

THE LATEST

[January 28&29, 2012]

Spotlight.

Ezra 8 Day

This Sunday, January 29th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center

Every year, our church family comes together on one important day to fast and pray for our church and its ministry. It's a meaningful time of praising God for His faithfulness in the past year and seeking Him for the upcoming year of ministry. Please join us for this wonderful time of prayer and connection! We encourage the whole family to join us!

"Buy a Bag" is back!

Several of our life groups are leading this effort to support Northville Civic Concern and Active Faith—two organizations that provide assistance to area families in need. Each donation of \$20 will supply a full bag of food and other necessities to these families--things that many of us take for granted. We ask you to consider supporting our community in this effort again this year. Simply stop by the table in the atrium this weekend to get involved.

Lifepath

At Oak Pointe, we care a lot about your path of spiritual growth, from start to finish. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, there is room here for you to learn, grow, be challenged, and expand your knowledge and experience of Christ. That's why we created Lifepath—a series of classes we offer a couple of times a year. Check out Lifepath on the web for all of the details: www.oakpointe.org/lifepath.

Events & Classes.

Zambia Missions Info Meeting

This Sunday, January 29th, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. (choose one) in Rm. 138

Have you ever thought about going on a mission trip, but didn't feel adequate enough? Maybe evangelizing isn't your spiritual gift, but playing with children is your passion. Maybe you enjoy pounding a hammer and nails, or you have medical or dental experience. Whatever your gift, if you feel God nudging you to check out this next mission trip (scheduled for June 2012), come to our info meeting! If you have any questions, contact Jane at jane@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043.

Romans Study Materials

We've prepared some materials to help you as you study Romans on your own or with your life group. They'll take your study even deeper and help you connect with God on a very personal level. Happy studying!

- Study Guides: Online at www.oakpointe.org. Available the Monday prior to the coming message/chapter. Use these for individual or group study.
- Prayer Guides: In print. Cost: \$2 (to cover printing). Use for daily Romans-guided prayers. A new guide will be available for each new section of our Romans study. Pick up the new one THIS WEEKEND in the atrium!
- Commentary: Very detailed notes from Bob for those who want to go deep. Available online every Sunday afternoon following the message.

Prayer Shield Photos

If you signed up to be part of the Pastors' Prayer Shield, please stop by the table in the atrium today to pick up a family photo of your pastor.

Discover OPC

This Monday, January 30th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Rm. 138

Interested in learning more about our church? Attend Discover OPC and find out all about our vision, beliefs & background. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal, and the class will include a Q&A with our senior pastor, Bob Shirock. This class is open to anyone and is required for membership. Register online (www.oakpointe.org/classes) or email laurel@oakpointe.org.

Join OPC

Monday, February 13th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Rm. 138

Interested in membership? Make plans to attend Join OPC. This class digs deeper into foundational Christian principles and provides the necessary information for those seeking membership. It also includes a Q&A with our Life Groups pastor, Greg Moore. There is a membership self-study workbook that accompanies this class. Register online (www.oakpointe.org/classes) or email laurel@oakpointe.org.

Connect OPC.

Sunday, February 12th, between services in Room 138

New to Oak Pointe? Here's a place to start! We'd like to invite you to Connect OPC. It's an informal gathering we have once a month that will help you "connect the dots" here at Oak Pointe. Connect OPC is designed to give you a brief overview of the church and provide you with resources you need to discover which next steps are right for you. You'll meet some of our staff, as well as others who are new to Oak Pointe too. No need to make a reservation; you can simply show up! Your kids are welcome too. We'd love to meet them! We meet in Room 138, located on the lower level, at the west end of the building. Our Welcome Center hosts will be glad to direct you. Questions? Contact Debra at debra@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043.

ReNew Life Groups (Support and Recovery Ministry)

Monday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (through mid-April)

There is still time to start the year off right by refreshing your life with one of ReNew's many support groups. In addition to ReNew, we're also offering two additional workshops alongside TrueNorth Christian Counseling.

o Caregiver Workshops:

Preventing Burn-Out in the Caregiver (January 30th, 7:00 p.m.)

Learn practical self-care strategies to employ while caring for your loved one.

Planning for Long-Term Care (February 6th, 7:00 p.m.)

