



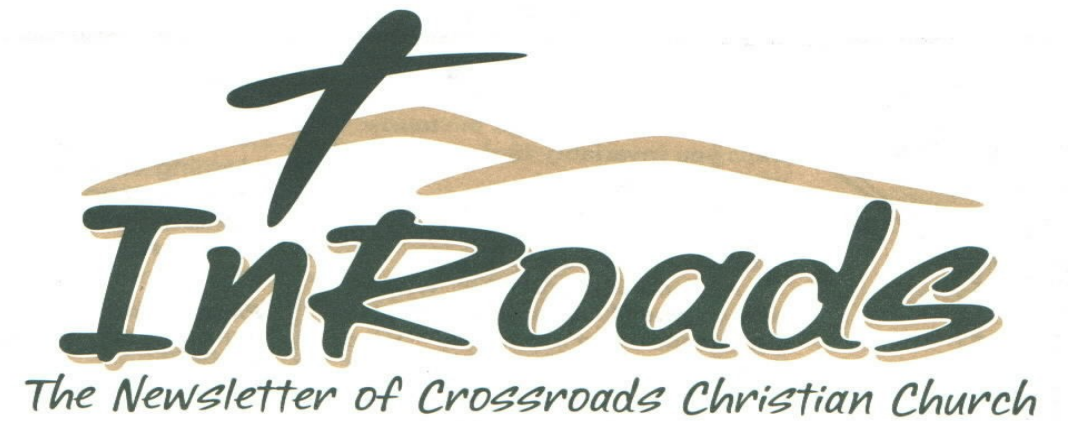
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Crossroads Student Ministry

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Weekly Events: The Student Ministry @ Crossroads is for those in grade 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- In area homes from 5:45-7:30 pm

· Wednesday: Youth Group @ 7:00 pm in The Youth Room

Small Groups: We do have small groups this Sunday Night (October 31) at 5:45 pm.

Fall Retreat: Fall Retreat was wonderful again because of all of our wonderful students and adult volunteers! Thanks to everyone for your part in a wonderful weekend together.

Mobile Lockin: Our annual Mobile Lockin will be November 5, 2010. Cost is \$20 and sign ups have started in the student ministry building.

East Tennessee Teen Conference: Every year, Crossroads hosts the East TN Teen Conference where about 400 students from the area come together for worship, teaching, dinner and workshops. This year we will again be hosting the event on Sunday, November 7th from 4:00-8:00 pm. The event is put on by Youth In Ministry (from Milligan College). This year, the speaker will be Mike Luzadder from ETSU Campus House Ministry. Mike is a wonderful guy and will do a great job. The cost is \$5.00 per person and you can pay when you get here. We will need some help that Sunday right after church in setting up the new youth room for the workshops. We will need to move some things and set up more chairs, etc....so anyone that can help would be much appreciated.

Riverwood Christmas Party: Saturday, December 4th. Stay Tuned for More Details

TCTC Signups: TCTC Information will be available very soon. Signups will take place on November 28th, December 5th and December 12th.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- November 5th: Mobile Lockin
- November 7th: ETCC Teen Conference from 4-8 pm
- December 4th: Riverwood Christmas Party
- December 8th: Student Ministry Christmas Party
- January 7-9: TCTC
- Super Bowl Party: February 6
- February 19: Ski Trip



Operation Christmas Child

A simple gift...An eternal message

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoe boxes and evangelistic materials that tell the Good News of God's love. Crossroads has participated in this project for many years. We would love as many as possible to participate with us. Sign up for 1 or more boxes at the table in the church lobby. Brochures with complete instructions are available there.

Collection and Dedication Day is November 21.

