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The Newsletter of Crossroads Christian Church

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Crossroads Student Ministry

The Greenhouse- The new name for the Student Ministry area is "The Greenhouse: where Christ takes root". 1 Corinthians 3:4-9 tells us that as Christians we are to be involved in the planting (telling Jesus' story) and watering (encouraging others in the faith) and God will make it (faith) grow.



Upcoming Events-

- March 5- Synthetic Drug Seminar at CCC @ 7:00pm
- April 14- Crossroads 5K
- April 15- Mission Trip deposits due (\$50 for MS and \$100 for HS)
- April 22- Teen Choir Performance
- April 28- Servefest at CCC

Synthetic Drug Seminar- At 7:00 pm on Monday, March 5 we will be holding an informational seminar on the use of synthetic drugs. This is intended for parents to learn about the affects, signs, and consequences that come with synthetic drug use. We will have law enforcement, medical professionals and school board officials present. Please spread the word and encourage folks to join us.

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

Sunday:

- Worship @ 9:30 am
- Sunday School @ 10:55 am- All start in The Greenhouse
- Student Life Groups @ 5:45 pm- Meeting in homes

Wednesday: see below

Wednesday Night Youth Group:

From 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm we will be taking a look at the Supernatural world. We'll have different speakers throughout the study and we'll have break out discussions so you can join the conversation.

- 3/7 Supernatural: Hell
- 3/14 Supernatural: Heaven
- 3/21 POTLUCK: Bring a side dish to share.
- 3/28 Milligan College and Youth In Ministry

Student Life Groups-

- Life Groups meet Sundays in homes from 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm.
- 7-8 grade gals at the Aurigema home
- 7-8 grade guys in SMB (The Greenhouse)
- 9-12 grade gals Purity Group at the Hunigan home
- 9-12 grade guys Purity Group at the McNeely home
- 9-12 grade mixed gender group at the Craig home

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



Help make our Easter Egg Hunt the best that it can be!

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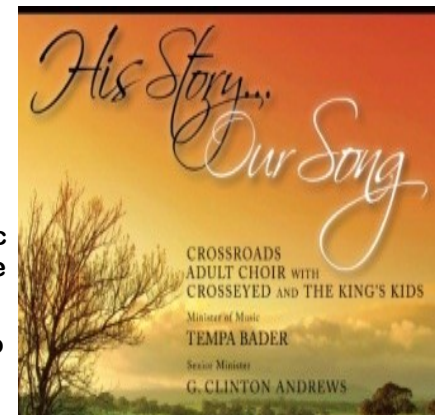
BLESS OUR MISSIONARIES THIS EASTER

Send them *His Story, Our Song*

Here's how:

- *Purchase 1 or more CDs at \$10.00 each.
- *Sign a note of encouragement.
- *The adult choir will send *His Story, Our Song* to one of the foreign or domestic missionaries that Crossroads supports OR to a missionary of your choice (please provide names/addresses).

When you purchase a CD to be given away, you will be given the opportunity to purchase more CDs at the discounted price of \$10.00 for yourself or a friend AND receive a free metal Crossroads CD case. This project will run from March 4 — 25. See a choir representative in the Lobby.

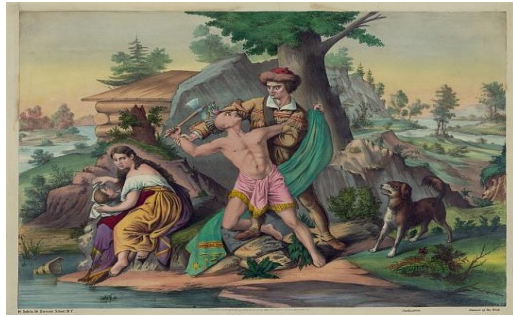


Ukraine Clothing Drive

The student body at Milligan College needs your used clothes! Milligan is partnering with MASTER Provisions to meet the needs of impoverished nations around the world. Collections run from **MARCH 25 to APRIL 1**. Bring your gently used clothing of all sizes to Room 103 in the Lower Level of the Main Building. Thank you for your partnership with us!

MASTER Provisions brings hope, using clothing as the tool to assist the church. They ship containers full of used clothing and shoes in *good condition* to accomplish God's purposes. Check them out at: www.masterprovisions.org





The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

This 1884 color lithograph is entitled: "Daniel Boone Protects His Family."

This week the students from the high school that bears his name did ol' Daniel proud! They too protected family... fellow students, younger siblings

and our community at large. Due largely to their efforts, the Ultimate Smoke is gone from Gray! And I want to send out a great big, heart-felt thank you to all those who took part in protesting this blight on our community! Bravo! Daniel Boone would be proud.

Please understand that it wasn't that the adults weren't willing to do their part. They were. County Commissioner Roger Nave brought the whole matter to my attention several weeks ago. He even conducted a "concerned citizen meeting" on the issue. But typical of adults, we decided in that meeting to fight our battle in Nashville; waiting for our legislators to come up with a solution for us. Hopefully, that will still happen. And in fact, several bills have been presented to make sure bath salts and other synthetic drugs are made illegal.

And to be fair, the owners of the property where the Ultimate Smoke was located were also doing their part. They had been deceived when the rental contract was signed...having been led to understand the renter was going to use their space to open a tobacco outlet. So it's only fair to note that they were in the process of working with their lawyers to get the head shop evicted.

But all those adult efforts aside, leave it to the students of Daniel Boone to act boldly with courage and determination. Or to use another vintage illustration; while the adults were lining up their powder and shot...our young people jumped right in and fought with what they had in their barrels. I should have realized that quick and direct action was the most effective. Again, I thank them for their initiative and conviction.

