



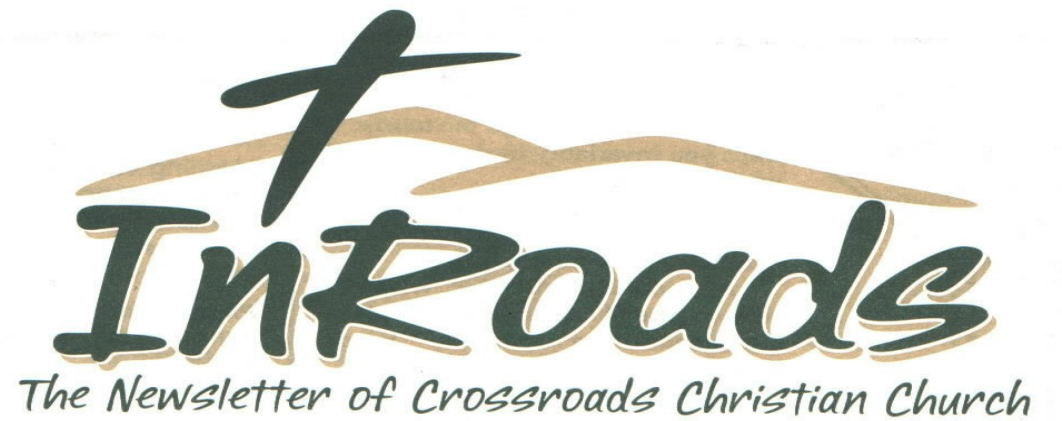
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November 2012

Crossroads Student Ministry

Upcoming Events-

- November 3- Riverwood at Camp ACC
- November 4- ETCTC, 4-8pm
- November 21- FEED 500
- January 11-13- TCTC
- February 3- BIG Game Party



FEED 500- CSM has committed to feeding Thanksgiving dinner to 500 families in need in our community. We will be collecting canned/boxed goods at church through the month of November. Also, Wednesday, November 21 from 5:00pm-8:00pm we will host a huge meal in the gym! We need lots of help serving, setting up and cleaning up. Sign up online or contact andy@crossroadsgray.org.

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

Sunday:

- Worship @ 9:30 am
- Discipleship Groups @ 10:55 am

This fall the entire Crossroads Faith Family will be journeying through The Story together. It's God's story told through Scripture and the Student Ministry will be walking through The Story during Sunday morning Discipleship Groups. Join us in The Greenhouse.

- Student Life Groups @ 5:45 pm- Meeting in homes

Wednesday: see below

Wednesday Night Youth Group:

- 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Field 44 meets in The Greenhouse. Wild Branches in the Gym.
- 7 Field 44 (High School)- Injustices- Persecuted Church
Wild Branches (Middle School)- Esther- Stand up Against Injustice
- 14 Field 44- Injustices- Bigotry- Hate Against Differences
Wild Branches- Practicing Self-Control
- 21 FEED 500- Thanksgiving dinner 5:00-8:00pm
- 28 Field 44/Wild Branches **combined**- Bigotry- Hate against sins



Student Life Groups- These are age and gender specific groups that meet in homes on a weekly basis to discuss how God's Word speaks into our every day lives.

- MS Guys- Meet @ Cox home (Craig Moorhouse leading)
- MS Gals- Meet @ TBD (Lisa Hall/Salena Cox leading)
- HS Guys- Meet @ McNeely home (Andy McNeely/Craig Shaw leading)
- HS Gals- Meet @ Hunigan home (Jenni Graham/Janet McNeely leading)

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

TOGETHER WE SHOW.....

CAR WINTERIZATION

Auto Winterization for Single Moms and Elderly Who Cannot Do It Themselves - The date for



this year's auto winterization is November 17th from 9-11 at Johnson City Honda. We are asking for those that need this service to call the church office and sign up by 11/13. We need your name and car make and model. This will allow for the parts to be obtained in advance and for Johnson City Honda to better schedule their employees. For questions please contact Scott Shannon at 423-929-1139. This service is sponsored by Johnson City Honda and the Deacons.



