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Share the Hope, Share the Resurrection Story!

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come; see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Who will you tell?



Matt 28:1-8

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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

CIA, Mission Friends, & 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:

Now that Spring is starting to spring we are once again reminded of the majesty of God and the wonder of His creation. Every year about this same time the earth begins to seemingly come alive again. Lying dormant for several months; grass, trees, flowers and animals seem to re-emerge from their long winter's rest and the process of life is evident once again. Even the opossum family living under our front porch is ready for another summer (more on that at another time).

The Apostle Paul wrote about a spiritual re-awakening that should be taking place within the heart and soul of every believer. A renewal of the "signs" that indicate Christ's presence coming alive and in a way that is visibly evident. The visible evidence part is the key to abundant living. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul tells us we are new creatures. The old is supposed to be dead and the new is continuing to happen. This renewal is possible only through a love relationship with God. Not just saying we love Him but actually producing the fruit of that love. Read Colossians 3:1-11 and notice the ways our love for God is manifested in the way we deal with sin, get along with one-another and our desire to be obedient to the Father.

Jesus tells us if we love Him we will keep His commandments (John 14:15). What specifically are we doing to keep His commandments in our lives? Do we love one another? Do we watch and pray so we do not enter into temptation? Do we give as He directed and love as He directed and serve as He commanded? Many of us say yes and I suppose we do mostly to make ourselves feel better. But let me ask us all a question that requires a totally honest response.

Since Jesus said if we love Him we will keep His commandments, our only appropriate response is to say yes we do or no we don't. If we say yes (and I am sure we all did) then are we keeping His commandments? So here is the question; what is the visible sign(s) you are keeping His commandments? How does it show? What is the evidence beyond how you feel or act or think? What are we doing so a lost world can identify us as being part of His Kingdom?

So now the challenge is set before us. As the season changes so should we. I look outside and see visible evidence that creation is coming alive once again. When I look at my life (you do it too) what evidence do I see, or the world sees, that makes my relationship with God obvious? Since I claim to be a new creature what ways does it show? Now that is a challenge we need to embrace and fall in love with isn't it?

I love being your pastor!

Brother Rich



**Celebrating Birthdays and
Anniversaries at Crosspoint
March/April/May 2009**

MARCH

- 1 Al & Sue Parker (A)
- 2 Joyce Huff (B)
- 4 Art & Marie Borger (A)
- 5 Richard & Teresa Clouse (A)
- 6 Jamie Mills (B)
- 9 Jim A. Bizaillion (B)
- 11 Kiersten Huff (B)
- 16 Mary Ball (B)
- Virginia Smith (B)
- 17 Lowell & Delores Bush (A)
- 18 Terry & Allyson Campbell (A)
- 22 Erin Gallacci (B)
- Ashley Hardy (B)
- 24 James & Tara Smith (A)
- 25 Ina Ramsey (B)
- 26 Dale & Laverl Hilyard (A)

APRIL

- 2 Chris Fraser (B)
- 6 Ethan Broadfoot (B)
- 11 Edith Carlisle (B)
- 12 Russell Baron (B)
- 18 Dylan Smith (B)
- 21 Ann Jones (B)
- 29 Will & Chris Cunningham(A)
- Emily Anderson (B)

MAY

- 1 Del & Betty Sexton (A)
- 4 Michael Ilch (B)
- Alexis Stumpf (B)
- Sue Parker (B)
- 5 Valerie Whitehead (B)
- 9 Russell & Carolyn Baron (A)
- 10 Josh Clouse (B)
- 13 Jacob Clendenny (B)
- 17 Betty Sexton (B)
- 19 Len & Mary Fisher (A)
- 20 Brad & Kris Whetzel (A)
- Jeana Burrus (B)
- 25 Brad Whetzel (B)



Children In Action

Hello from the C I A!!!!!!

We have been studying about missionaries the Garrett family, in Jacksonville, Florida. Family-Fest for job fair ideas; gifts in different sizes; and different talents; Disaster van ministry; counseling that makes them available to all types of situations. We found out through job fair presentations from our leaders how to apply biblical training towards our professions in life. We are learning to use tools like bible study, Sunday school and Pastor Richard's sermons to apply and learn and grow each time we hear God's word, then we can share and care in different ways to honor our Lord.

In April, we are learning to walk and pray house to house. Reaching to homeless people through having the children give can goods to build up a food gift. We may possibly visit a homeless shelter one Wednesday night. We want to teach the kids what homeless is and how they try to survive. Pray with our children for Hope for the Homeless.

