

STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

January 2012

Pressing on...

We just got back from a GREAT time on our Crossroads Winter retreat; not only was the weather and scenery in Oklahoma beautiful, but it was an awesome time of connection with each other and learning from God's Word.

As we worked our way through Philippians, we landed in the middle of chapter 3 on New Year's Eve: "forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

How crazy would it be if a sprinter was more obsessed with the track behind him than in front of him? Or what if he was wanting to take it all in; as he ran his 100 meters, he was looking at the crowd, at the way the flags were blowing, at the camera crews all set up. Is that a way to win the prize? Usain Bolt's gaze does not waver from the finish line the entire race. His eyes stay on the prize, on the goal.

As we begin a new year, this is a call to us; forget what lies behind, be it good or bad. Re-focus yourself on the goal. Remember what God has you here for. Don't let the stuff of this earth distract you from where your gaze should rest. And push yourself forward, run the race, claim the prize, make God smile!

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Don't Forget:

This letter and calendar are available online at:
www.nhbc.net/alive (junior high)
www.nhbc.net/crossroads (high school)

SUNDAYS:

Sunday School, 9am

Singing, games, and learning together from God's Word.

All Youth Game Night (1/22)

Crossroads and ALIVE come together for a night of games at the church, from 7-9pm

WEDNESDAYS:

Welcome back and Warball (1/4)

It already happened, so what do you want to know??

Small Groups (1/11, 1/18, 1/25)

We meet at the church from 7-8:30 where we sing songs and then we will watch a video; this semester, we are doing a video series on Surrender by Francis Chan. Then we will break up into age and gender-specific small groups for discussion for the rest of the evening.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Mid-Winter Bash (1/15-16)

There's no school on MLK day, so we celebrate by staying out until after Midnight the night before! We will meet at the church at 7 and then head out for a series of fun events including broomball at the Galleria, unlimited games at Celebration Station, and, of course, lots of pizza when we return at midnight! Invite your friends...we'll be done at 12:30am, and the cost is only \$20!

ALIVE Events

7th-8th grade

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Crossroads (1/8)

Our student-led prayer night, at the church from 7-9pm

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FFF Nite (1/29)

We will vote, then invade a fast food restaurant for the evening. Bring \$\$ if you want food, 7-9pm

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Crossroads Events

9th-12th grade