

**W**elcome **T**o



**A Growing Family of Biblical Believers, Loving God,  
Learning Together, and Living it Out**

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<b>Sunday Morning Small Groups</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Service</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Youth Group</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Groups</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday Prayer</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

**NOVEMBER 27, 2016**

# Good Morning

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*"The Love of the Father"*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*"Emmanuel"*

*"The Glorious Impossible"*

*"Prepare The Way"*

## THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

Pastor Sam

## INVITATION

## OFFERING

*"Thy Will" (Rebeca Hill)*

## CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Sam's messages available on our website:

[www.crosspointchurchonline.org](http://www.crosspointchurchonline.org)

## **OUR USHERS THIS MONTH**

*David Tucci, Brian Grant, Jim Myers, Wayne Gensler,  
Wendell Elliott, Bill Cole, Mike Chance*

## **OUR COUNTERS TODAY**

*David Tucci, Merwin Warren, & Jim Myers*

## *Today*

Immediately following morning worship, Room 102

### **C.L.A.S.S. 101**

#### **INTRODUCTION TO MEMBERSHIP**

This basic introduction to our church family is designed to clearly explain who and what our church is.

You'll learn about our beliefs on:

Our Salvation, Our Statements of purpose,  
Our church's Strategy, Our Structure.

You'll also hear about the history of our church, how the five biblical purposes are necessary to fulfilling God's calling for your life, and the plans for the future of Crosspoint. At the end of class, you'll be given the opportunity to decide whether to continue the membership process by filling out and signing the membership covenant.

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## *This Evening at Crosspoint:*

**5:00-7:00**

**NIGHT OF PRAYER**

**Legacy Youth Center**

**5:30-7:00**

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY...ROOM 102**

*"To Live is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul"*

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## *This week at Crosspoint:*

**TUESDAY MORNING, 6:30-7:30, NEW HARTFORD**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

**TUESDAY MORNING, 9:45**

Ladies Bible Study-*"The Armor of God"*

**TUESDAY EVENING, 6:30, ROOM 102**

Ladies Bible Study-*"The Patriarchs"*

**WEDNESDAY EVENING, 6:30**

Praise Team Practice

**WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:00, LIBRARY**

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting

**THURSDAY EVENING, 6:30, LEGACY YOUTH CENTER**

College/Career Group



Crosspoint's annual Giving Tree for needy families will be in swing this Christmas! If you know of or are a family who will difficulty providing Christmas presents for your children, please contact:

David Tucci (527-1226) or Rick Buck (725-3823).

Please provide sizes, needs & interests of each child.

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## *Attention Ladies*

*The Women's Ministry Team Cordially*

*Invites You to Christmas Tea!!!*


*Saturday December 10th from 11:00 AM to 1 PM*

*at the Whitesboro Location.*

*We will share light fare, fellowship and a  
devotional message on Advent.*

*Please invite a friend, family member or co-worker  
and join us to Celebrate the Christmas Season!!!*

*Sign Up in the Foyer no later than December 4th*



Enter his gates  
with THANKSGIVING  
and his courts with  
praise; give THANKS  
to him and praise  
his name. PSALM 100:4

HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING

*With Full Hearts,  
We Thank You  
for the privilege to serve you.*

*Happy Thanksgiving,  
from  
Pastor Sam and Darlene*

# 7 Things Every Church Member Needs to Know About Charitable Contributions

**1.** If I make a contribution in early January 2017, can I claim it on my 2016 taxes? No, charitable contributions must be claimed in the year in which they are delivered.

**Example:** Mary writes a check to her church on December 31, 2016, and deposits it in the church offering on Sunday, January 1, 2017. Her check is not deductible on her 2016 taxes. She can claim it on her 2017 tax return.

**2.** If I mail my contribution in December 2016, but it doesn't reach my church until January 2017, for which year should I claim it? On your 2016 tax return. A check that is mailed to a charity is deductible in the year the check is mailed (and postmarked), even if it is received in the next year.

**Example:** Mary mails (and postmarks) her check in December 2016. Her church doesn't receive the check until January 2017. The check is deductible on Mary's 2016 tax return.

**3.** Can I deduct the value of volunteer work I did for the church? No, the value of personal services is never deductible as a charitable contribution. However, unreimbursed expenses you incur in performing services on behalf of a church or other charity may be. For 2017, you can use a "standard mileage rate" to compute a deduction for any miles you drive in performing services for your church. Be sure to maintain accurate records.

**Example:** John is an electrician and donates 10 hours of time to his church's construction project. He cannot deduct the value of his donated labor, but he can deduct the value of materials he purchased in performing the donated labor.

**Example:** Several church members go on a short-term missions project to another country. The value of their labor is not deductible, but they can deduct their unreimbursed travel expenses (transportation, meals, lodging) incurred in performing the project.

**4.** I gave \$135 to my church when I registered for a spring retreat. Can I deduct that?

No, assuming you received benefits (e.g., lodging, instruction, materials) worth \$135 or more. Charitable contributions generally are deductible only to the extent they exceed the value of any premium or benefit received by the donor in return for the contribution.

