



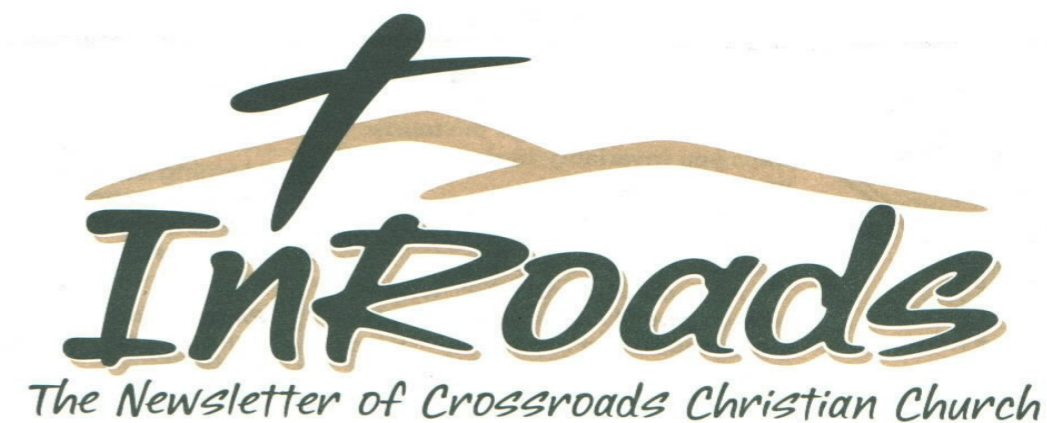
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Crossroads Student Ministry

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Weekly Events: Crossroads Student Ministry 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.
- Wednesday: Youth Group @ 7:00 pm in The Garage

Middle School Mission Trip Meeting: If you missed the April 14th meeting, you can download the information by going to www.crossroadsgray.org, selecting "STUDENTS" & then "2010 summer mission trip." Our dates for the trip are June 20-25, 2010. The total cost for the trip is \$110.00 which covers everything except souvenirs and snacks you may buy at gas stations, etc. You sign up for the trip by paying your deposit of \$60.00 on or before Wed., May 5th. Someone will be in the lobby on Sun. May 2nd to collect the money or you can give it to Kit on Wed., April 28th or May 5th. Your final \$50.00 payment will be due on or before Wed., June 9th.

Senior Night: Senior Night is Wed., May 19th @ 7:00 pm. It's held in the gym & the entire church is invited. For those who wish to participate, we do a Senior Video with pictures of you as you have grown up. If you (or your parents) want to submit pictures for the video here is what to do: 1) Pick out 25-30 pictures from birth to now. 2) If you can scan them or have them in digital format & can put them on a disc that would save us tons of time. If not, you can simply turn in the pictures in an envelope with your name on it. 3) You need to pick an appropriate song (if you have to ask, it is probably not appropriate) and give that to us on a disc or in some electronic format if possible. Please keep the song in the 4-5 minute range at the most. 4) You need to turn all of this into Kit or Rich Aubrey no later than Wed. May 5th in order to give us time to get all the many videos done (you *can* turn it in early...that would help).

Graduate Recognition Sunday: Graduate Recognition Sunday (different than Senior Night) will be Sun. Morning, May 16th in both morning services. We'll read off the names of graduates from High School/College/Post College & have everyone in attendance come forward & be recognized by the congregation. Please sign up in the Lobby if you are a graduate of any sort.

High School Mexico Mission Trip: OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE WED., APRIL 28th and is an extremely important meeting.

College Mission Trip: We've made a change based on the needs of Samaritan's Purse. Instead of New Orleans, we will be going to Dallas, GA to help finish homes for re-inhabitation from the floods of last fall. This means a few changes: 1) We'll leave on Monday morning instead of Sunday afternoon; 2) We'll still be returning on Sat. evening but it will be late afternoon/early evening instead of 2 am Sunday; 3) Instead of \$50.00 per person for the trip, we'll only charge \$40. Please try to pay the remainder of your balance by next Sunday, May 2nd; 4) Finally, instead of 7 meals, you will only need to pay for 4 meals.

