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October 2012

Crossroads Student Ministry

Upcoming Events-

- October 19-21- Fall Retreat
- November 21- FEED 500
- January 11-13- TCTC
- February 3- BIG Game Party



FEED 500- This Thanksgiving the Student Ministry is attempting to FEED 500 local families dinner. This is a huge undertaking, which will take multiple events to accomplish. Students will be hosting food drives at their schools and on Wednesday, November 21 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm we will provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal in the Gym @ Crossroads. Please join the Facebook event and email andy@crossroadsgray.org to let us know how your family will be serving.

Fall Retreat- Join us October 19-21 @ Camp ACC for a weekend full of fun and fellowship. Get away from the stresses of school and the drama of everyday life and explore with us what "Truth is". Cost is \$55 and is due by October 14. Sign up in The Greenhouse.

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.

- 3 Field 44 (High School)- Injustices- Teen Pregnancy/Abortion
- Wild Branches (Middle School)- God the Son- Our Savior
- 10 Field 44 - Injustices- Human Slavery/Sex Trafficking
- Wild Branches - God the Holy Spirit- Our Counselor
- 17 Field 44 - Injustices- S.T.O.P.
- Wild Branches - Daniel
- 24 Field 44 - Injustices- Poverty
- Wild Branches - Peter
- 31 Halloween- Candy Carnival



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 @ Moorhouse home (Amanda Moorhouse/Jennifer Craig/Salena Cox leading)

HS Guys- Meet @ McNeely home (Andy McNeely/Craig Shaw leading)

HS Gals- Meet @ Hunigan home (Jenni Graham leading)

CROSSROADS CANDY CARNIVAL

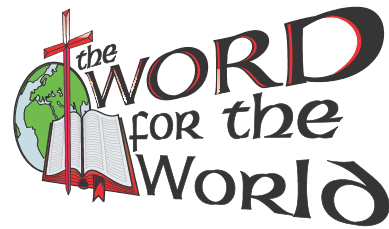


**October 31
6:00—8:00 p.m.**



This FREE event provides a safe and fun-filled environment for the parents in our community to bring their children trick-or-treating. Travel through the 'Hall of Sweets'. Then make your way to the carnival for fun, games, prizes, and refreshments—and it's all FREE!

For children 6th grade and under



JUST A THOUGHT...

by Clint Andrews

Faith Promise is coming. For those of you that don't know what Faith Promise is, allow me to take the column to explain. Faith Promise is Crossroads'

way of getting everyone involved in Missions. When Jesus said, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age,"* (Matthew 28:19-20) he wasn't speaking to just professional Christians, i.e. preachers. He was speaking to all of us. Yet few of us will ever have the opportunity to really "go" anywhere other than our own community. So, how do we "make disciples of all nations"? We send others of course.

Jesus said in Matthew 10:41, *"Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."* I take that to mean that while we may not be afforded the opportunity to be a missionary in some foreign land, if we support someone who is...we will receive the same reward they receive for the work they do. In other words, if a missionary gets any kind of reward for the work they do...all those who support them get the same reward! Now that's exciting. It's as if God knew that the majority of us would never be equipped to go overseas and do the work of an evangelist missionary. But He also knew that all of us would have the ability to support such work. So it's as if He wanted to make sure that all rewards in heaven would be open to each of us. There isn't a reward in heaven that we can't be a part of. Just what that reward is, is still open for interpretation...but whatever it is...we can claim it. All we have to do is support a missionary.

The missionary that our Faith Promise supports is our own Phil and Debbie Robertson. And while it is true that they do not serve overseas...Phil is the guy who takes raw recruits and walks them through the process of getting ready to go overseas. There are many young men and women who want to do the work of Bible Translation which, of course, is the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators. However, they are clueless as to how to get started. That's where Phil comes in. When a young person (and sometimes, not so young) wants to be a part of the Bible Translators, Phil helps screen them...advises them...and helps place them in the right field of translation. It's an important job. Many of the missionaries working for Wycliffe right now...are the product of his efforts. And everyone of them...and the good work they do...is going to receive a reward that we will also participate in.

Does that sound mercenary? Does it sound like I'm promoting the idea of just doing good so we can reap a reward in heaven? Yes. I guess I am. However, Jesus said, *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."* (Matthew 6:19-20) In other words, Jesus told us to do exactly what I'm suggesting. As everyone of us plans ahead so we can save up for our old age here on earth...we are also to do the things to store up rewards in heaven. Jesus tells us to do it. I'm just giving you a suggestion as to how to do it.

Faith Promise is coming October 14. Why don't you plan on using it to store up for yourself...and your family...a reward in heaven...that no man can steal?

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

September 2, 2012

Morning Worship	607
General Offering	\$15,693.16
Covenant Offering	\$3,110.00

September 9, 2012

Morning Worship	712
General Offering	\$15,802.55
Covenant Offering	\$4,117.24

September 16, 2012

Morning Worship	660
General Offering	\$17,103.93
Covenant Offering	\$8,178.00

September 23, 2012

Morning Worship	685
General Offering	\$17,029.50
Covenant Offering	\$3,122.33

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

Starting in October the prayer list will be available at the Information Center.



FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY October 14, 2012

Our Faith Promise funds go to Phil & Debbie Robertson who are with Wycliffe Bible Translators. The Robertsons do not receive a regular salary from Wycliffe, rather they depend on God to provide through those who share their love of the Bible-less people of the world.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SEMINAR

October 9
6:30—8:00 p.m.

"Introduction to Medicinal Herbs"
presented by Wayne Swihart

During this seminar, you will be introduced to herbs which can be found locally that have served to heal, rejuvenate and prevent illness since days of old. This FREE seminar will be held in the Lower Auditorium. Refreshments will be served. There will be door prizes. Men are welcomed. Those needing childcare should make reservations by 5:00 on Monday, October 8 by calling the church office.

APPEAL FOR PRAYER AND COOKIES—We would like to once again thank the people of Crossroads for their support of Kairos Prison Ministry. Please pray that everything done throughout the October 18th—21st weekend will be done in God's will. As many of you will recall, each volunteer who serves on a Kairos Inside team is responsible for coming up with 100 dozen home baked cookies. If you choose to participate, we ask that you pray over the cookies as you prepare them. This year we have 4 volunteers on the Kairos Inside team: Brian McKee, Mike Gass, Sherrill Trent, and Delbert Elliott. Four hundred dozen cookies is quite a request. We will be posting cookie signup sheets on the bulletin board in the front lobby. Don't be surprised if we show up in your Sunday School with an additional signup sheet. While chocolate chip cookies are a favorite, we can also take in oatmeal and peanut butter cookies. We are not allowed to take in cookies that have fancy sugary toppings, fruits, or nuts. We have found that cookies freeze very well. If you would like to prepare them ahead of time, feel free to freeze them or leave them in the upstairs kitchen on any weekend prior to October 18th. For those who would prefer to "send them fresh", we will have a representative check the kitchen around 12:30 on October 17th. If you have any questions, please call Delbert Elliott at (423) 737- 3735. WE SINCERELY THANK YOU.

Crossroads Candy Carnival!!! Wednesday, Oct. 31st 6:00-8:00

Anyone interested in helping with decorating for this event should contact Rob in the church office. Other volunteer opportunities for this event will be made known over the coming weeks.

****Please bring candy**—As we do every year, we count on Crossroads attendees to donate individually wrapped candy that will be handed out at the carnival—collection bins will be available throughout our buildings until the day of the event.



(for adults close to 50 & older)

Little Switzerland in NC
October 20

Leave church at 10:00 a.m. — Cost: Lunch — We will eat lunch at a café, spend some time on the Blue Ridge Parkway and rest of day planned by the group. Sign up sheet on the Lobby bulletin board.



7. Young Discipleship Team Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, October 28

Time of Event: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Place of Event: Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site



8. 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.

Current Opportunities:

Toddler Caregiver	Every 4th Sunday each month at 9:30 AM
2 Year Old Assistant	Every 1st Sunday each month at 9:30 AM
	Every 3rd Sunday each month at 9:30 AM
	Every 1st Sunday each month at 10:55 AM
	Every 2nd Sunday each month at 10:55 AM
	Every 3rd Sunday each month at 10:55 AM
	Every 4th Sunday each month at 10:55 AM
	Every 5th Sunday each month at 10:55 AM
3 Year Old Assistant	Every 4th Sunday each month at 10:55 AM
K.I.D.'S. Church	Sunday's at 10:55 AM

9. In an effort of streamlining our bulletin and attempting to make it more user friendly, we are going to post the Children's Ministry weekly announcements that pertain to select groups on our Website. You can see these announcements by going to www.crossroadsgray.org. When you get to the home page, click on "K.I.D.S." Then click on "Weekly Announcements." The Children's announcements that pertain to the majority of the church body will still be printed in the bulletin.

DECISIONS

August 26, 2012

Membership

Taren Brown

September 23, 2012

Baptism

Kenzie Trujillo
294 Buffalo Ridge Rd.
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News

1. CrossPath Children's Ministry Programming Has Started Up!

When: Wednesday Nights

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Who: Babies - 6th Grade

Come out and join us as we grow in our relationship with God and each other!

Contact Information: Mr. Jim at 477.2229 (ext. 32) or jim@crossroadsgray.org

2. "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. There are 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: 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
- Paper Towel Tubes
- Toilet Paper Tubes

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!

4. Young Discipleship Team Meeting:

Date of Event: Sunday, September 30

Time of Event: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Place of Event: Lab 56 Room of the Dig Site

5. Parents! Check out the October 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!

6. The Story:

We are very excited about the start of The Story series and the potential impact that it can have on families here at Crossroads! The first lesson was taught on September 16 and we will continue to follow along with the adult worship schedule. Please make an effort to have conversations with your children and include them in your studies. One suggestion would be to set aside time each night, maybe at bed-time, to read the chapter in The Story, talk about it and pray together. Your children will be going home with a Parent Page that will have several different activities and conversation helps included. These will also be posted on our website under Children's Ministry. Enjoy experiencing God's Story and how He has picked you and your family to be a part of that story!