



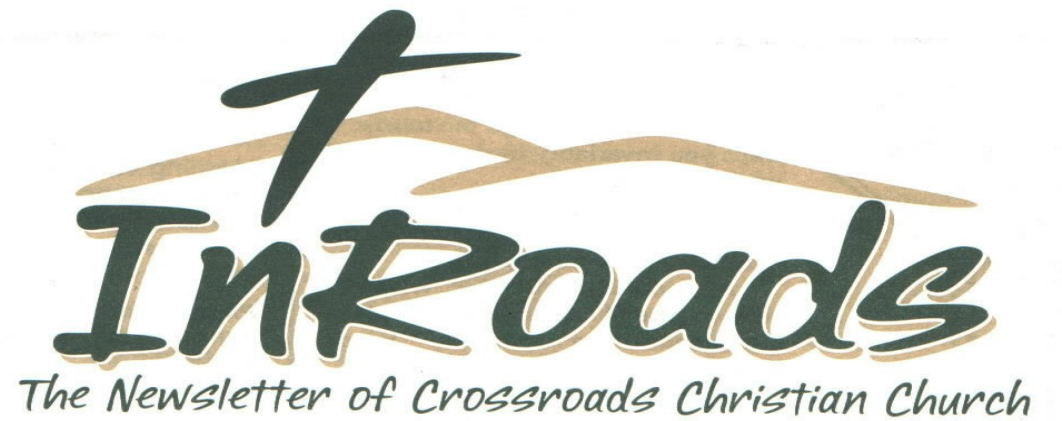
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May 2013

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

Join us Sunday mornings in The Greenhouse. Over the summer we will all be combined for a large group study.

Student Life Groups—May 5 Life Groups will be attending “The Story—The Musical” at 7:00 p.m. We encourage students to join us for our summer trips since Life Groups will not be meeting until August.

Wednesday: see below

Wednesday Night Youth Group:

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

Field 44 (Grades 9-12): The Walking Dead- Alive Again (Galatians 5)

5/1 Gentleness/Patience VS. Wrath

5/8 Faithfulness VS. Lust

5/15 COMBINED- Senior Night

Wild Branches (Grades 7-8):

5/1 Discover the Source of Healing

5/8 Help Others Experience Healing

5/15 COMBINED- Senior Night

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

CROSSROADS ADULT CHOIR

presents

THE STORY

Sunday, May 5, 2013

4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

This musical tells God’s seamless story from Eden’s garden to the throne of Heaven and is brought into vivid relief through an original video and dramatic narrative. Everyone is invited to join this celebration of a true God who loves us, provided us a way of salvation and still pours out His grace on us today!

the right turn at the CROSSROADS

by Clint Andrews

I reckon by the time you read this, The Story will be a thing of the past. Well, all except our cantata on May 5th anyway. So what have we learned from our experience as a church? I can think of several things and I'd like to use this column to recap them...

First of all, for many...maybe even most...it was the first time they read through the entire Bible (even if it was a "condensed" version). Now I know that's not true for everyone. Some of you are avid Bible readers. If that's you, that's wonderful! But for the others, because the Bible can be a daunting book, they have been overwhelmed by the task of getting through the entire volume. I can't tell you the number of folks who have shared how, in the past, they have started the Bible many times, only to get lost in the effort. But by taking bites off a single chapter at a time...well written ones at that...they have been able to get through the whole book this time. Plus with the added encouragement of matching sermons and small group discussions...they have found support they needed to finish what they started.

For some it was their first time to grasp the Bible as a single narrative rather than a collection of unrelated stories. It was like reading a novel...easier in fact. The way The Story unfolded in a chronological order gave many their first understanding as to what, when, why and where the events of the Bible happened... something they haven't always understood.

For all of us I think, The Story drove home the point that God loves us...and desires to have a relationship with us. Even if we had some mental concept of that prior to starting this project, it didn't take long in our reading to see how everything pointed to a God who was seeking His creation. From the Garden of Eden to the Garden of Heaven...The Story underscores a God who loves you...and wants you to be a part of Him.

