

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 8, 2009

TODAY

- Greeters—1st Hour: Under Construction Life Group
2nd Hour: Mike & Melba Moore, Sherrill & Carolyn Trent, Mary Lee Barron
- Information Center—1st Hour: Under Construction Life Group
2nd Hour: Misty Counts
- Parking Lot Attendants—1st Hour: Under Construction Life Group
2nd Hour: Carl Counts, Scott Honigmann
- Ushers—1st Hour: Under Construction Life Group
2nd Hour: Eddie & Dot Rowe
- Offering Counters—Jerry Aurigema, Dave & Rebecca Sapp, Robin Johnson
- Communion to Shut-Ins—Mike Lature
- 4:00—8:00 p.m. East TN Christian Teen Convention at Crossroads
- 6:00—8:00 p.m. East TN Christian KIDSLAM at Hopwood Christian Church
- 6:30—8:00 p.m. East TN Christian Convention—Main Session at Seeger Chapel, Milligan College

WEDNESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir, King’s Kids
- 6:45 p.m. Women’s Bible Study, Men’s Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Nursery, Preschool Bible Study, Elementary Bible Study, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study

THURSDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study

FRIDAY

- 5:30 p.m. Young at Heart Outing

FRIDAY—SATURDAY

Club 56 All-Nighter (8:00 p.m.—8:00 a.m.)

SATURDAY

- 2:30—6:30 p.m. Student Ministry Service Project at Snyder Funeral Home
- 3:00 p.m. Team #5 serves Loaves & Fishes

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Focus on Parenting—On November 14th Crossroads will be hosting the Focus on Parenting simulcast. This one day event is designed to provide parents wisdom, encouragement and practical everyday tools from leading parenting experts such as Dr. Kevin Leman, Elisa Morgan—MOPS, Larry Fowler—Awana, Mark Holmen, Ron Luce, Phil Vischer, Dr. Juli Slattery and Bob Waliszewski all of whom have a passion for seeing kids thrive — specifically yours! **We have a limited number of tickets at a special \$20 per person price. After those are gone, ticket prices will be \$35 per person.** Tickets will be available on Sunday mornings in the Lobby or by calling the church office at 423-477-2229. A sack lunch will be provided.

YOUNG AT HEART OUTING
(for adults close to 50 & older)

Jonesborough Repertory Theater—Friday, November 13

"The Lion in Winter"

Tickets: \$12.00; \$10.00 for Senior Citizens — We will leave church at 5:30 p.m.; eat dinner at Cranberry Thistle (soups & sandwiches) in Jonesborough and then go see the play. Must sign up and pay TODAY at Information Center.

There will be a *BABY SHOWER* for Jennifer Sampson on Sunday, November 15 from 3:00—4:30 p.m. in the Lobby classroom. It's a girl! She is registered at Babies R Us and Walmart.



Poinsettias to decorate the church for the Christmas holiday can be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones and friends. Cost is \$9.00 per plant. You can sign up and pay (checks only please—made payable to Crossroads) at the Information Center in the Lobby TODAY through November 29.

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- Sunday Nights @ 5:45 pm
- Wednesday: Youth Group @ 7:00 pm in The Garage

Small Groups: We do not have Small Groups tonight because of the East TN Teen Conference.

East TN Teen Conference: Tonight, (Sunday, November 8th) Crossroads will again be hosting the East TN Teen Conference from 4:00-8:00 pm. There will be students from a lot of churches in the area here for the evening. The cost is \$5.00 per person and you can pay in the lobby when you get here. There will be worship, workshops, a great speaker (Laura Buffington), food, etc. Plan to come out and enjoy the evening. I do need some students who would be willing to be back here at the church at about 1:45 pm to help set up chairs, tables, etc.

Service Project: Next Saturday, November 14th, we are going to be helping Snyder Funeral Home with a candlelight memorial service. There are a number of things that we will be able to help with including: Setting out the candle bags, lighting candles, helping with taking dishes and refilling drinks for the food they have available, labeling ornaments, etc. We need about 15-20 people who would be willing to be a servant and help with this memorial for families who have lost loved ones. We will meet at Crossroads at 2:30 pm and will be back at Crossroads by 7:00 pm. You will need to wear black pants or skirt (girls) and a white shirt (kind of like when we serve meals at the church). See Kit if you are willing to help.

