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# THE POINT

## CROSSPOINT CHURCH

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### Remember This Holy Week

**Palm Sunday**—Also known as Passion Sunday, this Sunday before Easter remembers Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem near the end of a public ministry – this year it is on Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Maundy Thursday** – The Thursday before Easter remembers the night before Jesus died, when he shared a “last supper” with his friends and washed their feet as a sign of the “new commandment”, namely that they love one another.

**Good Friday** – Called “good” because of all the wonder and meaning that flowed from it. This is the day when Jesus was handed over for trial, tortured, forced to carry his cross through the streets of Jerusalem, nailed to the cross, and allowed to die a slow and agonizing death.

**Easter Sunday** – This Year, Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. This documented resurrection gives us hope of eternal life in our Savior, Christ Jesus.

*Come Celebrate  
Our Risen Lord*



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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:

The old saying goes, “March, in like a lion out like a lamb.” Well I need to change that just a bit. The phrase around here this month is going to be more like “In like a lion out like a herd of stampeding elephants!” Yeah, March is going to be a busy month as we prepare for the volunteer team to arrive. As we prepare though it can become so easy to get busy but neglect the important.

I know we have set a goal for May 23 to start seeing the new building start rising to the sky but the building is not the only objective for this year. I know we will spend lots of time and energy getting it finished but we cannot neglect the really important things taking place.

We still need to support and participate in our regular activities. Let’s not get lulled into the trap of waiting for the new building before we get more involved. Right now is the time to come back to Wednesday night prayer meeting and join the rest of us as we pray. Sunday afternoon Bible study is another opportunity for growth and blessing but lots of folks are missing out for other (important?) things. So decide today how you will take part in an exciting springtime at Crosspoint.

Let me also add a note about some upcoming opportunities to be involved. On Sunday nights at 6:00 O’clock we are leading in an apartment Bible study at Wyndham Terrace apartments in Wood River. We are also preparing for the best VBS we have ever had and we will follow that up by taking part in The Gateway Community outreach where we will volunteer to help rehab houses for some lower-resourced families in Granite City and Alton. We have also set a goal to open the doors of our new community center before school starts this fall.

There are so many opportunities to be involved outside of Sunday morning attendance. Get involved and get a bigger blessing this year. Hey, where will you be when those elephants come stampeding your way? Don’t try to jump out of the way, jump on board and become part of the great and huge movement!

I love being your pastor!

*VBS 2008*



The planning is under way for VBS. We are in the process of preparing for the Teachers Rally on March 30th at 2:00pm.--At this meeting we will hand out all of the leader’s materials and go over all of the details, changes, room assignments, etc. It is very important that every worker/teacher/person involved be at this meeting. The associational VBS clinic is scheduled for April 24th at Calvary.--I want to stress the importance of everybody attending this clinic. You will be receiving a flyer about this soon. We are also planning a Teachers Appreciation Luau in May.--This will be a fun party to let all of the workers/teachers know how much we appreciate you. It will be an escape to Hawaii! Look for more details to come. Please start praying, if you haven't already, for every aspect of VBS. Wouldn't be great if we were in our new building for VBS!

Brandy



**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 2nd — Joyce Huff
- 3rd— Art Atkinson
- 9th— Jim A. Bizaillion
- 11th—Kiersten Huff
- 15th — Anita Lucas
- 16th— Mary Ball
- 16th— Virginia Smith
- 22nd— Erin Gallacci
- 22nd— Ashley Hardy
- 25th— Ina Ramsey

**Happy Anniversary March**

- 4th — Art & Marie Borger
- 5th— Richard & Teresa Clouse
- 17th— Lowell & Delores Bush
- 18th— Terry & Allyson Campbell
- 24th— James & Tara Smith
- 26th— Dale & LaVerl Hilyard



The Children's Discipleship Class has been working very hard on learning the books of the Old Testament. Congratulations to Sarah Ilch, Sierra Smith, Alexis Stumpf, Cree Stumpf, Dakota Stumpf, Chase Taylor, Corey Taylor, and Mackenzie Taylor. They have completely memorized all the books of the Old Testament. Way to go guys!! In March, our focus will be on the Ten Commandments. Please continue to pray for the children as they focus on God's word.

