



March 2010



"Mini Campaign"
March 14 – April 8

In the fall of 2008, in the middle of an anxiety-filled national economic downturn, Crossroads Christian Church launched a campaign to raise funds to build a \$2.8 million dollar Children's Ministry building, (which will include space for the Student Ministry) and a Front Porch Community Courtyard. At that time, \$1,950,000 was pledged toward the project and to date, \$480,156.43 has been received toward those pledges. To God be the glory!

Knowing that there are many who are new to our congregation and others who, for whatever reason, were unable to participate in 2008, we are offering the opportunity to make new pledges to the Crossroads Covenant. During this "Mini Campaign", short devotionals about the principals of stewardship on which our campaign was based will be presented during the morning worship services. During the month, those who are interested will also have a chance to make reservations to attend a free dinner that will take place on Thursday, April 8. At the dinner, Crossroads' ministry vision will be shared, as well as information about the Crossroads Covenant Campaign.

Everyone is encouraged to continue to pray for the Crossroads Covenant . If you have questions about the campaign or the progress of the building project, please feel free to call the church and talk to any of our staff members.

Crossroads Student Ministry

www.crossroadsgray.org

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

- Sunday:
 - Worship @ 9:30 am;
 - Sunday School @ 10:55 am- All Start in The Garage
 - Small Groups- Small Groups meet @ 5:45 pm in local homes.
 - Teen Choir- Meets @ 4:00 pm in The Garage
- Wednesday: Youth Group @ 7:00 pm in The Garage

High School Mexico Mission Trip Meeting: Mexico signups are finished and now we need to get moving forward on some things quickly. As a result, we will have our next Mexico Mission Trip meeting THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, February 24th, 2010 at 8:00 pm in The Garage. Please do your best to be at this meeting if you are going to Mexico. We will keep it as short as possible but there will be some really important things you need to be here for. *Your second payment (\$75.00) is due this Wednesday as well (Feb. 24th).*

Hang Out Night: Saturday, March 13th we will be having a hangout night here at Crossroads from 7-10 pm. It will be a time just to come and hang out, play games, play in the gym, etc. It will cost you NOTHING! We will have a sign up so we can get some idea how many will be coming.

College Mission Trip: Signups for the New Orleans Mission trip are now over. We will be going to New Orleans to work with Samaritan's Purse May 9-15, 2010. The Information is available on the Crossroads College Group on Facebook and is also available on the Crossroads website by going to www.crossroadsgray.org and then selecting "Students" and then "2010 summer mission trips." Your remaining \$25.00 will be due April 11th.

Youth In Ministry Summer Conference: This is available to anyone who has completed grades 9-12 (meaning you will be in 10th-College Freshman in the Fall of 2010). It takes place on the campus of Milligan College July 25-31, 2010 and is an amazing week. It is really designed for those who are seeking to better understand God's call for their life and who are serious about their relationship with Christ and being a servant leader. Curtis Booher and Kit are two of the leaders of the week (you can decide if that is good or bad). We have had a bunch of people attend over the years and all have loved it. Stay tuned for all the info coming soon...but go ahead and think about the possibility of going.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- February 24– Mexico Mission Trip Meeting
- March 13: Student Ministry Hang Out Night: 7-10 pm.
- March 31: Teen Choir Program
- May 9-15: College Mission Trip to New Orleans
- June 4-5: Yard Sale
- June 20-25: Middle School Mission Trip
- July 8-July 18: High School Mission Trip to Mexico



The Church's 7 Practices of Prayer...