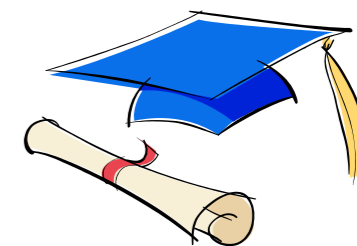
Youth In Ministry Summer Conference: This is available to anyone who will be in 10th Grade-College Freshman in the Fall of 2010. It takes place on the campus of Milligan College July 25-31, 2010. It is designed for those seeking to better understand God's call for their life & who are serious about their relationship with Christ & being a servant leader. Curtis Booher & Kit are two of the leaders of the week. Info is in The Garage.

Student Ministry Annual Yard Sale: We are holding our annual yard sale on June 4-5, 2010. We will begin to accept your wonderful donations of items for the yard sale at the beginning of May. If you have anything you would like to donate to the yard sale, we would love to have it...so if you have thought about spring cleaning or tidying up the garage...we would love to have the stuff you find that you no longer need or realized you never took out of a box when you moved 6 years ago. More information on where to place donated items will be available soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- April 28: Mexico Mission Trip Meeting
- May 5: Senior Pictures/Song Due for Senior Night
- May 10-15: College Mission Trip to Atlanta
- May 16: Graduate Recognition Sunday
- May 19: Senior Night
- June 4-5: Yard Sale
- June 20-25: Middle School Mission Trip
- July 8-July 18: High School Mission Trip to Mexico
- July 25-31: YIM Conference for High School

Graduate Celebrations



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 16 — 9:30 & 10:55 a.m.

If you are graduating from High School, College or with an Advanced Degree (Masters, Doctorate, etc.) please sign the list on the Lobby bulletin board or call the church office (477-2229). Graduate recognition will take place in both morning worship services on May 16. We'll read off the names of graduates from High School, College & Post College & have everyone in attendance come forward to receive a small gift & be recognized by the congregation. Please plan on being here for that for at least one service so that the church can rejoice with you.

SENIOR NIGHT

Wednesday, May 19 — 7:00 p.m.

This is our night to recognize, remember & encourage our high school seniors who will be graduating. It is held in the gym & everyone in the church is invited.



...just call it "three"

As a result of our recent sermon series, One plus One plus One, Kit Dotson quipped in our staff meeting, "If we do this again next year, can we just call it 'Three'?"

Youth Ministers. Is it legal to shoot 'em? Still, he's got a point. Wouldn't it be great if every person participated in a balanced Christian life? That way, we'd never

have to talk about "three basic elements of Christianity: Worship, Discipleship and Service." Wouldn't it be wonderful if Christians did not have to be persuaded, cajoled or inveigled into doing what's right, because they did naturally what was good and godly?

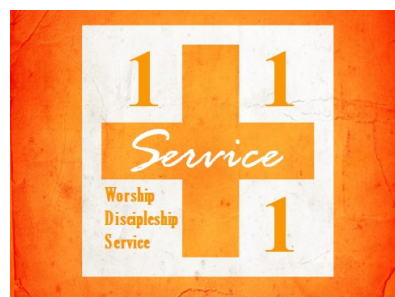
Alas, that is not the case. Not for me...or you. Too many of us seek to get by with a minimal amount of effort when it comes to our Christianity. Some assume, "If I go to church on Sunday; hey, I'm okay." Others say, "If I attend Sunday School or a Bible Study Group...I'm doing Discipleship...so I'm okay." And still others reason, "If I'm good to my family and treat my neighbors with kindness...then I'm doing everything required in the way of Service. I'm okay." It's as if we are looking for the easiest path...the minimum amount of effort...and still be able to feel secure in our faith and/or good about ourselves.

