



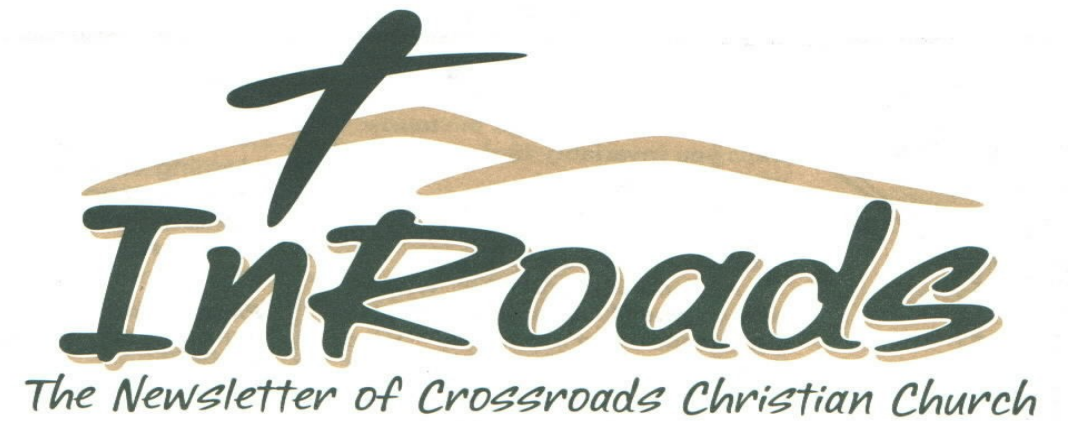
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November 2011

Crossroads Student Ministry

East TN Christian Teen Convention: This year Crossroads is hosting the teen conference for the East TN Christian Convention. There will be an afternoon of service in our community and then we will have a worship service in the SMB (Student Ministry Building). Guest speaker Tommy Oaks is an amazing speaker you won't want to miss! More details in the bulletin. Sign up on Facebook or in the SMB.

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

Sunday:

Worship @ 9:30 am

Sunday School @ 10:55 am- All start in Youth Room

Small Groups @ - Meeting in homes

7-8 grade students at the Aurigema home

9-12 grade guys Purity Group at the McNeely home

9-12 grade gals Purity Group at the Caraway home

9-12 grade mixed gender group at the Craig home

Wednesday: see below

Wednesday Night Youth Group:

From 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm we will be taking a look at some difficult questions people have about Christianity. We'll have different speakers throughout the study and we'll have break out discussions so you can join the conversation.

11/2: Aren't all people basically good?

11/9: Christians are just hypocrites

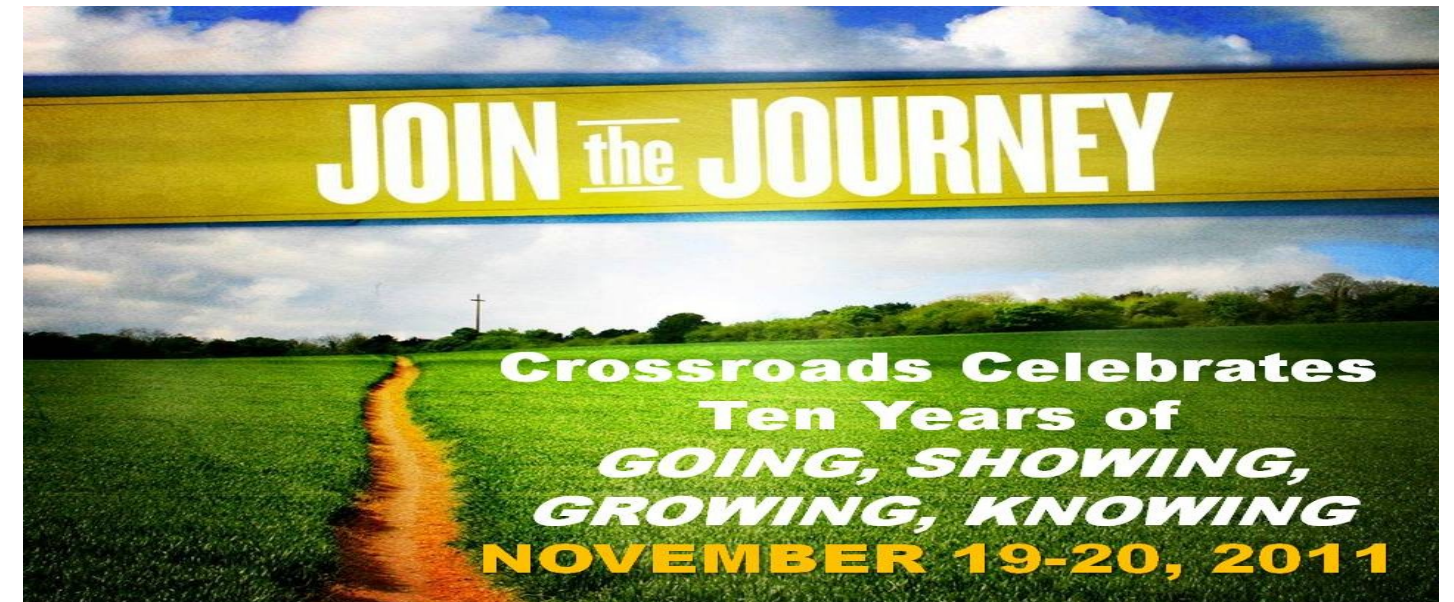
11/16: POTLUCK! Bring a side dish. We will answer student questions about life, the Bible, and anything else.