In Christ's Love,  
Samantha Stumpf

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES**

**Preschool**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: AM: Allyson, Josh C, Anna  
PM: Yvonne, Ashley
- 5<sup>th</sup>: PM: Jeana, Opal
- 9<sup>th</sup>: AM: Angela, Chris F.  
PM: Kasey, Cassie
- 12<sup>th</sup>: PM: Tara, Dawn
- 16<sup>th</sup>: AM: Amanda, Brad  
PM: Brenda, Mary F
- 19<sup>th</sup>: PM: Teresa, Brandy
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: AM: Deb, Kasey, Christen  
PM: Angela
- 26<sup>th</sup>: PM: Brenda, Mary F
- 30<sup>th</sup>: AM: Ashley, Cassie  
PM: Amanda, Mary F

**Children's Story**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Josh Ilch
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Carolyn Baron
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Tony Rangel
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Anna Broadfoot
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Brad Whetzel

**Children's Church**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kasey Clouse & Amanda Clouse
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Anna Broadfoot, Christen Clouse
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Nelson & Pat Dwiggs
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Brad Whetzel, Amanda Clouse
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Puppets

**Greeters**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Russell & Carolyn Baron
- 9<sup>th</sup>: The Whitehead Family
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Hershel & Brenda Taylor
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Bud & LaVern Smith
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Opal Jones, Debbie Blackard

**Security**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Giles Clowers
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Jim A. Bizaillion
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Len Fisher
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Will Cunningham
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Russell Baron

**Ushers**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim Bizaillion, Ben Fisher, Gage Dwiggs
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Tony Rangel, Will Cunningham, Bud Smith
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Russell Baron, Nathan Hardy, Jacob Lawrence
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Mike Huff, Josh Clouse, Chris Fraser
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Hershel Taylor, Ben Fisher, Gage Dwiggs

**Meals**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Fisher, Jeana Burrus
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Samantha Stumpf, Deb Rangel, Tara Smith
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Brandy Taylor, Connie Anderson
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Clouse & Huff Family
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Potluck



## Preschool Ministry Team News & Notes

The team did not meet due to illness, etc. Many of our parents and children have been ill, as well. Please pray for continued health and healing for those of us in the preschool departments, as well as those in the children's departments. Many of us who work in the extended sessions are working 2-4 times a month due to lack of workers. Please pray about what God would have you do to serve Him in our preschool area. It really isn't hard and you will definitely be blessed! God's Word tells us that we are to be like little children: *And He said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like **little children**, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*(Matthew 18:3, NIV). Also, in Matthew 19:14, we read: *Jesus said, "Let the **little children** come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* How are our children going to come to Him, unless we point them the Way. You will find great joy in reading a Bible story, playing a game, and singing a praise song to our littlest ones, thus pointing them to Jesus. Please see me if God has laid this on your heart.

We would also like to thank Barb Myers and Samantha Stumpf for finding us a new changing table. It is wonderful and much safer for our little ones. We would also like to thank our members for donating the funds to purchase it. Stop by our department and see it!

I will be having a meeting in the near future for anyone who is interested in sharing some ideas about the preschool area in the new church. It will be a brief meeting after a Sunday afternoon service in March. If you have ideas but can't be there, please write them down and hand them to me or put them in my box outside the office.

Mary Fisher, Preschool Director

## Missions

We would like to thank Pat Dwiggin for serving in Mission Friends. Pat has been a faithful leader for our young children. Christina and Jeremy Fletcher are now assuming that position. We are thankful they have felt led to teach our children in the missions group.

March is the month for our Annie Armstrong emphasis. We learn of work going on in North America, Guam, and Samoa. You will receive a prayer guide explaining the work and needs of 8 missionaries. Please pray for them as they try to discover ways to build relationships and lead people to Christ. Make March a month of prayer for our homeland. You will also receive an offering envelope. We encourage you to give as God leads and even a small amount given in His name will be blessed.

Rick Patrick will be here to share mission needs on Mar. 9th in the 1 PM service. Please mark your calendar, plan to be here that day to learn of plans for future mission support.

The Gateway Assoc. is planning to do rehab of housing in Granite City and Alton during the week of July 23-30. Many volunteers, adults and youth are needed to complete as much work as possible. Those who have interest in "fixing up" as well as people who can help provide breakfast, lunches, and water are needed. As more information comes, you will be asked to serve if possible. Let us all be in prayer about this time. Many families will be touched, and given an opportunity to listen to those witnessing to win those who are lost.

