

Welcome **T**o



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

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Senior Pastor

Samuel J. Macri

Youth Minister

Bobby Allen

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

DECEMBER 4, 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

OUR USHERS THIS MONTH

*Wendell Elliott, Chris Ryczek, Ron Adair, Wayne Houck,
Viktor Korovaynyk, Mario Caracas, Bob Register*

OUR COUNTERS TODAY

Joni Mogle, Dewey Horn, & Diane Smith

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"

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

SATURDAY, 11:00am-1:00pm
Ladies Christmas Tea

Crosspoint Annual Giving Tree

Crosspoint annually coordinates a Giving Tree for local needy children - most of whom are either within our church or known by church attenders. We have several tags with gifts on the small tree in the Whitesboro church lobby that we still would love to be claimed. Please be sure to sign out your tag and plan to bring the unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 11th, so we have time to distribute to the families before Christmas.

If you already claimed a tag but did not sign it out,
please do so as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Macri (text or voicemail at 315-552-4463, email scmacri@gmail.com).

101 Graduates



l-r: Pastor Sam, Pat Tefel, Tony Tefel

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!!!*

CROSSPOINT FINANCIALS

April-November

YTD Budget Requirement	\$292,057.50
YTD Actual Receipts	\$294,232.77
YTD Expenses	\$285,815.45
Giving/Week	\$8,406.65
General Fund Bank Balance	\$38,979.23
Designated Fund Balance	\$26,530.96

YOUTH DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, December 4th - 5-7pm

Youth will be decorating youth center for Christmas and we will also be doing Christmas themed small groups.

Sunday, December 11th - 4-7pm - Christmas caroling.

The larger the crowd, the greater the impact. Would love for members of the praise team to join us to help keep us in tune.

We will be looking people to get involved in three ways:

1. join us for caroling throughout our surrounding community (probably 1-2miles of walking).
2. package small Christmas bags of cookies to give to people we carol to.
3. stay back at the church and have hot cocoa and cookies ready for a time of fellowship for all our carolers (6:30pm).

Sunday, December 18th - 4-8pm

Youth Christmas party.

Sunday, December 25th

no youth Sunday school or evening youth group.

Sunday, January 1st

Sunday School and youth group will continue as normal.

Wednesday, January 4th

Joel Penton speaking at Whitesboro High School and sharing the gospel there at night.

Wednesday, January 11th

Youth Staff Meeting - 6:30pm in youth center.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING



SUNDAY
DECEMBER
11th
4:00pm-7:00pm



FOR ALL AGES

(Under 11 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

Please join us on Sunday evening, December 11th for Christmas caroling. We will once again be traveling by foot throughout our local community. We will be meeting at Crosspoint Church Whitesboro at 4:00pm and returning at 6:30pm to get warmed up with some hot cocoa, Christmas cookies, and fellowship. The larger the group, the better the sound, and the greater the impact it will have on the community, so please join us, invite some friends, make it a family event, or simply bring yourself – all are welcome. If you are unable to walk too far or tolerate the cold for too long, there are other ways that you can be a part of this event.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Join us at 4pm for caroling.
2. Stay in the warmth of the church and prepare hot cocoa for our returning carolers.
3. Fill Christmas-decorated bags with cookies (no nuts or peanut butter please) and drop them off at the church on Sunday, December 11th to be handed out to people in our community as we carol.

Questions, concerns, etc. – text or call Bobby @ (315)-939-2748



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th

4:00pm – 8:00pm

At the Crosspoint Church Whitesboro Legacy Youth Center
For Grades 6-12

Join us for a night of unique and epic games, Christmas-themed challenges, your favorite foods, a white elephant gift exchange, and a special time of celebrating the birth of Jesus. It doesn't matter if you are a regular youth group attender or just would like to come to an epically cool party with epically cool people. You definitely want to invite your youth friends, neighbors, and relatives to one of our most popular annual events.

WHAT TO BRING?

Yourself and as many youth as will fit in your car.

A wrapped or bagged white elephant gift.

3. A non-perishable food donation that will go towards our soon-to-come community food bank.

WHAT IS A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT?

I'm glad you asked. A White elephant gift can be something you already own or something you purchased for \$5 or less. It can be for a boy or girl. Look around the room and if you see something that someone your age would like and you can part with it, wrap it or bag it or go to a store and buy something for under \$5 that someone your age would like and wrap it or bag it. At the party, we will have a gift exchange game that ensures you will laugh until it hurts and that you will not leave empty handed.

Questions, concerns, etc. – text or call Bobby @ (315)-939-2748

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: "War Room"
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

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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: "War Room"

Adult Women, 6:30pm, 1st & 3rd 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)