



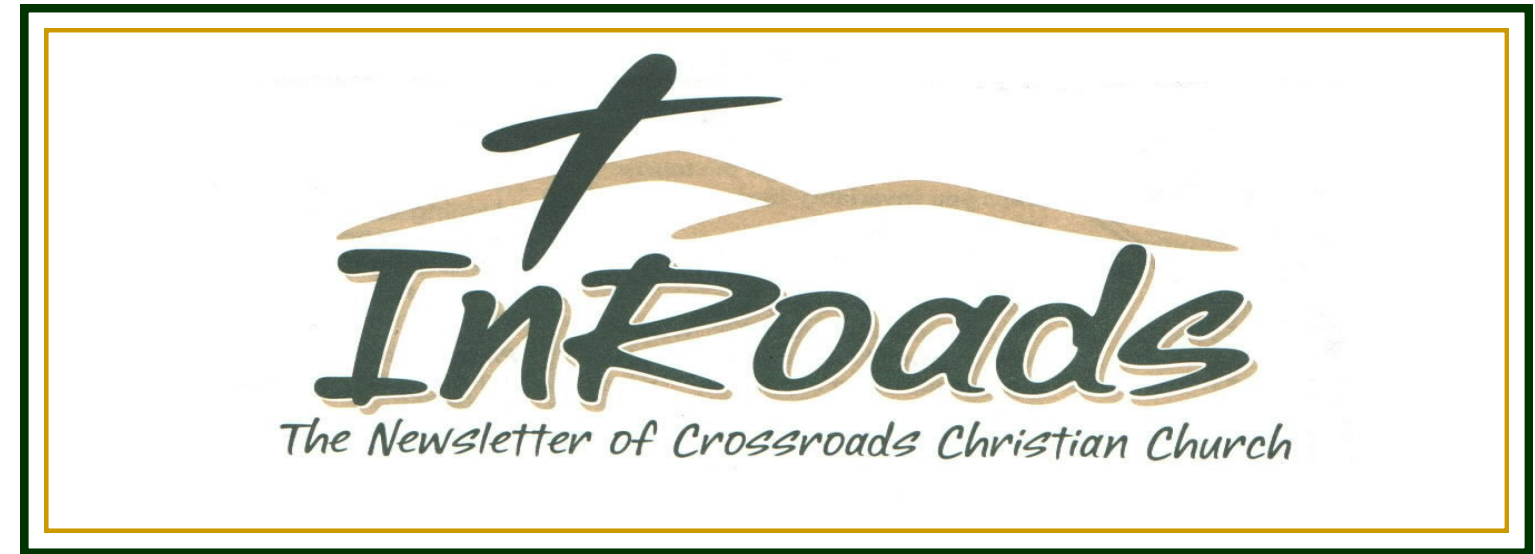
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## Crossroads Student Ministry

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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 Garage
- Small Groups- Will Start Back in September

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

**Small Groups:** We'll start back in September...stay tuned for more information soon.

**Summer Wednesday Nights:** August 25: No Youth Group because of Fair Parking.

**Fair Parking:** Thanks to Dot and Eddie Rowe for letting us park cars on their property again. Thanks also to all those who came out and helped park cars.

**Lake Day:** On Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, we'll have our annual Lake Day Kickoff for those in Grades 7-12 this fall. It takes place at the home of Sherrill & Carolyn Trent from 4:00-8:00 pm. We'll leave Crossroads at 3:45 pm & return by 8:00 pm. We appreciate the Trents for their wonderful hospitality every year in allowing us to come enjoy the lake. They have an awesome waterslide, a great dock to jump off of, a paddle boat, etc. If any of you have parents that have boats/tubes that would be interested in coming & helping out, please have them contact me (Kit)...we'd love to have that element if anyone has boats. We'll have pizza to eat and then we will have a devotion and hopefully some worship as well to end the evening together. Our policy on swimwear is as follows: BE MODEST: Guys- no speedos; Girls- no bikinis (one pieces and tankinis are fine)...if all you have is a bikini, plan to wear a dark t-shirt over it. Cost is: FREE!!! Stay tuned for more details.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat:** Our annual 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat will take place on Fri., Sept.10-Sat., Sept. 11, 2010 @ Camp ACC. This is our way of helping the new 7<sup>th</sup> Graders get plugged into the student ministry quickly. We'll leave Crossroads @ 5:00 pm on Fri., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> & return to Crossroads around 3:00 pm on Sat., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. Some of the adult volunteers & some of the 8-12<sup>th</sup> graders will be there to spend the weekend with the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We're going to eat, make sure you know everything happening, make sure you know the games we play (so we will play a lot), worship, etc. It is a lot of fun and will not cost the 7<sup>th</sup> graders anything (it is our gift to you). Stay tuned for more information.

