

THE LATEST

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Spotlight.

International Friends ESL Classes & Studies

Fall ESL classes begin on September 24th & 25th to help you learn or improve your English. ESL Christianity studies are also being offered for women. Register online or at the kiosk this weekend. Have international friends? Invite them! You can pick up a flyer at the kiosk that will help you invite co-workers, friends, and neighbors. Digital versions are also available if you'd like to post an invitation online. Contact Val at val@oakpointe.org.

Be Part of a Bigger Story!

It happens fast-- kids grow up in the blink of an eye. Adventureland's mission is to teach kids about the life-changing love of Jesus while they're young, and we need your help to make that happen. See the kiosk to learn about the many opportunities we have for you to serve with us. We're getting ready for our kick-off/training event, so come and get all you need to be part of a bigger story in helping kids know Jesus! Join us for fun games, cool prizes & all the tools you need to help give kids what they need now & later. Pick one of the dates below and RSVP to Monika @ 248.912.0043 or monika@oakpointe.org.

- o Friday, Sept 17th @ 6:30 p.m. for dinner & training
- o Saturday, Sept 18th @ 10:00 a.m. for breakfast & training

Women's Fall Life Groups

Sign up for a new women's life group today! This fall we'll study *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, and follow along with Bob's message series. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet other women and build real friendships as you study together. You can register at the kiosk today or online for both our on-site women's groups and our off-site neighborhood groups (www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/women).

Lifepath

Lifepath is our program of classes for spiritual growth, and it's starting again on September 25th! There are three components to Lifepath: Explore, Connect, and Grow. Each one offers classes to help you grow in your faith & relationship with God. Stop by the Lifepath kiosk today or learn more on our website: www.oakpointe.org/lifepath.

Events & Classes.

Connect OPC

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! Our next Connect OPC is on Sunday, September 19th between services. 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? Visit the Welcome Center or contact the office (248.912.0043).

Cancer Care

Next Sunday, September 12th, 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 247

At our next meeting, Pam Kerr, who is a massage therapist, will talk with us about the benefits of massage therapy for pain reduction, relaxation, and for the promotion of healing. If you have cancer, or have a family member with cancer, join us for an informative discussion on wellness. Please note that we usually meet on the first Sunday of the month.

FirstGroup

Sunday, September 19th, 12:30-2:30 p.m. (includes lunch) in the Student Center

FirstGroup is the best way to join a life group. It's a fun event where you'll connect with a group to try on a short-term basis. We'll guide you through the process of meeting & connecting, then you'll decide together when and where your new group will meet--all in less than two hours! Our goal is to help you get to know people in your area and stage of life so you can develop true friendships as you dig deeper into God's Word. As a group, you'll study *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (EHS)*, and follow along with Bob's message series. A light lunch will be provided from 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m., and free childcare is available from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. for children 12 & under (children must be registered in advance). Bring your children for lunch, then let 'em hang out with the other kids while you're in FirstGroup! You can register right online at www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups, or by emailing barbie@oakpointe.org. *EHS* books will be available at the event for purchase. Hardcover book: \$15; Workbook: \$10; Book & workbook: \$20 (save \$5); Book and 2 workbooks: \$30 (save \$5). Check or cash accepted.

Kids & Students.

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! Contact Mark or Rick with any questions at mark@oakpointe.org or rick@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 every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Student Center. It's super fun and students will love it! Contact Mark or Rick for more info at mark@oakpointe.org or rick@oakpointe.org.

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!

ReNew Life Groups

Monday evenings beginning September 20th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

ReNew, our support & recovery ministry, is kicking off the fall with 10 life groups that cover a variety of topics & issues. Take a step forward and pursue growth and healing this season. See the full list of groups and register at the life groups kiosk today, or online at www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew.

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 information please contact Gail at gail@oakpointe.org, or stop by the Lifepath display on any weekend.

Elevate
(18-34 Young Adults)

Elevate Worship

Join other singles, 18-34, for worship, teaching, and community twice a month. Elevate Worship meets on the second Sunday (6:00 p.m.) and the fourth Friday (7:00 p.m.) of each month. Contact Angela with questions at angela@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043.

Elevate Life Groups

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

Wreck League

Get some exercise and meet new friends every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. Wreck League meets at ITC Community Sports Park (on the corner of 8 Mile & Napier; 51000 8 Mile Rd in Northville). Questions? Call Dan Fisher at 517.914.4333.

Journey Life Groups

Life groups are a great way to get to know other people and find community within the larger Church. Journey has groups that meet throughout the area. If you're interested in checking one out or learning more, contact Gail at gail@oakpointe.org, visit our website (www.oakpointe.org), or stop by the Lifepath display on any Saturday or Sunday. Journey life groups will begin again in September.

Upcoming Events

We'd love to connect you to others in the Journey ministry. Check out our events below and join us for something this fall. Details are still in the works, so call Mary if you have any questions, or watch The Latest for more info. If you can help with an event (planning, set-up, etc.) please contact Mary at 248.442.0179.

September

Potluck & Play Day at Kensington Metropark (Family-friendly event): Date TBD

Putt-Putt and Pizza: Date TBD

2nd Sunday Lunch: Sept. 12th @ 1:00 p.m.