FEED 500

Crossroads is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for families in need in our community. **NEED: Bake a dessert (pie/cake) and deliver to the church on Nov. 21.** Email andy@crossroadsgray.org to sign up.

-Bring canned/boxed food to church to be donated to the Gray Community Chest



Collection and Dedication Day – November 18

Everyone is asked to bring their boxes into the service they attend.

Be a part of showing God's love to our community and the world!

by Clint Andrews



THE RIGHT TURN

I love Tennessee football. Not the Nashville team...but the Knoxville one. You know, the BIG ORANGE. But I've noticed something over the course of this season. It seems the Volunteers don't know how to play an entire game. Maybe a couple of quarters. Sometimes they even throw in part of a third quarter. But on the whole, their enthusiasm seems to wane sometime after half-time, and they manage to let the other team run up the score. And while Tennessee may attempt a comeback late in the game...they always seem to come up short.

I've discovered there are a lot of things about life that way. What I mean by that is, we tend to start out enthused and energetic...only to lose our steam half-way through the game. Jesus seems to have noticed it too, because at least twice in his ministry he said something to the effect, *"the one who stands firm to the end will be saved."* (Matthew 10:22; 24:13) In other words, we can't just start well. We must finish well, too. My Pop used to call this "good ole stick-to-it-tive-ness." We need to finish what we start...

The Story is a great program. And I'm very happy that so many at Crossroads are participating in it. It is a new and exciting approach to learning about God's Word. But...I recognize that it takes time and effort. And I feel like I need to encourage you to keep on keeping on.

I know how it works. We start off with a rush of enthusiasm. But there's more going on in our lives than just church. We get busy with other things. There are just soooo many demands on our time. And it's easy to get a little behind. Then once we are behind...well, our enthusiasm begins to wane...and it all becomes a chore. I sympathize. I really do.

So how can I encourage you to "catch up" or just "pick up" where we are and get back in the game? Shall I remind you of the benefits of reading through the Bible? Be honest for a moment. I know you believe you "should" read your Bible. All of us have this nagging "voice" reminding us of how important that is. That voice may be the Holy Spirit...or maybe it's just a Sunday School lesson speaking to you...but all of us have it. *The Story* is a simplified plan of doing exactly that. It's easy. And yes, it takes a bit of time...but not much. And the reward of quieting the "voice" at the back of your mind is worth a great deal.

Would it encourage you to hear about the discussions that take place in our small groups? In my Life Group I have two people who have lived in the Middle East, and they shared some information with the rest of us that made this past Sunday's sermon come alive. For example, if you will remember, I started my sermon off by speaking about God's distasteful command to kill all the inhabitants of Canaan...including the children. How could He order such a thing? As it turns out, my experts on the Middle East say, that to this day, if a parent is killed by someone...the children have the right of law...that when they come of age, they can order the death of the killer! In other words, if the children were spared, when they grew up, they would have had the moral obligation to seek revenge! The Children of Israel would never have had peace in the Land if that were the case. That was new information to me. And it made sense of God's reasons for ordering what He did.

But whatever it takes...please make it a point to renew your commitment...and jump back in the game. Our goal is to win. And we want everyone on the team to be a part of the celebration at the end of the game! As the author of Hebrews writes, *"We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end."*

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

September 30, 2012

Morning Worship	665
General Offering	\$19,753.10
Covenant Offering	\$14,775.00

October 7, 2012

Morning Worship	510
General Offering	\$12,487.39
Covenant Offering	\$14,113.00

October 14, 2012

Morning Worship	602
General Offering	\$22,423.00
Covenant Offering	\$5,946.24

October 21, 2012

Morning Worship	554
Student Ministry Retreat	75
General Offering	\$16,098.66
Covenant Offering	\$2,541.48

October 28, 2012

Morning Worship	513
General Offering	\$20,617.45
Covenant Offering	\$4,656.00

Please note: The 2012 General Fund budget requires an average weekly offering of \$16,134.62. The weekly Covenant needed—\$7,307.69.