11/23: NO YOUTH GROUP

11/30: Simple Time Of Peace (an opportunity for you to reflect and connect with God)

Sunday School- This semester we will be studying Old Testament Characters of the Bible. 7-8 grade students will meet downstairs beneath the gym in a classroom and so will the 9-10 grade students. 11-12 grade students will meet in the SMB (Student Ministry Building).

Riverwood Christmas- Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3. We will head down to Riverwood to hang out with our friends and celebrate Christmas with them. Sign ups will be on Facebook and in the SMB (Student Ministry Building).



November 19th

Serve Fest

8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch included

Part of the weekend celebration will involve service in our community. We'd like to have hundreds (Yes, hundreds) plan to serve in Gray as we work together on community projects. Please sign up in the Lobby or call the church office to participate. All ages are encouraged to serve.

Look on page 2 for service locations.

November 20th

Combined Worship Service

9:30—10:15 a.m. Fellowship Time in Student Ministry Room—Juice, Coffee, Doughnuts

Photograph displays of past years.

10:30—Noon — Combined Worship Service. Celebrating God's Faithfulness—Looking Forward to

What God Has For Us in the Future.



SERVE FEST OPPORTUNITIES

November 19, 2011

These are the places we'll be serving in the community:

- Daniel Boone High School (yard work, painting)
- Ridgeview Elementary School (yard work)
- Gray Elementary School (artwork, painting, yard work)
- Appalachian Fairgrounds (painting)
- 2nd Harvest Food Bank (warehouse organization)
- Gray Library (painting, roofing)
- Bobby Hicks Highway (street clean up)
- Daniel Boone Little League (bleacher repair)

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

<u>October 2, 2011</u>	
Morning Worship	565
General Offering	\$21,326.51
Covenant Offering	\$4,731.66
<u>October 9, 2011</u>	
Morning Worship	470
General Offering	\$11,684.00
Covenant Offering	\$4,748.00
<u>October 16, 2011</u>	
Morning Worship	496
Student Ministry Retreat	80
General Offering	\$17,729.01
Covenant Offering	\$4,140.38
<u>October 23, 2011</u>	
Morning Worship	551
General Offering	\$16,353.83
Covenant Offering	\$4,304.31

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



Remember to bring your shoeboxes to church on November 13.



SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

There will be a



BRIDAL SHOWER

for
Melissa Martzin Pelaez

Sunday, November 13
3:00—4:30 p.m.
Lobby Classroom

She is registered at Target & Wal-Mart.