For many, it was the first time for them to realize that...as important as the stories of the Bible are...they also have a story. There is the Upper Story of the Bible...but there are also the Lower Stories of each of us. Our names may not be recorded in the Bible itself...but our stories are just as important in the eyes of God as is Abraham's, David's, Elijah's, Peter's, or Paul's. We have a part to play.

For some, it was the first time they participated in a small group...and discovered that other Christians struggle in their daily practice of Christianity as much as they did. In other words...they discovered they were not alone. It isn't that we find joy in other people's difficulties. No, that isn't it. But face it, we put on brave, smiling faces on Sunday mornings...and somehow, it is comforting to know that we are not alone in our Christian growth. Small groups...or Life Groups as we call them...are wonderful experiences of "iron sharpening iron".

All in all, it has been a grand experience. Together we have grown in knowledge and faith. It has been a worthwhile journey.

I hope to see all of you on May 5th...for an exciting wrap up in our Sunday morning worship service...and a last look at The Story that afternoon in our Cantata. You won't want to miss either service. Make it a point to be there...and invite your friends. Let them share in the experience as well!

May God bless and keep you!

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

March 31, 2013

Morning Worship	837
General Offering	\$17,154.56
Covenant Offering	\$5,829.00
Special Covenant Offering	\$8,557.00

April 7, 2013

Morning Worship	526
General Offering	\$21,089.22
Covenant Offering	\$9,608.17

April 14, 2013

Morning Worship	521
General Offering	\$13,796.53
Covenant Offering	\$4,896.00

April 21, 2013

Morning Worship	577
General Offering	\$14,343.99
Covenant Offering	\$2,791.93

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

DECISIONS

March 31, 2013

Baptism

Hannah Mathews—116 Deakins Estates Dr., Jonesborough, TN 37659

Membership

Ben, Kendall & Logan Childers—116 Deakins Estates Dr., Jonesborough, TN 37659

Jennifer Procopio—704 S. Pickens Bridge Rd., Gray, TN 37615



ALL DAUGHTERS' BANQUET May 9 — 6:30 p.m.

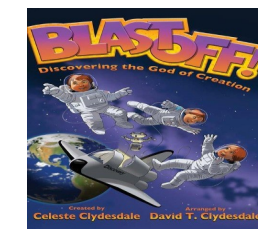
"Flo's Solid Rock Cafe" is the theme of this year's All Daughters' Banquet. It will take place on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. The menu will consist of good ole diner food - chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, brownie sundaes and drinks. **NEW LOWER TICKET PRICES:** Adults (11 and up) - \$7.00, Children (3-10) - \$4.00, Age 2 and under - FREE. **TICKETS ON SALE APRIL 28 & MAY 5 IN THE LOBBY.** This year, you will have the option to reserve seats at a table for you and your family/guests - first come/first serve! So come join us in your best '50's attire (optional) for great food, a '50's style talent show and wonderful fellowship! **ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE INVITED!!**



June 2-6, 2013
6:15-8:45

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S VBS, ESPECIALLY TO BE CREW LEADERS. PLEASE FILL OUT A YELLOW "VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP" SHEET AT THE INFORMATION CENTER IN THE LOBBY OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE! ANYONE WHO IS PRESENTLY IN THE 7TH GRADE AND OLDER MAY VOLUNTEER.

The King's Kids present



and
the Cherub Choir presents

Love Notes ❤️

Sunday, May 19, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Exciting News About Children's Ministry Curriculum!



We are very excited about the new curriculum we will begin in the Children's Ministry on **orange** May 5th. The Orange curriculum focuses on fueling passion into the heart of every child.

First Look (Age 0-5 yrs old)

First Look is a web-based curriculum that uses engaging activities to introduce pre-school children to God. First Look gives children a first impression of their heavenly Father and the wonder of His love for each one of them.

252 Basics (K-6th grade)

Elementary-age kids are in a constant state of discovery. Think about all the different things they are trying for the first time and what they're learning every day, even how to make (and keep) friends. **252 BASICS** curriculum and resources **PROVOKE DISCOVERY**, inviting kids to live out their new understanding of how to grow in relationship with God and with others.

PARENTS will be given the opportunity to connect and partner with us on this exciting journey of new discoveries in Christ!