Everyone is asked to bring their shoeboxes into the worship service for the dedication service. Questions? Call the church office and speak with Tempa or go online to www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews



In his book, **No Place for Truth**, David Wells warns a true appreciation of a Holy God has escaped the modern-day evangelical church. He offers, "... *this God, majestic and holy in his being ...has disappeared from the modern evangelical world.*" (David Wells, *No Place*

for Truth, Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1993) Lesslie Newbigin, missionary to India for 35 years, says something very similar. Comparing the faith of other religions to that of modern Christianity, he observes, "...*all the language of evangelical Christianity*" has at its center (similar to Hindu and other religions) "*the self...my need of salvation. And God is auxiliary to that.*" He warns, "*I also saw that quite a lot of evangelical Christianity can easily slip, can become centered in me and my need of salvation, and not ... in the glory of God..*" (Quoted in Tim Stafford, "God's Missionary to Us," *Christianity Today*, December 9, 1996, 29) Newbigin said, as a result of his observations, he always began his missionary work by offering a true picture of God the Father. Once his audience came to appreciate a true view of God, he then addressed the sinfulness of mankind.

I can hear the yawns now...but bear with me. I really do think this is important stuff. You see, most of us approach church nowadays like we are shopping. We are looking for the church that's going to give us the best deal... or the one that's going to meet our needs. Does it have a strong youth group... or solid children's programming? Does the church offer quality nursery care? Are there enough people in my social economic bracket so that I can develop some quality friendships? Does the worship service include my kind of music? Are the sermons relevant and interesting? What's its drawing point?

You might think people really don't ask those questions...but they do. Maybe not out-loud...but those questions are there. Believe me, after visiting a new church, some of the first questions discussed in the car on the way home are, "Well, what did you think?" "Should we give it a few weeks?" "Did you see anyone you knew?"

Honestly, churches have done this to themselves. What I mean is churches are so interested in growing...that they tend to outdo each other in attracting new folks. Whether it's in hiring ministers for certain age groups, providing fun activities, or special services and musical programs...all churches try to find a strength they can play to in order to attract new people. Take our new children's ministry building for example. There is no doubt that the graphic arts on the walls were designed to be spectacular...a visual feast...for young people. And it may appear to some that we are using the building to "capture" children.

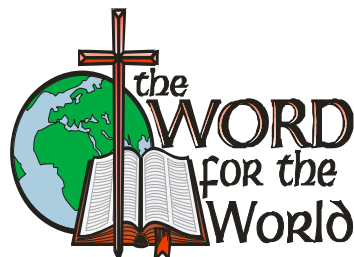
But they would be wrong. Our new children's building is nothing more or less than a tool for Jesus Christ...and the ministry of the church. And yes, I know some folks will come just to experience the building. But let me tell you what will happen when they come. Mr. Jim will introduce them to Jesus. He will offer them a relationship with the Savior. He will guide them through the story of the Bible. And he will set their feet on a path that takes them to Heaven.

We can not stop or change the fact that people "shop" for a church nowadays. But we can make sure...that if they stop by our "store," we offer them the real deal...a real bang for their buck. We can offer them a God who is Holy and majestic. A Savior who is loving and kind. And a Bible that is relevant and true.



Faith Promise Update

In case you haven't heard, we exceeded our \$36,000 goal for Faith Promise. In fact, total promises came to nearly \$41,000 !!! I want to thank everyone who participated! You are wonderful...and may God bless you in your generosity!



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SUNDAY STATISTICS

October 3, 2010

Morning Worship	604
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$18,583.39
Covenant Offering	\$7,730.00

October 10, 2010

Morning Worship	600
Sunday School	318
General Offering	\$11,552.00
Covenant Offering	\$6,143.00

October 17, 2010

Morning Worship	633
Sunday School	336
General Offering	\$13,987.50
Covenant Offering	\$6,319.00

October 24, 2010

Morning Worship	528
Student Ministry Retreat	91
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$12,835.84
Covenant Offering	\$1,784.50

Please note: The 2010 General Fund budget requires an average weekly offering of \$14,903.85. The weekly Covenant needed—\$7,307.69.

Fish Fry at Crossroads (and Chicken too)!!!