Caring for Aging Parents
November 8, 2011
6:30-8:00

Getting older is tough. Changing roles from being the "obedient child" to the "adult in charge" of an aging parent is perhaps even tougher. We will have an expert in the field of psychiatry and the elderly speak to us on pertinent issues that we need to know if and when this change in roles happens to us. We will also have a panel of "ready or not experts" who have personally taken care of their parents; they will share with us their experiences so we can learn from their mistakes and triumphs. This seminar will take place in the Lower Auditorium and is free. Refreshments will be served and childcare will be provided. Please invite friends and neighbors whom you feel would benefit from this information. Sponsored by Crossroads' Women's Ministry.


Poinsettias to decorate the church for the Christmas holiday can be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones and friends. Cost is \$10.00 per plant. You can sign up and pay (checks only please—made payable to Crossroads) at the Information Center in the Lobby from November 13 through November 27.



Giving Thanks—On the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving (Nov. 20) 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.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY **NEW STUDIES START IN NOVEMBER**



➔ "Ruth: Loss, Love and Legacy" by Kelly Minter will be offered on:
Wednesday morning (9:30 a.m.) beginning November 2

➔ "Return to the Garden" by Kay Arthur — This study will be offered at the following times:
Wednesday evening (6:30 p.m.) beginning November 2
Thursday evening (7:00 p.m.) beginning November 3.

The books for all classes are available at Lifeway Christian Bookstore. **Please note:** If you are doing the "Return to the Garden" study, books are being held at the LifeWay desk in Crossroads' name. Childcare is provided for the Wednesday morning class.



FISH FRY
(to raise money for ALS research in memory of Farrell Snyder & Bernece McNutt)

Friday, November 4, 2011
4:30—7:00 p.m.

Entrees: Fried Alaskan White Fish, Fried Shrimp, Blackened Shrimp, Chicken Tenders
(All meals include: French fries, Cole slaw, Hushpuppies, Dessert, Drink)

Cost:
Suggested donation for a single entrée meal - \$10
Suggested donation of at least \$1 for each additional entrée

Proceeds go to ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) Research

We need volunteers—call the office (477-2229) or Kathy McNutt (292-6868).

4. Parents! Check out the November 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!

5. Important Dates for Fall Calendar -

Tuesday, November 8	KidZone Ministry Leaders' Meeting
November 11 & 12	SuperStart Conference (5th & 6th Grade)
Wednesday, November 23	NO Children's Ministry Programming due to Thanksgiving
Sunday, December 4	Young Discipleship Team Christmas Party

6. 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.



News

1. Child Security -

In an effort to make KidZone Ministries the safest place for our children here at Crossroads, we are stepping up our security during the Check-In and Check-Out process of our children. Your child should have received a policy & procedure guideline sheet along with an emergency information card one of the past two weeks. If you have not received them, please pick one up at one of the KidZone (Children's Ministry) Information Centers. Please read through the information sheet and return the completed emergency card for the next time you are at Crossroads. You can place the filled out cards in the basket provided at one of the KidZone Information Centers. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Goehner (Mr. Jim) at either 477-2229 (ext. 32) or email at jim@crossroadsgray.org.

2. SuperStart Conference for Club 56 -

Registration deadline is Sunday, November 6!

A Conference Just For 5th & 6th Graders!

What To Expect -

SuperStart is a two-day event put on by Christ In Youth that is specifically for pre-teens. During the event, SuperStart wishes to provide avenues for age-appropriate worship, relevant teaching, drama and fun. You can expect the weekend to be filled with Biblical teaching, worship, enthusiasm, small group opportunities and off-site recreation.

For more details about the awesome conference, please pick up an information packet at the Children's Information Center on the second floor of the Dig Site.

3. Children's Ministry Team Leaders' Meeting:

Date of Event: Tuesday, November 8

Time of Event: 7:00 p.m.

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 Neil Johnson at nvljohnson@embarqmail.com.

**EAST TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION
at Milligan College
November 6, 2011**

6:00—7:30 p.m. Main Session in Seeger Chapel at Milligan College

Featuring:

- Pre-Glow Music by the Washington & Carter County Men's Fellowships
- East Unaka Christian Church Praise Team
- Community Choir
- Main Speaker: Tommy Oaks
- Childcare provided at Hopwood Christian Church