1. The church prayed corporately...

It may be significant that the first time we read of the 1st century church and prayer... it is in the form of group-prayer. Acts 1:14 reads: **"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers..."**

2. The church prayed individually...

But it wasn't just a matter of corporate prayer. The Bible discloses the importance of individual prayers. **"About noon... Peter went up on the roof to pray."** (Acts 10:9) **"Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying."** (Acts 9:11) **"Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you..."** (Colossians 4:12)

3. The church prayed as a discipline...

It seems the early church practiced disciplines or methods helping them to pray. Acts 3:1 reads, **"One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer - at three in the afternoon."** Of Cornelius the Bible says, **"He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly."** (Acts 10:2) And think what this means: **"Once when we were going to the place of prayer..."** (Acts 16:16)

4. The church made prayer a priority...

Perhaps the best example of prayer as a priority is found in what we believe is the choosing of the first deacons. The reason stated is so that the Apostles could **"give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."** (Acts 6:4) And listen to the significance Paul places on prayer in these verses: **"Night and day we pray most earnestly..."** (I Thessalonians 3:10) And **"...we constantly pray for you..."** (II Thessalonians 1:11)

Prayer wasn't something the early Christians did when they couldn't do anything else. It was what they did first. It was their work. It was their priority. Everything else was secondary and supplemental.

5. The church prayed in times of trouble...

As one might expect, in difficult times the early church called out in prayer. For example, when they were in prison: **"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God..."** (Acts 16:25) When they were in danger: **"Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight."** (Acts 27:29) When they were ill: **"His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him."** (Acts 28:8) And when they were persecuted: **"Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea..."** (Romans 15:31)

However, like a preacher once said, **"If you don't talk to God when the skies are blue, then you needn't call on him when the storm clouds roll in."**

6. The church prayed for spiritual growth...

It is extreme importance to note the vast majority of the early church's prayers did not center on physical things...but the spiritual! Just to underscore this: **"...our prayer is for your perfection."** (II Corinthians 13:9) And **"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened..."** (Ephesians 1:18) And **"...this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight."** (Philippians 1:9) And **"...since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding."** (Colossians 1:9) And finally, **"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ."** (Philemon 1:6)

We could learn much from these early Christians. I fear the content and purpose of their prayers puts ours to shame.

7. The church encouraged more prayer...

As much as the early church prayed, it seems they were forever encouraging even more prayer. Listen to these verses: **"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."** (Ephesians 6:18) And **"Be...faithful in prayer."** (Romans 12:12) And **"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."** (Philippians 4:6) And finally, **"...lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing."** (I Timothy 2:8)

So...how's your prayer life going?

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Clinton Andrews, Senior Minister
791-1234

Rob Aubrey, Community Involvement Minister
791-2719

Tempa Bader, Music Minister
926-0325

Curtis Booher, Associate Minister
543-7989

Kit Dotson, Student Minister
926-9808

Jim Goehner, Children's Minister
591-6385

Carter Warden, Church Administrator & Worship Leader
753-2222

Robin Johnson, Secretary
477-2229

SUNDAY STATISTICS

January 31, 2010

Morning Worship	327
No Sunday School	
General Offering	\$7,979.00
Covenant Offering	\$2,065.00

February 7, 2010

Morning Worship	544
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$17,312.35
Covenant Offering	\$4,662.00

February 14, 2010

Morning Worship	577
Sunday School	311
General Offering	\$15,464.25
Covenant Offering	\$2,183.33

February 21, 2010

Morning Worship	498
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$11,447.44
Covenant Offering	\$24,522.20

Please note: The 2010 General Fund budget requires an average weekly offering of \$14,903.85.

Crosstrails

(Crossroads' Hiking Group)

➤ Saturday, February 27—Steele Creek Park—Round trip hike 4 miles — Meet at church at 10:00 a.m.

➤ Saturday, March 27 — Dick Creek Falls — Round trip hike 4 miles — Meet at church at 10:00 a.m.

Any questions, contact Gether Irick (292-3973) or Drema Dutka (483-4459).



Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:2

PRESENTS



Wednesday, March 31, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Make plans now to be here when Crossroads' Teen Choir presents their annual worship musical. Featuring songs of well-known contemporary Christian artists such as Lincoln Brewster, Casting Crowns, Fee and Chris Tomlin, this evening of praise and worship is all about the One who gives and sustains life and makes it awesome! Dramatic and comedic sketches drive home important points about living life to the fullest as we imitate Christ. This year's program features a student-led Lord's Supper service which will offer a time to reflect and remember the sacrifice of Jesus. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors for a wonderful, God-honoring night!