On Saturday, Nov. 6th, the Bereans Sunday School class and the Crossroads College Ministry will prepare and serve fried fish dinners in our auditorium. Entrees to choose from include Blackened Tilapia, Fried Alaskan White Fish, Blackened Shrimp, Fried Popcorn Shrimp, and Chicken Planks. French fries, cole slaw, pinto beans (not available for 'To Go' orders), dessert, and drink will also be available. Meal costs will be as follows:

- One entrée and choice of sides--\$8
 - Two entrées and choice of sides--\$9
 - Three entrées and choice of sides--\$10
 - Four entrées and choice of sides--\$11
- (Child's portions will also be available at a reduced price.)



Meals will be served from 5:00—7:30 p.m. Proceeds received above the cost of ingredients and supplies will be given to the "Take the Next Step" capital campaign and the Crossroads College Ministry. This promises to be a fun evening of fellowship and good food. Come and enjoy!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT CROSSROADS:

December 12 - Cherub Choir and King's Kids program/Student Ministry Dessert Auction

December 15 - All Church Caroling

December 19 - Adult Choir Program

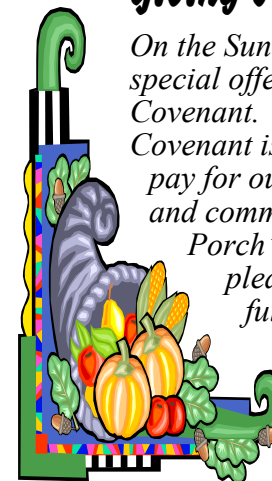
December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Church Newsletter Changes for 2011

Beginning In January 2011 the church newsletter and calendar will only be sent to those who request a printed version in the mail. Simply call the church office (477-2229) or email: robin@crossroadsgray.org in the next 6 weeks and request to continue receiving a printed version of the church newsletter and calendar in the mail. In lieu of mailings, the church newsletter and calendar are available for viewing and printing on the church website.

— The Finance and Administration Ministry

Giving Thanks



On the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving (Nov. 21) a special offering will be taken as part of the Crossroads Covenant. For those who may not know, the Crossroads Covenant is the current capital fundraising campaign to pay for our new Children's and Student Ministry Building and community courtyard area, known as "The Front Porch". This offering will be above and beyond the pledged amounts for the Covenant. Please prayerfully consider participating as we return a portion of what God has blessed us with. If you are not yet a part of the Covenant, then this offering could serve as your "first fruits" as you take the next step in our journey here at Crossroads.



Poinsettias to decorate the church for the Christmas holiday can be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones and friends. Cost is \$9.00 per plant. You can sign up and pay (checks only please—made payable to Crossroads) at the Information Center in the Lobby November 14—November 28.

DECISIONS

October 3, 2010

Baptism

Connor Winstead
161 Meadowlark Dr.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

October 17, 2010

Membership

Ryan & April Hyder
163 Village Ln.
Gray, TN 37615

Tim, Lisa, Lindsay & Nick Moody
1617 Rocky Hollow Rd.
Jonesborough, TN 37659



News

1. Parents! Check out November's 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. Children's Ministry Team Leaders Meeting:

Date of Event: Wednesday, November 17

Time of Event: 1:00 PM—2:30 PM

Place of Event: Dig Site

The Children's Ministry leaders meet every other month to plan and discuss current and future programming. We are always interested in ideas and needs that you and your children might have pertaining to the Children's Ministry here at Crossroads. If you would like to make suggestions or present ideas, please either email them to me at jim@crossroadsgray.org or to Rex Garrison at rex@garrisonapp.com.

3. Club 56 All-Nighter

Date of Event: Friday, November 12 & 13

Time of Event: 8:00 PM—8:00 AM

Place: The Dig Site

Cost: \$13.00 (Includes games at Fun Expedition & Pizza)

Sign-Up: The Sign-Up sheet is located in the Lab 56 room (for both kids & adult helpers).

Adult Help: If you are interested in helping, please either contact Mr. Jim or sign-up in the Lab 56 room.

Event Contact:

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

Email: jim@crossroadsgray.org

4. Young Discipleship Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, November 28

Time of Event: 4:00—5:00 PM

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

5. 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.