



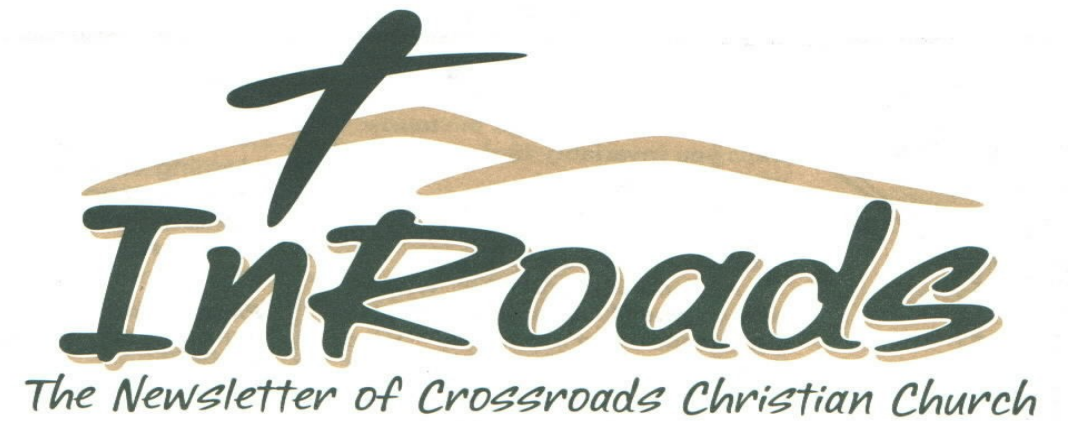
1300 Suncrest Drive  
Gray, TN 37615

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Contact us by telephone at:  
423-477-2229

Visit us on the web at:  
www.crossroadsgray.org

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Johnson City, TN  
Permit No. 85



March 2011

## 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 then divide into smaller groups by grade
- Small Groups— In area homes from 5:45-7:30 pm

· Wednesday: Youth Group @ 7:00 pm in The Youth Room.

**Teen Choir:** Practice continues weekly in the Student Ministry Room at 4:00 pm on Sundays.

**Teen Choir Monster Practice:** Teen Choir Monster Practice is Sunday, March 13 from 2pm-8pm. Stay tuned for more details.

**Mission Trip Dates for the Summer:** More information will be out on these trips really soon...but we wanted you to go ahead and get the dates on your calendars. I apologize that we are behind on these dates, but things were complicated with my (Kit) recent changes. It is our hope that we will have someone in my place by Summer but we have decided to approach summer mission trips as if we do not have anyone in place. As a result the dates for these trips were selected based on the availability of student ministry volunteers that will help to lead these trips if we do not have anyone in place.

- **Middle School Mission Trip:** This year's trip will once again be to Riverwood (awesome) and will take place on June 19-24, 2011. Stay tuned for more information real soon.
- **High School Mission Trip:** This year's trip will be to Louisville, KY to do inner city work with Crossroads Missions. The dates will be July 17-23, 2011. More info will be available real soon and we will have a meeting in the near future to discuss the plans.

**YIM Student Leadership Conference:** Youth In Ministry's annual Student Leadership Conference will be July 24-30, 2011 at Milligan College. We have had a lot of students participate in this week over the years and I think all of them would encourage you to consider being a part of it. 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 and all the information will be available starting this week in The Youth Room. Also keep your eyes open for the info on Facebook and the Crossroads Website. You can also go to [www.youthinministry.org](http://www.youthinministry.org) to download all the info.

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

March 13: Teen Choir Monster Practice

May 1: Teen Choir Program

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

# X-Roads 5K Road Race



## & 1 Mile Fun Walk

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:00AM

To participate, turn in a race entry form (located at the information center) or call the church office. Volunteers for various tasks associated with the race will be needed. Contact Rob Aubrey, Mike Lature, or Chris Wright for more info.

# The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

John 5 tells the story of a paralyzed man beside a pool in Jerusalem. It was commonly believed that this particular pool held waters of miraculous power. The superstition was, whenever the surface of the water was disturbed by the springs beneath, the first one to jump in after the gurgling stopped would find healing of whatever ailment afflicted him. We might scoff at such beliefs today, but allow me to point out that modern man is not free from the same kind of superstition. Take Lourdes of France for example. The springs at Lourdes are well known and much visited today, because, again, many believe in their miraculous powers. And we are not immune to such superstitions here in America either. The hot springs of Arkansas were originally promoted for their medicinal qualities...and some still believe them to be such. And just over the hill in Madison County, North Carolina, there's another hot springs that promoted exactly the same thing. In any case, as I was reading this story, it occurred to me there was absolutely no reason for Jesus to go to those springs. I mean, it wasn't like he went for himself. He didn't need healing. Nor was there a shortage of people who came to him to receive healing. So why go? The only reason I can figure out was he went to the springs simply to meet this paralyzed man. And, when you read the story, there is something unique and unusual about the conversation Jesus holds with him.