Beth Moore— LIVE Via Satellite! So Long, Insecurity!

One of America's most renowned and esteemed Bible teachers, Beth Moore, will help women throughout North America conquer fear and doubt and discover the secret to liberating confidence and security in a nationwide simulcast event.

In this powerful one-day simulcast based on her newest book, *So Long Insecurity: you've been a bad friend to us*, Beth reveals a transparent, almost autobiographical look, at the common sources of female insecurity: the unattainable perfection of media images; dependence on a man's love as ultimate validation; and success that is defined by money, power and status.

In her straight-talking yet loving style, Beth will strike a chord with women of all ages, showing them how to face their fears, rediscover their God-given dignity, and develop a new and stronger sense of self.

So Long, Insecurity is a 5-1/2 hour, one-day event. Teaching sessions will be presented by Beth Moore with praise and worship led by Travis Cottrell and his band.

Crossroads will be hosting this simulcast that starts at 10am on April 24th. Tickets are only \$10 and include lunch. Tickets for this event will go on sale March 7th and can be purchased either in the church lobby on Sunday mornings or at the church office during regular office hours.

YOUNG AT HEART OUTTING

(for those close to 50 & older)

March 6 — BINGO

A Bingo party with lunch will be held for the Young at Heart on Saturday, March 6 from 11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in the Lower Auditorium at Crossroads. A soup lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 with games starting at 12:00. Sign up at the Information Desk by Sunday, February 28.

DECISIONS

January 31, 2010

Baptism

Rick Ramsey
464 Shadden Rd.
Gray, TN 37615

Prayer

Missy Trivett
2104 Keeland Ln.
Gray, TN 37615

February 7, 2010

Baptism

Jackson Rowe
2331 Oak St., #1
Gray, TN 37615

February 14, 2010

Membership

Clarence, Linda, Meygan & Amber Bailey
186 Skyline Rd.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Baptism

Savannah Chase
3003 Old Stagecoach Rd.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Prayer

Ann Butner
115 Luray Place
Gray, TN 37615

February 21, 2010

Baptism

Madison Freeman
283 Hall Rd.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Rededication

Clarence Mabe
1008 Hillendale Rd.
Gray, TN 37615

Prayer

Brett Craig
660 Boone Station Rd.
Johnson City, TN 37615



News

1. Crossroads Kids Children's Ministry - A GREAT PLACE TO SERVE:

Is God tugging on your heart to jump out of the boat and serve in a dynamic way? There are many rewards just waiting for you volunteer in the Children's Ministry. If you are interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry please contact Mr. Jim.

Immediate Volunteer Needs:

- Assistant teacher for the 2's class during the 5th Sundays at 9:30.

Contact Information:

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

Email: jim@crossroadsgray.org

2. Young Discipleship Team Meeting -

Date: Sunday, March 28

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Where: KID'S Church Room

3. Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations

Help make our Easter Egg Hunt the best that it can be! We will be starting to collect **plastic Easter Eggs** and individually wrapped **chocolate/candy** Sunday, February 28 through Wednesday, March 31. Please make sure the candy can fit into a plastic Easter egg. Buckets will be located downstairs near the glass doors and upstairs in the lobby. If you would like to make a financial donation for the Easter Egg Hunt, please place it in plastic Easter container at the Information Centers. The **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on **Saturday, April 3** from

10:00 AM—11:00 AM here at Crossroads!

Event Contact:

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

Email: jim@crossroadsgray.org

APPALACHIAN CHRISTIAN CAMP

Annual Open House

Saturday, March 6th, 9 am-12 pm

- Meet the Program Directors and catch the excitement of Camp ACC's 2010 Summer season!
- Especially for parents & students, but all who are interested are welcome. Come join us and bring a friend!
- Refreshments, camp tour, games and indoor rock climbing!