



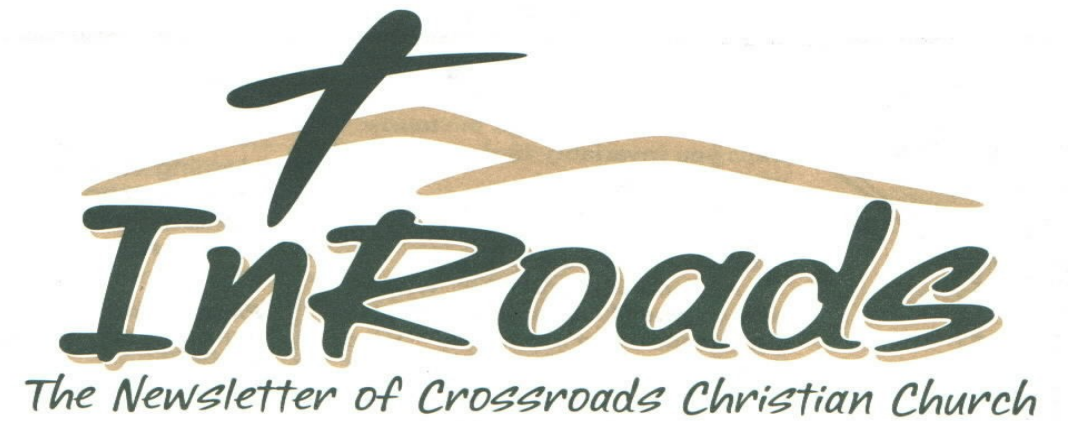
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March 2013

Crossroads Student Ministry

Summer Events- (sign up in The Greenhouse)

- CIY Believe- May 3-4 (Middle School)
- Yard Sale Fundraiser- June 14-15
- Middle School Mission Trip- June 18-22
- Haiti Mission Trip- July 5-13
- CIY MOVE- July 29- August 3 (High School)



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

Sunday:

Worship @ 9:30 am

Discipleship Groups @ 10:55 am

The entire Crossroads Faith Family is journeying through The Story together. It's God's story told through Scripture and the Student Ministry is walking through The Story during Sunday morning Discipleship Groups. Join us in The Greenhouse.

Student Life Groups @ 5:45 pm- Meeting in homes

Wednesday: see below

Wednesday Night Youth Group:

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Meet in The Greenhouse.

Field 44:

- 3/6 Blessed are the Peacemakers
- 3/13 Blessed are the Persecuted
- 3/20 The Walking Dead- Alive Again
- 3/27 COMBINED: Easter Egg Stuffing

Wild Branches:

- 3/6 Knowing Jesus Better
- 3/13 Choosing Our Ultimate Role
- 3/20 Representing Jesus Every Day
- 3/27 COMBINED: Easter Egg Stuffing

PARENTS- Get in the loop by emailing andy@crossroadsgray.org

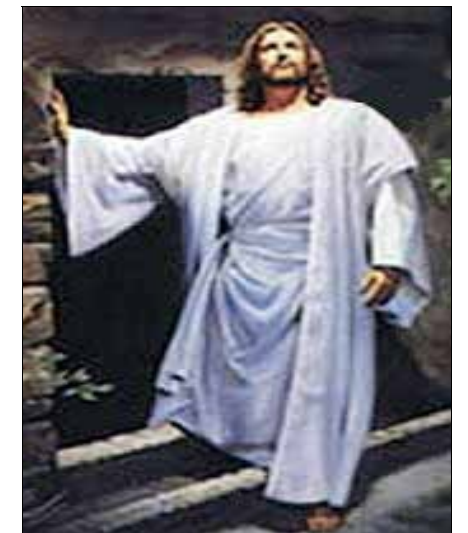
EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES



**SERVICE OF DARKNESS
(GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE)
FRIDAY, MARCH 29
7:00 P.M.**

**SUNRISE SERVICE
SUNDAY, MARCH 31
7:00 A.M.**

**RESURRECTION DAY
SERVICES
SUNDAY, MARCH 31
9:30 & 10:55 A.M.**



*A special offering will be taken for the
Crossroads Covenant.*

by Clint Andrews



I have received several positive comments concerning my closing remarks in a sermon delivered a couple of weeks ago...about how our young people are stepping up to the plate and helping out during our time of transition with the Children's Ministry. In case you didn't hear it, many of our college age young adults ...and high school students...have volunteered to assist in Children's Ministry positions.

When I thanked Andy McNeely for encouraging the young people for doing this (Andy is our present Student Minister) he reminded me that the ground work was laid down by the Student Minister before him. That minister was Kit Dotson. And Kit encouraged the young people under his direction to "give back" to the church for all it had done for them, by volunteering with our children's work. And when I thought about what Andy said, I realized I had seen many of the names of these young people before. You see, I meet with a group of men each morning to pray for all our church workers...and that's where I had seen the names of these young people.

But whereas in the past they had volunteered for only one hour of service in a month's time...they are now taking full-time positions as teachers and classroom helpers. Mind you, that doesn't mean all the positions are filled. Not at all. There are still many openings that need to be filled...and soon we will publish a full list of jobs needed...but that's for another time. Right now, I want to repeat the message that led to my comments...

The story of Esther is an illustration of God's providence. That is...God often arranges the circumstances of life in such a way...that the story comes together.