What's wrong with that picture? I'll tell you what's wrong. Look at the cross! The cross says Jesus was not content with giving the minimum! He did not choose the easy path. The cross represents the tale of his extravagant sacrifice...from leaving the glorious riches of heaven...to living a life that focused entirely on the needs of others...to his laying down of his life for our sins, painfully, shamefully and unjustly. And he did it willingly, readily...for us.



Look at the cross...where Jesus gave his best and his all for our sakes... and tell me what right we have to give so little in return. How can we possibly justify doing the least we can get by with, when he did so much? How do we respond to the things he said about 'putting him first'...or 'loving him above self'... or 'taking up a cross to follow him'? The truth is...choosing to live a balanced life of Worship, Discipleship and Service... isn't really an answer to the sacrifice Jesus made. There is no comparison. The real purpose behind "One plus One plus One" is simply to give us a tool. It helps us stay balanced...allows us to measure our Christianity. Think of it as a plan of action...or a simple check off list. One plus One plus One helps us to give attention to every area of the Christian life. No, it isn't a matter of sacrifice. It's just a tool, nothing more. But it keeps us balanced.

Consider...it helps us to focus on Worship. Not our "attendance" but our "participation". I liked the phrase I shared with you. The "One of Worship" reminds us to be "fully engaged in the act of worship." We don't come to church in order to judge the quality of the music nor weigh the value of the sermon. We come together so that we can give of ourselves in honor and praise poured out to God. We go to church because the Bible tells us to...but we worship when we are there...by pouring ourselves out to God.



One plus One plus One helps us to focus on the need for Discipleship. That means, we aren't satisfied with just attending church...even if we do truly worship. No. We want to please God...not to control Him...not to get things from Him. We want to please Him...like we do anyone we love. And we know that the only way to do that, is to learn about His will and change into the people He wants us to be.

And finally, One plus One plus One helps us to focus on Service. We know that as Jesus served...so ought we. By God's grace each of us have been given gifts or talents to be used in the "building up of the body of Christ." At the Last Supper, Jesus put it best, "I've served you. You call me Lord. If I am willing to serve you...you serve each other."

And so we add them together...One plus One plus One. And we end up with balance...

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

March 28, 2010

Morning Worship	543
Sunday School	315
General Offering	\$11,260.75
Covenant Offering	\$4,958.50

April 4, 2010

Morning Worship	847
Sunday School	326
General Offering	\$17,517.13
Covenant Offering	\$6,795.50
Special Covenant Offering	\$7,312.00

April 11, 2010

Morning Worship	551
Sunday School	325
General Offering	\$10,386.79
Covenant Offering	\$3,973.63

April 18, 2010

Morning Worship	540
Sunday School	295
General Offering	\$15,200.87
Covenant Offering	\$4,853.90

April 25, 2010

Morning Worship	606
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$23,773.07
Covenant Offering	\$5,808.22

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

Crosstrails

(Crossroads' Hiking Group)

May 29—Laurel Rivers (Hot Springs, NC) — 5 mile hike — Meet at church at 10:00 a.m. Any questions—contact Gether Irick (292-3973) or Drema Dutka (483-4459)

There will be a



for
Megan Johnson

Sunday, May 2

3:00—4:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

She is registered at Babies R Us (listed as: Megan Johnson in Coeburn, VA). It's a girl!



(for adults close to 50 & older)

Saturday, May 22

Meet at church at 4:45 p.m.

Eat out (TBA)

Renaissance Center in Kingsport for "Sound Celebration"

Musical program by Men's Barbershop Chorus—several men's quartets (including our own Phil Robertson)

Reservations and advanced payment needed for musical performance by Sunday, May 16.

Sign up and pay at Information Desk. Tickets—\$10.00 each

Make checks payable to Rebecca Sapp

LATE JUNE EVENT: Paddle Wheel Boat Trip in Knoxville



ALL DAUGHTERS' BANQUET
May 6, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Someday My Prince Will Come

The All Daughters' Banquet is for women and girls of all ages because we're all daughters of the King.

