



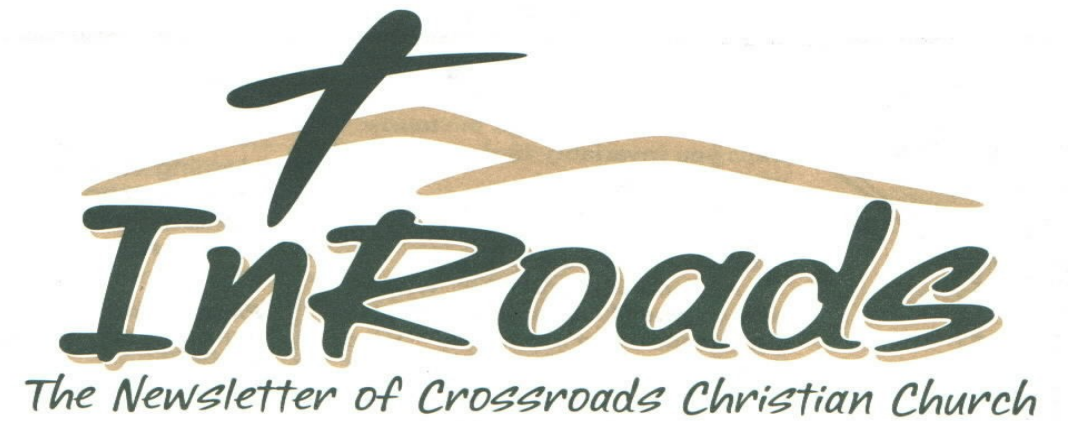
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May 2011

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— Pay Attention to the bulletin for weekly schedule from here to the end of May
- Wednesday: Youth Group @ 7:00 pm in The Youth Room.

Small Group Schedule: We will not have small groups on May 1. May 1st is the Teen Choir Program. May 8th is Mother's Day, so it is up to your small groups as to whether or not you meet that day...so please check with your small group leaders.

Graduate Recognition Sunday: Sunday, May 15th is Graduate Recognition Sunday. This is for anyone graduating from High School, College, or graduate level degree programs. We encourage you to try to be here that Sunday for both morning services so that the church can celebrate with you. We will read everyone's name out & have you line up across the front of the worship center, then we will congratulate you, pray for you and give you a small gift. We will do this in both morning services. You DO NOT have to wear your cap and gown or anything like that...just dress for church. ****VERY IMPORTANT:** If you are a graduate (high school, college, or beyond) please sign up in the lobby on the list that is there so that we have a good list of who is graduating from what. High Schoolers- sign up in the lobby even if you signed the one in the youth room.

Senior Night: Senior Night is Wednesday, May 18th @ 7:00 pm. If you are graduating from High School, please make plans to come that night as we give you words of encouragement, re-live some memories, embarrass you with old pictures and eat cake. In preparation, we need to get (from you or your parents) 25-30 pictures of you from birth through now. If you could give us these in a digital format (on a CD or thumb drive) that would help us tremendously with time (if you cannot do so, then bring us the pictures). We also need to get a song from you that will play behind your pictures. It does not have to be a Christian song but does need to be an appropriate song. If you have to ask whether it is appropriate or not then assume it is not. Again, if you could bring us the song on a CD or as an MP3, that would help a ton. You can turn your pictures and song in to Kit or to Rich Aubrey but we **HAVE TO GET THEM** no later than **Sunday, May 1st** so we have time to get the DVDs ready. If you do not turn them in by May 1st, I cannot guarantee we will get yours done...so please help us out as much as you can.

Mission Trip Dates for the Summer

- **Middle School Mission Trip:** Riverwood on June 19-24, 2011. Information is on Facebook and the Church website.
- **High School Mission Trip:** Louisville, KY to do inner city work with Crossroads Missions. The dates will be July 17-23, 2011. All the info is on the Crossroads website and on the student ministry Facebook page

Middle School Mission Trip Money: Your \$110.00 is due NO LATER THAN Sunday May 22, 2011

YIM Student Leadership Conference: Youth In Ministry's annual Student Leadership Conference will be July 24-30, 2011 at Milligan College. 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 & all the info is now available in The Garage. Keep your eyes open for the info on Facebook & the Crossroads Website. You can also go to www.youthinministry.org to download all the info.

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

- May 1: Teen Choir Program
- May 15: Graduate Recognition Sunday
- May 18: Senior Night @ 7:00 pm
- 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

COMING IN MAY...

What We Believe Class

May 1—June 5
3:00 p.m.

Teen Choir Program

May 1
6:30 p.m.

CrossPath Family Night

May 4
Dinner—5:30 p.m.
Program—7:00 p.m.

Fiesta de Chicas (All Daughters' Banquet)

May 5
6:00 p.m.

More details inside.

The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

In a recent follow-up call in the home of a family who visited our church, I mentioned how most visitors are “looking for something.” About half know exactly what that “something” is (that is, a strong children’s program or a small group ministry), but just as many are unsure. On this occasion when I said that, there was a general nodding of heads. As it turned out, this family was in the latter group. They were looking for something...but they just weren’t sure what that “something” was.

Perhaps I can be of help. The three things most people want and expect from a church are:

1. Acceptance and community. More than anything else people want to be loved and accepted. They don’t like a church that makes demands of them but gives little, if anything, in return. They see their attendance and tithes as a gift; maybe even an investment. And they expect a “return on their investment.” And the “return” they are looking for most often, is “community.” In short, friends. They are not interested in being spectators...and they certainly don’t want to be labeled as “visitors” forever. They want to fit in. And while being a “friendly” church is helpful...most want to move beyond friendliness into deep relationships where they feel appreciated for who they are. It is vital that churches encourage and provide opportunities for such personal relationships.

2. Spiritual growth. While few visitors would actually list “we want to be fed” as an expectation, it is a well known fact that people go where they feel spiritually fed. Bob Russell, former minister of the Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, once said that at the beginning of his ministry he was embarrassed by the fact that people would leave their church to come listen to him preach. But later he realized people were spiritually hungry. He came to the conclusion that, if a church plants biblically nutritional grass...sheep will come. He says, any church can do that, but they must be willing to work at it. And if a church refuses to pay that price...it will lose members. Obviously, it is also vital for us to provide solid Biblical teaching in Sunday Schools and small groups, as well as from the pulpit.

3. Opportunities for service. Deep within every person is the need to give back (...which happens to be a foundational Christian principle, by the way). Most people are not “takers.” At their heart, they are “givers.” Which means that, given the opportunity, they would happily minister to others rather than have others constantly minister to them. In short, they want to do their fair share. Over the years, they have developed skills and abilities they are willing to use in the service of the church. However, they don’t want to be “used,” but appreciated for what they offer. So, once again, it is vital that churches provide opportunities for people to do exactly that...to serve and be appreciated.

In a recent article about “Church Dropouts,” Evangelism Coach, Chris Walker explains churches that want to keep their members, need to do 4 things:

1. Build systems that allow friendships to happen. Small groups, Sunday Schools, and Bible Studies need to be more than just a pasture of nutritional grass. They also need to foster friendships. One statistic I’ve often quoted is, if a person doesn’t find 6 friends within 6 months...they will go somewhere else. It’s important that we encourage relationships.

2. Help people serve and contribute. Announcing service opportunities... providing mission trips...asking for help...these things are important. Take the Challenger League for an example. Daniel Boone Little League started a Challenger league for handicapped kids some 10 or 15 years ago...but for the last 8 years, it has been run almost exclusively by volunteers from Crossroads. It takes an enormous number of workers...but it is rewarding beyond your compare. I invite you to call me if you are interested. However, there are plenty of other places to serve. If you have a particular skill, how about letting the office know. We always have need for help.

3. Plan common experiences. Each summer we plan our schedule with several “all church” programs in mind. These are usually good times...attending water parks, picnics, ball games and just fun activities. Such events are designed to create community. I hope you will take advantage of each one of them.

4. Foster the DNA of care and seeking. Here’s something you can do each week: pay attention to those around you. Get to know the people in your section of the worship service. Greet the visitors. But pay close attention to the folks who are missing. Most people sit in the same section week after week. I don’t know why. It’s just what people do. But the advantage of that is you can tell when someone isn’t there. How about making a phone call and let someone know you care.

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

April 3, 2011

Morning Worship	649
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$18,387.06
Covenant Offering	\$12,520.83

April 10, 2011

Morning Worship	618
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$13,217.81
Covenant Offering	\$1,838.50

April 17, 2011

Morning Worship	606
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$12,838.98
Covenant Offering	\$3,073.00

April 24, 2011

Morning Worship	932
Sunday School	348
General Offering	\$13,502.75
Covenant Offering	\$7,167.00
Special Covenant Offering	\$8,287.00

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



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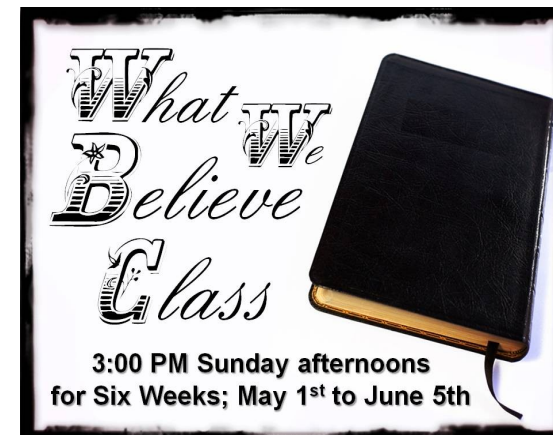
CROSSEYED
(Student Ministry Choir)

*An evening of inspirational,
high-energy music and skits*

May 1, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to be here for this outstanding night of laughter, tears and worship!



