
THE POINT

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*Who do you belong to? Is God your top priority?
Deuteronomy 6:5 says to Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul and with
all your strength. Valentines Day is a great chance
for us all to show love and to tell others about the
ONE we love the most. BE HIS!*



Housing Ministry Opportunity

for Youth and Adults

Do you want to be part of a housing ministry team? The Gateway Association is taking part in a local housing ministry event project on July 20-27th, 2008.

*There will be an informational meeting on February 28, 2008 at 7pm at the Suburban Baptist Church-- 2500 Saint Clair Avenue in Granite City. IL 62040. Church phone (618)-876-7404
Please see Teresa Clouse for more details*

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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.



February Birthdays

7th— Jeremy Stumpf
 8th — Tim Church
 14th— Melissa Magruder
 15th— Joseph Whetzel
 16th— Debbie Blackard
 17th— Mary Fisher
 21st— Charlotte Wiltshire
 21st— Lyndsey Stumpf
 24th— Dorothy Johnson
 26th— Samantha Stumpf

Happy Anniversary February

14th— Deb & Tony Rangel

Missions

Baptist Women will be meeting Feb. 12 at my home. We invite you to join us as we explore the mission field and hear the many requests for prayer. We are free to meet and pray. Many people groups around the world do not have this freedom. We need to pray for these missionaries. We have missionaries featured on the prayer calendar in Bapt. Women, GA's and Mission Friends.

We are in need of someone to lead in our Mission Friends group. Pat Dwiggin has led these children for several years. Are you the one to lead these children- ages 4-7? We have a leaders guide to help you. Please see me if you would like to work with the children in this mission group or call Dawn and she will contact me.

On March 9th, we will have Rick Patrick speaking on Sun. pm service. He will share some of the information from trips he has been involved with. There will be opportunities for those who feel they would like to be a part of the Brazil trip this year. We hope you will attend. Yvonne Whetzel, WMU

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Preschool

3rd : AM: Allyson, Amanda, Josh C.
 PM: Yvonne, Ashley
 6th : PM: Jeana, Dawn
 10th : AM: Samantha, Brad, Anna
 PM: Cassie, Kasey
 13th : PM: Dawn, Opal
 17th : AM: Angela, Chris F., Yvonne
 PM: Mary F., Amanda
 20th: PM: Teresa, Anita
 24th: AM: Kasey, Christen, Ashley
 PM: Brenda, Angela
 27th : PM: Brandy, Tara

Children's Story

3rd : Tony Rangel
 10th : Anita Lucas
 17th : Chris Cunningham
 24th : Yvonne Whetzel

Children's Church

3rd: Ashley Hardy, Chris Fraser
 10th: Hugh & Maureen Barton
 17th: Mike Huff, Kasey Clouse
 24th: Teresa & Christen Clouse

Greeters

3rd: Hershel & Brenda Taylor
 10th: Bud & LaVern Smith
 17th: Myrt Stearns, Debbie Blackard
 24th: Dorothy Johnson, Opal Jones

Security

3rd : Len Fisher
 10th: Will Cunningham
 17th: Russell Baron
 24th: Hugh Barton

Ushers

3rd: Jim Bizaillion, Ben Fisher, Gage Dwiggin
 10th: Hershel Taylor, Josh Clouse, Bud Smith
 17th: Tony Rangel, Nathan Hardy, Jacob Lawrence
 24th: Mike Huff, Will Cunningham, Chris Fraser

Meals

3rd: Maureen Barton, Angela Clendenny, Yvonne Whetzel
 10th: Deacons
 17th: Kasey Clouse, Cassie Fisher
 24th: Potluck



A Note from the Pastor:

Have you heard the awesome news? Yeah God is definitely doing a work in our midst. Since October 2007 we have baptized 13 people. We are ready to begin the next phase of the new building construction. We have united around and are excited about our new name. We are now Crosspoint and not only do we have a new name, we believe we have a new and unique identity. More to come on this later!

The point of our existence is to glorify God. We know that doesn't mean doing what we want or what feels best for us, it means we are reaching out to our neighbors and letting our community know we love them and we care for them. I have evaluated this noticeable outpouring of God's Spirit and can confidently proclaim He began to do His work when we as a church decided to start doing something about the needs of those around us.

We asked nothing in return. We made huge sacrifices and relied upon God to take care of the hard stuff. We provided school supplies for close to a hundred children. We made Christmas a little better by supporting close to sixty families at Christmas time. We are also seeing new ministries develop like a multi-housing ministry in a local apartment complex, a new Sunday School class for single-again women, and three new home based cell groups getting ready to launch.

