

Cross Point

Pointing to the Cross, by Reflecting God's Love

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MARCH / APRIL 2010 UPCOMING EVENTS

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith –and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God –not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV)

God has given us so many gifts, but none can compare with the gift of salvation. We have not earned our salvation; it is a gift from God. When we accept Christ into our hearts, we are saved by His grace.

God's grace is the ultimate gift, and we owe to Him the ultimate in thanksgiving. Let us praise the Creator for His priceless gift, and let us share the Good News with all who cross our paths. We return our Father's love by accepting His grace and by sharing His message and His love. When we do, we are eternally blessed...and God smiles!

Celebrating that we are EASTER PEOPLE together!



WORSHIP

What: Sunday Morning Worship

When: 9:00 a.m.

Where: Bondurant-Farrar High School Auditorium – 300 Garfield St. SW

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us Kneel before the LORD our Maker." (Psalm 95:6)

PREPARING FOR EASTER



Just Walk Across the Room

Just a few steps and a friendly hello may be all it takes to change someone's life—and their eternity! And the good news is, it has more to do with taking a genuine interest in another person and listening to their story than it does with learning evangelism tactics and techniques.

Thousands of churches are already implementing the simple, personal approach described in Bill Hybels' award-winning book. Now is your opportunity. Learn how to equip yourself to walk in a totally new way of evangelism. The concepts aren't hard, just effective. Take the first step today—you may shape more tomorrows than you ever dreamed possible.

You will be blessed by the passion, knowledge & humor of Cindy Smith as you join this study. **Meeting Sunday mornings, beginning March 7th & continuing through April 11th following worship. (10:15-11:15am)** in the Band Room. ALL are welcomed & expected!



Palm Sunday

Cross Point Kids will begin our time of worship with the "Parade of Palms" on Sunday, March 28th. Children of all ages are invited to gather in the fellowship hallway by 8:55am, with several of our Cross Point Kids leaders & Paige. Everyone will be given a palm branch &

journey in together as we remember & celebrate this day. NOTE: Word for the Children will immediately follow the Parade of Palms, so children are asked to remain down front as the music concludes. Thank you!



Cross Point will also be blessed on Palm Sunday, as Dr. Wesley S.K. Daniel, Central District Conference Superintendent, joins us in worship & preaches God's Word. Your heart will be deeply moved through Dr. Daniel's life of ministry & passionate love for Christ, as he shares God's message with us this day. Let us gather together to remember the passion of Palm Sunday, to celebrate our faith in Christ & to welcome Dr. Daniel in this faith community.



Maundy Thursday Service

When: April 1st

Where: Courtyard Estates (601 Hawthorne Crossing Drive SE) just east on Highway 65 in Bondurant

Time: 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday

When: April 2nd

What: "The Passion of the Christ"

–Movie & discussion

Where: Hanson home: 117 5th St NE – Bondurant

NOTE: Children are always welcome! Children's movie, crafts, and treats will be provided.

RSVP: By Sunday March 28th (Sunday STUB or phone 967-7929)

EASTER "SUNRISE SERVICE"



When: Sunday April 4th

Where: Bondurant cemetery – (SE 2nd Street) end of the block.

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Why: To make you think of that first Easter morning!

NOTE: Directly following the service we will have an Easter Brunch at the school.

EASTER MORNING



When: Sunday April 4th

Where: Bondurant-Farrar High School Auditorium

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Come worship our Risen Lord & Savior with your brother's and sister's in Christ!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Heifer Project Arks & Calendars

Cross Point will be distributing Heifer Project Arks & calendars the next couple of Sunday's to support Heifer Interna-

tional. Each family will be asked to take one ark bank and one four-week calendar. As you and your family fill your ark-shaped bank with coins, you'll meet the animals in Heifer's Ark: The alpaca, bee, camel, chicken, cow, donkey, fish, goose, guinea pig, horse, llama, pig, rabbit, sheep, water buffalo and the wonderful yak! Together you'll learn how these animals help families through wool, honey, milk and dozens of other ways. You'll also learn more about the environmental benefits of using animals wisely on a small farm. Cross Point Kids will be selecting which area and what animal we'll be giving through the gifts received. Thank you for giving to other around the world!



HELPING HAITI THROUGH HEALTH KITS

United Methodists are being asked to provide "health kits" that can be sent to earthquake-devastated Haiti. For people who are feeling powerless in being able to help those in Haiti, providing health kits is a tangible way you can make an immediate difference. It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of kits will be needed in the days and months ahead. These kits, valued at about \$12 per kit, contain everything from towels and washcloths to sterile bandages and bars of soap. They will be distributed to those who have been forced to leave their homes as a result of the recent disaster.

