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The CrossRoads Connection



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

Let's Study the BIBLE!

I was reading a recent article about loving the unlovable people. Dr. Chuck Lawless had some wonderful reminders of why this is important, the main one being that God loves them and Christ tells us to love them. It's pretty simple.



Dana Kirkwood is the Program Director for the CrossRoads community.

Dr. Lawless' argument reminded me of the recent trip we took to Memphis with the senior high students. One of the speakers, Wade Morris, told us that living a good life was also pretty simple. His words of wisdom to our kids basically stated "If the Bible tells you to do it, do it! If the Bible tells you not to do it, don't do it! And to know what the Bible says, read it!" Pretty easy, right?

However, the Bible is made up of some pretty complex books. I can't imagine getting through Revelations without having my

own personal Bible Scholar on hand for clarifications. Also, there is Leviticus; that book is not my favorite one. Then we can't forget about Jesus' lessons—talk about complicated riddles! My faith is a mustard seed? Mustard comes from seeds? I thought it came in big yellow plastic containers. It's complicated.

That is why it is so amazing when we have people willing to help get through Bible lessons. Jeff and I have had amazing experiences with Disciple and the Midweek service. It helps to be held accountable for reading and to have a place to go to unpack what we've learned. Both are amazing experiences and I highly encourage you to be a part of one or both of them!

As for our youth, they also have amazing opportunities to learn about the Bible. In the junior high room, there are some amazing teachers working on the Egermeier's® Bible Story Book. It has 312 stories from Genesis to Revelations. It is written in a way that is simple for children to process. And thanks to some amazing teachers, the kids are able to put the Bible story into context within the historic period, too. Students in the junior high Sunday school program, for three years, will have worked their way through the entire Bible. It is an excellent opportunity for our youth to get a better all-around understanding of the Bible.

Senior high is also doing a comprehensive approach to the Bible. They are working through lessons in both the old and new testaments using

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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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an online planner. These lessons are looking at different lessons within the books and helping to apply a better understanding of the material. Equally important, they work to personalize the story with questions such as "What if you had been there?" These questions make our students ponder being in the same situation and time period.

If it is true that to be followers of the gospel, we need to love all people, and if it is true that is a nearly impossible task without understanding that we do this because God so loved us first, then, it is an obvious that we have to be in study of

our Bible regularly! Thanks to the amazing teachers in both junior high and senior high, CrossRoads kids are getting this opportunity! Please take a moment to thank these people; they are making sure that the next generation is equipped to move our faith forward!

Junior High:

John Garner
Leah Garner
Brian Haberstroh
Gail Haberstroh
Dorothy Taylor

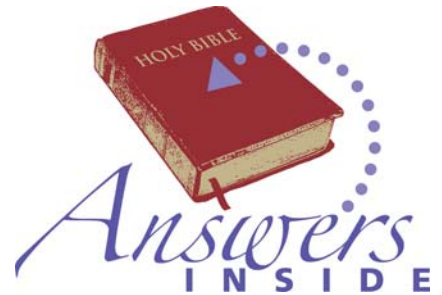
Senior High:

Jeff Norris
Pamela White
Wes White

Watch your thoughts, they become your words. Watch your words, they become your actions. Watch your actions, they become your habits. Watch your habits, they become your character. Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

Dana

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Wade is the author and founder of The Journey, is an expository Bible study and devotional series on CD. This series combines insights from Wade along with several of his friends and acquaintances from all walks of life. The Journey allows listeners to gain knowledge of the Word of God as well as a chance to apply it to their lives.

More information available at:
<http://wademorris.com>



Remember, you can always access the CR calendar on the Web at thecrossroads-umc.org





Help Wanted: UNBROKEN co-teacher

UNBROKEN is looking for a co-teacher for the 2014-2015 year. This position is filled with joy and laughter!

Details: UNBROKEN meets on Monday nights at 6:30-8 p.m. It is a small group setting with young ladies in grades 6, 7, and 8. This includes 20 minute lessons on Christian behaviors in the junior high world. There is a time when students share what is going on with their lives and a joy/concern period. There is always time to play a game and have snack. Typical size of this group is 6-10 young ladies.

Qualifications: A friendly, comfortable demeanor with young ladies. A background check and child protection training are required. You will be co-teaching with Gretchen Bollhoefer. Helping typically takes an hour of prep time, occasionally bringing snacks, and attendance on Monday nights.

This is an amazing opportunity to get to know our CrossRoads' junior high young ladies. This position will provide you with great humor, lots of love, and a close relationship with these young ladies.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Gretchen Bollhoefer--414-6815/bollhoeferg@gmail.com or Dana Kirkwood--412-6858/Dana@andrew-umc.org.

Junior High Calendar

April 6:

Sunday School—10 a.m.
Youth Group— 6 p.m.

April 7 -

UnBROKEN— 6:30 p.m.

April 13:

Sunday School—10 a.m.
Youth Group— 6 p.m.

April 14 -

UnBROKEN— 6:30 p.m.

April 20:

Sunday School—10 a.m.
Youth Group— 6 p.m.

April 21 -

UnBROKEN— 6:30 p.m.

April 27:

Sunday School—10 a.m.
Youth Group— 6 p.m.

April 28 -

UnBROKEN— 6:30 p.m.

May 4:

Sunday School—10 a.m.
Youth Group— 6 p.m.

May 5:

UnBROKEN (FINAL Session for 2013-2014 year)
6 p.m. ~ going to Bridge event over at 8:30 p.m.





Junior High Youth Group

Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for information about an overnight event at the end of April or beginning of May. We are working on a plan which would include spending the night at the church on Friday for food, fellowship, and games; then participating in a service project during the day on Saturday. We will pass additional information along as soon as it is finalized.

At the Sunday evening meetings, I think we are all getting a little stir crazy. To

combat this, the junior high youth group made a new game to burn off some energy. It is similar to hockey involving pool noodles, a tennis ball, and chairs for goals. The youth are having a lot of fun playing this, but I am looking forward to the time when we can go outside.

Mike Johnson



GOLDen Girls and UnBroken's Bridging Event



Monday, May 5, 2014

Time: 5:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Meet at St. Andrew UMC

This is a dress up event!

See YOU at the CrossRoads