Yes, God is at work and we are thrilled to be part of what He is doing. God is doing because we have started doing by becoming. Too often we want to "do" church but ever since we started "being" the church God has started showing how faithful He is.

So let me ask you a question; have you started being the church? In what way specifically? If you are having a hard time answering then come see us this Sunday and find out for yourself what revival in God's church looks like when it's just starting!

Can't wait to see you cause I love being your pastor!

Brother Rich!



Website News

Our new church website is currently under construction. We have a target date of April 6, 2008 to launch the new site. We had a meeting on Sunday, February 3rd with all ministry team leaders to view the layout and to share ideas and ask questions about the new website.

We are asking all ministry team leaders to present information on their ministry no later than Sunday, March 9th, 2008. This information will be implemented to the appropriate link on the website. Once construction is completed, ministry leaders will be able to view the new site and check content and give input about navigation on the site.

Please turn in your information to Ben Fisher or you can turn it into Dawn at the office. We are excited to serve together for a great 2008.



Preschool Ministry Team News & Notes

The team met on January 8, 2008. All team members were present. The team reviewed the preliminary Preschool Child Safety and Security Policy. Upon approval of the underwriting author and then the church council, it will be made available to all preschool parents and workers, as well as to all church members. In addition to this being a requirement by our insurance company, we feel that it is necessary in insuring the best and safest environment for our babies, toddlers and preschoolers. We will be implementing this policy as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please see Mary Fisher. Our next meeting is on February 5, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. We will start working on reviewing and revising our handbook to incorporate the new Security Policy. **Mary L Fisher, Preschool Director**

Preschool News

The preschool department leaders are working to provide our youngest members a safe, fun and Christ-centered environment. All workers are encouraged to read Bible stories, sing songs, use Bible verses and activities such as finger plays to teach our children about our God and Savior. We are looking at placing resources in each room so that all workers have access to them in order to make this a learning time. Children learn best by hands-on experiences, using all of the senses that God gave them to learn about their world. We want to teach them about the Creator of our world, and that He loved them so much that He sent them Jesus. Please pray for our workers as they give of their time and talents! If you are not involved in our preschool department, but want to be, please let us know.

We want to especially welcome Ashley Hardy to our Preschool 3 Sunday School class as a teacher. She is doing a great job and the children love her already! Please pray for her as she follows God's chosen path for her. She is taking my (Mary Fisher) place, as I felt the need to be available during this time to assist the leaders and workers in the department through Sunday School and the extended Sessions. I will also be available to fill in when a teacher must be absent

As we look toward a new church building, we would like to have a few people assist Mary in researching equipment, room supplies, etc. If you would like to help, please see her as soon as possible. .
Matthew 19:14: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Children's Discipleship Class

The kids are all doing a great job on their daily bible reading! We are really proud of all the hard work and effort each family is putting into the daily reading. We want to encourage you to continue to find a quiet time to be in God's word every day. The Lord is doing awesome things in our midst right now. Let's continue to be united and obedient and focus on Him. I can't wait to see what our great God is going to do next!
Samantha Stumpf

Women's Accountability

Women's accountability meetings hereby referred to as WAM are now taking place and we are so excited to have you join us. The men got us started in meeting together and encouraging one another and holding each other accountable for our walk with God. It is such a great support group!

There are meetings taking place at various times during the week. Please call the office if you would like to find out meeting times and places and if you would like to plug into a WAM.

If you have any questions about what goes on in a WAM, you can also contact Mary Fisher, Anna Broadfoot, Teresa Clouse or Dawn Ilch or go to: www.crosspointconnect.blogspot.com to review the women's or men's accountability questions and memory verses.

Victoriously Frazzled!!!

Victoriously Frazzled is the new bible study that Teresa's group will be starting on Feb 14th. It will help any worn out, burned out, and stressed out woman understand the Spirit God has given her. The goal is to lead women into the presence of God in the midst of their "frazzledness!" Please contact Teresa Clouse if you wish to join this exciting new study. (Thursdays 9a.m.-11:15)



Children's Music Tyme

December was a very busy time for us as we practiced the songs in the play, *A Wall At The Mall*, and joined the other members for rehearsals. The children worked very hard and did an excellent job! We want to thank all of the other members in the play and our parents. As this was also the start of our class, we were learning about each other, as well.

