



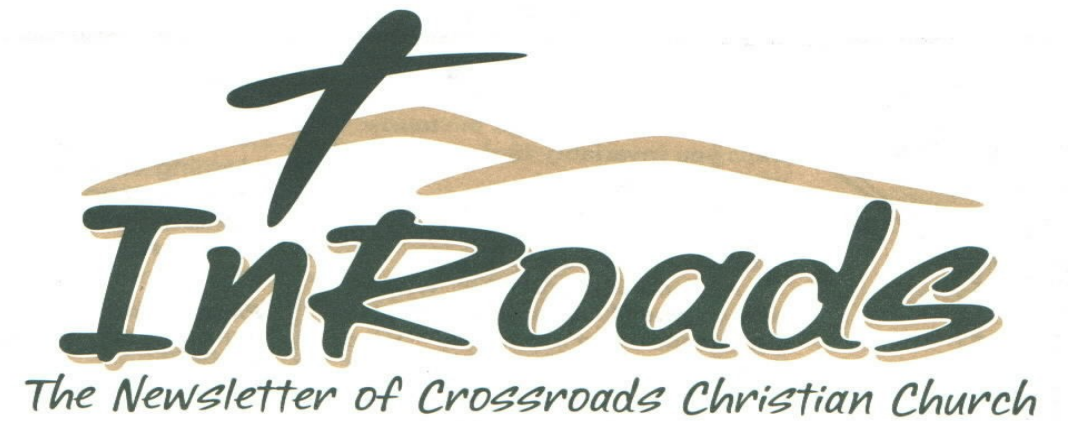
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September 2012

Crossroads Student Ministry

Upcoming Events-

- September 2- Student Life Groups!
- September 16- The Story launch
- September 26- See You at the Pole
- October 19-21- Fall Retreat
- January 11-13- TCTC



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.

- 5 Field 44 (High School)- Injustices- Homelessness
- Wild Branches (Middle School)- Who I am
- 12 Field 44 (High School)- Injustices- Bullying
- Wild Branches (Middle School)- Who I am Not
- 19 Field 44 (High School)- Injustices- Divorce/Losing a Parent
- Wild Branches (Middle School)- What I've Been Created to do
- 26 Field 44 (High School)- Injustices- Child Warriors/Gangs
- Wild Branches (Middle School)- God the Father- Our Provider

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 Moorehouse leading)

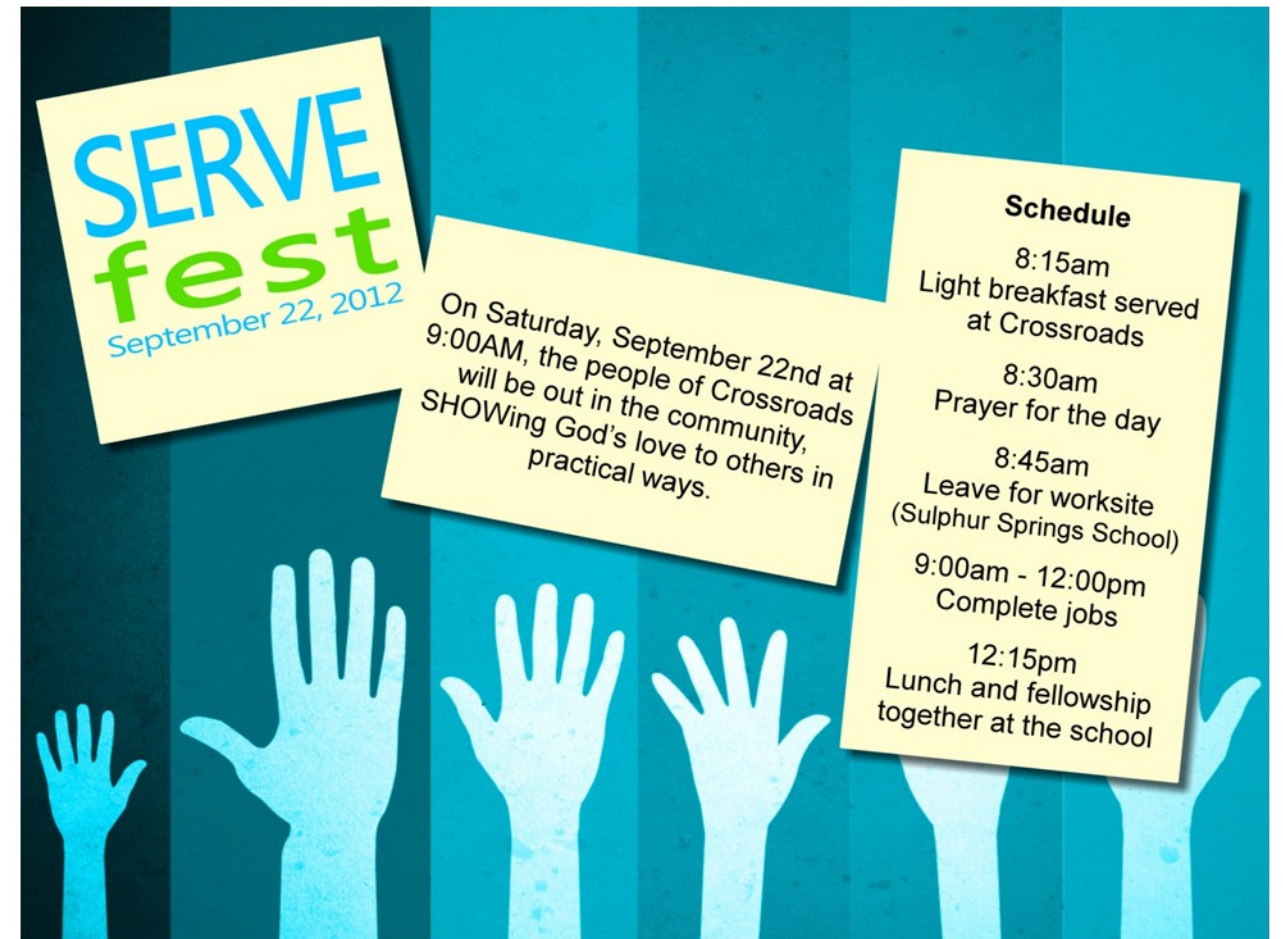
MS Gals- Meet @ TBD (Lisa Hall/Salena Cox leading)