**Volunteer Retreat:** Our annual Student Ministry Volunteer Retreat will be Sept. 24-26, 2010 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Volunteers, you will get more information from me soon.

**Encounter:** We were unable to do Encounter this past Spring because of a lot of scheduling conflicts & many of you wanted to reschedule it for the fall...so here it is. We'll do Encounter on Oct. 1-3, 2010 at the Wilderness Area of Camp ACC. It is for High School & for those that just graduated from high school (college freshmen who did not get to do their last Encounter in the Spring). More details will be coming.

**Fall Retreat:** Our annual Fall Retreat is October 22-24<sup>th</sup> at Camp ACC. Put it on the calendar and stay tuned for more details coming soon.

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

**Riverwood Christmas Party:** Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Stay Tuned for More Details

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- August 29: Lake Day Kickoff at the Trent's House for all those in grades 7-12 this fall from 4:00-8:00 pm.
- September 10-11: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
- September 24-26: Volunteer Retreat
- October 1-3: Encounter
- October 22-24: Fall Retreat @ Camp ACC
- November 5<sup>th</sup>: Mobile Lockin
- December 4<sup>th</sup>: Riverwood Christmas Party
- January 7-9: TCTC
- Super Bowl Party: February 6



## ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

September 5, 2010

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

At Crossroads

### Featuring:

\*Pot Luck dinner (no hamburgers/hotdogs that night – we will eat what you bring, so bring several dishes to share!); **Meal will begin at 6:00 p.m.**

\*Games/activities for the kids **beginning at 5:00**

\*Volleyball; **open court beginning at 5:00**

\*Corn Toss; **beginning at 5:00**

\*Kickball Tournament (get a coed team together and sign the list on the bulletin board; players must be 7<sup>th</sup> grade through adult); **Tournament begins at 5:00**

\*"Minute to Win It" – fashioned after the popular TV game show and hosted by our own Curtis Booher; great prizes for winners; sign up from 5-6:45 for a chance to participate; contestants names will be drawn for each game. **Games begin at 7:00.**

**EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "KNOW OTHERS AS GOD KNOWS US"!!**



### The Right Turn!

by Clint Andrews

A transliteration is a word that has been plucked from another language and dropped into our own. In other words, it is a foreign word we adopted. Apologetics is such a word. It comes from the Greek word *apologia*. You can see the similarity. However, just because we adopt a word does not mean we always adopt the original

meaning of the word. Sometimes, we change the meaning to suit our needs or wants. Take I Peter 3:15, which translates the word *apologia* as "to give an answer." **"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."** (I Peter 3:15)

That is a very weak usage of that word...and frankly does not do justice to what Peter was saying. Here, let me show you. The word *apologia* in its various forms is used only 10 times in the New Testament. In every case, save this one in Peter, it is interpreted into the English as "defend" or "defense". Let me give you a few examples.

Luke 12:11 – Jesus predicts, **"When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."**

Acts 24:10 (Paul speaking before the governor Felix) – **"When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: 'I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense.'"**

Acts 25:8 (Paul before the governor Festus) – **"Then Paul made his defense: 'I have done nothing wrong against the law of the Jews or against the temple or against Caesar.'"**

Acts 26:1,2 (Paul before king Agrippa) – **"Then Agrippa said to Paul, 'You have permission to speak for yourself.' So Paul motioned with his hand and began his defense: 'King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense against all the accusations of the Jews.'"**

II Timothy 4:16 (Paul writing of his Roman trial) – **"At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me."**

Now, why was it important to write all those out? Because in all of the above examples of the word *apologia*, none of them are given the weak translation "to give an answer" but the strong sense of "defense"...even to the point of making the word a life or death issue!

Therefore, I believe we misinterpret I Peter 3:15. We are not being told to be ready to give an answer...as if we were in some classroom setting. We are to prepare ourselves in such a way as to be able to give a bold, convincing and powerful defense...as if our lives depended on it.

Interestingly, the New King James Bible translates it just that way. It interprets I Peter 3:15 as, **"...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you..."**

But wait...I'm still not done...and this speaks to the heart of what Peter was saying. No one will ever ask us to defend our faith...unless our faith is evident in some form or fashion in our lives. I believe that is the heart of what Peter is saying. It is the context of his words about giving a defense. He says, **"...if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed."** (I Peter 3:14) Then Peter reminds us that Jesus is our example; he did good and suffered for it.

