Hello Crosspoint Family and Friends,

As I begin my tenth year at Crosspoint this month, I think this is a good time to look back and look forward. When we arrived in Sumter, most of my life had been given to coaching and teaching with the remainder of in youth ministry. I enjoyed five memorable years at First Baptist Spartanburg serving with a good friend, Seth Buckley. The last year there, I began to sense that God was calling me to coach people in their relationship with God. Another name for that is pastor.

We could not have asked God for a better family with which to work. Your patience toward me has been appreciated. I have made mistakes and have learned with each step we have taken together. God has increased my faith and my confidence has grown through each trial and victory. I have been humbled time after time. On the toughest of days, God has provided just the right scripture or just the right Barnabas in our church to encourage me and lift my spirits and resolve to press on. The last two years have been particularly difficult as we have witnessed much transition. This has been very painful for my family. I particularly am a relational person. I value unity and am uncomfortable when there is unrest. Each morning as I meet with God, He has encouraged me and reminded me of His calling and purpose. He has renewed my passions and His calling. Numerous journal entries record His assurance to me that “I am not finished with you here.”

I have a cousin, Tim Sorrells, from whom I have often sought counsel. Tim always says, “Pray about it and make the decision. And don’t look back.” I keep that advice at the forefront of my mind. As I look forward, I see a future bright for Crosspoint. A good pastor friend of mine challenged me to narrow the focus and center on the challenges most important to this church. Crosspoint, there is a community to which I feel we are responsible. It includes neighborhoods and apartment complexes as well as three senior residences, two of which border our property. We can measure our impact as we target lost-ness along Wilson Hall and Carter. I was walking through the Willows at the close of work day recently. As I walked and prayed for each home God said to me, “John, I have a remnant here. Some already have a church home. Others will reject Me, but I have reserved a remnant just waiting for Crosspoint to begin a relationship that will lead them to confess My Son Jesus unto salvation. How can we decline such an invitation? Join us in praying for this community and come help us as we form strategies that allow us to engage these people.

Another great responsibility resumes March 15—caring for the body at Crosspoint. Come to our Crosspoint Life and State of the Church Meeting as we look to the future and how we can better love one another. Get your questions in by March 5. Also, Real Life Discipleship resumes under my leadership. I encourage you to sign up for this very important part of Crosspoint life—making disciples. The first meeting will be Thursday March 16 with subsequent sessions to resume on Wednesdays. Call the church office or email me to reserve your place. Other small groups are available throughout the year. Each Sunday morning at ten we meet all around our building for Bible Study. I encourage each of you to move beyond the worship only habit to also begin relationships in the round gathered to study God’s Word and apply it to our everyday lives.

And remember….we exist to grow people in Christ.

Believe! Belong! Become!

Pastor John
**Children’s Ministry** by Leejah Ross

Those who know Him want to make Him known.

One of the biggest ways Crosspoint makes Christ known to Sumter’s families is through a single power-packed week in the summer where we come together with one sole (soul) focus: showing kids what it means to have a relationship with Christ.

VBS 2017 will make a Kingdom-building difference in our Sumter community this summer, and you have a place in it.

Leadership, missions, promotion/outreach, creative design, prayer, music, security, first impressions … the list of opportunities is extensive.

Check out our calendar below and get plugged in today by contacting our event Director, Jessie Ball at 865.640.4551 or kidzpointministry@gmail.com.

You exist to make a Kingdom difference in Sumter; make Him known at VBS 2017.

**March**
- 18—10:00am VBS Music Team practice
- 19—11:15am VBS Promotion

**April**
- 01 — 8:00am-12:30pm Trip to SCBC VBS Expo in Columbia
- 29 — 9:00am-12:00pm Decoration Workshop I

**May**
- 07 — 12:30pm-3:30pm VBS Teams Lunch & "Plan-It" Planet
- 20—9:00am-12:00pm Decoration Workshop II
- 21—National Day of Prayer for VBS
- 27—10:30am VBS Promotion at Sumter Iris Festival

**June**
- 03—9:00am-12:00pm Decoration Workshop III (final)
- 10—9:00am Sanctuary Stage SETUP, Music Team Practice
- 18 —12:30pm “Power Hour” classroom SETUP and “Launch Lunch”

**Women’s Ministry**

**Mary & Martha Stitchers**
Saturday, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 10am-12pm, At Crosspoint, for beginners or an expert at crochet or knitting. Bring your yarn, needles and patterns. Contact Pam Ford with any questions at 803-406-0646.

**WMU Jennie Alderman Bible Study**
Monday, March 13th at 3:00pm, At Mary Painter’s (2214 Swimming Pen Rd)

**Women’s Exercise Class**
Class will meet every Tuesday & Thursday in March, At Crosspoint at 5:30pm,

**Women of Prayer**
“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.” Matt 18:20 Meet in the Ladies Fellowship Classroom at the church to pray every Thursday at 4:30pm.

**Ladies Ministry Sewing Class**
Saturday, March 11th & 25th at 10am For beginners or intermediate sewers. Bring your sewing machine. They will make pillows. Call Kristie at 256-651-8584.

**Dog Training Ministry**
Saturday, March 4th & 18th at 10am Bring one dog and a leash. Think about the one problem that you are having with your dog.

**Sisterhood**
Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30-8:00pm. Childcare is provided but please let Leejah know by Monday at noon if you will need it or sign up on the table in the bathroom.