**5.** Is there any limit to the amount of my contributions I can deduct on my taxes? Yes, a contribution deduction ordinarily cannot exceed 50 percent of a donor's adjusted gross income (a 30 percent rule applies in some cases). Donors who exceed these limits may be able to "carry over" their excess contribution and deduct it in future years.

**6.** I designated my contribution to the church benevolence fund. Is it deductible?

That depends. "Designated contributions" are those made to a church for a specified purpose. If the purpose is an approved project or program of the church, you can deduct the contribution (if you claim itemized deductions on Schedule A). If you designate a \$100 gift to the church benevolence fund, it is deductible, unless you specify that your contribution be applied to a named individual; then no

deduction is allowed.

Contributions to a church or missions agency that designate a particular missionary may be tax-deductible if the church or missions agency exercises full administrative control over the contributions and ensures that they are spent in furtherance of the church's tax-exempt purposes.

**7. What kind of records do I need in order to prove I made a contribution?**

For individual cash contributions of under \$250: You must have a bank record (such as a cancelled check) or a receipt from the church containing the church's name, and the date and amount of each cash contribution.

For individual contributions (cash or property) of \$250 or more: You must receive a written receipt from your church that includes the church's name; the date of the contribution; the amount of any cash contribution; a description (but not the value) of noncash contributions; and one of the following: (i) a statement that no goods or services were provided by the church in return for the contribution; (ii) a statement that goods or services that a church provided in return for the contribution consisted entirely of intangible religious benefits; or (iii) a description and good faith estimate of the value of goods or services other than intangible religious benefits that the church provided in return for the contribution.

The church may either provide separate receipts for each single contribution of \$250 or more or one acknowledgment to substantiate several single contributions of \$250 or more. Separate contributions are not aggregated for purposes of measuring the \$250 threshold. If you've made individual contributions of \$250 or more, don't file your federal income tax return until you receive a contribution statement from your church that satisfies these requirements. Otherwise, your contributions may not be deductible. Canceled checks cannot be used to substantiate cash contributions of \$250 or more.

For noncash property valued at \$500 or more: Other rules apply (see the instructions to IRS Form 8283). If the value is more than \$5,000, you must obtain a qualified appraisal of the property and attach an "appraisal summary" (IRS Form 8283) to the tax return on which the contribution is claimed. Some exceptions apply.

For contributions of cars, boats, or planes: If a church sells the donated property without significant use, the donor's contribution deduction is limited to the sales proceeds. In addition, the church must provide the donor, and the IRS, with a written acknowledgement (use IRS Form 1098-C) by the deadline prescribed by law. If the church significantly uses the property, the donor can deduct the market value. However, the church must still provide Form 1098-C to the donor and the IRS. Qualified appraisal and appraisal summary requirements apply if a deduction exceeds \$5,000 (see instructions to Form 8283). About the Author. Richard Hammar, a graduate of Harvard Law School, is an attorney and certified public accountant specializing in legal and tax issues for churches and clergy.

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# SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES AT CROSSPOINT

## **9:00-10:15**

PreSchool/Nursery  
Leaders: Angie Denton, Dewey Horn, Cheryl Korovaynyk, Coen Marrero

Elementary (1st-4th Grades)  
Leaders: Daryl & Christie Scibior

Youth (5th-6th; 7th-8th; 9th-12th Grades)  
Leader: Bobby Allen

All Adults  
Leader: Sue DeGeorge      Topic: "The Fruit of the Spirit"  
Leader: Jim Jackson      Topic: Acts

Adult Women  
Topic: "The Beloved Disciple" & "Called to be God's Leader"

Adult Men  
Leader: Tim Bejian      Topic: Spiritual Warfare

## **10:30-12 noon**

PreSchool/Nursery  
Leaders: Angie Denton, Dewey Horn, Cheryl Korovaynyk, Coen Marrero

Elementary (1st-4th Grades)  
Leaders: Daryl & Christie Scibior

Tweeners (5th & 6th Grade)  
Leader: Bobby Allen

## **5:00-7:00**

Youth (7th-12th Grades)  
Leader: Bobby Allen

## **5:30-7:00**

LADIES BIBLE STUDY  
*"To Live is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul"*

## WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

### Tuesdays

Men's Fellowship Breakfast 6:30-7:30  
@ Crosspoint-New Hartford, 140 Clinton Road  
Leaders: Pastor Sam & David Tucci

Adult Women, 9:45am, Room 102  
@Crosspoint-Whitesboro  
Led by Linda Buck      Topic: "The Armor of God"

Adult Women, 6:30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Evenings  
@Crosspoint-Whitesboro, Room 102  
Led by Sue DeGeorge      Topic: "The Patriarchs"

### Wednesdays

Praise Team Practice 6:30pm (Worship Center)  
@Crosspoint-Whitesboro

Adults 7:00 pm (at Church Library)  
Prayer Meeting  
@Crosspoint-Whitesboro

### Thursdays

College & Career 7:00-9:00 pm  
@Crosspoint-Whitesboro  
Leader: Bobby Allen (ages 18 & up)