Attention All Princesses. It is time to dust off your glass slippers in preparation for The All Daughters' Banquet which is scheduled for May 6th at 6:30. Tickets for the Royal Banquet can be purchased in the lobby on Sunday. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available—please see Mickie Warwick. Guests of all ages are invited to dress up in their finest princess attire! (that's entirely optional of course!).

Menu: Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Dessert, Drinks

Ticket prices:

Age 10 & up — \$10.00

Age 3-9 — \$5.00

Age 2 & under—Free



Presented by

The King's Kids
Sunday, May 2

Preceded by the Cherub Choir's presentation of "Sing for Spring"

It all begins at 6:30 p.m. Everyone Welcomed!

KidZone News Continued



News

5. Summer Church Camps at Camp ACC -

If you haven't registered your child to attend a session at Camp ACC, please pick up a Camp ACC brochure and take a look. Children's lives are brought closer to Jesus during each day they spend at camp! There are several sessions to choose from. Camp ACC brochures can be found at the Adult & Children's Information Centers.

6. FCA Power Camp -

Power Camp is an incredible day camp experience for any young athlete. Each day includes solid training from high school and college coaches and athletes, dynamic speakers, Bible studies, and much more. If you are in 3rd—8th grade and like basketball, soccer or cheerleading, this is the place to be. Pick up a Power Camp brochure at either the Adult or Children's Welcome Centers.

Date: Tuesday, June 8 - Thursday, June 10

Time: Session #1 (8:45—11:55 AM) Session #2 (12:45—3:55 PM)

Place: Crossroads Christian Church

DECISIONS

March 28, 2010

Rededication

Susan Cooper
477 Hawley Rd.
Blountville, TN 37617

April 4, 2010

Rededication

Linda Hawkins
3459 Devault Bridge Rd.
Piney Flats, TN 37686

Baptism

Nathan Hensley
2805 Newbern Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37604

April 18, 2010

Baptism

Conner Wingfield
197 Free Hill Rd.
Gray, TN 37615

April 25, 2010

Baptism

Maggie Booher
305 West I St.
Elizabethton, TN 37643

Nicholas Dorr
604 Sunset Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37604

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.

2. Baby Dedication Day -

Date of Event: Sunday, May 9, 2010

Time of Event: During the Morning Services

Place: Worship Center

We will be devoting part of the service that day to introduce all the babies that were born from May, 2009 to the present and their families to the church. If you have a baby that you would like to be a part of this special day, please let us know by either placing your name, baby's name and phone number on the list that is located at the Check-In Table in the Nursery or you can call the church office at 477-2229 and leave the details or you can email us at jim@crossroadsgray.org.

3. Club 56 Prayer Breakfast -

The 5th & 6th graders along with their parents are invited to a special time of worship, devotion, prayer & breakfast as we honor National Day of Prayer. I will be making arrangements at the schools for excused tardiness on that day for those that attend. All 5th & 6th graders should be receiving a letter in the mail no later than Wednesday, April 28 and the letters will also be passed out in the Club 56 Bible School class. Please let me know if your child is planning on attending no later than noon on Tuesday, May 4 by either calling me at 477-2229 (ext. 32) or by emailing me at jim@crossroadsgray.org. This way I can let each school know what students will be tardy.

Date: Thursday, May 6

Time: 7:30 AM

Place: Sittin' Bull Restaurant in Gray

Event Contact:

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

Email: jim@crossroadsgray.org

4. Important Dates for Your Summer Calendar -

Thursday, May 6 Club 56 Prayer Breakfast at Sittin' Bull

Sunday, May 9 Baby Dedication Sunday

Tuesday, June 1 Terrific Tuesday

Tuesday, June 8 Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Game Night

June 8-10 FCA Power Camp

Tuesday, June 15 Terrific Tuesday

Tuesday, June 22 3rd - 4th Grade Game Night

Tuesday, June 29 Terrific Tuesday

Tuesday, July 6 5th & 6th Grade Game Night

Tuesday, July 13 Terrific Tuesday

July 26 - 30 Vacation Bible School (VBS)