TCTC Signups: TCTC is January 8-10, 2010 but we have to begin registration much earlier than that. Information will be available next Sunday for TCTC and we will hold registration in the lobby on the following Sundays: November 22, 29 & December 6. If you have not paid by December 6th, you can still go but your cost increases because the TCTC registration cost increases as well. If you pay on or before December 6th, the cost will be \$100.00. If you pay after December 6th, the cost will be \$110.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- November 8: ETCC Teen Conference
- November 14: Service Project @ Funeral Home
- December 12: Riverwood Christmas party
- January 8-10: TCTC
- February 7- Superbowl Party
- February 20- Skiing Trip
- March 12-13- Tentative Lost Sea Trip

Crossroads works in partnership with The Gray Community Chest, an organization that provides vital services to members of our community. Part of their ministry involves maintaining a food pantry that is made available to community members in need. The pantry is currently in need of the following items: **Peanut Butter, Canned Meats, Canned Beef Stew and Canned Fruit**. If you would like to donate any of these items, please place them in the container located near the kitchen serving window. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Crossroads will once again be collecting shoe boxes for this wonderful project. Please pick up a brochure and sign up in Lobby to let us know you're going to participate.

Shoe Box Collection and Dedication
November 15

FAITH PROMISE TOTAL AS OF
NOVEMBER 1, 2009
\$33,951.00



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES need to be added to the calendar on the Lobby bulletin board.

SCRAPBOOKING PARTY

November 13 & 14

If interested, please call Misty Counts (741-3442)

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the gifts and cards and for making Mary Lee's 80th birthday as special as she is. A special thanks to Dot Rowe—couldn't have done it without you!

Love — The Barron Family



HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS FOR A MARINE!

Share your holidays with a local Marine far away from home and family. Lima Company 3rd Battalion 24th Marines have been deployed to Iraq and will spend the next several months there. The Marine Corps League Auxiliary is preparing packages for these young men and women. Requested items include **homemade goodies, peanut butter, spam, beef sticks, Pringles, puzzle books, telephone calling cards, etc.** If you would like to participate, bring your donation to the church office no later than Saturday, November 14 (by 2 p.m.) or bring them to the Marine Reserve Center on Donald May Road (near the Appalachian Fairgrounds). Contact Chuck and Jackie Reedy for further information, 349-4714.



APPALACHIAN CHRISTIAN CAMP CLEANING DAYS—WE NEED YOU!

As you know our camp has recently suffered a crisis with water damage and mold in 3 of its lodging facilities. The camp staff has been hard at work replacing roofs, removing mold and making repairs to all affected areas. It's almost time to open the buildings back up for retreats, so we are calling on all willing volunteers to come help clean up after the construction. This is an opportunity for our church to have an additional impact on the ministry of the camp. Because of the specific nature and time frame of this cleaning, if you are interested in going personally or organizing a group like your Sunday School class, here is what the camp is asking for: up to 40 volunteers for a 3 1/2 hour shift, 8-11:30 or 12:30-4, on Saturday—November 14th. Please call Brett Forney at the camp 423-743-3910 to sign up.

iMarriage Seminar — Standing at the altar, we all had a picture of what our marriage would look like. Sometimes this picture of marriage results in unreasonable expectations of our spouse. The weight of these expectations can rob a marriage of love and joy. One may never feel like they measure up and may never feel like they are a good spouse. So what are you to do with your expectations? You can't deny them, because most expectations started out as God-given desires.



Beginning TODAY you are invited to join us for a 5-week seminar based on the popular small group study "iMarriage". This seminar will take an honest look at those expectations and what we can do to improve our relationships. The seminar will be led by Dave and Rebecca Sapp and hosted by The Cornerstone Class. The meetings will take place in the Lower Auditorium during the second worship hour.



Let Us Give Thanks...

On the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving (November 22), a special offering will be taken as part of the Crossroads Covenant. For those who may not know, the Crossroads Covenant is the current capital fundraising campaign for a new Children's Ministry Building and community courtyard area, known as 'The Front Porch'. Because of anticipated growth and space needs for our Student Ministry, the new building will also include additional space for our junior high and high school student programming. This offering will be above and beyond the pledged amounts for the Covenant. Please prayerfully consider participating as we return a portion of what God has blessed us with. If you are not yet a part of the Covenant, then this offering could serve as your "first fruits" as you take the next step in our journey here at Crossroads. Covenant information is available at the Information Center in the front lobby.