Unlike other times...where the blind and infirm approach him asking for healing, Jesus seems to have initiated the conversation with this man. "Do you want to get well?" Jesus asks him. Now you might think that the answer to that question would be obvious. But I don't think Jesus wastes words...or questions for that matter. There must be something of value and importance in that question. Could it be he was asking, "Do you really want to get well? Or would you rather just remain in your present condition?" After all, there would be consequences for being healed. It would mean the man would have to stop begging others for support. Perhaps he was comfortable in begging, rather than working. Now he'd have to get a job. He would be expected to contribute to his family's well-being...and to society at large. I mean, if he remained sick...he could continue to be the focus of other people's attention and sympathy, but all that attention and sympathy would come to an end the moment he is healed. So it was an important question. Do you want to be healed?

I think we miss the point of healing. The purpose of healing is not so much that we can enjoy life. And not so much that we can enjoy the pleasure of good health. Healing...and restoration for that matter...means that life can no longer continue the way it was prior to our healing. It would mean change. That's what repentance is all about.

In fact, Jesus later told the man he healed, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." (John 5:14) There are consequences to our restoration and salvation. Paul wrote to those who had been saved, "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?" (Romans 6:1, 2)

To be healed of our "death producing sins"...that is, to be saved from the sins that separate us from God, means we are expected to live for God; to take on the very nature of Jesus our Savior.

Perhaps even more subtle is another consequence. Another purpose for healing is to bring glory to God. Let me explain. When the disciples met a man who had been born blind, they asked Jesus, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus replied, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life." (John 9:2, 3)

Did you get it? When we are healed from our sins...our lives are to be so completely different afterwards, that people will take note. They will know we have been in the presence of One who has saved us from our sins.

Think about it. Jesus goes out of his way to heal...but in so doing, he asks, "Do you really want to be saved?" And when we agree, he tells us, "Fine. I will heal you...but renounce your sins! And let your changed life shine like a beacon on a hill, that others may take note, and know you've changed for the good."

How about you? How about me? When we accepted the healing forgiveness of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, did it make a difference in our lives? Moreover, do our lives bring glory to God?

Crossroads Christian Church  
477-2229

www.crossroadsgray.org

Larry Albrecht, Adult Discipleship Minister  
483-5503

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  
557-6385

Carter Warden, Church Administrator & Worship Leader  
753-2222

Robin Johnson, Secretary  
477-2229

## SUNDAY STATISTICS

January 30, 2011

Morning Worship	654
Sunday School	362
General Offering	\$12,504.37
Covenant Offering	\$3,515.00

February 6, 2011

Morning Worship	626
Sunday School	324
General Offering	\$15,246.61
Covenant Offering	\$4,163.33

February 13, 2011

Morning Worship	573
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$12,047.81
Covenant Offering	\$2,213.50

February 20, 2011

Morning Worship	608
Sunday School	305
General Offering	\$12,749.51
Covenant Offering	\$3,267.50

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

## DECISIONS

Baptism

February 20, 2011

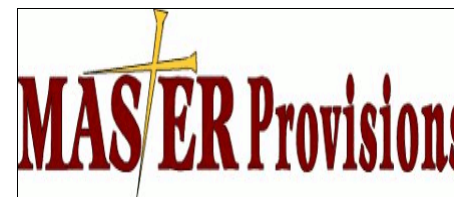
Landon Burton  
125 Regency Dr.  
Kingsport, TN 37663



(for those close to 50 & older)

Saturday, March 19

We'll be going to a Dinner Theater production at Milligan College. We'll leave the church at 4:45 p.m. The play is entitled "Karaoke Killer" (a funny murder mystery). Tickets are normally \$50.00 (but Crossroads will underwrite the cost) so the tickets are \$30.00. Make checks payable to Crossroads—on memo line note that it's for dinner theater. Sign up and pay by March 6 at the Information Center.



## Clothing Drive

April 3-10

Start cleaning out those closets! Crossroads will be participating in this annual clothing drive, which is being coordinated by Milligan College. Good condition clothing (clean with no rips or tears), belts, shoes and purses will be accepted April 3-10 ONLY! Clothing drop-off location TBD.



## News

### 1. Club 56 All-Nighter

**Date of Event:** Friday & Saturday, March 25 & 26

**Time of Event:** 8:00 PM—8:00 AM

**Place:** Crossroads Gym

**Cost:** \$13.00 (Includes games at Fun Expedition & Pizza)

**Sign-Up:** The Sign-Up sheet will be located at the information table on the second floor of the Dig Site (for both kids & adult helpers).

**Adult Help:** Adult help is needed. If you are interested in helping, please either contact Mr. Jim or sign-up in the Lab 56 room.

**Event Contact:** Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32

**Email:** [jim@crossroadsgray.org](mailto:jim@crossroadsgray.org)

### 2. Young Discipleship Meeting:

**Date of Event:** Sunday, March 27

**Time of Event:** 4:00—5:00 PM

**Place of Event:** The Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site (Building #2)

### 3. Parents! Check out March'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. 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](mailto:jim@crossroadsgray.org).

### WOMEN'S



A new study entitled *Jonah, Navigating a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer will start March 2nd/3rd and will be offered at the following times:

Wednesday morning - 9:30 (Twyla Trujillo 477-3314)

Wednesday evening - 6:30 (Sandy Carty 833-2793)

Thursday evening - 7:00 (Cindy Freeman 477-2729)

Books are available at LifeWay in Johnson City. **Please sign up on the sheets on the lobby bulletin board for the day/night you will attend and note if you need childcare. Your attention to this helps us with planning.**