Learn about viable options for long-term care. Get help with navigating Medicare, Medicaid and VA assistance programs.

o Knitted Together Workshops:

Attachment & Sensory Issues with Abused/Traumatized Children (January 30th, 7:00 p.m.)

Learn coping strategies to help with the adjustment process. Learn about sensory overload and sensory processing issues that impact these children and their ability to attach to their caretakers and parents.

Secure Attachment and Healthy Relationships (February 6th, 7:00 p.m.)

Healthy development in children is dependent on secure attachment. Learn how the attachment process is disrupted and how to repair it.

For workshop info, visit www.truenorthcc.org/groups.html. For more info or to register for a ReNew group (Growing Seasons, DivorceCare, GriefShare, Life Disrupted: Doing Well at Being Sick, Restarting, Setting Boundaries for Teen & Adult Children, Single and Single Again, Men's Integrity, Her Story, or CrossCurrent), visit us at www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew or call Jane Leonhardt, ReNew coordinator, @ 248.912.0043.

International Friends: New ESL Classes

Improve your English and make new friends at the same time. Register online at www.oakpointe.org/ministries/esl. We're also looking for volunteers. See the list below, then visit the website for info.

ESL Conversation Class: Fridays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. (February 3 & 17, March 2, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 18). Childcare available for a small fee.

ESL Class: Saturdays, January 28th-March 3rd, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Free childcare available (up to 5th grade).

Serving Opportunities:

- o Prayer Partners
- o Administrative Help (English-speaking & bilingual needed)
- o Bilingual Greeters & Registration Helpers
- o Conversation Partners (English-speaking & bilingual needed)
- o Adventureland Workers (English-speaking and bilingual needed)

Save the Date: Family Movie Night

Friday, March 23rd

At our next Family Movie Night, you & the kids will enjoy an action-packed evening of movies, games, and crazy fun! Mark your calendar and don't miss it!

Marriage Mentoring

Are you interested in strengthening your marriage? Consider being mentored by another couple. Let us connect you with one! Email marriagementors@oakpointe.org for more info.

Multilingual Message Notes

The weekend message notes are now available most weeks in Albanian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Spanish! They're available for pick-up at the Welcome Center, and also posted online (click the "Weekend Services" button on OPC's home page).

Kids & Students.

Growing Seasons

Growing Seasons is part of our ReNew Life Ministries, and is designed to help children heal from divorce, the death of a loved one, and other losses. This is a peer support group for children that provides them with a safe place to talk about their loss and helps them move through the grief process toward healing. It offers practical steps based on biblical principles and the love of Jesus. If you know a child that could benefit from this type of support, please contact Jane Leonhardt at 248.912.0043 or jane@oakpointe.org.

ROCK

(6th - 8th grades)

The ROCK on Thursday Nights

The ROCK is our group for Jr. High students, and it meets every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Center. They've got teaching, live music, a snack shop, games, small groups, and more! Check it out on Thursday nights! Email Tiffany with any questions at tiffany@oakpointe.org.

The ROCK on Sundays

Did you know that we have a Sunday morning class for Jr. High students? It's a great way for 6th, 7th & 8th graders to learn and make new friends at the same time! Class meets the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of every month at 9:15 a.m. in the Student Center. It's super fun and students will love it! We encourage students to attend the worship service on the 1st Sunday of the month. Contact Tiffany for more info at tiffany@oakpointe.org.

Winter Blast

February 24th-26th at Timber Wolf Lake in Lake City, Michigan

You don't want to miss this snow-filled, action-packed weekend away. It's a weekend of playing crazy games and getting to know our amazing God at a deeper level. Cost: \$130 by February 2nd, \$160 after. Register early to get a free camp T-shirt (must register by February 2nd to get it). To register visit www.therockswebsite.com and click the Winter Blast link. You can pay online or print off the registration form. There are scholarships available. See the application on the website. Questions? Contact Tiffany at tiffany@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043.

707

(9th - 12th grades)

Wednesday Nights

Our high school group, 707, meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Center. With rockin' music, great teaching, and crazy games, it's a great place to meet up with your friends, and make new ones too! Contact Sarah at sarah@oakpointe.org for more info on Wednesday nights or upcoming 707 events.

Adults & Life Groups.

