



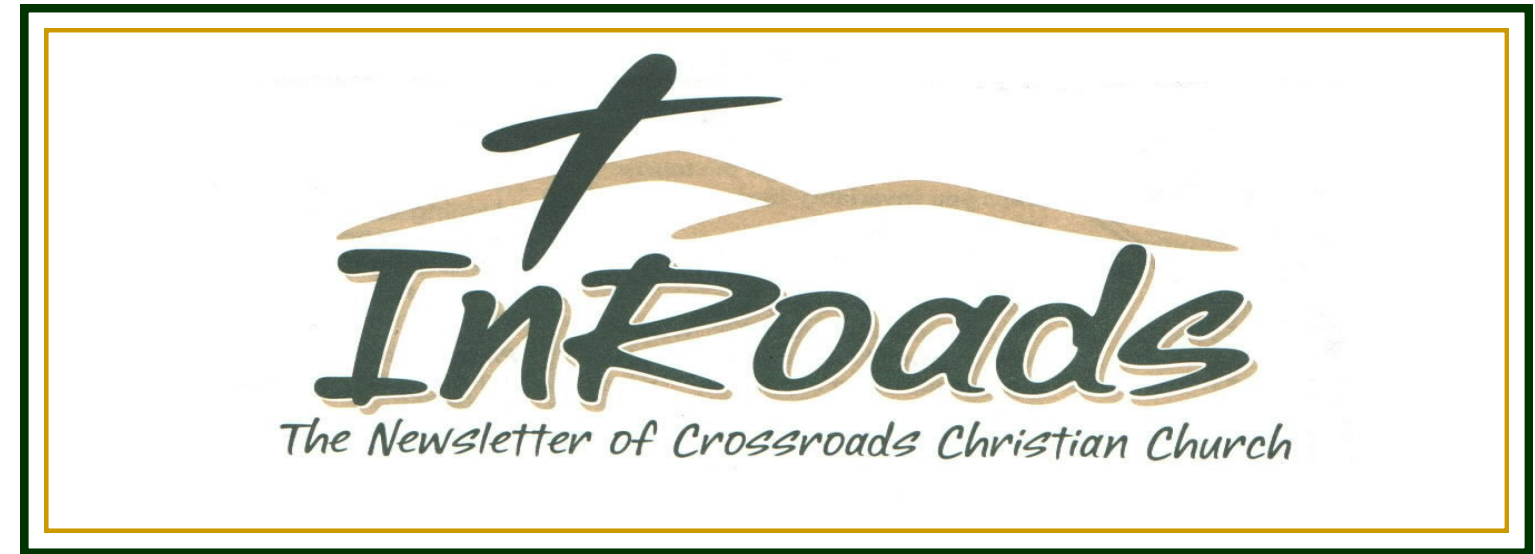
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Crossroads Student Ministry

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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
- Small Groups- Tonight at 5:45 pm

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Everyone will meet in The Youth Room for announcements and then we will split up into smaller groups.

Small Groups: Small Groups continue tonight at 5:45 pm.

Encounter: Those that went to Encounter this weekend will be back by noon today to be picked up.

Fall Retreat: Our annual Fall Retreat is October 22-24th at Camp ACC. Information is available in the Youth Room and online. Signups begin October 3rd in the back of the Worship Center after both morning services. Signups will be October 3rd and next Sunday, October 10th— please make sure to sign up and pay by then if you are planning on going.

Mobile Lockin: Our annual Mobile Lockin will be November 5, 2010. Stay tuned for more details.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- October 1-3: Encounter
- October 22-24: Fall Retreat @ Camp ACC
- November 5th: Mobile Lockin
- December 4th: Riverwood Christmas Party
- December 8th: Student Ministry Christmas Party
- January 7-9: TCTC
- Super Bowl Party: February 6
- February 19: Ski Trip

New Building Dedication & Open House

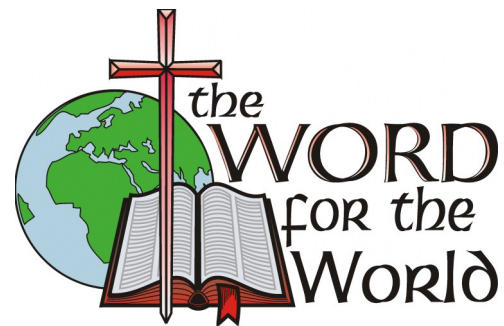


Sunday, Oct. 17th
4:00-6:30



A brief service of thanksgiving will begin the event, followed by guided tours through the building, inflatable games, food, and plenty of fun near the Front Porch. The community is invited and everything will be provided by Crossroads.





