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Who We Are

Our Mission

Connecting people to Christ...
Equipping them for life!

Our Vision

Our five-year vision is that by 2016 we would be: A dynamic community of joyful believers experiencing the life-transforming power of Jesus Christ, our hearts ablaze with love for God, love for one another, and love for a needy world; where the atmosphere is charged with inspirational teaching, fervent prayer, passionate worship, extravagant generosity, and a spirit of expectancy, all to the glory of God.

Our Affiliation

Crosspoint is part of Converge PacWest, the Northwest District of Converge Worldwide (formerly known as the Baptist General Conference).
Converge's focus is to *Connect, Ignite, and Transform: Connecting God's people around God's purposes, that He might ignite movements of reproduction for the purpose of transforming lives and communities with Christ's love and truth.*

From Pastor Pat

Buckle your seatbelts for the JOY ride of your life! We've started a new sermon series: *J.O.Y. A study through Philipians*. Philipians is a letter written by the Apostle Paul whose life circumstances gave him every reason to give up on life, himself & anything having to do with God. But he didn't quit. No. In fact, he wrote letters to a few churches—one of those letters we know as the book of Philipians.

The message of Philipians reveals Paul's disposition and is desperately needed by all ages in the church today. Although there are many themes suggested by various preachers and teachers, we're centering in on the theme of JOY. As we dive into Philipians, we will learn what it means to experience real joy—individually and as a community of Christ followers.

In my "kick off" message on May 18, we saw the theme of joy in all four chapters:

- Chapter 1 - JOY IN LIVING FOR CHRIST
- Chapter 2 - JOY IN SERVING CHRIST
- Chapter 3 - JOY IN KNOWING CHRIST
- Chapter 4 - JOY IN RESTING IN CHRIST

And, we were reminded of our identity as Christ followers:

- SAINTS in Christ
- SLAVES of Christ
- SERVANT-LEADERS for Christ

Remember our **five year vision** (established in 2011)... if we truly live according to our identity in Christ, through the Spirit's empowerment, Crosspoint will become: *A dynamic community of 600 joyful believers experiencing the life-transforming power of Jesus Christ, our hearts ablaze with love for God, love for one another, and love for a needy world; where the atmosphere is charged with inspirational teaching, fervent prayer, passionate worship, extravagant generosity, and a spirit of expectancy, all to the Glory of God.*

Let's make every effort to faithfully gather with one another each Sunday. Invite your friends, and receive what God has for each of us, and live for Jesus Christ!



Child Dedication

Father's Day
Sunday, June 15th



at **9:49am**
in the

Worship Center

If you would like your child to participate, contact the church office at 528-6321

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Baptism
Sunday, June 22nd
at **9:49am**
in the
Worship Center

Contact Karen Larsen in the church office: 528-6321
or email karenl@crosspointsr.org

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Discovering Membership Seminar

Sunday, June 22nd
at **12:30pm**
in the
Ministry Center

Are you new to Crosspoint?
Want to find out who we are and what we believe?
Interested in becoming a member?

Sign up at the kiosk or at crosspointsr.org/signups

Lunch is provided.
Child Care available upon request.

Contact Karen Larsen : 528-6321
or email karenl@crosspointsr.org

Family Ministry Corner

We are moving toward authentic community, in our church and with our young families.

So what does that mean? We talk a lot about doing life together, and about authenticity, but how is that lived out?

The meaning of something like “authentic community” is simply living life together the way God intended. Living within a Christ-centered community. Focusing on how we can hold each other accountable, encourage each other, and spread the gospel.

That community is growing within our young families, as we're spending time together regularly, finding ways to meet each other's needs, and praying for each other as we look for opportunities to share the gospel.

One of Crosspoint's main values is having Christ-centered relationships, and that looks different for different people.

But for all of us this means we should have others within the church whom we are encouraging, holding accountable, and spurring on to share the gospel. It means being in discipleship relationships, following the lead of those older in the faith and encouraging those who are younger.

