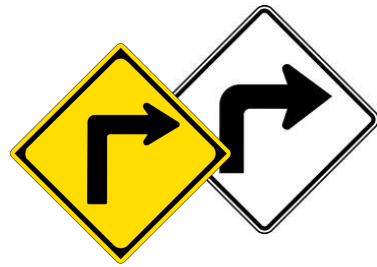
Student Ministry fundraiser for summer mission trips.



CARRY-IN DINNER (6:00 p.m.) & OUTDOOR MOVIE (at dusk)

June 24

Watch for details in future publications.



When I Grow Up...

"So what do you want to do with your life?" For a minute I thought I was in a scene from *The Graduate*. My initial reaction was to respond, "Plastics." But it was my Aunt who was asking and she was just being polite. She didn't deserve my sarcasm.

So I gave the answer that seemed to make everyone else happy. "Engineering." But it was a lie. I didn't want to be an engineer. I didn't even know what engineers did. In fact, when some "inquiring mind" wanted to know what field of engineering I planned to go into...I just stared at him like he was speaking a foreign language. You mean there's more than one kind of engineer? Crud. Another question I don't know the answer to...

Unlike Dustin Hoffman's character from the movie...I wasn't being asked this after college. Heaven's no. In my family, you went off to college to learn how to become whatever it is you already decided you wanted to be. In other words, you first answered the question of what you wanted to do, then you picked a college that would help you become that person.

So what did I want to do with the rest of my life?
I had no earthly idea.

And although I never would have admitted it, I was scared about the future. Scared I was going to be a failure. A shame to my family...

You see, my family has a track record of success. Moderate stories of rags to riches, so to speak. My mother spent her final High School years in an orphanage in California, having lost both parents to cancer. Upon graduation, ...during World War II...she rose to the second highest office position held by a woman in a small electronics manufacturing firm in California. Quite an achievement in light of the fact that most women who entered the work force during the war were given manufacturing-type jobs.

My father's story was no less successful. He grew up on a poor tenet farm in Oklahoma. But in High School he was crowned state champion in wrestling... and received the "Future Farmer of America" award. For those accomplishments he was given a scholarship to Oklahoma Agricultural School. And even though he was only able to go for two years before the war that shaped my mom's career claimed him, he set his hat on entering the service as a pilot. And sure enough, he became one of the Navy's best (at least, in my eyes).

But now? Now it's my turn. What was I going to do with the rest of my life? Sadly, I'd already pretty much proven myself to be an underachiever in High School. And in May of 1968, with college looming...I still had no answer.

Suffice it to say...college didn't go well for me.

After a year of disappointment, I decided to do what most young people my age had done...wait for the draft to take control of my immediate future. It was about that time the church we helped establish in Seattle, Washington asked me to teach Sunday School. Apparently, a year of failed college was qualification enough to teach Junior High boys. That ought to say something about the dread of teaching young boys.

I had no idea how to teach. (I still remember the controversy I stirred up in church by teaching them about drinking...but that's another story. I will say that the Elders called on me for that lesson!) So I decided to do the only thing I could think of. I took them camping, the one thing I did know how to do.

Even though it was a warm summer night, we had a fire going because...well, you always light a campfire when you're out camping, right.

So, there I was, sitting off by myself, working on devotions for the night. Over by the fire, the boys were toasting marshmallows. And as to be expected, one of the marshmallows turned into a ball of flame. Boys being boys, it transformed itself into a missile...or missiles as each followed suit and threw it at another. I can still remember to this day, leaning against that tree...all thoughts about devotions gone...and just laughing at the chaos.

And that's when it hit me. Not a marshmallow...but a thought. And the thought was, I really love church. I love worship. I love working with young people...with people in general. And that's when I knew what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. I wanted to be a minister.

Now, what's the point of this column? Just this, if not you, then perhaps your son or daughter...or grandchild...is wrestling with what they want to do with the rest of their life. And just maybe they are scared. I'd like you to help them consider the ministry. Here's what I promise...they will find joy in the work. Joy and fulfillment. Learning to love God and Jesus comes along in time as you invest your life...but initially, it's just the joy of ministry.