If you'd like to contribute basic necessities, we need the following NEW items:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27". No kitchen towels.
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Because the emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations and strict rules govern product entry into international countries, UMCOR requires that the kits contain only the requested items – nothing more. There will be a designated tub for donations in the foyer Sunday mornings. Please see/call Cathy Rankin (515-779-0571) or Carol Dewey (515-865-8998) if you have any questions. Thanks for your help!!

• Easter "gift card" shower for Angel Tree Families & Easter Baskets of School Supplies for Bondurant-Farrar Schools. More information to be shared by Pastor Glen Sunday mornings.



GIVING TO OUR TROOPS IN 2010!

Below is a basic list of items, that as a family of faith at Cross Point we can collect & send to the men & women serving our great country.

Donations can be brought to church any Sunday. Monetary gifts are also needed to cover the shipping costs of these items. Questions, please contact Roger or Janet Stewart at 967-6963, Coordinators for this ministry. Thank you!

- DRINK MIX (PACKETS)
- COOKIES (HOMEMADE OR STORE BOUGHT)
- CANDY (CAREFUL OF "MELTING" FACTOR)
- NUTS (DIFFERENT VARIETIES)
- BREAKFAST BARS
- WET ONES (PACKAGES/INDIVIDUAL PACKETS) SOLDIERS ARE ONLY ABLE TO SHOWER EVERY OTHER DAY
- BEEF JERKEY
- CRACKERS
- TRAIL MIXES
- TOILET PAPER
- GRANOLA BARS

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

...WITH THE PASTOR

You're invited to lunch with Pastor Glen on **Thursday, March 11th & Thursday, April 22nd at 12:00 p.m.**

Call Glen at 210-1823 to reserve your spot, and find

out where we'll be meeting, as we gather for a time of good food, fellowship & a couple of great devotional thoughts!

NOTE: The first person to RSVP to either lunches will receive their lunch for FREE! (And who said there is no such thing as a FREE lunch?)



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES & EVENTS



Cross Point's "SISTA'S" Bible Study groups continue to meet & grow! Our next study, **A Mile In Her Shoes: Lessons from the Lives of Old Testament Women** will be meeting at

the home of Sherri Carlson in Bondurant on Wednesday nights, beginning March 24 th & concluding on May 5th. **NOTE: Participant book for each session is \$9.00.**

If you would like to sign up for this next study and/or have questions, please contact Paige Chapman at 360-2139 or paige_chapman@q.com All women are welcomed & expected to this study! Join this small group of "Sista's" and grow in your journey of faith & relationship with Jesus!



March 12 & 13, 2010

Veteran's Memorial Auditorium

A group of almost 30 women will be attending this year's Women of Faith event, experiencing

God's "Over the Top" love for them through music, drama & testimonies from wonderful women of faith! I will also have 75 tickets ready for you to reserve/purchase for the **2011 Women of Faith conference to be held at Wells Fargo Arena, in Des Moines April 22 & 23, 2011. Cost per ticket is \$89.** This includes the all day Friday & Saturday events, plus two box lunches for each day. A GREAT DEAL! Please see/contact Paige Chapman if you'd like to grab one of these tickets...as they will go quickly!

MEETINGS:

SPECIAL DREAM TEAM MEETING

All are welcome as we will be discussing, and planning for one of Cross Point's biggest milestones ~ the constituting of Cross Point as Iowa's newest United Methodist Church on May 23rd, 2010. On that Sunday we will celebrate with our confirmation class, and will be receiving them as the first "official" members (Impactors) of our church along with every other adult who so chooses to be a member (Impactor) in Cross Point's family of faith. The Bishop of the Iowa Methodist Church will also be preaching this Sunday, so it will be a very blessed day!

When: Tuesday, April 6th Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Bondurant Public Library – 104 2nd St NE, Bondurant

CHILDREN/TWEEN MINISTRIES



Cross Point's Kids has AWESOME TEAM TEACHERS, COOL KIDS & EXCITING CURRICULUM which engages kids Preschool-4th Grade to Live B.I.G. in their faith!

Below you'll get a glimpse of what your children will be learning in the month of March.

Cross Point Kids meet from 10:15am-10:30am in the Auditorium for a time of *Gathering Worship *(listen for the "COWBELL" inviting kids to this gathering). Kids will then be dismissed to their teachers to learn & Live B.I.G. in their classes from 10:30-11:15am.

A friendly reminder that for the safety of each child at Cross Point we MUST ask that a parent and/or designated guardian pick up their Pre-4th grade children; each Sunday, following the completion of Cross Point Kids (11:15am) in the locations listed below. Thank you for your help!

Location of classrooms:

Preschool-Nursery

1st/2nd Grade-*Science Room

Kindergarten-Cafeteria

3rd/4th Grade-*Art Room

MARCH LESSONS:

B.I.G. Idea: We believe that Jesus wants us to remember how much he loves us.

