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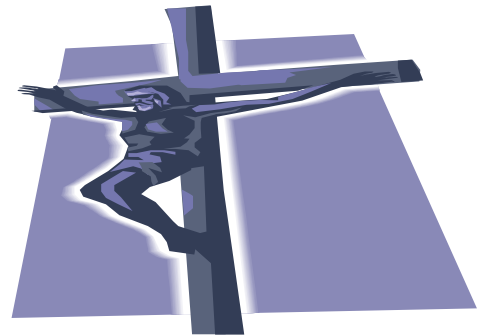
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We all want 2008 to be a great year. Exciting things are happening this year already with people making new commitments. Let us keep our commitments and let us be committed to the Lord and to each other.

We must show compassion for the lost in our community as well as for each other. One way to do that is to keep in contact with the community in different forms of outreach. We had a great start doing that with the Christmas Gift Outreach and the Lord is moving and helping us to build those relationships.

We need to work as a team and communicate with each other to accomplish our goals. We need to lift each other up in prayer and encourage one another. We're asking everyone to join the team and stay plugged in. God wants you and we need you.



**Commitment, Compassion,
and Communication....let's
step it up a notch!!!**

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Sunday School – 9:45 am

Morning Worship – 10:45 am

Noon Meal – 12 pm

Afternoon Bible Study & Youth NOW, CDC – 1pm

Wednesday

Praise Team Practice, Puppets, Music Tyme-6pm

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting –7pm

GA's, RA's, MF's, & MOB – 7pm

*We welcome you to join us and plug in to a
ministry to serve in unity to further the Kingdom of
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*



A Note from the Pastor:

Happy 2008! Another year has flown by and we are blessed to have lived through 2007. God has begun a wonderful new work in our midst and I hope you are as excited as I am to see what He will do next. I know of three things God is directing us to be part of for 2008 and with a lot of prayer and cooperation, God will use these three things to make us better and to engage the lostness around us.

Number one: The Small Group Experience. My goal is for every member to be actively involved in a small group. Your group can be Sunday school, home Bible study, or a men's/women's accountability group but you need to connect to God and one-another via a small group.

Number two: Leadership training. Every member is a potential leader and I will strive to bring out your potential this year. We have currently established a School of Leadership with Bible studies and training materials designed for home study at your own pace. Are you ready to allow God to reveal your leadership abilities?

Number three: The new building. We are setting the stage for the construction to begin as we relocate our primary facilities. The journey to this point has been long but it has been rewarding. We have seen more people rise to the challenge of embracing the next step of getting the ball rolling. Hard work! Extra effort! Financial responsibility! The list is almost endless of what we need to accomplish prior to the building beginning but we are on our way. (By the way, On January 20th during the afternoon worship time we will have a building progress report).

So as we start the New Year let's do so with an open heart and open mind to the work God wants to accomplish. We have done church for so long it is time to start being the church... being the church God desires.

One last thing! On January 9th we conducted our 1st quarterly business session. At this session we discussed and voted on the process and plan for the name change of the church to Crosspoint. We are very excited about our new name and a new year to follow God's direction and reach the lost.

I love being your pastor!

Brother Rich



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2nd— Len Fisher*
4th— Sheila Hartnett
7th— Brandy Taylor
8th— Anna Broadfoot
9th— Bud Smith
11th— Mackenzie Burrus
13th— Steve Heltsley
14th— Kris Whetzel
19th— Allyson Campbell
20th— Ben Fisher
23rd— Henrietta Sanders
23rd— Thomas Maroon
25th— Kaye Dwiggins
27th— Nina Bizaillion

Happy Anniversary

- 20th— Brian & Brandy Taylor*

Missions

I would like to thank everyone who gave to Lottie Moon in December. Our missionaries will be happy to get more funding. We gave \$1,531.56. Also many gave to our community.

I'd like to encourage your attendance to all our mission groups. You might tell those leaders that you appreciate them. Ask if you can help in any way. Our Baptist women will meet on Jan. 8th at Yvonne's. Hope to see you there.
Keep looking up,
Yvonne

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Preschool

- 2nd: PM: Maureen, Jeana
 6th: AM: Allyson, Amanda, Ashley
 PM: Yvonne, Kasey
 9th: PM: Brandy, Tara
 13th: AM: Samantha, Chris F, Anna
 PM: Brenda, Mary F.
 16th: PM: Teresa, Anita
 20th: AM: Deb, Josh C., Angela, Laura
 PM: Ashley, Cassie
 23rd: PM: Opal, Dawn
 27th: AM: Kasey, Brad, Christen
 PM: Amanda, Angela
 30th: PM: Yvonne, Mary F.