Thanks to our CIA team for their efforts each week ! (Hugh Barton, Christen Meyer, Josh Armstrong, & Will Cunningham)
May God Bless and Direct Our Efforts of Teaching for His Glory!

**CIA (Children in Action 1st thru 6th Grade)
Bro. Mike Huff**

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching. We ask the church to continue to pray for all the aspects of Vacation Bible School. The VBS clinic will be on Thursday, April 23rd at Grace Baptist Church in Granite City. Registration is at 6pm and the clinic will start at 6:30p.m. We will hand out VBS flyers on July 15th, teachers rally is July 16th at 7pm. We decorate for VBS on July 18th from 9a.m. to noon (please come out to help). The VBS Block Party will be on July 18th from noon to 3pm. VBS will take place the week of July 19th - 23rd with Family Night on July 24th at 6pm. Please mark your calendars for these events and contact Jamie if you have any questions.

Love in Christ, Jamie Mills--Director



Preschool Ministry

Preschool Ministry Team Report January, 2009

The team met on Feb 23rd to review the Preschool Handbook and the scheduling for the preschool area. Scheduling is very difficult since we have fewer workers signed up from the Ministry Job Fair and we have more children than last year. Please be praying that God will send workers and continue to grow our Preschool Program to minister to all of the children as well as their parents. The Preschool Ministry Team is also making sure that we are current by implementing the CANTS form from the DCFS office to our procedures. Mary will be passing these forms out to all Preschool workers as soon as she is notified of which form we are to use.

All young people, ages 12-15, that are interested in participating in the preschool junior ministry team: That would be those interested in working and being mentored once every other month on Sunday mornings in the preschool area? Please see or call Mary Fisher and she will set a date for the first training session.

Thanks!
Mary Fisher
Preschool Director



Mothers of Preschooler's is still meeting and would love for you to join us the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30pm. If you are a mother of an infant, or have a child who has not yet completed kindergarten, or know someone who is, please encourage them to find out about the MOPS program.

You can contact Angela Clendenny at 618-717-0042 for more information on this program.

Thank you for your support in this ministry!
Angela Clendenny – Crosspoint MOPS Coordinator

Missions

If you plan on participating in Mission Spectacular, please fill out a form and give Jeremy Fletcher \$20. It should be in by April 8th. This is a one day mission experience where we can reach out to those who need help in the metro east.

Our Annie Armstrong offering goal is \$600 and we will collect through Easter Sunday. Please give, even if you cannot give much. Every dollar goes to mission efforts here in N. America and Canada. We have over 5,000 serving to reach people and win them to Jesus.

Summer camp will be here in June at Sallateeska. I have the dates and cost so please see me if you plan to go. There are camps for grades 4-6, 7-12 and MOTHER--DAUGHTER overnights for any age. It will be fun and a learning experience. You may call me to find out details--254-3780.

Pray for Jay in the mission field. Jay is working with two other guys. They are in some dangerous territory. They asked for prayer that they can be led by God to reach these unsaved people groups. Also, they are learning to speak the language. Pray for their health and discernment on just how they are to reach out to the unsaved. We agreed to partner with them in prayer as a church.

Corrie TenBoom said "ARE YOU USING PRAYER AS A STEERING WHEEL OR JUST A SPARE TIRE? That should make us more diligent in our prayers. Sometimes we are asked to do something we have never done before. You can do it. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil. 4:16.

Keep Looking UP!
Yvonne

Tidbits

Carpenter's for Christ 2009 Mission Project will take place May 29th through June 5th in Palestine, Indiana. They will be building a church there. The Carpenters have invited our men to join their brotherhood efforts in this mission project. If you are interested in going with them, please call the office for more details.

Son Rise Easter services will be held at the new building on Wanda Road on Sunday, April 12th at 8a.m. We will go back to the church at Biltmore and have breakfast at 8:30a.m. Sunday school will begin early at 9:30, Morning worship at 10:30. There will be no lunch and no afternoon services. Happy Resurrection Day!

VIP – our VIP services will now be on the 3rd Sunday of each month instead of the 2nd. We have switched weeks with Whitelaw Avenue Baptist Church.

Congratulations to Erin Gallacci for making Varsity Cheerleader her freshman year! GO Erin!!!