Of course, the battle is far from over. Only the first rounds of the initial skirmish have been fought. There is still need for legislation. Perhaps nothing underscores that more than the fact that the day after the Ultimate Smoke closed in Gray, the Above the Clouds head shop opened in Boones Creek! I only hope more Tennessee Volunteers line up to join the ranks.

For those that don't understand what this is all about, may I just draw your attention to the headlines over the past few weeks? According to the Johnson City Press:

- December 2, 2011 - "Kingsport couple on bath salts abandon 4-year-old at Walmart."
- January 27, 2012 - "Kingsport mother tells of ordeal after synthetic marijuana puts son in ICU."
- February 4, 2012 - "After synthetic drug overdose: 'Never again. Not gonna touch that stuff'."
- February 7, 2012 - "Mix of narcotics and synthetic drugs leads to hallucinations at Johnson City motel."
- February 13, 2012 - "Piney Flats man cites food, bath salts as motive in thefts."
- February 17, 2012 - "Johnson City man accused of killing grandmother, wounding grandfather bound over to grand jury." (According to the investigator, Synthetic drugs played a role.)
- February 25, 2012 - "Alleged threats against wife, children lead to man's arrest." (The man's wife said bath salts had led to the behavior.)

There were other articles...but those represent a variety of dangers for those who are using these drugs. Perhaps one of the most interesting articles was the one that said, because of the number of overdoses with synthetics, hospital waiting rooms are taking longer and longer to see patients.

Anyway...the point is...the original Daniel Boone is considered a hero and legend. I suggest we have living among us, young men and women of the same caliber. I thank God for the students of Daniel Boone High School. May they continue to fight the good fight...and see victory!

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

January 29, 2012

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| Morning Worship | 641 |
| General Offering | \$14,974.75 |
| Covenant Offering | \$1,335.00 |

February 5, 2012

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| Morning Worship | 617 |
| General Offering | \$15,994.48 |
| Covenant Offering | \$5,304.33 |

February 12, 2012

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| Morning Worship | 583 |
| General Offering | \$19,251.44 |
| Covenant Offering | \$5,679.00 |

February 19, 2012

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| Morning Worship | 585 |
| General Offering | \$14,005.33 |
| Covenant Offering | \$3,808.00 |

February 26, 2012

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| Morning Worship | 668 |
| General Offering | \$15,011.82 |
| Covenant Offering | \$5,346.33 |

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
Baby Shower!
for
Heather Dugan
Sunday, March 11
3:00—4:30 p.m.
Lobby Classroom

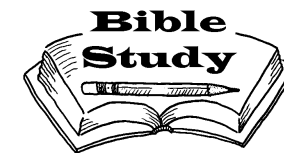
She is registered at Babies R Us & Target.



Sign ups for a
**WOMEN'S SCRAPBOOK
RETREAT**

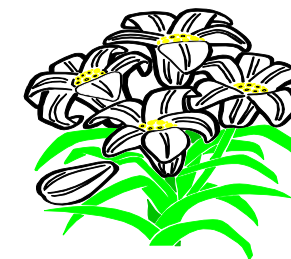
continue until 24 slots are filled. The retreat is **March 16 & 17** and includes overnight accommodations at Camp ACC. The fee is approximately \$24 per person. Sign up sheet is at the Information Center in Lobby. Payment is due at registration. For more information, call Tina Head 292-7773.

WOMEN'S



- ➔ A new study entitled "Lord, Change My Attitude" by James MacDonald & Barb Peil will be offered on Wednesday morning—9:30 a.m. (Portia Sams 477-8598) - starts March 7—ends May 16.
- ➔ A new study entitled "Ruth: Loss, Love and Legacy" by Kelly Minter (a 6 week study—no weekly DVD lecture) will be offered at the following times:
Wednesday evening—6:30 (Sandy Carty 833-2793) - starts March 21
Thursday evening—7:00 (Cindy Freeman 477-2729) - starts March 22

Books are available at LifeWay. 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.



Easter Lilies in honor or memory of loved ones can be purchased at the Information Center in the Lobby on March 18, 25 and April 1. Cost is \$10.00 each. Checks only please. Make checks payable to Crossroads Christian Church.



Youth Villages is a local non-profit organization looking for loving, caring foster parents in your area. For more information on Youth Villages and our program call Jamie Hughes at [423-283-6554](tel:423-283-6554). Help a child find a way home!

5. Important Dates for Your Spring/Summer Calendar -

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| Friday, March 23 | Club 56 All-Nighter |
| Sunday, March 25 | Young Discipleship Team Meeting |
| Wednesday, April 4 | Easter Egg Stuffing Party |
| Saturday, April 7 | Easter Egg Hunt |
| Sunday, April 22 | Young Discipleship Team Meeting |
| Thursday, May 3 | Club 56 Prayer Breakfast at Sittin' Bull |
| Sunday, May 13 | Baby Dedication Sunday |
| Sunday, May 20 | Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Meeting |
| Sunday, May 27 | Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Meeting |
| 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

February 5, 2012

Baptism

Drew Creech
141 Ramsey Dr.
Gray, TN 37615

Cari Creech
141 Ramsey Dr.
Gray, TN 37615

February 26, 2012

Membership

Eric & Lyndsay Nauman
228 Rockhouse Rd., Apt. 3
Johnson City, TN 37601



News

1. Parents! Check out the March 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. Club 56 All-Nighter

Date of Event: Friday & Saturday, March 23 & 24

Time of Event: 8:00 PM—8:00 AM

Place: The Dig Site

Cost: \$15.00 (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

3. Young Discipleship Team Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, March 25

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

Place of Event: Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site

4. Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations

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