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

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PARENTS- Parents please email andy@crossroadsgray.org so that we can add you to the Parent Email list. These are informational emails that will be sent out regularly. This is an additional means of communication paired with The City.

Crossroads is using a new platform to communicate church events, prayers, service projects, etc. and we have created a group specifically for parents of 7-12 grade students. Please join us once you have become a member of The City. To become a member simply go to www.crossroadsgray.org and click "get connected" then select "the city". This will be the primary mode of communication for parents to receive information about Student Ministry events.



SERVEfest—September 22nd!!!

Sign-up in the main lobby.



No Regrets...

by Clint Andrews

The teacher droned on and on. It didn't matter the subject...or the teacher for that matter. It could have been Periodic Tables, Pythagorean Theorems, indefinite pronouns, or Jacksonian democracy. Somewhere in the midst of the teacher's monotone lecture, my mind would begin to drift and my eyes would lose their focus. A bad sign. At that point, I'd remove from my shirt pocket a folded sheet of blank paper...and begin to doodle. While my drawing skills improved...the rest of my education lapsed. The sad truth about school is, stuff learned tends to be cumulative. That is...what you were taught in one year...usually had application in the next year. Day-dreaming and doodling in those earlier years severely hindered my future educational opportunities. Oh, well, like my dad always said, "Son, they'll always need ditch diggers...and that's about all you'll be fit for..."

It pleases me to know I proved him wrong...unless you take into account all the ditches I've dug in Honduras...

I believe most people have at least a few regrets when it comes to their early education. Over the years I've heard many a person bemoan the fact that while they were in school they didn't give it their best shot. "If only I had tried harder. I didn't realize the opportunity I was throwing away!"

It wasn't like they hadn't been warned. After all, what parent hasn't told their son or daughter, "Study hard. Make the most of your education. It will open the door to your future. If you don't, you'll regret it one day!" (Don't you hate it when prophecies don't have a happy ending?)

In any case...for many of us, the siren song of sports, social activities, friends, fun, cars and part-time jobs...seemed much more alluring than boring lectures in a stuffy classroom. And now...well, chances are we made it in life anyway...but we are left with a few regrets...

This month we begin *The Story*, a nine-month-long, chronological study of the Bible...from Genesis to Revelation! Nine months...basically one school year...during which we will read through the entire Bible. We are asking everyone to invest a single year of their life. If you do, I guarantee a better understanding of the Word of God than you've ever had before.

Think of it as an opportunity. An opportunity to study something that is actually more important than all the things you've ever studied before—science, math, history. I don't discount those subjects, but in the end, they will help you in this life only. But the Bible...it prepares you for what's beyond this life. Never before have we ever offered anything quite like this. In the past we have encouraged you to read through your Bibles. We even handed out a Bible Reading Plan...but let's be honest, most of us did not take advantage of it. It's not that we didn't want to. It's just that the siren song of sports, social activities, friends, fun, cars and jobs seemed more alluring. One of the reasons we failed to read the Bible was we offered no support system. But this time...we are offering all kinds of support. From Sermons, to Life Groups, to Discipleship groups. Every one of those activities are designed to encourage you to stay on task and keep up with your reading.

Listen...we may have regrets over our early school years...but we've learned to compensate. Now we've got a chance to make up for it. And in a subject that is far more important! Won't you please consider being a part of *The Story*? It's important. What was it your parents said? "Make the most of your education. If you don't, you'll regret it one day!"

Don't say you weren't warned...

