



## 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.

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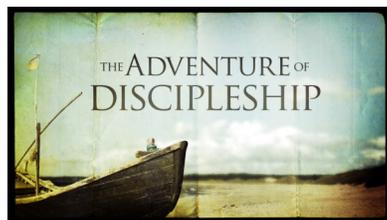


...and much more!

## From Pastor Pat

May 2013

### The Adventure of Discipleship ... continues!



In last month's newsletter article, I invited Crosspoint to do three things before April seventh:

1. Read the entire book of Mark,
2. Come hungry each Sunday to learn, and
3. Pray and ask God to guide you as to whether you need to disciple or be disciplined.

I trust you've read through Mark, you're coming hungry for God's word each Sunday, and you've been praying for God's guidance in your own life. Several of you have signed up to disciple someone or to be disciplined.

Beginning this month, the discipleship training material (***Multiply***) will be available on our website. Please take time to read through the whole thing and watch some of the leader's videos—they are excellent! These short videos help the discipler become better acquainted with the material for each discipleship meeting—very helpful! If you don't have a computer, please get with someone who does—it is the best way to preview the material.

On Friday night, May 17, 7:00 we're having a meeting at Rich and Karen Larsen's home: 2430 Quail Hollow Drive, Santa Rosa. This meeting is for all who've signed up, or haven't but are interested in discipleship and want to find out more. The night's agenda will include: a brief summary of the "***Multiply***" material, hearing from those currently going through that material, a time of Q/A and prayer, and we'll be talking about your next step in discipleship.

Let's continue to pray that Crosspoint becomes a disciple-making church!



# 101 Discovering Church 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:

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Time: 12:30pm**  
**Lunch: Provided**  
**Child Care: Upon  
request.**

101 Discovering Church Membership is a basic introduction to our church family.

101 is designed to clearly explain who we are, what we believe, what our purpose is, and our strategy and structure.

There is no obligation to join into membership.

Register at the Kiosk,

online at  
[www.crosspointsr/signups](http://www.crosspointsr/signups)

or

call Karen Larsen at 528-6321

## Family Ministry Corner

Easter is behind us, and it's time to think about what's next. For our kids, this is the last couple of months before summer. For us, that means we're thinking about summer plans. But what's next for us spiritually?

We all know Mathew 28:19-20, as Jesus spoke with His disciples after the resurrection and commanded them, as they went out, to make disciples of every nation. We've heard the term "discipleship"; in fact, it is one of the main focuses of Crosspoint in 2013. But what does that look like, practically?

One of the most important areas God has called us to make disciples is in our families. A disciple is just a learner, someone who is following in the footsteps of the leader. If we are discipling, it means we are taking others and teaching them how to follow in Christ's footsteps.

So, for those of you who have families; are you fulfilling Christ's command? Are you making disciples? It starts with your own children. Be intentional with them! Have dinner together, and ask about their day.

## Nursery and Preschool

**BOOM!** Our nursery and toddler rooms are experiencing a population boom! Praise God for Crosspoint's five-year vision plan that helped us prepare in advance for increased attendance. Our renovated nursery worked like a charm this week handling FIVE babies, from age 9 weeks (welcome Zachary), little Mia, one-year-old Daniel (his new little brother arrives this summer), one-year-old Kaspian, and Rosalyn (who just this week turned two). There was plenty of room for these little ones to spread out and explore, with lots of fun equipment for them to play with. There was a safe "corral" to put baby Zachary in when the bigger kids got too curious.

A short time into the morning, the nursery team opened the Dutch half-door separating the two rooms and I was surprised to see the toddler/preschool teachers with ELEVEN two, three and four-year-olds! The classroom that the Bethel Children's Center lets us share is beautifully designed for a large number of little children, and our kids (and teachers) just love it, as there is so much for the kids to do when the Bible lesson and craft are finished.

When they have struggles, ask them what God's Word might have to say about it. Take family time to read the Bible together. Watch a movie together, then have an intentional time afterwards talking about the themes of the movie, as they relate to God.

Within family ministry, one of our greatest desires is to equip families to make disciples of their children. For preschool and elementary kids, that means talking about the lessons they were taught that Sunday morning, using the follow-up sheet to have deeper spiritual conversations. For our students, that means interacting with them about the HABITS they're putting into practice, as we meet and talk each Thursday night. We want to see discipleship taking place!

So what's your role? Within your own family or as a volunteer with young people here at Crosspoint, you can become a disciple-maker! Let's make disciples of the next generation this year!

by Mike Baker,

Pastor of Family Ministries



Praise God for the teachers and helpers who feel called to reach this YOUNG and often squirming age group. Whenever I have watched the teachers in action, I have been amazed at how well they can keep the children's attention and really communicate Jesus to them.

I thank God for this team of volunteers, the ones who have stuck by the children for years and years, and the ones who have just joined the team recently. Thank you! Your reward is when a child runs up to you in the lobby with a hug, or what happened to me just recently, when Grace Gottberg saw me and with a radiant smile on her face said, "You used to be my teacher!"

Because of this BOOM, we always welcome new volunteers to the team to work with the littlest members of our church. The commitment is usually once a month, during the service or during the Revive hour. You can call the church office at 528-6321 for more information.

by Mary Miller, Nursery & Preschool MTL

## Missions Corner

What a nice blessing to have Bill and Cholpon Walsh and family with us for a few days recently! He would love to have people join his prayer group, so if you think you would be willing to receive and pray for his weekly prayer requests, email him at [billandcholpon@gmail.com](mailto:billandcholpon@gmail.com).

We certainly need to remember we have Forrest and Purity Haskins and family with us for a few more weeks, before they return to Tanzania in East Africa. If you see them in church, please ask them how you can pray for them as well.