So, essentially, Peter is saying...when Christ is lived out in our lives... when we really try to be like Jesus...when we allow his words to be the authority over our lives...when we really live as if Jesus is LORD...then people are going to sit up and take notice. And when they notice that's when they are going to ask questions: "Where do you get your servant heart?" "Why are you so compassionate?" "Why do you turn the other cheek?" "Why do you love those who spitefully use you?" "Why do you believe what you believe?"

In conclusion consider this. Paul writes, **"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."** (II Timothy 3:16, 17) That is, when the Bible is actually teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us to be righteous people, then others are going to notice. If it is not doing those things...then they will not notice anything different...and they'll never ask us why we believe what we believe...

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#### SUNDAY STATISTICS

August 1, 2010

Morning Worship	496
Sunday School	305
General Offering	\$17,377.53
Covenant Offering	\$3,967.00

August 8, 2010

Morning Worship	577
Sunday School	336
General Offering	\$25,025.29
Covenant Offering	\$7,223.10

August 15, 2010

Morning Worship	621
Sunday School	374
General Offering	\$12,204.78
Covenant Offering	\$1,335.00

August 22, 2010

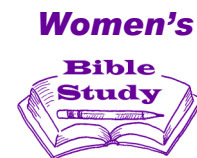
Morning Worship	615
Sunday School	
General Offering	\$15,345.45
Covenant Offering	\$3,743.33

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

**"Coming Soon"**  
**Crossroads Building Dedication and Open House**  
featuring:

- Praise and worship
- Recognition and appreciation of construction workers
- Tours of new building
- Food
- Inflatables

**\*\*Date and time details will be announced soon**



LADIES - A new study entitled "Covenant" by Kay Arthur will be offered at the following times:

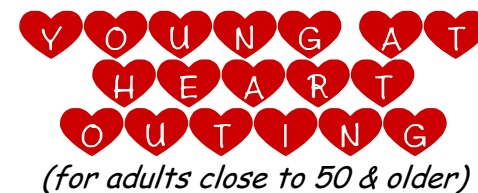
Wednesday morning - 9:30 (led by Debbie Robertson 477-3664) starts September 15

Wednesday evening - 6:30 (led by Sandy Carty 833-2793) starts September 15

Thursday evening - 7:00 (led by Cindy Freeman 477-2729) starts September 16

Books are being held in Crossroads' name at LifeWay in Johnson City - ask at the desk for the book.

**Please sign up on the sheets on the lobby bulletin board for the day/night you will attend and note if you need childcare. Your attention to this helps us with planning.**



September 16

Layers of Life Dinner Theater at Crossroads

6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Buy tickets at table in Lobby—mention that you're with Young at Heart so we can sit together.

October Outing—Watch for details about trip to see Fall foliage.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Prices

Adults (age 11 and older) - \$5.00

Children (age 2-10) - \$3.00

Children under 2—Free

Maximum per family—\$18.00

Reservation cards will be in the back of the pews each Sunday, to be filled out and placed in the offering plates. Or reservations can be made by calling the church office no later than noon on Monday.

Menu for September 8:

Mexican Chicken Casserole

Tossed Salad

Chips and Salsa

Buster Bar Dessert

Tea, Lemonade

#### Layers of Life

September 16 & 18 at 6:30



Come join us as we visit the Thomas' beach house for an evening that is full of fun and laughter. Meet Elmer and Louise and the rest of their family as they face some life-changing events during their summer vacation, and watch as they choose whether or not to delve into the deeper

layers of life with one another. This is a great opportunity for you to invite someone to visit Crossroads with you. Make your reservations now for yourself and bring some friends along! "Layers of Life" is a play that is relevant and thought provoking in a non-threatening manner. Tickets (\$10) are now on sale on Sundays before and after each service or by calling Robin at the church office (477-2229). The dinner menu features ham and is being provided by the Youth Group with all proceeds going to that ministry.

## KID ZONE NEWS CONTINUED

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### Worship Leader (9:30):

Time Commitment: 30 minutes of preparation and 1 ½ hours of service per week (Ages 3 & 4)

#### Responsibilities:

- To pick out Worship Songs for each Sunday (music is provided).
- To lead children in Praise and Worship time.
- To arrive at the classroom 15 minutes before service and stay until 15 minutes after service.
- To help with the greeter's responsibilities.
- To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).