Life Groups @ OPC

Oak Pointe is a church of life groups! They're a priority around here. A life group is a gathering of 3-12 people who come together on a regular basis to encourage one another, grow in Christ, and develop meaningful relationships. Not only do we have "independent" groups meeting all across Metro Detroit, but each of the ministry areas listed below is also based in life groups... they're everywhere! We're convinced that they're a *vital* part of a healthy life and relationship with God. Stop by the Lifepath atrium display or contact Gail Paulus at gail@oakpointe.org to learn more!

Young Couples

Young Couples' Groups

If you're engaged or newly married without children, our young couples' life groups are looking for you. They meet weekly to study the Bible, socialize, and pray together. For more info please contact Margaret at margaret@oakpointe.org, or stop by the Lifepath display on any weekend.

Young Adults (18-34 Singles)

College Life Group

If you're college-aged, you're invited to attend a great life group that meets on Sunday afternoons in Novi, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Contact Will Ruby: 248.787.1324 or me@willruby.com.

Elevate Worship

Join other young adults (18-34) for worship, teaching, and community. Elevate Worship meets monthly on the second Sunday @ 6:00 p.m. Continuing in the momentum built by E.A.C.H., Elevate will participate in group outreaches at least once a month. Look for more details during Elevate Worship or in our e-mail newsletters, or talk to your life group leader. You can also contact Jim Pellerin with questions at jimpellerin@yahoo.com or 248.885.7572.

Elevate Life Groups

We have life groups that meet throughout the area on various nights for men and women. Contact Sarah Chrzanowski at elevatopc@gmail.com if you're interested in being in one. It's a great way to connect and find community!

Elevate Mission Trip

Elevate is going back to Haiti in 2012 to serve alongside Mission of Hope Haiti (www.mohhaiti.org). The dates of the trip are May 5th-13th. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, February 5th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. If you're interested in getting more details, please attend!

Journey (35+ Singles)

The New Journey!

Does your life need a new direction? Join us as we embark on the next chapter of Journey! If you're a single adult over 35 years of age, come for lunch and discover what the new Journey is all about. This community will help you enrich your life through serving in the community and meeting new people! We'll see you Sunday, February 19th after the 11:15 a.m. service (around 12:30 p.m.). RSVP's preferred. Email gail@oakpointe.org. For more info, please email Roxanne Becker at rbecker56@sbcglobal.net.

Life Groups

Life groups are a great way to connect with others in your area. Although we don't have Journey-specific groups, there are general groups meeting near you. For more info, email Gail Paulus (gail@oakpointe.org). She'd love to answer your questions and get you plugged in.

New Onsite Women's Groups

Tuesday evenings & Wednesday mornings

We have two open curriculums for onsite groups this winter (all groups studying Beth Moore's James are now full). We're continuing our specialty life groups for moms with young children (birth through grade 5). This term they're studying Mom to Mom Inside Out Parenting, and they'll also schedule monthly play dates. Gracestation is also available for women to join anytime. For more details and online registration, go to www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/women. Questions? Email: women@oakpointe.org.

Life Groups in the Comfort of a Home

We have over 15 women's groups meeting in homes and coffeehouses throughout the north, south, east and west communities. There are numerous studies and opportunities to meet women and to develop friendships. Check out our website to find a group near you (www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/women). Questions? Email: women@oakpointe.org.

Love Kids? We've Got the Perfect (Paid) Job for You!

Our Mom2Mom life groups are growing by the week, and we need more caregivers who can help take care of the young children on Wednesday mornings (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.). Please email dawn@oakpointe.org for more info.

Moms In Touch International

How is the school year going? Feeling worried, anxious, or overwhelmed? That's the job of being a mom, right? Experience the joy of replacing anxiety with peace and hope when you pray with other moms for your kids, teachers, staff and schools. Check out Moms In Touch International at www.MomsInTouch.org to find a group in your area or school district. If your child is in one of the Novi elementary schools, you can contact Sara Erskine at 248.946.4775. They meet on Monday mornings and would love to have you join them!

MOPS

1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:15 p.m. in Rm. 138

Are you a mom of young children, birth through kindergarten? Do you want to grow your relationship with Christ while building relationships with other women? Come check out MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)! This year you'll enjoy speakers on many meaningful topics, and you'll dig in to the DVD study *The Power of a Positive Mom* by Karol Ladd. MOPS meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. For more info email opcrops@yahoo.com.