Jerry and Jan Jacobson are living in Santa Rosa for a while, as they care for their parents who need assistance. They also have the task of selling their parents' homes, so that is something they would definitely want you to pray for.

Coming up from Mother's Day to Father's Day is the Pregnancy Counseling Center's annual BABY BOTTLE BLAST! This is a way every family can help our community, even if it is only with a small amount. Every gift helps, so be sure to take a baby bottle on Mother's Day and put your change in it, or write a check if you feel God is telling you to give more. God will surely bless you for this. And do pray for this outreach.

Set aside early July to help the homeless people of Santa Rosa to have a Happy Birthday through the Redwood Gospel Mission. There will be more information on this later on.

In all things, pray without ceasing, with thanksgiving. Now that is Missions!

*by Irene Barton, Missions MTL*

## Profiles in Action

### Don Roberts: Ministry Team Leader, Building & Grounds

Each month this column will profile one of our ministry team leaders, so that you can get acquainted with these servant/leaders and pray for them and their ministry area. You may even see yourself serving on one of these teams!



**Don Roberts** has been serving as the B&G Team leader for 7 years. Don's father was a contractor, so Don grew up around construction and followed his dad into the business.

God has uniquely gifted Don with the experience and leadership skills to run our B&G ministry.

Don and his team of about 12 people keep our facilities and grounds in tip top shape. Every third Saturday of the month, they meet to do various maintenance and repair projects around our campus. Interested? Don says he is always looking for helpers,

because "many hands make light work". If you can paint, work a screw driver or clean out a refrigerator, please give Don a call.

Don is currently training J.P. Patterson to eventually take over for him. We will be highlighting J.P. in an upcoming issue of our Crosspoint Newsletter.

I asked Don what he enjoyed most about serving in this area. He said "the camaraderie and fellowship that happens as you work side by side together for the Lord, and seeing a job well done". Don's motto is "Git-ter Done! I said to Don, "I know you are a big Giants' fan, but what else do you like to do in your free time?". He said, "what free time?"

He and his lovely wife, Dee, have a very large family and they love to go camping and fishing with them every year .

So a big "thank you" to Don and his Building and Grounds Team!

*by Karen Larsen, Admin. Secretary.*



## Galilean Wedding



Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
6:30pm

There will come a day whose sheer joy, majesty, and love will outshine all other days: the

### Wedding Feast of the Lamb,

that radiant day when the Church is united with Jesus for all eternity.

It will be our greatest day - and His...!

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus spoke often of this tremendous day, as did the writers of the New Testament, using imagery that His disciples would have understood well: the customs surrounding a simple

### Galilean Wedding.



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## Baby Bottle Blast

May 12

(Mother's Day)

to

June 16

(Father's Day)



Pick up a  
baby bottle  
on Mother's Day  
and  
return it by  
Father's Day,  
filled with your  
loose change  
or  
your contribution

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## Upcoming Events & Classes:

- **101 Discovering Church Membership:** Sunday, May 19 at 12:30pm (see insert on page 2)
- **Galilean Wedding:** Friday, May 31 at 6:30pm (see insert on page 3)
- **Crafts with a Purpose**  
Knit and crochet with us on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. & 4<sup>th</sup>. Saturday of every month,  
from 9-11am in Ministry Center Room 1.  
*Contact Betty Jung at 578-6864 or register online at [crosspointsr/signups](http://crosspointsr.org/signups)*
- **Pregnancy Counseling Center of Sonoma County : Baby Bottle Blast**  
Starts Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12. (see insert on this page)
- **Precept Training Workshop – June 13 –15, 2013 :** *Menlo Park Presbyterian Church  
950 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park*  
"Studying the Bible INDUCTIVELY; Viewing the world BIBLICALLY; Making DISCIPLES intentionally; SERVING the church faithfully in the power of the Holy Spirit."  
**For more information visit [http://precept.org/training\\_workshops\\_overview](http://precept.org/training_workshops_overview)  
Register online by May 20 to receive a 25% discount. (Use coupon code MENLOPARK13).  
Contact Jan Shockey, Workshop Sponsor, at 650-322-0723**



## BIBLE STUDIES:

- **REVIVE TEACHING HOUR:** ➤ **Sundays at 11:15AM.**  
Current series is "Romans", Chapters 8-16
- **STUDENT MINISTRY** ➤ **Bible Study: Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30PM.**  
Jr. High & High School. Questions? Contact Pastor Mike: 318-7574.
- **MEN:** ➤ **"Spiritual Discipleship"** (Charles F. Stanley).  
Johnnie Vandevier leads: 539-9299.  
**Mondays at 6:30pm in Ministry Center Room 2**  
➤ **"Forgiveness: Breaking the Power of the Past".**  
Men of all ages are welcome to attend. Hal Mickens leads: 575- 7087.  
**Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:45am in Ministry Center Room 2 .**
- **WOMEN:** ➤ This group studies the book of **Galatians**. Ends May 20.  
Contact Jan Wells: 829.2956 or email: [Jan.sunergosbible@gmail.com](mailto:Jan.sunergosbible@gmail.com)  
**Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30pm in Ministry Center Room 1.**  
➤ **"A Life of Worship"** : Bible study led by Laura Harden .  
Study the Bible, and get support and encouragement.  
1654 Wishing Well Way, SR. 526-5484  
**Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:pm**

## Financial Report: March 2013

General Fund Tithes	Reimbursements	Total Income
\$34,812.00	\$3,690	\$38,502.00
Expenses	Net	Benevolent Offering
\$34,622.00	\$3,880.00	\$543.00