Momentum is taking steps in that direction, and so should we all as we work on doing “church” the way God intended!



Mike Baker,
Pastor of Family Ministries

Bethel Children's Center

KINDERGARTEN-READY OR NOT!

When I was a young child, my best friend was a black and white Spaniel; his name was Freckles. We were quite a pair.... We dabbled in the toilet; he drank, I played. We shared his kibble and he looked quite handsome with a light application of my mom's lipstick.

In those days, the Kindergarten cut-off for birthdays was mid-March. Needless to say, mom was eager for the September start of school. The fact that I was a scatter-brain and barely 4½ years old was not a concern. I can remember feeling overwhelmed by the expectations of school and out-of-step with my peer group. I lived in fear of one teacher who threatened to fail me due to sloppy handwriting and unfinished math pages.

I was always late and my desk was a mess. I lost coats, jackets, sweaters and lunch pails. I felt like an odd duck.

This story is not about self-congratulations. Rather, it explains why I am passionate about the issues of readiness for the young child, prior to the start of formal education.

I suspect that the disheveled, forgetful, lazy girl who confounded her mom and teachers was simply exhibiting “young behavior.”

I think when a young child is faced with tasks and a social environment that are both developmentally over-challenging, it is very difficult to catch up. And from my personal experience, it's not much fun.

It makes me sad to think I may have missed out on 17 years of feeling capable! I encourage parents to consider carefully the question of readiness prior to the start of Kindergarten. At Bethel Children's Center, we feel we have given children the “Gift of Time” when they spend their 5-year-old year in a preschool setting.

God bless,
Linda Hinkle,
Children's Center Director



For more information about Bethel Children's Center, please visit our website:
bethelchildrenscenter.com

Missions

Thanks for sharing in the heart of God's love for our world.

This month we share exciting news and prayer requests from Forrest and Purity Haskins, our missionaries in Tanzania.

"Dear friends,

In late March we had a six-person contingent of visitors from a sister church in Arusha. It was an encouragement to visit our Datooga friends and neighbors and share His love. For many years they've prayed for and supported various Datooga evangelists and local churches in our Lake Eyasi area. Praise God for grass-roots outreach initiatives like these .

May winds, April showers, bring forth May... THIRST? That's right. What with our man-made reservoir busting a major leak at the spillway, water left just as quickly as it came. What was supposed to be a desert savior for the 40 homesteads in our village is instead a big pool of greenish-brown mud. The cows even sneer and turn away refusing to drink the mucky water on top. So sad. There is simply not enough water to keep cattle here in Mohedagew. I escorted a friend and his 30 head of cattle up toward the mountain camp that will be his home for the next 9 months. Please be in prayer with us for this very practical need for reliable, clean water in our village.

After some positive signs among local women- especially of surging interest in spiritual discussions and desire to join our church- things have quieted down. There is a high level of fear. Fear of ditching Datooga

customs and culture that have been handed down from generation to generation for centuries. The women can't see how joining this church movement of Jesus followers will benefit them in days ahead where they will be lacking food, medicine, and other help. Please join us in a season of prayer for blind eyes to see the need to repent of sin and confess Jesus as Lord.

In other news, we got a new(er) car!



KASAHONU

We jumped from the year 1993 to 2000 with a LandCruiser upgrade and in the process shaved some 200,000kms+ off the engine life. Our car is named "Kasahonu" (kasa in Swahili means "green turtle" and "honu" is the same in Hawaiian). I had bought a little sticker of a green turtle, stepping out in faith...and the car is forest green!

Praise the Lord for providing and a BIG THANK YOU to all who gave so generously toward this. May God bless you for your generosity! We are one, very thankful family!!

In His grip, The Haskins."

Carlos and Margarita Capurro.