Children's Story

- 6th: Brad Whetzel
 13th: Angela Clendenny
 20th: Kasey Clouse
 27th: Jeremy Fletcher

Children's Church

- 6th: Nelson & Pat Dwiggins
 13th: Puppets
 20th: Mike Huff, Kasey Clouse
 27th: Will & Miranda Cunningham

Greeters

- 6th: Dorothy Johnson, Myrt Stearns
 13th: The Whitehead Family
 20th: Opal Jones, Debbie Blackard
 27th: Carolyn & Russell Baron

Security

- 6th: Russell Baron
 13th: Hugh Barton
 20th: Giles Clowers
 27th: Jim A. Bizaillion

Ushers

- 6th: Jim Bizaillion, Tony Rangel, Gage Dwiggins
 13th: Hershel Taylor, Will Cunningham, Bud Smith
 20th: Russell Baron, Nathan Hardy, Jacob Lawrence
 27th: Mike Huff, Josh Clouse, Chris Fraser

Meals

- 6th: Brandy & Anita
 13th: Clouse/Huff
 20th: Potluck
 27th: Delores & Dorcas Class



Preschool Ministry Team News & Notes

My Turn in the Nursery

Last Sunday was my turn in the nursery to work, my heart wasn't in it, and my feelings were hurt. A child from his mother did not want to part, and cried a lot with his broken heart. I prayed that soon the hour would end; that I could relax—it would feel good to be free. I said once a month was too much for me! That very next Sunday, as I sat in the pew, a very good sermon, but visitors were few. But down came a woman and her soul was saved; and she was the mother of the crying babe. Then it dawned on me that I had been a part of one being saved – giving God her heart. From that day on, I would never dread – working in the nursery while souls were being fed. Author Unknown

Are you doing your part so souls can be fed?

The Preschool Ministry Team has been working on a child security handbook, required by our insurance company, and necessary to make sure that we are providing the best and safest environment for our children. This will be adapted into our handbook, which will also be revised. We are also researching different alert systems, as our paging system is outdated and no longer being manufactured. We are in need of the following items:

- Construction paper
 - Juice--100% only, please
 - Butter cookies
 - Crackers, saltines and graham
 - Dixie paper cups
 - Flour, 5#
 - Salt, regular
 - Cream of Tartar
 - Food coloring
 - Vegetable Oil
 - Vanilla
 - Large Jumbo size crayons
 - Wipes, non-allergenic, non-scented
- If you can help out with any of these items, please let us know.
Mary L Fisher, Preschool Director



Children's Discipleship Class:

*Reading the Bible
in 1 year*

The Children's Discipleship Class met once in December due to all the Christmas activities.

Our emphasis was on our Christmas community outreach. In January, we will start a bible reading plan. The goal is to read the bible in a year. We want the kids to know the importance of daily bible reading and prayer. We ask that you continue to pray for these kids as they focus on God's word.

In Christ's Love,
Samantha Stumpf

Student Outreach

We will be having another community outreach project coming up on February 16th. It is a state wide mission's event called-- Children's Ministry Day. We are going to use some of the same names from the Christmas Gift outreach. The primary purpose is to get the children involved in hands on missions, but we want the entire church to be involved. There will be more details to follow.

We will also be having an event at the church for kids on February 1. A PJ/movie party. Our goal is to send every child home with a new movie.

And finally, as hard as it is to believe, we will start promoting VBS in January. I plan on having the first teachers/workers meeting on Sunday, January 13th at 2pm in the fellowship hall. I want this year to be the best VBS this church has ever had! Be on the lookout for more information.

Brandy

YOUTH REPORT !!!

EXPECT SOMETHING GREAT IN 2008!

Greetings! On behalf of the youth ministry let me express our appreciation for your support in making this past year a great experience for spiritual growth and reaching out to others in ministry and spreading the Gospel. We started off the year at Winter Jam, where we waited in the freezing cold for over an hour to hear some great Christian artists like Sanctus Real and xxx. We went on to have our annual Valentine's Day banquet that provided a catered meal and ministry by Dependant Soul (formerly known as "Narrow Way."). As the year progressed, the youth held a car wash to generate the funds necessary to offset expenses to sponsor a concert by Apologetix. The concert was eventually held in the Wood River High School auditorium, and Narrow Way provided the opening concert. Several prizes were given away, but most importantly, we were able to reach a lot of kids with the Gospel—kids you might not normally see in church.