SUNDAY MORNING SNOW POLICY

In case of snow please call the church office after 7:30 a.m. to hear whether or not we'll be on a "snow schedule". Snow schedule is: 10:55 (second) service only with no Sunday School classes or K.I.D.'S Church. Second hour nursery and preschool classes (including Wee Worship) will be provided.



2009 East Tennessee Christian Convention November 8 — on campus of Milligan College

- 3:30—5:00**—Leadership Workshop at Hyder Auditorium and Women's Event at the Gregory Center (Childcare provided at Hopwood)
 - 4:00—8:00**—Youth events begin at Crossroads Christian Church (6th-12th grade)
 - 5:00—6:15**—Dinner at Milligan Dining Hall (Childcare will not be provided during dinner—parents will need to pick up their children after the leadership/women's events)
 - 6:00—8:00**—KIDSLAM led by Jim Goehner at Hopwood (Childcare for Nursery-k5 provided at Hopwood)
 - 6:30—8:00**—Main Session at Seeger Chapel—Worship led by Mike Imboden, Choir led by Tempa Bader, Main Speaker: Dr. Leroy Lawson.
- For more information call Higher Ministries at 423-502-6962 or visit www.higherministries.com/events



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.

2. Club 56 All-Nighter

Date of Event: Friday, November 13 & 14

Time of Event: 8:00 PM—8:00 AM

Place: Crossroads Gym

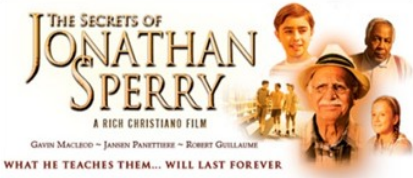
Cost: \$13.00 (Includes games at Fun Expedition & Pizza)

Sign-Up: The Sign-Up sheet is located on the Children’s Ministry bulletin board (for both kids & adult helpers). **Please sign-up by Wednesday night.**

Adult Help Needed: If you are interested in helping, please either contact Mr. Jim or sign-up at the Children’s Bulletin board.

Event Contact: Jim Goehner **Phone:** 477-2229 ext. 32 **Email:** mr.jim@embarqmail.com

3. There will be NO Children’s Programming on Wednesday Night, November 25 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Five & Two Pictures is proud to announce the upcoming release of a very special film entitled “The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry.” This is an inspiring film for viewers from 8 years old to 80 years old. Best buddies Dustin, Albert, and Mark are twelve year old boys looking forward to a summer of fun in 1970. When Dustin mows the lawn of seventy-five year old Jonathan Sperry (Gavin MacLeod), a man he has seen at church, a unique friendship develops. What happens the rest of this summer is something Dustin and his friends will never forget! Robert Guillaume also co-stars. Actor Kirk Cameron says “*The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry*’ moved me

with its message about how one faithful man can make a difference in the lives of many. I recommend this inspiring movie for any family to watch together.” **A limited number of discount tickets are available to Crossroads for the 7:30 showing on both Friday, Nov. 20 and Sat. Nov. 21. These \$6.00 tickets may be purchased in the lobby today until they last! Regular ticket price at the box office is \$8.00.** The movie will be shown at Real to Reel Theater in Johnson City beginning Friday, Nov. 13th.

Wanted for Auditions

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| 1 Man (age 55-70) | 1 Girl (age 14-17) |
| 2 Men (age 35-45) | 1 Boy (age 13-16) |
| 1 Woman (age 55-70) | 1 Girl (age 9-12) |
| 2 Women (age 35-45) | 1 Boy (age 6-7) |

(Approximate ages)

Auditions will take place on Sunday, November 15...12:30-3:30 pm & Tuesday, November 17...6:30-8:30 pm in Room 111.

The play will be presented in March—See Jane Williams for details—she will be at a table in the Lobby after each service today.

Help Us Update Our Contact Information

We are anticipating 2010 to be a great year for Crossroads with the expansion of our facilities and new ministry opportunities. One improvement we will be making will involve centralizing all of our records with a new data management system and integrating it with our communications systems. To help get ready for this we need to make sure we have correct contact information for each person who attends Crossroads.

We are asking for the following information (only to be used for church business and communication):

- Name, Address, Phone number(s), and Email(s).
- Also let us know if you would prefer to receive the 2010 church newsletter in the mail or electronically.

Please send this information by email to Robin@crossroadsgray.org or call Robin at 423-477-2229 ext. 10.

Thanks,
Communications Ministry

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. —The Steve Hayes Family