Sunday, November 4:
6:00-7:30 pm- Adult and Children's Sessions at Milligan College
4:00-8:00 pm- Youth Sessions at Crossroads Christian Church

Monday, November 5:
8:30-10:00 am- Church Staff Breakfast at Milligan College Cafeteria

East Tennessee Christian Convention
November 4-5, 2012
Milligan College
www.easttnc.com



Children's Programming
- Kindergarten-5th Grade- Programming led by Jim Goehner (Children's Minister, Crossroads Christian Church)
- Childcare provided for children younger than Kindergarten

November 10, 2012
Crossroads Christian Church

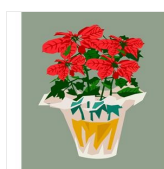
EXPO 10:00-2:00
Women from Crossroads and the surrounding area will have booths highlighting their goods and services.

HEALTH FAIR — 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
In conjunction with the Expo, there will be various health screening opportunities and a Blood Drive. Pre-registration and a fee (insurance accepted) is required for some of the services. Please call the Church office for specific information.

MEN AND WOMEN ARE INVITED. ADMISSION IS FREE. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING CANNED GOODS TO BE DONATED TO THE "FEED 500" PROJECT BEING UNDERTAKEN BY CROSSROADS STUDENT MINISTRY.

Perhaps you've read about or heard about Crossroads Covenant: Take the Next Step. This campaign is the giving program that allowed us to build the Dig Site and the Greenhouse as well as the picnic area and fountain at the front of our campus. God has enhanced the ministry of Crossroads through these facilities. We first collected funds for this project in November 2008. As a congregation, we pledged \$1.9 million over five years. According to our October financial report, we have collected a little over \$1.1 million. That means we have collected about 60% of the money. On November 18, the campaign will be 80% complete in terms of time. So, as we enter the final year, we are approximately 20% behind. On November 18, we will be taking a special offering to go toward the campaign. We have done this every Thanksgiving since 2008. Most importantly, we are asking you to pray about your participation in this special offering and how you can work on fulfilling your pledge to the campaign. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness and anticipate great answers to these prayers.

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 11 through November 25.



Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 3.

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!



News



DECISIONS

September 30, 2012

Baptism

Catherine Cardwell
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Membership

Faye Ramsey
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Gray, TN 37615

October 14, 2012

Baptism

Steven Clark
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Jonesborough, TN 37659

October 28, 2012

Baptism

Sam Cooper
477 Hawley Rd.
Blountville, TN 37617

1. "Eat Lunch with Mr. Jim"

In an effort to get to know the kids better, I will be going into the elementary schools to eat lunch with the children of Crossroads one day per week. Starting this Sunday, there will be information forms at the Children's Information Table on the second floor of the Dig Site. If you have a child in Kindergarten – 6th grade, please fill out one of the forms and drop it in the box (one per child). I will be picking a different name out each week.

Event Contact:

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

Email: jim@crossroadsgray.org

2. Club 56 All-Nighter

Date of Event: Friday & Saturday, November 9 & 10

Time of Event: 8:00 PM—8:00 AM

Place: The Dig Site

Cost: \$15.00 (Includes Bowling, Pizza, Doughnuts & Juice)

Sign-Up: The Sign-Up sheet will be located at the information table on the second floor of the Dig Site (for both kids & adult helpers). * **Deadline for signing up is Wednesday, November 7.**

Adult Help: **Adult help is needed.** 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

3. Supplies Needed for The Story

In preparing for all that the children need for their different activities that they will be doing during The Story series, we will be needing the following household items:

- Empty Tissue Boxes

There will be a labeled container located on the 1st & 2nd floor of the Dig Site that you can place these materials in. Thank you for your help!

Thank you for your generosity in providing toilet paper and paper towel tubes. Due to the great response, we have all we need!