CrossPath Family Night

May 4, 2011

5:30 p.m. Meal

7:00 p.m. Program

Come join us for a night of fellowship, praise & worship and a whole lot of fun! We start the night off with our wonderful Wednesday Night meal at 5:30 p.m. Right after the meal, gather your family together at your table as we all participate in a night of K.I.D.’S. Church! Our very own Nathan Hall will be leading us in a time of praise & worship. All classes will be cancelled so that we may all spend this time together. This will be a night that you and your family don’t want to miss!

DECISIONS

April 3, 2011

Baptism

Conner Craig—660 Boone Station Rd.
Johnson City TN 37615

April 10, 2011

Baptism

Declan Sanders—7 Chaucer Court
Gray, TN 37615

April 17, 2011

Baptism

Trudy Freeman—283 Hall Rd.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Fiesta de Chicas

(AKA All-Daughters’ Banquet!)

Thursday, May 5, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Featuring: Homemade Mexican Dinner
Concert by “Alathea”

Tickets on sale in the Lobby

Cost: Adults (age 9 & older) - \$10.00

Children (age 2-8) - \$5.00

Children under 2—Free



5. Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Come join us for another great VBS week as we reach out to the Children of our community with the love of Jesus! It takes the entire church to come together to pull off a great VBS! We will be needing over 100 volunteers this year! We will be having two informational meetings. Please plan on attending one of them. There is one last meeting that all volunteers need to attend.

Informational Volunteer meetings:

- **Sunday, May 22**
3:00 PM in the Student Ministry Center.
- **Sunday, May 29**
3:00 PM in the Student Ministry Center.

Last Volunteer meeting (*Everyone Attends*):

- **Sunday, June 5**
3:00 PM in the Student Ministry Center.

VBS Date: Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10

VBS Time: 6:15 - 9:00 PM

Child Registration: YOU CAN REGISTER YOUR CHILD EITHER AT THE VBS TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE AUDITORIUM OR IN THE DIG SITE.
(Ages 3 - completed 6th grade)

Event Contact:

Name: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32; **Email:** jim@crossroadsgray.org

6. Young Discipleship Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, May 29

Time of Event: 5:00—6:00 PM (*Note—this is a different time than our usual meetings.*)

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

7. 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 Children's Check-In Centers.

8. 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.

9. Important Dates for Your Spring/Summer Calendar -

Wednesday, May 4	Crosspath Family Night - Bringing KID'S Church to the Big Stage
Thursday, May 5	Club 56 Prayer Breakfast at Sittin' Bull
Sunday, May 8	Baby Dedication Sunday
Sunday, May 22	Vacation Bible School (VBS) Informational Volunteer Meeting
Sunday, May 29	Vacation Bible School (VBS) Informational Volunteer Meeting
Sunday, June 5	Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Meeting - For All Volunteers
June 6-10	Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Tuesday, June 21	Terrific Tuesday (Bristol Caverns)
Tuesday, July 12	Terrific Tuesday (Bright's Zoo)
Saturday, July 23	Volunteer CPR Training
Tuesday, July 26	Terrific Tuesday (Wetlands Water Park)
Saturday, August 6	Club 56 Kick-Off Party
Sunday, August 7	Promotion Sunday
Sunday, August 7	7th Grade Orientation to Student Ministry
Wednesday, August 10	Crosspath Family Night
Wednesday, August 17	Wednesday Night Kick-Off



News

1. Young Discipleship Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, May 1

Time of Event: 4:00—5:00 PM

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

2. CrossPath Family Night - Join Us As We Take K.I.D.'S. Church to the Big Stage!

Come join us for a night of fellowship, praise & worship and a whole lot of fun! We start the night off with our wonderful Wednesday Night meal from 5:30 - 6:45. Right after the meal, gather your family together at your table as we all participate in a night of K.I.D.'S. Church! Our very own Nathan Hall will be leading us in a time of praise & worship. All classes will be cancelled so that we may all spend this time together. This will be a night that you and your family don't want to miss!

Date of Event: Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Time of Event: Meal from 5:30 - 6:45 and program from 7:00 - 8:00

Place: Gym

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. All 5th & 6th graders should be receiving a letter in the mail no later that Wednesday, April 27 and the letters will also be passed out in the Lab 56 room. Please let me know if your child is planning on attending no later than noon on Tuesday, May 3 by either calling me at 477-2229 (ext. 32) or by emailing me at jim@crossroadsgray.org.

Date: Thursday, May 5

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. Baby Dedication Day -

Date of Event: Sunday, May 8, 2011

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, 2010 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.

