



THE PULSE

A Monthly Look Into Ministry at CPC



Ministry Moments

An unexpected snowstorm delayed the departure for the annual CRASH Sprang Flang on Feb. 16, but middle school students met on Friday night at The Commons for some retreat activities, and made the trip to Camp Trinity in New Haven, MO, on Saturday morning.

Once there, leaders and students enjoyed paddling in canoes, roasting marshmallows around a campfire, singing songs, and playing a variety of games. In large group talks and small group discussions, they looked at the stories of Jonathan and David, Ruth and Naomi, and Jesus and Peter for insight into what friendship really means.

"God was gracious in giving us great weather and driving conditions on Saturday and Sunday," said CRASH Director Adam Delaplane. "We were blessed with a fun and safe time that allowed us to grow closer to each other and closer to the Lord."



Crossfire Meets The Unique World of 3rd & 4th Graders

by Lynn Norfleet

Several years ago, leaders at CPC discovered that students in fourth and fifth grades learned and related in a way that was different from their younger and older peers. Initially developed by Eric Larsen, a Sunday School class called Crossfire was started that was especially tailored to the strengths and challenges of 10-11 year olds.

In Crossfire, students have time for play, whether outside on the playground or basketball courts, or inside with four-square or board games, before coming together for a Biblical lesson. Then they break out into small groups, giving them more time to process and ask questions. Leaders guide students and engage them in conversation about their past week and their activities.

Crossfire PM on Sunday nights in the fall and spring offers a similar structure, but with more time for activities and play and a shorter object lesson. Many students attend while their parents participate in Lifelines, and have siblings involved in other Sunday PM activities at the church. They often invite friends to join them.



CPC Up Close

Maurice & Beth Perry

Nine years ago, Maurice and Beth Perry and their family relocated to Wildwood and immediately found a church home at CPC. Since then, they have become an integral part of the community here, serving and discipling in several ministries.

Beth brings experience as an elementary school teacher and a homeschooling mom to her role as Children's Ministry's Spark (kindergarten and first grade) leader. She also leads a small group in Women's Ministry's Tuesday studies. Maurice has worked as an investment professional as the family has moved from Miami to Atlanta to Chapel Hill, NC, to St. Louis. In addition to serving as a shepherd in Beth's Spark class, he serves as a CPC deacon and member of the church finance committee, and enjoys attending men's Bible study. Recently, he started a Chess Club at The Commons.

The Perrys, who have also hosted a Lifeline group for many years, appreciate the leaders and groups that have ministered to their four children, who now range in age from 15-23; as well as the community they have found at CPC. "Our best friends are at church," Beth said.

Crossfire Meets the Unique World (cont.)

"One of the ways we tailor the teaching and activities to this age group is by the mixture of concrete and abstract in each lesson," said Crossfire Coordinator CJ Norton. "For instance, when we talked about the creation story in Genesis, we had students get in groups and invent something that had never been created before. They learned that while we create things taken from creation, God is the ultimate Creator."

Since taking over leadership of Crossfire a year ago, CJ has learned that kids at this age are intelligent and deeply curious. "They have surprised me with some of their knowledge about Bible stories and have asked challenging questions about God's love, sin, redemption, and many other topics. They are really interested in learning more about God, the Bible, the Church, and their faith," he noted.



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