Faith Promise & The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

I grew up with parents that taught respect and admiration towards missionaries. When missionaries made their furlough visits to the church where my family worshipped, they usually

managed to find their way to our house for a taste of one of my mom's casseroles. And when the US Navy transferred my father to Atsugi, Japan, one of the first things on his agenda for our family was to get to know the missionaries working in that country...the Walkers, the Likens, the Buttrays. Those are the names I remember...probably because they had kids close to my age. But there were many weekends we'd go to one of those folks' homes... lugging along boxes of groceries the missionaries couldn't get in Japan. TV dinners (which were new at the time), Cheerios and Frosted Flakes...beef and pork, all "tastes from the States." Oh, I suppose one could have found those products somewhere in Japan...but what with import costs and tariffs, they would have been cost prohibitive to anyone living on a missionary income. So, as a part of my parents' support for their work, we would stock up at the Base Exchange (BX for short) and carry the groceries to the missionary families on the weekends. (...not to mention that gave me an opportunity to play with some great kids! And worship with them to boot!)

Jesus once said... *"Where your money is, there will your heart be also."* (Matthew 6:21) If there was ever a verse that ought to be drilled and drilled into the minds of Americans, that's it. Why do I say that? Because...America is a wealthy country...and you can tell what's important to us by the things we invest our money in.

The personal attention and the financial investment my parents gave the missionaries in Japan had a profound affect on my life. Church and missions were important to them. I could see that. And those things became important to me as well. In fact, it wouldn't be far from the truth in saying I am in the ministry today...that is, my "heart" is in the ministry today...because of what I saw in my parents' investment in missions.

Honestly, isn't that what all of us want for our kids? I don't mean that we all want our kids to end up in the ministry...heaven forbid. But isn't what we want for our kids is for them to end up with a great love for Jesus Christ and his church? And isn't it also true that one of our biggest fears is that our children will end up dropping out of church? I believe the way we spend our money...as parents...goes a long, long way in insuring our children's future!

Listen, our kids know what's really important to us. They know by watching us. And what they see has a huge impact on their lives. Now, you may not think so, but that doesn't change the truth. It isn't what our kids hear that matters. It's what they see. And they are watching...and it is as if they instinctively know that our actions speak louder than our words. We can preach 'til we are blue in the face, but no amount of words can counter what we do. As Curtis Booher is fond of saying, "Most lessons in life are caught, not taught." So...our children are watching...and more to the point of this article...they are watching how we spend our money. And even without the Bible telling them so, they know where our money is, there our hearts will be also...they know what's nearest and dearest to our hearts by how we spend our money.

But now...with Faith Promise...we have the opportunity to teach our children about the importance of the Lord's work...and to do it in such a way as to do more than just "tell" them. We can ask for their participation! Consider...we can draw our children into the lesson on the importance of the Lord's work by sitting down as a family and discussing how everyone in the family can make room in the budget for a Faith Promise pledge. Think about it. Imagine the impact on your children's lives if you talk to them about the importance of sacrificing for God's work. And then imagine the further impact if you ask them to participate...perhaps by brainstorming how the family can come up with the funds. And imagine the impact of asking them to consider committing even a part of their allowance. When they see this is important to you...it will become important to them...and it will have a lasting impact.

Faith Promise Sunday is October 10th. How about making the decision when you read this column to make the whole experience a family lesson on what's important? Don't just make the decision as an adult and parent. Talk to the whole family. Let everyone get involved. And make a Faith Promise a family decision. It may be that the impact will be measured in terms of eternity.

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

August 29, 2010

Morning Worship	605
Sunday School	361
General Offering	\$13,561.68
Covenant Offering	\$4,050.00

September 5, 2010

Morning Worship	552
Sunday School	310
General Offering	\$17,535.66
Covenant Offering	\$5,605.00

September 12, 2010

Morning Worship	584
Sunday School	345
General Offering	\$12,923.94
Covenant Offering	\$9,839.00

September 19, 2010

Morning Worship	587
Sunday School	322
General Offering	\$13,765.00
Covenant Offering	\$2,682.50

September 26, 2010

Morning Worship	613
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$8,959.16
Covenant Offering	\$2,686.83

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

East Tennessee CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 7 & 8 | MILLIGAN COLLEGE

Schedule

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

CHURCH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR
3:30PM-5PM

Special breakout groups for senior ministers, other pastoral staff, and lay leaders--led by HIGHER ministries staff.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
3:30PM-5PM

Women of the church will come together, "Surviving & Thriving."