Esther was a beautiful young Jewish woman. And when the honorable Queen Vashti was deposed...Esther was chosen to step into her place as Xerxes' bride. That in and of itself would have been blessing enough from God. But there was more going on in the story. Haman, an Amalekite with great hatred for the Israelites because of centuries old grievances, rose to prominence in Babylon. He was second only to king Xerxes himself. And once Haman had achieved his lofty and important position, he hatched a plot to annihilate every Jew in Babylon. In order to persuade Xerxes to go along with the plan, he used lies and deception...assuring the king...his kingdom would be better off without the seditious Jews.

When the Jew, Mordecai (Esther's uncle and guardian), heard about the plot, he approached Esther through messengers to say... "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. 14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:13-14; page 282 in The Story)

In short, Mordecai was saying to Esther, "It may be that God elevated you to the position of queen just so that you could act on behalf of the Jews!" With much risk to herself, Queen Esther convinced Xerxes of Haman's malevolent intent...and saved the bacon (pardon the pun) of the Jews.

Now here's my point. Our young people were raised in a church with a strong emphasis on youth ministries. In many ways, they are the "end product" of a church that loves children. And it seems only fitting that they should be the ones who turn around and say, "You know what? I've benefitted from the children's programs at Crossroads. I need to give back." And that's what they have done! And I am so very proud of them.

But here's the thing. They aren't the only ones who have benefitted from our children's ministry are they? Didn't many of us...as parents and grandparents... receive some benefit? Perhaps, we ought to also give something back!

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

February 3, 2013

Morning Worship	354
General Offering	\$9,635.35
Covenant Offering	\$1,937.00

February 10, 2013

Morning Worship	638
General Offering	\$14,181.98
Covenant Offering	\$3,727.00

February 17, 2013

Morning Worship	620
General Offering	\$18,383.14
Covenant Offering	\$8,230.00

February 24, 2013

Morning Worship	623
General Offering	\$14,571.30
Covenant Offering	\$4,732.00

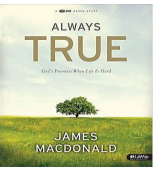
Please note: The 2013 General Fund budget requires an average weekly offering of \$15,769.23. The weekly Covenant needed—\$7,307.69.



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 9.

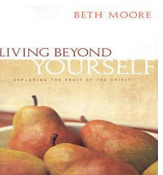
New Women's Bible studies are beginning!!
Choose the time and study that fits YOUR needs.

→ "Always True" (God's Promises When Life is Hard) by James MacDonald. Entrust your life to the One who always keeps His promises. No matter what trial you are going through in life, you can rely on God's promises to sustain you and to remind you that God is working in your hardship. Because the great Promise Keeper is trustworthy, you will find that His promises are always true. Promotional video available on the church website—click on media, then click on videos. Books are at LifeWay in Johnson City. This study will be offered at the following time:



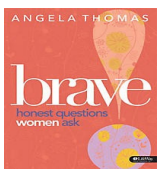
Wednesday morning: starts March 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the lower auditorium—Leader: Portia Sams (477-8598)

→ "Living Beyond Yourself, Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit" by Beth Moore. This is a study of the fruit of the Holy Spirit as presented in the book of Galatians. Women are encouraged to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life. Books are at LifeWay in Johnson City. This study will be offered at the following time:



Wednesday evening: starts March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Room C (downstairs) - Leader: Sandy Carty (833-2793)

→ "Brave" by Angela Thomas. This is a 7 week DVD study based on "honest questions women ask". Topics that will be dealt with include insecurities, struggles, and flaws. Books can be purchased at LifeWay. We will meet each week to discuss homework and then watch a lesson video. This study will be offered at the following time:



Thursday evening: starts March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in a downstairs classroom (depending on the size of our group) - Leader: Cindy Freeman (477-2729)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR 2013 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - THURSDAY, JUNE 6

VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP COMING SOON!!

Easter Egg Hunt @ Crossroads!!!



Saturday, March 30th 10:00 a.m. Birth through 2nd grade

**Beginning Sunday, March 3, we invite members to bring donations of small, individually-wrapped pieces of candy to put in the eggs.

How to Rebuild Your Temple

A Food Party!
Tuesday, March 5, 6:30-8:00 Lower Auditorium

Sheri Aubrey will follow up her popular seminar "Your Body is a Temple - Not a Drive-Through" with this new seminar. Come learn the "how-to's" of eating well and taking care of your body. Cost: \$3.00—must make reservations by signing up in the Lobby.

SAVE THESE DATES!

CrossEyed (Teen Choir) will present "Change the World" Sunday, April 21, 2013 Time TBD

Crossroads Adult Choir will present "The Story - The Musical" Sunday, May 5, 2013 Time TBD

The King's Kids will present "Blast Off" and the Cherub Choir will present "Love Notes" Sunday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.



Easter Lilies in honor or memory of loved ones can be purchased at the Information Center in the Lobby on March 10, 17 and 24. Cost is \$11.00 each.

DECISIONS

December 17, 2012

Baptism

Kristi Dinkel
101 Wolfe Springs Rd.
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January 13, 2013

Baptism

Audrey Moorhouse
208 Holland View Dr.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

January 27, 2013

Baptism

Chase Crawford
240 Maden Dr.
Gray, TN 37615

Natalie Jones
611 Old Embreeville Rd.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

February 3, 2013

Baptism

Elsie Lunsford
154 Dean Archer Rd.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

February 10, 2013

Baptism

Clayton Moorhouse
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February 17, 2013

Baptism

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