**Senior Adult Ministry**

**Super Senior Luncheon At Second Mill Grill**
Thursday, March 23, For 50 years old and up. Meet at Second Mill Grill at 12pm for some delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

**Membership Matters**
March 19th @ 12:30pm
Do you want to know more about Crosspoint? Meet with Pastor John & Pastor Ryan. There will be a free lunch provided after church. Call Katrina at 803-905-1999 to sign up.
Student Ministry by Brian Butler

#ButlersThoughts ... (Matt 13:44-46)

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!

The Kingdom of Heaven is like this: Find the Treasure. Feel the Joy. Forsake the Stuff.

He is worth everything!!! Christ is the treasure, Christ is the joy, and He is better than our stuff.

Reach March Events Calendar

5th - Summer Camp signups and deposits begin

11th - High School Only Dinner and Game Night at The 505 (Butlers House) 7pm

18th - Hunnington Beach Trip to Atalaya Castle - Leaving the church at 8am, bring a bag lunch, towel, change of clothes, and money for a fast food dinner

Weekly Reach Meetings

Sunday Morning Small Groups 10am
Unordinary Church Sunday Nights 5-7pm
Wednesday Night Connect 6:00-7:30pm

Deacons for March 2017

It is their joy to come alongside you in a time of need to encourage you and pray with you. Simply call the church office and we will alert the deacon to the needs expressed or you may contact him directly at the number listed below.

Robbie Nalley
803-720-4131

Jamie Holladay
803-491-5528
Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

Sundays
8:45am Worship Service
10:00am Sunday School
11:15am Worship Service
5:00pm Student Ministry
5:30pm LEAP

Tuesdays
5:30pm Ladies Exercise

Wednesdays
6:00pm Youth Discipleship
6:30pm See BIG Wed. calendar

Thursdays
4:30 pm Women of Prayer
5:30 pm Ladies Exercise
6:00pm Praise Team/Band Rehearsal, Worship Ctr.

See the enclosed calendar for a more detailed schedule of special events.

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor
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803-983-6603 (cell)

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803-905-1999 (church)

Secretary
Katrina Stikeleather ext 222
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803-905-1999 (church)

Nursery Director
Leejah Ross
Leejah@crosspointsumter.org

Set-Up/Maintenance
Jason Troutman

Check out Crosspoint on Facebook

March Birthdays
2 Tom Moore
   Glenn Posey
3 Daniel Sanders
5 Donald Gaddy
   Keith Scudder
   McKenzie DuBose
6 Rose Smith
7 Hazel Rhiner
   Shawn Peters
8 Sandra Johnson
   Gene Disher
   Sabella Clements
10 James Shipman
   Lindsey Young
11 Sidney Hodges
12 Gabrielle Bausum
13 Ray Pickell
   Tim Pickell
14 Dalton Shipman
15 Steve Stikeleather
   Mary Elizabeth Edmunds
16 Jason Ball
18 Joshua Miller
20 Sharon Moyer
   Autumn Butler
21 Walker Smith
23 Robbie Hood
   Hannah Gibbs
24 Derek Dallal
25 Robert Bartlett
28 Kristen Hodge
   Kaylee Gibbs
   Mason Jones
29 Rhett Howell
   Kalob Fitting
30 Rene Holladay
31 Jenny Lusinger
   Annalise White

Wedding Anniversaries
In March
3 Ricky & Nancy Nunnery
4 Keven & Holly Hodge
25 Deron & Stephanie McCormick
25 Verne & Sandy Newman
25 Steve & Katrina Stikeleather
28 Gene & Hazel Rhiner
28 Sean & Mary Beth Skey
28 Joey & Janet Tanner
29 Chad & Deanna Smith

Giving & Attendance

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803-905-1999

March Missions Camp
June 12th-16th

Huntington Beach Takeover
MARCH 18TH 8:00AM

Sisterhood at Crosspoint
Tuesday, March 21
6:30pm

We Are Reach
2755 Carter Road, Sumter, SC 29150
803-905-1999

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**March 2017 - Crosspoint Baptist Church**

- **1st March**: 6:30 PM Community Point - Meal at Home
- **2nd March**: 4:30 PM Women's Prayer Group @ CBC
- **5th March**: 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study
- **6th March**: 5:30 PM Women's Exercise Class
- **9th March**: 4:30 PM Women's Prayer Group @ CBC
- **12th March**: 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study
- **13th March**: 3:00 PM WMU Jennie Alderman Bible Study Group at the home of Debby Hickson
- **14th March**: 5:30 PM Women's Exercise Class
- **15th March**: 6:30 PM Big Wednesday - Breakfast for Dinner & Quarterly Business Meeting "State of the Church"
- **16th March**: 4:00 PM Women of Prayer @ CBC
- **19th March**: 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study
- **20th March**: 5:30 PM Women's Exercise Class
- **21st March**: 6:00 PM REACH Student Ministry
- **22nd March**: 6:15 PM Women's Exercise Class
- **23rd March**: 12:00 PM Super Sunday - Lunch at Second MLB Grill
- **26th March**: 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study
- **27th March**: 5:30 PM Women's Exercise Class
- **28th March**: 8:00 PM REACH Student Ministry
- **29th March**: 6:15 PM Community Point - Real Life Dashboard Class
- **30th March**: 4:20 PM Women's Prayer Group @ CBC

**Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering**