

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



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

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**Youth Minister**

**Bobby Allen**

<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>

**DECEMBER 11, 2016**

# *Good Morning*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*"Heart of Worship"*

*"The First Noel"*

*"Love Came Down"*

## THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

Pastor Sam

## INVITATION

## OFFERING

*"Bethlehem"*

## CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Sam's messages available on our website:

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

## **OUR USHERS THIS MONTH**

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

## **OUR COUNTERS TODAY**

*CJ DuChene, Jim Myers, & Jim Horn*

## *This Evening at Crosspoint:*

**4:00-7:00**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

**Meeting at our Whitesboro Campus**

**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:*

**MONDAY EVENING, 7:00, ROOM 102**

Monthly Leadership Team Meeting

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

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

**TUESDAY MORNING, 9:45**

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

**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

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## 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](mailto:scmacri@gmail.com)).

# YOUTH DATES TO REMEMBER:

**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.

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Central New York is accepting resumes from ministry minded candidates to fill a program director's position in Utica.

Earn While You Learn (EWYL) is a premier parenting and mentoring program. The EWYL Program Director is responsible for coordinating, managing and overseeing the program in the Utica Center, its required curriculum, material supplies, and mentors. The Director will manage day-to-day operations, mentor clients when volunteers are not available, and will supervise, train and spiritually nurture volunteers at the center. This is a permanent part time position, Monday – Thursday from 10:00 to 5:00 PM. Ideal candidate will possess strong organizational skills, oral and written communication skills, be computer literate, and have a heart for expressing the love of God and Gospel of Jesus Christ. Prior experience in teaching and/or recruiting and supervising volunteers a plus. Will train right candidate.

Resumes accepted by email: [\*\*Caretnet@carenetcny.org\*\*](mailto:Caretnet@carenetcny.org).

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President & Executive Director

Pregnancy Center of Central New York

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# CHRISTMAS CAROLING



SUNDAY  
DECEMBER  
11<sup>th</sup>  
4:00pm-7:00pm



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## **FOR ALL AGES**

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

*Please join us on Sunday evening, December 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> to be handed out to people in our community as we carol.

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>

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.

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## *Giving Tree Update!!*

We have only seven tags left on the giving tree! Considering we started with FIFTY, this is phenomenal! If you are interested in taking one of the last few gifts, could you please stop by the church (usually is open in the mornings) or pick it up Sunday morning? We need all gifts dropped off at the church by close of Bible Studies in the evening of Sunday, December 11th. This is so we have time to organize and get them to the families before Christmas. (Since Christmas is on a Sunday, they have to be ready a whole week early!)

Again, please drop off all gifts by 7pm, Sunday, December 11th. Thank you so much for your generosity!

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

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## *Christmas Card Exchange*

Tables for our annual Christmas Card Exchange are now set up in the foyer. A great way to give Christmas greetings to the family.

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## *Spring 2017 Women's Retreat @ Word of Life-Schroon Lake, NY*

MAY 19-21 2017

RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY

ROOM RATE: \$150.00 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

MEALS AND CONFERENCE: \$140.00

TOTAL COST (BASED ON 2 PEOPLE/ROOM): \$75 & \$140 = \$215

GUEST SPEAKER: MELISSA SPOELSTRA

GUEST MUSICIAN: UNSEEN

PLEASE SEE MORE INFO AND DETAILS AT THE WOMEN'S SIGN UP TABLE  
OR SPEAK TO SUE DEGEORGE

THIS IS AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT A PREMIER CHRISTIAN  
RETREAT CENTER RIGHT HERE IN OUR BACK YARD AND TO BE  
NOURISHED BY A TOP FLIGHT AUTHOR AND BIBLE TEACHER AS WELL AS  
EAT EXTRAVAGANTLY AND FELLOWSHIP RICHLY IN A WONDERFULLY  
PRIVATE, BEAUTIFUL RETREAT CENTER.

# 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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# CROSSPOINT CHURCH

## MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and been baptized, and being in agreement with the purpose and structure of Crosspoint Church, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Crosspoint Church family.

In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

### **1. I will protect the unity of my church:**

- ...by acting in love toward other members                      Romans 14:19
- ...by refusing to gossip    Ephesians 4:29
- ...by following the leaders spiritual direction                      Hebrews 13:17  
Numbers 27:15-17

### **2. I will share the responsibility of my church:**

- ...by praying for its growth    Thessalonians 1:1-2
- ...by inviting the unchurched to attend                              Luke 14:23
- ...by warmly welcoming those who visit                              Romans 15:7

### **3. I will serve the ministry of my church:**

- ...by discovering and using my gifts and talents                      I Peter 4:10
- ...by being equipped to serve; led by my pastor and teachers      Ephesians 4:11-12
- ...by developing a servants heart                                      Philippians 2:3-4,7

### **4. I will support the testimony of my church:**

- ...by living a Godly life    Philippians 1:27
- ...by attending faithfully    Hebrews 10:25
- ...by giving regularly    I Corinthians 16:2  
Leviticus 27:30

# 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: "A Hunger For the Holy" & "The Pursuit of Holiness"

Adult Men  
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: "War Room"

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)