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SUNDAY STATISTICS

July 29, 2012

Morning Worship	527
General Offering	\$8,469.79
Covenant Offering	\$1,755.50

August 5, 2012

Morning Worship	631
General Offering	\$24,368.81
Covenant Offering	\$3,375.00

August 12, 2012

Morning Worship	630
General Offering	\$17,359.06
Covenant Offering	\$2,399.00

August 19, 2012

Morning Worship	622
General Offering	\$14,857.31
Covenant Offering	\$6,885.33

August 26, 2012

Morning Worship	657
General Offering	\$13,701.95
Covenant Offering	\$4,457.00

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

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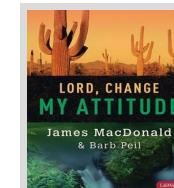
BRIDAL SHOWER

for
Taren Brown
(fiancée of Isaac Keebler)

Sunday, September 9
2:00—3:30 p.m.
Church Pavilion

She is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Kohl's, Wal-Mart and The Gift Box.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES



James MacDonald's **Lord, Change My Attitude**—an 11 week video driven study. Books can be purchased at LifeWay.

This study is being offered at the following times:

Wednesday Night: starts September 5th at 6:30 p.m.
Leader: Sandy Carty (833-2793)

Thursday Night: starts September 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Level Auditorium.
Leader: Cindy Freeman (477-2729)

Monday night, beginning September 10th, Debbie Robertson will be leading a Kay Arthur Precept study: **Ezekiel Part 1.** They will meet in Room 110 from 7-9:00. The study will be video driven with homework. It will last 10 weeks. Debbie will have the book to purchase (\$22.00) at first meeting. Contact her with questions: psalm118_17@hotmail.com or 477-3664. Part 2 is planned to begin in January.



Sign up sheets are on the Lobby bulletin board.

"Living Your Purpose"

Pursuing the God-Given Desires of Your Heart
Women's Ministry Fall Kick-Off
Friday, September 21, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Crossroads Women and guests are invited to this evening of FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, WORSHIP and the WORD. The evening will begin with a BAKED POTATO, SALAD AND DESSERT BAR, followed by games and an overview of the coming year. We will close with worship and a devotional by Christy McGriff. Make plans to join the Women of Crossroads for this exciting and meaningful evening.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!
FREE CHILDCARE FOR
CHILDREN
BABIES—GRADE 6

There will be a



BRIDAL SHOWER

for
Brandy Stykes

Sunday, September 23
3:00—4:30 p.m.
in The Overflow

She is registered at Wal-Mart, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Kohl's. Lowe's Gift Cards for home renovations



Did you know that 7 out of 10 Americans live paycheck to paycheck? That is one of the reasons why once again we're going to be offering Financial Peace University class here at Crossroads starting September 5th. It's the most practical stuff out there and the most fun you'll ever have learning about money. Each weekly session starts with Dave Ramsey teaching on video and is followed by a powerful small group discussion. You'll see that you are DEFINITELY not alone if you're struggling in this area. And even if you're one of the few who isn't struggling, you'll still benefit from this powerful material. It teaches you how to apply biblical principles to the way you handle money and how to start truly managing all of the resources God has given you. This class breaks the process down into easy steps that will help no matter where you are. You've just got to take it! Still not convinced? How about this, come to the first class for FREE and see what Financial Peace University is all about! For more information about FPU just call the church office at 423-477-2229 or email fpu@crossroadsgray.org.



News

5. 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 will be taught on September 16 and will 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 bedtime, 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!

6. 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



7. 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
3 Year Old Assistant	Every 4th Sunday each month at 10:45 AM
4th Grade Assistant	Every 4th Sunday each month at 9:30 AM
K.I.D.'S. Church	Sunday's at 10:55 AM
4th Grade Assistant	Every 4th Sunday each month at 9:30 AM

DECISIONS

August 5, 2012
Membership

Mike & Belinda Burton
125 Regency Dr.
Kingsport, TN 37663

August 19, 2012
Membership

Charles & Delilah Fortner
337 Saylor Hill Rd.
Limestone, TN 37681

1. CrossPath Children's Ministry Programming Starts Up!

When: Wednesday, August 29

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. 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

3. Club 56 Bike Hike on the Creeper Trail

When: Saturday, September 15 from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Where: We will meet in the Lab 56 Room at 8:00 AM

What to Bring: Your bike, helmet if you have one, water bottle for on the trail and a jacket (wear appropriate clothing—it will probably be chilly).

Cost: \$19.00 for adults; \$15.00 for kids 12 and younger (This includes the trail fee & pizza afterwards.) If you want to purchase a snack along the way at one of the stores, please bring some extra cash.

Sign Up: At the KidZone Information Table on the 2nd floor of the Dig Site. (**Must sign up by Sunday, September 9.**)

Parents Are Needed: We are in need of adult supervision and transportation. We will be using the church trailer to transport all of the bikes. If you can help, please let Mr. Jim know by either placing your name on the sign-up sheet, emailing jim@crossroadsgray.org or by phone at 477-2229 (ext. 32).



4. Parents! Check out the September 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!