



Crossroads

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Crossroads Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a welcoming family of God where people can be restored one heart at a time and become fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Highlights

Back in February, we constructed a permanent stage. It took about four days to build with a crew of 6 people. While it is not fully completed, we are slowly finishing it up. Here are some things to watch for in the future: the mic and instrument cables will disappear (they will be routed under the stage), the front steps will become carpeted, there is talk of just painting the top and we are hoping to do something about the face of the stage in the upcoming weeks. If you are a person who loves to sew, we are looking for someone to make a skirt for the stage. You can talk to Pastor Jason or Kevin Bicking at 712-362-2538 or his email at kevandsuecrew@msn.com.

During the month there was an average attendance of 160 and an average offering of \$1,827.05/week. The website had 129 people during the month that stopped in 191 times and viewed 764 pages. Are you in one of these statistics?!

On the website there is now a flash video of the services and Kidzone nights. It can be viewed directly on site without download.

News Flash from the Room Above

Not much new here, still learning the new soundboard/mixer that was donated this past year. About 2 months ago we also purchased a much better and needed DVD recorder. With the help of Good News's Media department we chose one that is providing to be well worth it. With all these gadgets at our disposal we are always looking for fresh volunteers to help run things during Sunday morning, KidZone, worship practice and other special events that happen from time to time. This coming May and June the core of our media team will be taking vacation. Now is the time to jump in and get your feet wet. If you are interested please contact Kevin Bicking or Susan Petersen.

*New Member Class
will be starting
soon. Contact
Pastor for times.*



Baptisms

*Ashley Selner was
baptized and gave
her testimony
March 15.*



Births

*Abigail Marie
Reighard
born Feb 24
Ruby Irene Gosch
Moffit born Jan 24*



*There are welcome
boxes in the back
of the church for
those new to our
family*



Fundraisers for Mission trip

*Bake sale - April 5
Potato Bar - April 19*

Outreach News

Motherhood – meeting once a month when possible. When they meet they talk, pray together, and sing songs of praise. A special testimony was given by Susan – “With God all things are possible” at their last get together. It was a heart moving story.

Kidzone - Kidzone has started a new series. They are now learning about the miracles of Jesus. The new verse for this series is Psalm 96:1-6. The kids have done so well in their giving they are now sponsoring two children and a missionary. You can see them on the back map.

Crossfire Youth are planning a trip to Mexico again in July. They have had two fundraisers; the Valentines dinner and a Jr High Dance and Game night. The next two fundraisers will be a Bake sale April 5th and a Potato Bar after church on April 19th.

Women’s Ministry – The women have just finished a Beth More Bible Study entitled *To Live is Christ*. This study went through the life of Christ. The next study to start this month is *Believing God*.

Praise Team will be practicing on Thursdays nights at 6:30 pm this month. As well as practices, auditions for both vocal and instrumental will be as follows: The vocal will be a three month committal and 1st practice day in Jan, April, July and Oct, and the instrumental will be a 6 month committal with the 1st practice in Jan and July.

Middle School Youth will be going on a retreat to Okoboji during the weekend of April 3-5.

“Hymns & Hers” Small Group Studies has begun led by Jay & Judy Clarke. Some old favorite hymns will be looked at during some good fellowship.

Sunday 6:30 at 1332 N 15th St

Prayer Updates

Updates will be placed on the website, as well as those we regularly pray for.

Amy Jessen had more surgery pray for her recovery
Steve McCauley's mom Jean has cancer is taking therapy.

Praises

Ruby, infant granddaughter of Brian & Annie Moffitt, is home. Born 2 months premature at 3 lbs 15 oz she is now 7 lbs and growing!

College Happenings

This Spring Break I went on PLIA. PLIA is a student run short term mission trips over spring break. PLIA stands for Putting Love Into Action. There were about 10 groups of about 10-12 students each that went. I went to Mendenhall, Mississippi. There we worked in the community and also on the Mendenhall Ministries Farm. I went with 9 other students. We did alot of different services including painting, working with goats, building chicken coups and clearing fences.

One experience that I really enjoyed was working for Mrs. Fletcher. She is the pastors wife. We painted her mother’s house. Her mother has Alzheimers, and her home has gotten broken into many times. While we were painting, Mrs. Fletcher told us about her experience growing up as a black person in a racist state. Another experience that I really enjoyed was working with a goat guy from Africa. We all just called him the goat guy since his name was really long and hard to pronounce. We helped him work his goats by helping him catch and hold the small goats. I even got to put a tag in one of the goat’s ears.

I really appreciated the time that was spent getting to know new people on the trip and serving with them. Sometimes we did not always get along but we had a lot of fun together helping out in the community and at the Mendenhall Ministries farm. When we were there we had to cook our own food. The girls were the one to do the cooking and the boys washed dishes. They sometimes complained since we used a lot of dishes on some meals.

PLIA has impacted me by showing me a different culture. We went there to help the community out. They really appreciated our help. However, going down there showed me what living in the Faith of Jesus is really about. Since the people there don’t always have everything they need, they are really always trusting and looking to God every day and every hour of their lives. This showed me how fortunate we are to live where there is not alot of poverty. It also showed me that when trusting in God not everyone is unhappy with the way they are living, even if they don’t live with much, God supplies.

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