Please be praying for our PUPPET Team and the MOB for their witness in the upcoming One Way Street Competition (April 17th and 18th). May they shine the light for Jesus!

The Annie Armstrong Easter offering will be taken from now through Easter (April 12th). Please be encouraged to give to help the missionaries around the world.

♪♪♪♪ NEW PLACES, NEW FACES ♪♪♪♪

Greetings from the Praise Team,

Some of you, okay, all of you have probably noticed a slight change in the Praise Team.

Yes, we've changed. I no longer stand next to the piano! (Ha Ha) The New Year and Job fair have brought new members to the Team, Rhonda Norris and Chris Fraser. We are thrilled to have their voices on the platform. We would also like to welcome back Cassie Fisher and Josh and Dawn Ilch. I'd like to thank Anna Broadfoot for helping the Praise Team get through a time of uncertainty. So enough of the formalities! We are up and moving and you, the congregation, are GREAT during worship service. You are singing to the Lord with praise and adoration.

Psalms 7:17 NIV

I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

Easter is fast approaching and there are many wonderful things planned for worship service on April 5th and Easter Sunday—April 14th. If you have a special talent and would like to be part of the worship service, please get in touch with me and we can work out a date. So sing on and sing out brothers and sisters. Let the Lord hear your love.

In Christ,

Stephanie McNealy

stephaniemcnealy@yahoo.com

Crosspoint Teen/Youth

As many of you know the teen youth group is under new leadership this year. The current leaders are Jeremy & Christina Fletcher, Ben Fisher, & Will Cunningham, assisted additionally by Chris Fraser. This year the youth is appointing youth representatives to be a sort of “middle man” between adult leadership and the youth. The appointed youth reps this year are Christen Clouse and Jacob Lawrence. We hope to support these two young individuals in sending them to Super Summer 2009 (June 23-27th). The fee for attending is \$195 per person. We will, of course, be looking at different ways of raising the funds necessary to send our two youth representatives and other youth who are interested (based on the available funding). If you would like to donate funds towards sending youth to Super Summer, please indicate in the check memo that you wish the funds to be deposited into the youth account for Super Summer. Super Summer is a serious training and learning experience that is geared towards those who are absolutely serious about growing in their faith and putting their faith into action. For example, the theme for Christen and Jacob’s group is “Accountability” and “Staying Christian in College.” We have full faith this will be a great experience for any that are able to attend and pray that God will provide the funding for those He wills to attend. Another major event in planning is a mission trip to the Baptist Children’s Home in Carmi, IL. This trip will occur August 2-5th this year. We are very excited about this mission opportunity and will continue to provide more information about the trip as the date approaches. As far as teaching, Ben Fisher is currently teaching Christian basics in a weekly Sunday afternoon “Christian Apologetics” course. Additionally, Will Cunningham and Christina Fletcher rotate weekly in teaching the teen Sunday school class.

We love our teen youth and are excited to lead them and hopefully help to ignite a passion for Christ in each one of them. We hope to offer many fun and exciting faith-building opportunities for them this year and greatly appreciate the support and prayers of everyone at Crosspoint.

Jeremy Fletcher



Crosspoint Evangelism and Outreach

For those of you who don’t know, Crosspoint now has an Evangelism and Outreach team! This team currently consists of Matt & Stephanie McNealy, Jeremy & Christina Fletcher, and Teresa Clouse. One of the major goals of this team is “to provide training, opportunities, and resources to encourage the church to engage ‘lostness’.” We are currently in the process of brainstorming ideas and looking at ways we can accomplish this mission in our church body. In beginning this process, the team is seeking to survey each ministry within the church to assess 1) What evangelism and outreach is already occurring & 2) In what ways the team can be of assistance. We are asking each team leader and/or individual who is involved in any sort of ministry (e.g. teaching, drama, music, etc.) to please complete the following questions and submit them to the evangelism/outreach team:

- 1) In what ways do you evangelize in your ministry (e.g. sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, sharing God’s Word from the Bible, etc.)?*
- 2) In what ways do you outreach in your ministry (e.g. cheerful & loving service to others)?*
- 3) How could the evangelism/outreach team assist you in these areas (e.g. training, opportunities, resources, etc.)?*

We appreciate all input that can help us as a team effectively serve our church body, and, above all, to serve our Heavenly Father. We’ll keep the church posted as plans and opportunities develop. In the meantime, continue to put your faith in action, lovingly serving others and sharing Jesus with the world around you.

Jeremy Fletcher