Life Group for Moms with Young Children: Play Dates

Motherhood can be isolating, especially in the dark days of winter. Hook up with some other OPC moms this January and February for some activities in the community. Your kids will thank you, and you'll enjoy the company of other moms! Please join in even if you're not part of Wednesday morning life groups. Email Nicole Barclay for more info at nicolebarclay1@hotmail.com.

Women

February:

- Preschool open gym at American Allstars Athletic Center (Commerce). Monday, February 6th, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Playhouse Theater at Orchard Mall (West Bloomfield). Saturday, February 18th, 11:00 a.m.
- Dream Cakes Bakery tour/cookie & cupcake decorating. Tuesday, February 21st, 10:30 a.m. (RSVP required)

Men

Men's Fraternity

Fridays at 6:00 a.m. in Rm. 137

Join other men in a study that teaches you how to live a life of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus. If you've never taken Men's Fraternity, this study is for you. Materials: \$10 (Quest for Manhood book), plus \$10 semester fee. See the Life Groups kiosk for info.

Groups for Men in Career Transition

We have two life groups for men who are unemployed or who are in career transition. Come together for a time of prayer, study, encouragement and networking. All groups meet on Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

- West Community: Java House in South Lyon (Pontiac Trl. between 9 & 10 Mile); Rod Rhoad (248.207.6377)
- East Community: Einstein Bros. Bagels (12 Mile Rd. & Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington Hills); Kurt Alber (248.672.7333)

Cancer Care

Monthly Meeting

First Sunday of every month @ 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 247

When you're diagnosed with cancer it can be shocking. It's also a surprise to many of our friends, and some of them come alongside us and are very encouraging. What helped you deal with your situation? Was there anything that you found especially comforting? If you, a friend, or family member has cancer, join us for our next meeting. Bring your thoughts to share on Sunday, February 5th.

Support & Encouragement

Have you or a family member just been diagnosed with cancer? Email Sharon Garnham at sharongarnham@gmail.com.

Prayer.

We believe that prayer is vital to our ministry and our lives. We want to talk to God and seek His direction as we move ahead with everything we do. That's why we've made prayer one of our core values & priorities. We have many opportunities for you to be part of our prayer movement, so check out the list below and e-mail Beth Swis at beth@oakpointe.org if you have any questions.

Tuesday Night Prayer

Tuesday nights, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Rm. 138

Please join us every Tuesday night as we come together for worship and prayer for the needs of our church and community.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

First Wednesday of each month, 6:00-7:00 a.m. in Rm. 146

Start your day with us in prayer on the first Wednesday of every month. Meet some new people and find community as you pray together for the needs of the church and community.

Outreach Prayer

If you'd like to be part of a team who prays specifically for Oak Pointe outreach events, sign up on our website or through Beth Swis. You'll then receive email with info on upcoming events, and details about what to pray for. What an invaluable team! We hope you'll consider being a part of it!

In-Service Prayer

Did you know that there's a team of people who pray during each of our weekend services? They pray for the teaching pastor, the people listening to the message, the kids, students, and everything else that's going on during the service. If you'd like to join them in prayer, feel free to show up to the Prayer Room on any Saturday or Sunday before the service. Individuals & families are welcome. If your small group is interested, please sign up with Beth before you attend.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, you can submit it online at www.oakpointe.org, stop into the Prayer Room on Saturdays or Sundays during all services, or fill out a prayer card. Prayer cards are available in the Prayer Room and at the Welcome Center. You can also feel free to call the church office during the week at 248.912.0043.

Personal Prayer (after each weekend service)

Did you know that there are people waiting to talk or pray with you after each service? You'll notice that some of our pastors & elders and their wives are standing at the front of the Worship Center (near the stage) and at the back near the Prayer Room. If you have questions, need to talk, or want someone to pray with you, feel free to meet with them.

Serving & Job Opportunities.

Guest Services

Our Guest Services team needs lots of help! See the needs below and let Dawn (dawn@oakpointe.org) know if you can help. Be part of a great team that creates a warm & welcoming place for our guests!