The second half of the year started with our lock in was a big hit and featured laser tag and a video game contest. Losers had to subject themselves to a make over by the winners, however, the winners decided to show some grace, and allowed the losers to keep their current fashion styles. After a Saturday trail ride, our annual Six Flags trip was also a great success. Austin did a great job of putting together a scavenger hunt at the zoo, which correlated with an interesting Bible study that he initiated. The youth were also deeply involved in supporting VBS, as they have done for several years now. The Christmas party rounded out the holidays, which included another scavenger hunt, and prizes for the winners. The youth have also been occasionally involved in helping out with the afternoon meal clean up, and various other servant oriented activities, such as helping to clean homes for those who were temporarily disabled, and taking cookies to those who have lost loved ones. The youth have also attempted to involve some of the other youth by having "kidnappings" where they go to the home of a youth and take them out to ice cream and have them join us for our Bible study. Whew! We were busy!

We capped off the year with the annual trip to the Youth Encounter in Springfield, IL, which is where the title for this article came from. I had to stop at a stop light each time I approached a certain intersection, and one of the businesses there had a sign that proclaimed: "Expect something great in 2008!" If they only knew! While we were at the Youth Encounter, we were treated to praise music by "Pocket Full of Rocks" and a host of other bands. Brock Gill was an illusionist that used his illusions to vividly portray Bible truths and get the message of the Bible across to thousands of kids. He easily captured the "key to their hearts" (right, Christen?). The most important thing to note is that the work of the Holy Spirit was not illusion! The kids were obviously touched by his message and enthusiastically rose to his challenge to put aside the things of this world and to stop going to church and *be the Church*. They immediately began to minister *to the other youth and adults* in attendance who requested that they pray for their needs. They then accepted Brock's encouragement to challenge their adult leadership, and immediately began to minister to their own youth director (me) and presented the challenge to me to stop going to church and be the Church. I've gone to most of the youth encounters since 1976, and have to agree with the youth that this was the best one ever! I've never seen anything like it in the last 31 years!

We've seen a fire start within our youth group, the fires of revival. And now we have come together and united as one to present a challenge to you. Are you bored with going to church? Are you tired of being disappointed because the music wasn't entertaining enough? Tired of being disappointed because the pastor's message didn't make you feel as good as you wanted to when you left? If so, this challenge is for you! You see, if you are bored and disappointed, the problem isn't with the church, the problem lies within your own heart. God Himself declared: "When you seek me, you will find me, when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13) It's time to stop going to church and be the Church! Stop worrying about what other people think, and get involved. There are many opportunities for you to serve Christ the King here in South Roxana, so make the move now to find out where you fit in. Are you up to the challenge? The youth are challenging God to do something even greater in their lives in the upcoming year, what about you? If so, you too can expect something great in 2008!

Yours in Christ, Tony

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Years Day Office Closed	2 Praise Team Puppets, Tyme-- 6PM Prayer/Bible Study, RA's GA's, MF's, MOB-- 7PM Finance Team 8PM	3 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	4	5 Chili Cook Off 5PM
6 Bible Study, Youth NOW, CDC 1PM Church Council 2PM	7	8 Baptist Women 9:30am Preschool Ministry Team Meeting 6:30PM	9 Praise Team Puppets, Tyme-- 6PM Prayer/Bible Study, RA's GA's, MF's, MOB-- 7PM 1st Qtr Business Sessio	10 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	11	12
13 Missions, Youth NOW, CDC 1PM VBS 2PM VIP Service 2:30PM	14	15	16 Praise Team Puppets, Tyme-- 6PM Prayer/Bible Study, RA's GA's, MF's, MOB-- 7PM	17 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	18	19 Deacon/ Staff Appreciation 6PM
20 Potluck Bible Study, Youth NOV CDC 1PM Deacon's Mtg 2PM Womens Acct 2PM	21	22	23 Praise Team Puppets, Tyme-- 6PM Prayer/Bible Study, RA's GA's, MF's, MOB-- 7PM	24 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	25	26
27 Bible Study, Youth NOV CDC 1PM 1 PPT Mtg 2PM	28	29	30 Praise Team Puppets, Tyme-- 6PM Prayer/Bible Study, RA's GA's, MF's, MOB-- 7PM	31 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Listening Lab 9-12:30		