### Preschool Curriculum Prep. Crew:

Time Commitment: 1 ½ to 2 hours per week

#### Responsibilities:

- To organize the supplies that will be used in teaching for Sunday mornings.
- All supplies will already be purchased and ready for you to put them in bins for each preschool class.
- Cutting, drawing & creativity (Crafts & Activities)

## ELEMENTARY:

### Small Group Leaders (9:30 Sunday Morning & 7:00 Wednesday Night):

Time Commitment: 1 hour of preparation and 1 ½ hours of service per week (Grades K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

#### Responsibilities:

- To prepare to lead a Small Group of children - provided in the curriculum. (All supplies will be provided and set up for you.)
- To lead the class in activities.
- To arrive at your room location by 9:15 and stay until your class has been picked up for KID'S Church.
- To build relationships with your class.
- To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).

### Assistant Small Group Leaders (9:30 Sunday Morning & 7:00 Wednesday Night):

Time Commitment: 1 1/2 hours of service per week (Grades K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>)

#### Responsibilities:

- To review the Small Group lessons and activities that will be taught by the Small Group Leader. (All supplies will be provided and set up for you.)
- To assist the Small Group Leader with activities as needed.
- To arrive at your room location by 9:15 and stay until your class has been picked up for KID'S Church.
- To record the class attendance.
- To build relationships with the children.
- To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).

### Tech Team Member (9:30 for Club 56 and 10:55 for KID'S Church):

Time Commitment: ½ to 1 hour of preparation and 1 1/2 hours of service per week or per month (Lab 56: Grades 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>; K.I.D.'S Church: Grades K - 4)

#### Responsibilities:

- To help run computer, lights, sound & video during program and practice.
- To arrive at KID'S Church 15 minutes before service and stay until 10 minutes after service.
- To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).

### Host Team Members (9:30 for Club 56 and 10:55 for KID'S Church):

Time Commitment: 1 ½ hours of service per week or per month

#### Responsibilities:

- To greet and welcome children and parents as they arrive to KID'S Church.
- To help make sure that the children have proper identification before entering KID'S Church.
- To sit with the children during KID'S Church and help in maintaining a positive environment.
- Follow proper check-in and check-out procedures.
- To arrive at KID'S Church 15 minutes before service and stay until 15 minutes after service.
- To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).



## News

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### 1. Crossroads Kids Children's Ministry - A GREAT PLACE TO SERVE:

Is God tugging on your heart to jump out of the boat and serve in a dynamic way? There are many rewards just waiting for you volunteer in the Children's Ministry. If you are interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry please contact Mr. Jim. There are several opportunities just waiting for you! Below is a list of some. Please contact Jim Goehner (Children's Minister) for more details: Call 477-2229 ext. 32 or email jim@crossroadsgray.org.

### NURSERY:

#### Nursery Care Givers (Sundays at 9:30 & 10:55):

Time Commitment: 1 ½ hours of service per week or per month.

#### Responsibilities:

- To care for the babies (ages 2 months – 14 months) through the following activities – playing, rocking, feeding, and showing them God's love.
- To arrive at your Suite location 15 minutes before service and stay until 15 minutes after the service.
- To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).

#### 2's Small Group Leaders (Sundays at 9:30):

Time Commitment: 1 hour of preparation and 1 ½ hours of service per week or per month (Age 2)

#### Responsibilities:

- To prepare for the Bible Lesson and hands-on activities - provided in the curriculum. (All supplies will be provided and set up for you.)
- To present the lesson to 8 – 10 children with the help of an assistant.
- To arrive at your Small Group location 15 minutes before the service and stay until 15 minutes after the service.
- To build relationships with your Small Group.
- To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).

### PRESCHOOL:

#### 3's & 4's Small Group Leaders (9:30 or 10:55):

Time Commitment: 30 minutes of preparation and 1 ½ hours of service per week or per month (Ages 3, 4, or 5)

#### Responsibilities:

- To prepare for the hands-on activities - provided in the curriculum. (All supplies will be provided and set up for you.)
- To lead the activities to 8 – 10 children with the help of an assistant.
- To arrive at your Small Group location 15 minutes before the service and stay until 15 minutes after the service.
- To build relationships with your Small Group.
- To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).

#### 3's & 4's Small Group Assistant Leader (9:30 or 10:55):

Time Commitment: 30 minutes of preparation and 1 ½ hours of service per week or per month (Ages 3 & 4)

#### Responsibilities:

- To review the hands-on activities that will be led by the Small Group Leader. (All supplies will be provided and set up for you.)
- To assist the Small Group Leader with the Bible Story and activities as needed.
- To arrive at your Small Group location 15 minutes before the service and stay until 15 minutes after the service.
- To record the Small Group attendance.
- To build relationships with your Small Group.
- To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).



## BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8

Gathering mid-week to  
KNOW each other and to GROW in Him.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TIME	ACTIVITY	AGE	LOCATION
5:30	MEAL W/PARENTS	EVERYONE	GYM
6:00 – 6:15	CHERUB CHOIR ACTIVITIES	AGES 3-K	BLD 2, RM 105
6:00 – 6:15	KING'S KIDS ACTIVITIES	GRADES 1-6	BLD 2, RM 202
6:15 – 7:00	CHERUB CHOIR REHEARSAL	AGES 3-K	BLD 2, RM 105
6:15 – 7:00	KING'S KIDS REHEARSAL	GRADES 1-6	BLD 2, RM 202
7:00– 8:00	NURSERY CARE	BIRTH – AGE 2	BLD 1, RM 109
7:00 – 7:45	PRESCHOOL SMALL GROUPS	AGES 3-K	BLD 2, RM 108
7:00 – 7:45	ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUPS	GRADES 1-2	BLD 2 – RM 111
7:00 – 7:45	ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUPS	GRADES 3-4	BLD 2 – RM 207/209
7:00 – 7:45	CLUB 56	GRADES 5-6	BLD 2 – RM 204
7:45 – 8:00	ACTIVITIES	ALL AGES	REMAIN IN SMALL GROUPS CLASSROOMS

### CROSSROADS STUDENT MINISTRY

TIME	ACTIVITY	AGE	LOCATION
5:30	MEAL	EVERYONE	GYM
6:30 – 6:45	HANG OUT TIME!	GRADES 7-12	BLD 2– STUDENT MINISTRY ROOM
6:45 – 8:00	WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP	GRADES 7-12	BLD 2 – STUDENT MINISTRY ROOM

### CROSSROADS COLLEGE-AGE MINISTRY

TIME	ACTIVITY	AGE	LOCATION
5:30	MEAL	EVERYONE	GYM
6:30	WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP	COLLEGE AGE	GARAGE

### ADULT MINISTRY

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
5:30	MEAL	GYM
6:30	FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH – LED BY THERESA AUBREY	BLD 1, ROOM 101
6:30	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY- LED BY SANDY CARTY	BLD 1, LOBBY CLASSROOM
6:30	FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY – LED BY ALAN AND SHERRY LEWIS	BLD 1, LOWER AUDITORIUM
6:45	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – LED BY PHIL ROBERTSON	BLD 1, ROOM 107
6:45	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – LED BY ROB AUBREY	BLD 1, ROOM 110
7:00	BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER – LED BY CLINT ANDREWS	BLD 1, ROOM C
TBA	ELECTIVE CLASS (TBA)	BLD 1, TBA

**NOTE: LIFEGROUPS MEET AT THE CHURCH AS WELL AS AT OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN A LIFEGROUP, CONTACT LARRY ALBRECHT, ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTER**

#### KID'S Church Lesson Presenter (10:55):

Time Commitment: ½ hours in preparation and 1 ½ hours of service per week. (Grades K - 4)

#### Responsibilities:

To present an object lesson to the children using the props that will be provided (All lessons and props are provided.)

To arrive at KID'S Church 15 minutes before the service and stay 15 minutes after the service.

When you are not scheduled to present an object lesson, engage with the kids during the program by encouraging them to participate.

To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).

#### Puppeteer (10:55):

Time Commitment: ½ hour of preparation and 1 ½ hours of service per week (Grades K -4).

#### Responsibilities:

To prepare to present a puppet skit to a large group of children - provided in the curriculum. (All supplies will be provided and set up for you.)

To arrive at KID'S Church 15 minutes before the service and stay 15 minutes after the service.

When you are not scheduled to present a puppet skit, engage with the kids during the program by encouraging them to participate.

To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

#### Guest Service Host (Sunday Mornings at 9:30 or 10:55 and Wednesday Nights at 7:00):

Time Commitment: 1 ½ hours of service per week or month

#### Responsibilities:

Servicing families with children ages 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

Assist with checking in our first time guests and non-registered attendees into our programming.

To help families in the registration process by taking digital pictures and answering questions.

Position requires a smiling front face for Crossroads and a willingness to help a new family settle their children into our programming.

To attend two "Build You Up!" Parties a year (Ministry Meetings).

#### 2. Parents! Check out August'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!

#### 3. Elementary Sunday Morning Bible School Teacher Meeting:

**Date of Event:** Thursday, September 2

**Time of Event:** 6:30—8:00 PM

**Place of Event:** Dig K-4 Room in the New Children's Ministry Building

#### 4. Children's Ministry Team Leaders' Meeting:

**Date of Event:** Wednesday, September 8

**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.

#### 5. Children's Guest Service Meeting:

**Date of Event:** Sunday, September 12

**Time of Event:** 3:00—4:30 PM

**Place of Event:** The Dig Site in the New Children's Ministry Building