- Parking: Serve one Sunday a month.
Need: 14 people

- Indoor Greeters: Serve one Saturday or Sunday a month.
Need: 1st Saturday (2) 3rd Saturday (3) 4th Saturday (4)

1st Sunday (9:15 service) (3) 3rd Sunday (9:15 service) (5)
3rd Sunday (11:15 service) (2)

- Message Ministry (CDs): Sell CDs of our services one Sunday a month.
Need: 3rd Sunday (1)

- Security: Serve one Saturday or Sunday a month.
Need: 1st Saturday (2) 2nd Saturday (2) 3rd Saturday (2) 4th Saturday (2)

Tech Team

Join the Tech Team and serve just one weekend a month! No experience necessary. We'll train you! You can be a camera operator, computer operator, lighting operator, or stage hand. Be part of a fun team that's responsible for helping people worship and experience God! Contact Bethany at bethany@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 for more info.

Knit Wits

This isn't your grandmother's knitting group! Join the Knit Wits for fun and knitting on the first and third Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Zurawski. Don't know how to knit? No problem! They'll teach you! Call Nancy for directions at 248.347.0836.

Adventureland Opportunities

Adventureland Saturday Small Group Coordinator (K-5)

Are you passionate about seeing kids grow in their faith? Does it excite you to minister to international families from our community? Do you like to interact with both kids and adults? If you do and you're administrative, energetic, and like to have fun, then this part-time position might be just right for you! You'll be coaching small group leaders and overseeing children's small groups. If interested send your resume to karenp@oakpointe.org.

Minister to International Kids

On Saturdays in Adventureland we minister to international kids from the community whose parents attend our Saturday ESL classes. These kids love to learn about Jesus, and enjoy making new friendships with other kids and adults. Parents see the love of Jesus through the care their kids receive! We have a great need for volunteers willing to help in the nursery, preschool or elementary grades during the classes (5:15 p.m.). If you can help, please email val@oakpointe.org.

Adventureland Special Needs Ministry

Do you have a heart for children with special needs? We're looking for caring people to help with this very important ministry to kids and their families. Some of the current needs for volunteering include assessing children, providing oversight and/or working with the children. For more info, contact Grace at grace@oakpointe.org.

Urgent Volunteer Needs

Happy New Year to all! Adventureland has had an awesome year so far, but we're still in need of volunteers who have a heart for reaching kids. See the list below and contact Val at 248.912.0043 or val@oakpointe.org if you'd like to help out or need more info.

Nursery Caregivers: Serve once a month. Need 4 people for 5:15 Saturday service.

Tech Volunteers: Serve once a month.

4th/5th grade: Need 1 person Sunday for both services; 2 people Saturday, 5:15.

Small Group Leaders: Serve twice a month.
 K/1st grade: Need 2 students for 9:15; 1 person Saturday, 5:15.
 2nd/3rd grade: Need 1 person for 9:15.
 Need 3 student volunteers Saturday, 5:15.

Schedule At-A-Glance.

January	
27-29	707 Winter Retreat
29	Ezra 8 Day
30	Discover OPC
February	
10	The Art of Marriage
12	Connect OPC
13	Join OPC
17	Father/Son Movie Night
24-26	ROCK Winter Blast

Ministry Partnership Opportunities.

Weekly Opportunities

- **Central Detroit Christian (CDC):** Breakthrough Enrichment Program: work with K-5 and 6-12 grades. Tuesdays from 6:00–8:00 p.m. :: Teen Club Program: 7:00–10:00 p.m. (bimonthly on Friday evenings) :: Bible Study: 4:30–6:30 p.m. on Fridays. OPC contact people: Julie Rickett (248.347.3582) or Rod Rhoad (248.207.6377)

- **Prison Ministry**

Women's Prison Ministry

Reaching out with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to a forgotten society, the Women's Prison Ministry has been instrumental in leading many young female inmates to Christ at the Huron Valley Women's Complex. If you're interested in being part of the women's prison ministry, and you have a relationship with Jesus, email Artice Ann at womensprisonministry@oakpointe.org.

Men's Prison Ministry

Weekly & biweekly prison visits. Contact Brian at mensprisonministry@oakpointe.org for more info.



Saturday Service @ 5:15 p.m./Sunday Services @ 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
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