



July 7, 2010

Dear Church Family,

We have a new name!

*CrossPoint Community Church* was affirmed by 93% of the congregation on Sunday morning, an overwhelming statement of support!

As you know, the singular purpose for renaming FBC after almost 108 years of ministry, is to remove a known obstacle to those we invite. Almost 50% of the church family who regularly invite people found the name to be in the way of their friends accepting their invitation. While we are very grateful for the rich heritage in the name First Baptist Church, Modesto, we are carrying on the heart of that heritage with this decision. I thank all of you for your understanding, prayer and support!

Now the transition begins! We anticipate changes in signage and printed materials will take place over the next three to fifteen months. Many of our signs will be inexpensively updated by our buildings and grounds department. Others will be changed as funds are available. For printed materials, we will use what we have and then reprint with our new name. As you can see on this letter, our new logo can be printed along with this text at no extra expense. We're in transition!

The new church website will soon be completed. To help with the transition, the old address will automatically re-direct to the new site. More to come.

We've also worked out a transition period with our bank. Please start writing *CrossPoint Community Church* on your checks. But if you forget, don't worry. We have a grace period while we get used to our new name.

There will be a few special events this summer to which you can invite your friends. The evenings of July 23–25 we will present *Hope of the World*, an original drama that tells true stories of people all around the world who have turned to Jesus in the past few years. Plan on going and invite a friend to join you!

We're also planning a Sunday morning *open house* to which you can invite your friends and introduce them to *CrossPoint Community Church*. It will be at the end of August. More details will follow.

As we move forward, let us do so as one church, loving one another, and pointing people to the cross of Jesus!

Sincerely in Christ,

B. Wade Estes