We are learning a few new songs, *If I Were A Butterfly*, and *I Just Wanna Be A Sheep*, by Brian M. Howard. Our focus January and February is learning to be a "sheep" (follower) for our "Shepherd" (Jesus Christ). The children were asked to seek the help of their parents or other adult to look up a Bible verse about music. We will be also be learning some Bible verses set to song, praise songs, etc.

In addition to learning songs, we are learning a little about music terms, how to read music, and musical instruments. But, most of all, we are enjoying the gift of music that God has given to us!

While children are ready learners, and learn through reading books, they learn best by example and experience. So, if you have a musical gift and would like to share with us, we would love it!

As our class has grown quite rapidly, we are looking for someone to assist Mary in leading this class. It is really a lot of fun, so if you feel God leading you to participate in this ministry, please see Mary Fisher.



Trustees



We are so blessed to have willing cooperation and effort and a willing spirit to work together as a church of unity in one purpose.

Saturday, Jan 12, 2008 at 10a.m. we had about 15 people show up to help in efforts to fix up small jobs around our building. We would like to take the second Saturday of each month as a church work day and through a willing spirit and concentrated prayer, God will help us make what seems to be a mountain more like a molehill.

We thank the folks that came out to help on January 12th on such a short notice: Steve, Russell, James & Tara, Ben & Cassie, Richard & Teresa, Josh & Dawn, Angela, Jeremy F., Mike, Sarah & Michael. Below is a list of things we got done that day: 1. Removed Christmas tree & decorations and put them away 2. Touched up scratches on pews and stained those 3. Repaired pew arm rest 4. Dusted cobwebs off ceilings & chandeliers in sanctuary 5. Removed old toilet in girls downstairs bathroom 6. Installed new toilet in girls bathroom 7. Installed wind guards on main doors 8. Caulked cracks on walls 9. Cleaned cobwebs throughout church 10. Measured kitchen and upper restrooms for new linoleum 11. Removed broken glass out of nursery window and fabricated wooden frame for window AC unit.

On February 9th at 10a.m. we would appreciate if any and all that know how to remove vinyl floors and install them will come to help, Even if you don't know how, we will probably have plenty of other jobs that need completed. If we are willing and patient with one another, we can have joy in our hearts as we work together and fix up the building that the Lord has give to us. THANKS, MIKE HUFF

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Student Outreach PJ Party 6-8:30pm	2
3 Bible Study, Youth NOW CDC - 1pm Website Meeting 2pm	4	5 Preschool Ministry Team Meeting 6:30pm	6 Praise Team, Puppets, Music Tyme 6pm Prayer/Bible Study; RA's, GA's, MF's, MOB 7pm Finance Team Mtg 8pm	7 Women's Bible Study 9a.m. & 6:30pm Making Disciples not Converts 7-8:30pm	8	9 Church Clean Up Day 10am
10 MISSIONS, Youth NOW CDC - 1pm VIP Service 2:30pm	11	12 Baptist Women 9:30am	13 Praise Team, Puppets, Music Tyme 6pm Prayer/Bible Study; RA's, GA's, MF's, MOB 7pm	14 Women's Bible Study 9a.m. & 6:30pm	15	16 Student Ministry Day Adult Date Night pray for GBA
17 Bible Study, Youth NOW CDC - 1pm Deacon's Mtg 2pm	18	19	20 Praise Team, Puppets, Music Tyme 6pm Prayer/Bible Study; RA's, GA's, MF's, MOB 7pm	21 Women's Bible Study 9a.m. & 6:30pm Listening Lab 9:am-12:30	22	
24 Potluck 12pm Bible Study, Youth NOW CDC - 1pm LRPT Mtg - 2pm	25	26	27 Praise Team, Puppets, Music Tyme 6pm Prayer/Bible Study; RA's, GA's, MF's, MOB 7pm	28 Women's Bible Study 9a.m. & 6:30pm	29	

Tidbits

***CELEBRATION!!!!** We will celebrate in baptism for seven new salvation decisions this month! Praise the Lord for He is worthy!!!!

*Church council meetings are now taking place on a quarterly basis, but all Ministry Team leaders and church members are encouraged to communicate all ministry updates through our monthly newsletter. Please turn in all correspondence to Dawn by the 18th of each month.

*You can view the newsletter on our website at: www.cpconnect.org/newsletter.php

*Brian and Brandy Taylor have discontinued their home phone line. You may reach them at their cell phone numbers: **Brian** 618-540-4224 and **Brandy** 618-540-3578