B.I.G. Theme: A Love to Remember

Bible Verse: Now I tell you to love each other, as I have loved you.
-John 15:12, CEV



is the Sunday morning gathering spot for ALL 5th & 6th Graders at Cross Point! We meet on the "Upper Deck" of the Library from 10:15am-11:15am every Sunday. Come & hang out together as we grow in God's Word in totally cool ways! Thank you for allowing us to lead & work with your youth! **Rhonda Zarr & Paige Chapman, Team Teachers**

So what's been happening in Club 56?

In January we focused lessons & discussions around "BFF's" as we talked about our friendships & relationships with others. Answering questions like, "Why Do Some People Have More Friends?" "Am I Only Supposed To Be Friends With Christians?" "Do I Have To Like Everybody?" and "Why Are My Friends So Mean Sometimes?"

Our discussions in February have focused around "What's the Point?" We have spent time in God's Word as we answer questions like, "Why Didn't God Make Us Like Robots?" and "What Does God Want From Me?" All the kids are engaged in these discussions & such a joy to have in class!

"TWO BAD CHOICES" DRAMA PERFORMANCE - SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH DURING OUR MORNING WORSHIP.

All the kids have been working really hard on learning their lines, & will provide an awesome gift to our Cross Point family this day! Our thanks to all the parents of this wonderful group of youth, for your cooperation & assistance in working with us to make this happen. Please keep each of these youth in your prayers as they prepare to present their 1st drama. Thank you!

MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL - SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FROM 9:30 AM-11:30 AM. FOLLOWING THE DRESS REHEARSAL ALL THE KIDS ARE INVITED TO A PIZZA PARTY AT PIZZA RANCH IN ALTOONA FROM 11:30 AM-1:00 PM TO THANK THEM FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK & DEDICATION!



THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN TO CROSS POINT'S 2010 VBS!!!

"Cadets," Preschool-4th Grade are invited to board the starship Galactic Praise, to see our awesome universe - and our awesome God

- in a whole new way! **Galactic Blast-A Cosmic Adventure Praising God** will give kids incredible new experiences, as they journey on in their faith. Mark your calendars now for **July 25-27, 2010** and keep watching for further announcements as we prepare to blast off! If you have any questions or want to be part of the planning team, please visit with Christie Hennessey or Paige Chapman, Co-Directors/VBS

YOUTH MINISTRY



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Cross Point's Youth Service for grades 7-12
Wednesday Nights - 6:30PM-8:15PM
Anderson Elementary Gym
Drop in for games, fun & worship

NEW LINE UP FOR DROP

6:30-7:00 Ice Breakers/Fun activity (related to message)
7:00-7:30 Worship & Message
7:30-8:00 Closing games
8:00-8:15 Clean up - "Many hands make light work"...if you can stay & help with clean up, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

LOCK UP AT 8:15PM

Keep watching the Facebook page for devotionals & conversation topics too! Call CJ & Scott Wheeler (229-3366) or Jenn & Patrick Meyer (669-7101) if you have questions or need more information.

CONFIRMATION

When: Wednesday, March 10th & April 14th
Where: Pastor Glen's house – 117 5th St NE – Bondurant
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

NOTE: Remember to bring your Bible, notebook, confirmation book & completed confirmation BINGO sheet!



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES/YOUTH (8th – 12th)

Why: Connect with other Christian youth in the community

Where: Bondurant-Farrar High School

Time: 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

For more information: Contact Randy Duffy by phone at (515) 967-3711 or email: randy_duffy@bondurant.k12.ia.us

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PARKING

You are welcome to park in the lot just north of the high school building, in front of the high school and/or on side streets.

NURSERY

Our nursery is available from 8:45a.m. to 11:15a.m. every Sunday in Room 135. Cross Point is blessed to have Rochelle Remus as our Nursery Director. Rochelle is a University of Northern Iowa graduate and is currently attending Des Moines University to become a Pediatrician. Along with Rochelle, we're blessed to have other adult leadership in this important ministry of watching over our little angels!

FOR THE FUN OF IT

March 27- Bondurant Wellness Fair & Community Walk 10AM at the Library

April 11- Adult Co-ed Dodgeball Tournament at High School gym. Registration info at City Hall or on the City website, www.cityofbondurant.com.

April 25- Adult Co-ed Volleyball Tournament at High School gym. Registration info at City Hall or on the City website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bike Blessing & Motorcycle Ride to the Amana's
- Summer Fest
- VBS
- Church camps

"Those who keep speaking about the sun while walking under a cloudy sky are messengers of hope, the true saints of our day. Henri J. Nouwen

In His Service together,