So, if your young person confides his future fears in you...won't you consider encouraging them to consider the ministry...as much as you might encourage them to become engineers? (I still don't know what engineers do...)

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

April 29, 2012

Morning Worship	585
General Offering	\$11,989.25
Covenant Offering	\$3,033.00

May 6, 2012

Morning Worship	642
General Offering	\$26,840.59
Covenant Offering	\$5,524.00

May 13, 2012

Morning Worship	
General Offering	\$13,144.65
Covenant Offering	\$4,164.00

May 20, 2012

Morning Worship	615
General Offering	\$15,207.35
Covenant Offering	\$2,344.33

May 27, 2012

Morning Worship	491
General Offering	\$18,770.90
Covenant Offering	\$3,036.50

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

There will be a



BRIDAL SHOWER

for
Lauren Austin
(bride-to-be of Jacob Albrecht)

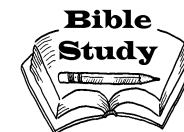
Sunday, June 3

4:00—5:30

The Overflow
(formerly known as *The Garage*)

She is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target and Pampered Chef via Noelle Shannon.

WOMEN'S



Summer Bible study for Women ... *Wising Up Wherever Life Happens* by Beth Moore. This is a topical study through the book of Proverbs. Each week there will be a DVD lecture on a different area of life where wisdom is needed (i.e. family, words, work, friendships). There is no book to purchase or homework to complete. Just show up for Biblical teaching and discussion.

→ Wednesday—9:30 a.m.—began
May 23 (Portia Sams 477-8598)

→ Wednesday—6:30 p.m.—began
May 9 (Sandy Carty 833-2793)

→ Thursday—7:00 p.m.—begins
June 14 (Cindy Freeman 477-2729)

4th Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Power Camp

presented by Crossroads Christian Church and Johnson City Honda

will be held at Crossroads
July 17-19
from 9:00-Noon

The camp will feature skills training in **Basketball, Soccer, Cheerleading, and Football** (campers will choose one sport), as well as teaching on Christ-like attitudes and behaviors to have during athletic competition.

The day camp is for boys and girls ages 8-12.

Cost per camper is \$45.

Registration information will be available soon.



Help Joni, Sheri and Tempa get to Honduras! Pick up a tube of M and M's in the Lobby. Eat and enjoy! Return the tube, filled with quarters to the Information Center by June 17! Thanks for your support!

5. Important Dates for Your Spring/Summer Calendar -

Sunday, June 3	Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Meeting
June 4-8	Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Sunday, June 17	Young Discipleship Team Meeting
Tuesday, June 19	Terrific Tuesday
Tuesday, July 10	Terrific Tuesday
Tuesday, July 24	Terrific Tuesday
Sunday, July 29	Young Discipleship Team Meeting
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.

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.

DECISIONS

April 29, 2012
Baptism

Morgan Calhoun
1106 Daisy Ln.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Olivia Head
246 Ford Creek Rd.
Gray, TN 37615

May 13, 2012
Membership

George & Terry Dykes
1612 Woodland Ave.
Johnson City, TN 37601

May 20, 2012
Baptism

Olivia Cox
375 Hugh Cox Rd.
Gray, TN 37615



News

1. Parents! Check out the June 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. 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!

Last Volunteer meeting (Everyone Attends):

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

VBS Date: Monday, June 4 - Friday, June 8

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. (Beat the long lines on Monday and register by Sunday, June 3!) (Ages 3 - completed 6th grade)

Event Contact:

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

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

Date of Event: Tuesday, June 19

Time of Event: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Place: Fun Expedition

Cost: \$20.00 (includes lunch buffet).

Sign-Up: Sign-up sheets are located at the Children's Information Center 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:

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

4. Young Discipleship Team Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, June 17

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

Place of Event: Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site