We are still collecting Campbell Soup labels. Put them in the box over the coat rack in the foyer. GA's are collecting tooth paste and toothbrushes to go into The Shoe Boxes as Christmas. They may ask for other items later to fill those boxes.

Keep looking UP!  
Yvonne, WMU Dir.



## *A Note from the Music Minister*

To all,

These last few months have been awesome. It is amazing to see how we can be used by God. I think we can all agree we have been doing the Lord's work, and in return have been blessed. I want to make sure I am doing all I can do to help everyone worship in a way that is pleasing only to Him. I am asking for any suggestions for songs that we can learn. Maybe an old song we haven't done in a while. Maybe a new one you've heard that you really like. I don't want our worship to "Get in a rut". I hope you know how much I love to lead worship, and how important it is to me that I am actually leading and not just someone who plays the music. I want all of you to experience the blessing of true worship. When you give all you have to the point of exhaustion and still stand with the power from the Lord.

I also want to remind everyone that March has another 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, and I would love to have more volunteers. You don't have to be the best singer to praise the Lord. I prove that every week. If it is nerves, just remember who you're singing for, and pray for strength. You never know who your song will speak to. Whose life will change by the message in your song? Kind of changes the whole concept doesn't it? I hope you will consider if God has laid it on your heart.

If you have something you want to sing for special music, or if you have a request for a song someone else has done let me know.

Brian



**Student Outreach:** We have had a couple of events over the past few months: Happy Birthday, Jesus Party and PJ/Movie Party. The turn out for these events was not as big as we had hoped for so we are trying to rethink and revamp some of the things that we have tried. We want everything that we do to be the most effective and to reach the most kids in the community. The next event that we are planning is a Mini Sports Camp in April. We will need a lot of volunteers, especially men. So, if you are knowledgeable about a particular sport or just want to help give some kids some love, please see Brandy, Samantha or Tara. We will have all sorts of jobs for you to help with.

We had the first annual Children's Ministry Day on Saturday, Feb. 16. We had 9 kids and 11 adults participate. We handed out 20 baskets, 4 of which we gave to older church members that aren't as able to get out. The kids got to see the importance of doing missions, not just learning about it. Next year, it would be great to see all of the kids in the church involved. Thanks to all who donated money and helped deliver the baskets. A huge THANK YOU to all of you who help at all of these events, we could not do them without your help and support.

### Community Center:

Just imagine: The first day of school-August 2008- the doors open to reveal a new building, in place of the current one. Inside is everything we need to run a fully functioning community center. All of which has been totally provided by God. Our God is so big and HE is totally capable of providing this.

This is the dream that Teresa and I have. We both know that God has given us a passion and dream for the community center. There are a lot of hurting kids in our community that just need a place to belong and feel loved.

I just wanted to give a short update on the plans for the community center. We had a great meeting with Chet from the C.A.C. in East St. Louis. We received a lot of information and good tips. We are looking at naming it, "The Refuge". This name is based off of a scripture in Psalms and we just feel that it says exactly what we see the community center as being. "A safe place from the world." There isn't a lot that we can do until we know more specifically when the church will be out. There are a lot of legal aspects and formalities that we have to iron out, but nothing too big. Teresa and I both have a complete peace that all of this will fall into place and we are not worried about any of it. We have a big God and this is His community center, so it will take place because He wants it to. Please be in prayer that Teresa and I will stay focused, and that our faith will continue to be strong. We will continue to give you updates as we get more information.

We serve an awesome God! I can't wait to see all that He is going to do through us!

In Christ Service,  
Brandy



### Upcoming Events

- March 1<sup>st</sup> – VBS Training Gateway Association
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Preschool Ministry Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – Finance Team Meeting 8p.m.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> – Missionary Rick Patrick 1p.m.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> – VIP 2:30 p.m.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Baptist Women 9:30 a.m.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – YAH meeting 11:30 a.m.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – Listening Lab 9-12:30
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Adult Game Night – 6p.m. – please bring appetizers
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – Good Friday
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service 8a.m.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> – breakfast 8:30 a.m. – NO Afternoon services
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sing 1p.m.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – 2pm VBS Teachers Rally

**\*\*\*Special Note: Please make all checks payable to our new church name\*\*\*  
**CROSSPOINT. Our bank account is no longer under 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Baptist Church.****

**Thank You**