

# The CrossRoads Connection



A Youth and Young Adult Ministry of  
St. Andrew United Methodist Church

## Hello 2014

It is hard to believe this year has finally arrived. For some, it is just another year, but for me, it is the year that my first born becomes a legal adult. I say “legal adult” because in reality, he still has a lot of growing up to do. He hasn’t finished high school. He doesn’t have a full-time job. And according to all societies’ expectations of adults, he is far from actually being an adult.



Dana Kirkwood is the Program Director for the CrossRoads community.

Don’t get me wrong, Garrett is a great kid. He is respectful. He helps take care of his sisters. He is super helpful around the house. He has good friends. He makes good choices. And in June, he’s heading to serve in the US Army. I am very proud of him, but he is not an

adult. At least, he is not an adult yet.

This made me start wondering when I considered myself an adult. I wasn’t paying my own bills completely until I was 23. I was making most of my own

choices by 20. I was living away from home at nearly 19. But, I don’t think I really understood the vastness of adulthood until my mid-20s. So, what does this mean for all these 18 year old kids who are adults? Well, they can vote. They can sign up for the military. And, when they mess up, they can be held accountable as adults.

In Garrett’s case, I know that he’s had a firm foundation of expectations, love of Christ, and has a vast amount of adults who are going to continue to guide him forward into his adult

status. I am comfortable that he understands he is just starting his life and that while the world considers him an adult, he still has responsibilities that include listening to his parents and being respectful of holding on to the rules and values of his childhood.

CrossRoads was built with the understanding that it is important to support the next generation in their walk of faith. I firmly believe this includes our new adults. This is a group most known to drop away from faith. We have an opportunity to support these students while they make the leap to standing on their own.

There are a lot of “legal adults” out there that don’t have this foundation. We are the perfect place to allow

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**Our VISION:** The CrossRoads Youth Ministry of St. Andrew United Methodist Church embraces and supports the youth and young adults of our community and their families, seeks to inspire and guide their spiritual growth as Disciples of Jesus Christ, and then, empowers/challenges them to serve each other, the church and the whole world.

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these beginning adults to build a foundation in Christ and a family within St. Andrew. In fact, these beginning adults need a place where they can learn what adulthood means within the confines of Christianity. So, 2014 will prove to be the year where we can create this place for them. Maybe you have a heart and passion for this budding age, if so, please talk to me about the different areas where you can help these "adults" further their faith.

*Dana*

## Mission Trip 2014

June 28 thru July 3...  
Ruston, Louisiana  
Louisiana Tech University

\$60 by Jan 31  
Dead week, sports teams can't practice  
Summer School is over  
**No excuses! You need to sign up now!**  
Contact Dana Kirkwood if you need more information

*Remember, you can always  
access the CR calendar on the  
Web at [thecrossroads-umc.org](http://thecrossroads-umc.org)*



**FREE TUTORING  
TUESDAYS 7-8:30 P.M.  
IN THE INTERSECTION**

## *Student Life* Conference

\*\*\*\*\*A student weekend in God's Word\*\*\*\*\*

### Featuring:

**A.C. Sanford  
David Nasser  
Wade Morris  
Brent Crowe  
Brett Younker  
Bellarive**

February 21-23  
Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

**COST: \$120-** \$50 due by November 15 to order conference ticket; Remaining \$70 due by January 1, 2014  
Fees Cover- Conference Ticket, Lodging, Food, and Travel

We will leave St. Andrew at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 21\*\*  
Return to St. Andrew on Sunday, February 23 at 4:00 p.m.

\*\*Students will miss school on Friday for this conference. All paperwork needed for the school will be provided. In addition, we will contact the high schools to assist in arranging for students to be out.

**Youth are Encouraged to Invite Friends to Attend this Event!!!**  
Student Leader Contacts: Markie (765) 586-9620 and Mackenzie (765) 414-9596  
Adult Leader Contacts: Dana (765) 412-6858 and Kim (765) 404-8488

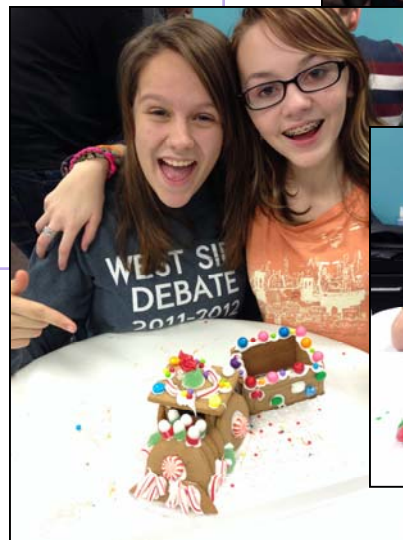
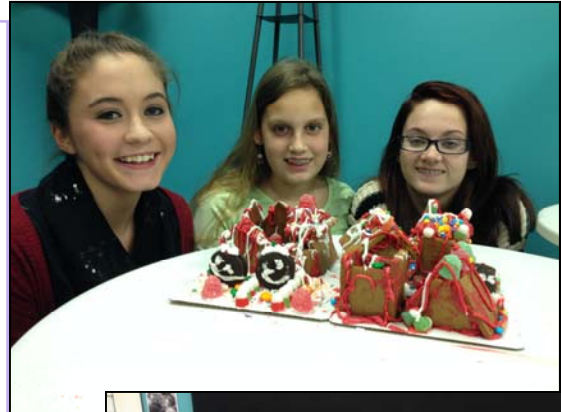
## See YOU at the CrossRoads

## Senior High Youth Group

We finished the year with some creative gingerbread creations. Where else but youth group would you get to play with candy, icing, and cookies to make trains, jails, zombie neighborhoods, and deer homes while listening to the Christmas story being read out loud? Wow!!!

In January, we will be creating a new group dynamic while working our way to having a servant's heart. We are six months away from our trip to Louisiana. There, our senior high students will have such wonderful opportunities to serve each other as well as the Louisiana community. I am excited about the mix of new and old leaders heading this adventure. It is going to be awesome!!

If you know of a high school student that is looking for a place to make friends, youth group is a great place to start! We meet on Sunday nights at 6pm. Hope we see you there!!!



### What's Happening! SR High

**January 12**

10 A.M.: Sunday School

6 P.M.: Youth Group

**January 14**

Golden Girls

**January 16**

BroZone

**January 19**

10 A.M.: Sunday School

6 P.M.: Youth Group

**January 21**

Golden Girls

**January 23**

BroZone

**January 26**

10 A.M.: Sunday School

6 P.M.: Youth Group

**January 29**

Golden Girls

**January 30**

BroZone

### HELP WANTED

CrossRoads owns the soda machine in the back of the church. We are looking for someone that would be willing to go shopping for soda for us. CrossRoads will pay for the soda but needs someone that is willing to take responsibility for making sure the soda is stocked. We can have the groups' load the machine for us or you can be in charge of this too. The money generated helps pay for scholarships for students to participate in a wide variety of events.

If you like to shop and want to be part of a great ministry, this might just be the perfect job for you!

See Dana Kirkwood for more details.

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