Amazing Grays– Seniors

"Let's Go Eat Pop Corn with Paul"

The seniors are just starting off on this eating frenzy (with Paul) digesting the good food of the Galatians, the Ephesians, the Philippians, and finally, the Colossians. There are many nutritious and life-invigorating nuggets of spiritual health in these four letters that Paul wrote. Come join us to enjoy with us this adventure, as we fill ourselves with God's Word.

We would also like to invite all seniors (55 and older) to join us every third Thursday for

"Lunch and Game" day. Lots of fun as we chow down on lunch, then play some sort of game where we see just who is competitive and who is not- all for fun of course :) !

Hope to see you with us on Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:30am for regular study times, and 11:30am to 1:00pm for our lunch and game day (every third Thursday).

Please contact Craig Van Zandt at 568-4261 or Ann Babbitt at 546-2271

Craig van Zandt.

Bible Studies

- **REVIVE TEACHING HOUR**
"J.O.Y." (Philippians)
Sundays, 11:15am
in the Ministry Center.

- **STUDENT MINISTRY**
Jr. High & High School.
Thursdays: 6:30 to 8:30pm.
Contact Pastor Mike: 318-7574.

- **MEN:**
 - **"Listening to God"**
(Charles F. Stanley).
Mondays : 6:30 - 8pm
Ministry Center 2
Contact Johnnie Vandevier :
539-9299.
 - **"Apologetics"**
Saturdays : 8:30- 9:45am
Ministry Center 2.
Contact Hal Mickens: 575- 7087.

- **WOMEN:**
 - Coming to you this summer!
"No Other Gods: Confronting Our Modern Day Idols"
by Kelly Minter.
Tuesday :7-8:30pm
June 17-August 12.
(more info on page 4).

- **"Hebrews"**
This Monday night study is breaking for the summer.
back in September
Contact Jan Wells: 829.2956 :
jan.sunergosbible@gmail.org .

- **SENIORS:**
55+ BIBLE Study
"Let's Go Eat PopCorn with Paul"
- a study of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians!
Thursdays:10:00-11:30am
Ministry Center 1
Contact Craig Van Zandt:
568-4261.

Building & Grounds Day

A Good Time was had by all...

On Saturday, May 17th, our campus got a major face lift. It was a joint effort. Don Roberts had gathered his faithful crew and Linda Hinkle had recruited Childrens' Center parents to help.

Each team worked on their own in and outside the playground. Both teams worked with wood chips and rakes. Plants were planted, tables were sanded and stained and cement was poured.

At noon all hands gathered in the playground for pizza, watermelon and soft drinks. Chores were finished and sidewalks were swept. We gathered up our tools and corralled all the debris in Don's trailer.

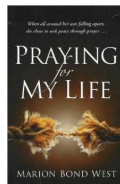
It was a productive day for both teams. The old adage "many hands make light work" certainly applied to our joint efforts.

Don Roberts/ Linda Hinkle

Library News

Praying for My Life- by Marion Bond West.

Holding on to God's promises, no matter what.



When life experiences became overwhelming and her faith was severely tested, popular author and Guideposts magazine contributor Marion Bond West found herself praying for her life--praying a desperate prayer for confidence in God's promise of faithfulness. In her new spiritual memoir, the author shares her story and the prayer that changed her life.

When the circumstances of her life became overwhelming, Marion West found herself praying for her life--praying a desperate prayer for confidence in God's power, a prayer she found in one of the shortest and most overlooked books in the Bible: "though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines...yet I will exult in the Lord." (Habakkuk 3:17-18).

She says: "For thirty years, I have loved and identified with this Scripture. It's from a tiny book--pastors rarely preach from it. But I marvel at the prophet's astonishing faith--his stubborn, determined faith that was never altered. Never."

Join Marion at the bedsides of her troubled twin sons: Jon, hospitalized with a deadly infection, and Jeremy, victim of a punishing auto accident. Be with her as she watches her husband die of cancer and she struggles to be the single mother of four children; as she grapples with crippling fear, anxiety and depression; as she finds a fairy-tale romance and a miraculous second marriage; as she searches for hope when things seem blackest and claims God's promises of victory for herself and those she loves.

Praying for My Life will help you discover a faith that can face- and triumph over – all difficulties. The power of God can bring light into the darkest places and victory out of seeming defeat; and a new life can be yours when you pray for your life! Written with honesty, uncompromising faith, and wry wisdom, this book is a treasure readers can turn to again and again to witness the transforming power of prayer. This book can be found in the Christian Living section of our library.

Charlotte Woodworth.

Our Church Library has books on many subjects: Bible study, finances, marriage and family...even fiction. It is located just past the restrooms. Stop by today!

Women's Ministry

Coming to you this summer!

"No Other Gods: Confronting Our Modern Day Idols" by Kelly Minter.

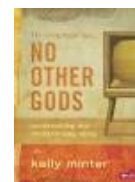
She encourages women to "Make room for God by dethroning the functional gods that clutter and claim their lives."

Tuesdays:7-8:30pm, June 17—August 12, at the Larsens': **2430 Quail Hollow Dr, SR**

Led by Nancy Mickens:575-7087 blazemmm@msn.com, and Abby Damron: 696-4624 ajdamron@gmail.com

Cost is \$15 per workbook, payable the first night.

Sign up on Sundays at the Kiosk or at crosspointsr.org/signups.



Panera® Bread: Plastic Bags needed!!

If you have leftover plastic grocery bags, please consider dropping them off in the Ministry Center on Sundays, so we can use them to bag Panera goodies.

Heads up: If stores start charging for plastic bags, we may soon be forced to ask you to bring your own bags.



Momentum

Are you a 20-30 something at Crosspoint?

Get your Grub on

Every other Saturday, starting at 5:30pm.

Come over to our house & bring a side dish.

Come eat together, pray together, and share community together.

June 14th: Pattersons'

June 28th: Bakers'

Find out more about Momentum at

www.crosspointsr.org/momentum


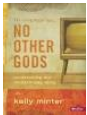
or join our group at:

facebook.com/groups/crosspoint.momentum

Contact :Pastor Mike
528-6321


mikeb@crosspointsr.org

Upcoming Events & Classes:

- **Child Dedication:** Father's Day, **Sunday, June 15th** at **9:49am** in the **Worship Center**
Contact the church office at 528-6321 if you would like your child to participate.
- **PCC's Baby Bottle Blast:** **Sunday, May 11th - Sunday, June 15th**
** Please return your filled bottles no later than Father's Day! **

- **101 Discovering Membership:** Are you new to Crosspoint? Want to find out who we are and what we believe? Interested in becoming a member? Then mark your calendar for next month: **Sunday, June 22nd** at 12:30pm in the Ministry Center. Lunch is provided.
Child Care available upon request. Contact Karen Larsen at 528-6321 or karenl@crosspointsr.org.
Sign up at crosspointsr.org/signups
- **Women's Ministry: Summer Bible Study:**
Coming to you this summer! **No Other Gods: Confronting Our Modern Day Idols**, by Kelly Minter. *Read more about this class on page 4.*

- **Baptism: Sunday, June 22nd** Contact the church office at 528-6321 if you would like to be baptized at Crosspoint.
- **Summer Camp: Mt. Gilead Bible Camp** June & July: 1-week sessions.
13485 Green Valley Rd., Sebastopol. Kidz Camp (1-3 grade) & Summer Camp (4-12 grade)
More info at www.info@mt.gilead.org/programs/

smile!



 **California Voters' Guide**
for the June 3rd. Election.
***Available at the kiosk-**
This is a non-partisan Voters' Guide published by the Traditional Values Coalition, and serves solely to inform the voting public. It does not endorse any candidates.

Financial Report: April 2014

General Fund Tithes	Reimbursements	Total Income
\$31,571.00	\$3,525.00	\$35,096.00
Expenses	Net	Benevolent Offering
\$37,468.00	\$2,372.00	\$935.00

Crosspoint News

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