TEEN CONVENTION
4PM-8PM

Teen gathering at Crossroads Christian Church.

MAIN SESSION

THE CHURCH IN PRAISE & WORSHIP
6:30PM-8PM | SEEGER AUDITORIUM

Featuring the Charles Goodwin Trio with guest Rick Simerly

Worship by Kris Carlson

Community Choir led by Tempa Bader

Main Speaker: Aaron Wymer

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8
CHURCH STAFF BREAKFAST
8:30AM-10AM

What to do when leadership does not appear to be working.

\$5 in Milligan Cafeteria Annex



News

1. BIG Thank You to All That Has Made the Opening of the Dig Site Possible! — Everyone in the Children's Ministry would like to thank all of you for your prayers, financial contributions, donations of items to be used as props and to those that have spent endless hours in preparation of the opening of the Dig Site. This past Sunday was the first time that the building was in operation for Sunday morning services and what a glorious day it was! We had our first Club 56 Worship Service take place and saw many excited faces come through the doors as family after family walked in for the first time. Many took several steps in, stopped and looked in amazement! Some even cried with joy! God truly was present and our prayer has been that He would be able to use this building as an avenue for us to help lead children and families to a closer relationship to Him. If you haven't had a chance to stop by and take a peek, please do so soon. I promise you it will be well worth your time. Thanks again for making a dream come true!

2. 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.

3. Parents! Check out October'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!

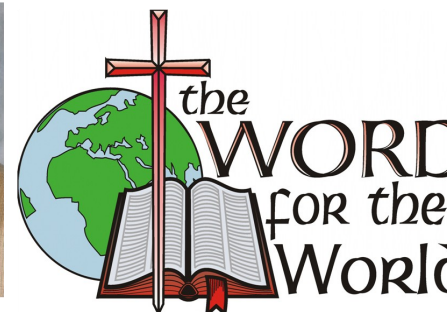
4. Children's Ministry Team Leaders Meeting:
Date of Event: Wednesday, October 13
Time of Event: 1:00 PM—2:30 PM
Place of Event: New Conference Room

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.

KidZone News continued on back of calendar.

Faith Promise Sunday

October 10th, 2010



DECISIONS

May 28, 2010

Baptism
Jim Justvig
1202 Hillendale Rd.
Gray, TN 37615

August 29, 2010

Baptism
Tanner Trujillo
294 Buffalo Ridge Rd.
Gray, TN 37615

September 5, 2010

Baptism
Anabelle Rowe
2331 Oak St., #1
Gray, TN 37615

Atley Scott
390 Spice Hollow
Johnson City, TN 37604

September 12, 2010

Baptism
Erica Callahan
137 Hummingbird Way
Jonesborough, TN 37659

KIDZONE NEWS CONTINUED

5. Dig Site Grand Opening:

Date of Event: Sunday, October 17
Time of Event: 4:00—6:30 PM
Place of Event: The campus of Crossroads Christian Church

6. Young Discipleship Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, October 24
Time of Event: 4:00—5:00 PM
Place of Event: The Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site (Building #2)

7. Candy Carnival:

Date of Event: Saturday, October 30
Time of Event: TBA
Place of Event: Building #1 & #2

Crossroads Candy Carnival!!!—Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 30th. That's the date of this year's annual candy carnival. We're inviting children **up through Grade 6** to come and trick-or-treat at Crossroads. Our classrooms and gym will be full of candy, prizes, refreshments, and all kinds of fun. The community is invited and the event will provide a good opportunity to reach out to our neighbors and offer a safe place for the kids and their parents to be on that night. Many, many, many **volunteers** will be needed—anyone above 6th grade can help. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Rob Aubrey in the church office.



****Candy Collection begins Oct. 3rd**—we ask members of Crossroads to purchase candy and put it in the collection bins that will be located throughout our buildings. We'll collect it over the coming weeks and hand it out at the Carnival.

