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

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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 18, 2016

Good Morning

CALL TO WORSHIP

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Adore"

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

"You, You Are God"

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

Pastor Sam

INVITATION

OFFERING

"Emmanuel"

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

David Tucci, Merwin Warren, & Ellen Myers

This Evening at Crosspoint:

5:00-7:00

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 6:30-7:30

Cancer Care Ministry

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 Evening, December 24th, 7:00
at our Whitesboro Campus

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

The Adult Sunday School Class (Room 102) and War Room Class (Room 207) **WILL** be meeting on both Christmas and New Years Day. Our Women's Class (Room 113) **WILL NOT** be meeting on those days.

YOUTH DATES TO REMEMBER:

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 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.

FYI

A special designated fund has been set up for the purpose of carpeting our Whitesboro Worship Center.

The floor measures approximately 8200 sq. ft. and will cost \$25,000, or \$3.05/sq. ft. to cover.

Samples of the carpet squares can be found at the foot of the cross.

The carpet will not only beautify the Worship Center, but it will also eliminate tearing up and replacing hundreds of damaged floor tiles. If you feel led to donate to this fund, write "carpet" on your offering envelope.



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

Adult Men
Topic: Spiritual Warfare

10:30-12 noon

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Leader: Bobby Allen

5:00-7:00

Youth (7th-12th Grades)
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"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, 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

Cancer Care Ministry, 6:30-7:30
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
@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)