October

Salem Corn Maze & Bonfire: Date TBD

2nd Sunday Lunch: Oct. 10th @ 1:00 p.m.

New Life Group on Infidelity

Thursday nights beginning September 23rd, 7:00 p.m. in Novi

If you suffer from the infidelity of a husband or fiancée, consider joining this confidential, supportive life group. You'll be blessed by others who understand your agony, and nurtured by the God who promises to do powerful and special things in your life in the midst of your pain. Call Dora (248.761.7130) to register by September 18th. This group is limited to six ladies.

Women's Fall Life Groups

This weekend Bob will cascade his vision for the fall series which is designed to prepare us for the E.A.C.H. campaign in the spring of 2011. Before we journey outward for E.A.C.H., Bob will lead us to journey inward as we learn to integrate emotional health into our spiritual formation process. Bob is requesting that all life groups follow along with his series, and he has selected Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (EHS) as our curriculum. We are offering all OPC women the opportunity to participate in this church-wide study. You can register online for both our on-site women's groups and our off-site neighborhood groups at www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/women.

Groups for Men in Career Transition

We have three 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 (248.912.0043)
- Central Community: Caribou Coffee in Novi (Grand River & Beck); Dave Johnson (248.912.0043)
- East Community: Panera Bread in Farmington (Grand River & Gill); Kurt Alber (248.672.7333).

Father/Daughter Square Dance

Saturday, September 25th, 5:30-9:00 p.m. at Three Cedars Farm (6 Mile Rd, just East of Angle Rd.)

Fathers and their daughters are invited to a memorable night of fall fun! Square dance with your daughter and hear a short message of encouragement. Eat dinner before you come, but leave room for cider & donuts! The square dance is geared toward ages 5 and older, but younger daughters are welcome, too. Cost: \$10/person, \$30 maximum per family. Scholarships available. There will be an optional hayride & corn maze from 4:00-5:30 p.m. for anyone interested.

Edge Venture Men's Experiential Weekend

October 8th-10th in Brighton

All men are invited to be part of the next Edge Venture Experiential Weekend! Through biblical principles and experiential means of action & communication, you'll look at the things that are preventing you from fully living from the heart Jesus gave you. Edge Venture is an incredible experience sure to impact your life & relationships! If you're looking for a retreat with sermons, guest speakers, and free time, this is not the weekend for you. If you're ready to dive in and put God's truth to practice, then sign up today! Cost: \$250/person. Register at www.edgeventure.net, or contact Mark Russell at markd36@sbcglobal.net or 248.760.3992.

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 Pagen at beth@oakpointe.org if you have any questions.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

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

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.

Tuesday Evening Prayer Meeting

2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Rm. 146

We'd like to invite you to join us for a time of prayer twice a month. We pray for our church, our families, and our community. Join us every time or whenever you can make it! Room 146 (the Prayer Room) is located just inside the east Worship Center doors. For more information contact Monika Kennedy at 248.912.0043 or monika@oakpointe.org.

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 Pagen. 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

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

Serving & Job Opportunities.

Volunteers Needed for International Friends Ministry!

Check out the new opportunities below and be part of our ministry to our international friends! We'll have a volunteer orientation meeting on Tuesday, September 21st, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please contact Jill at jill@oakpointe.org for more info or to sign up.

- Administrative help for registration and/or midweek preparation
You can be a great help by making contacts, answering questions, entering data, making copies, etc. during the work week (as you are available). We're especially in need of bilingual volunteers who speak English & one of the following languages: Albanian, Korean, Japanese, Portuguese, or Spanish. English-speaking volunteers are also needed.
- Bilingual Greeters & Registration Helpers
Saturday, September 25th and Saturday, October 2nd, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
We need bilingual volunteers to assist students with registration (to explain procedures and help them fill out forms).
- Conversation Partners (English-speaking & bilingual volunteers needed 2-4 times per month)
If you're friendly and willing to assist during classes, we would love to have you! You'll talk with ESL students, giving them a chance to practice English conversation, and you'll also provide opportunities for them to develop friendships with Americans. No preparation necessary.

- o Adventureland Workers (English-speaking and bilingual volunteers needed 2-4 times per month, or as you are available) Help children of ESL students get adjusted to our wonderful children's programs by assisting with childcare. The ESL children will attend the same program as those whose parents attend the Saturday evening worship service.

ReNew Ministries Administrator (Part-Time)

We're looking for someone with computer skills, strong administrative skills, and a heart for people to be our ReNew Ministries administrator. Contact Greg Moore at greg@oakpointe.org if you're interested in applying for this position.

Adventureland Paid Staff Opening

Are you passionate about seeing kids grow in their faith? Are you energetic, and do you enjoy being up front? Do you love to lead kids in worship? Adventureland is looking for a new staff member who loves leading large groups of children. For more info, please contact Grace at grace@oakpointe.org.

Be a Room Renovator!

Adventureland is looking for SHORT-TERM volunteers now to help transform their rooms for fall. If painting, constructing, or lending a creative touch is something you feel gifted in, we'd love to talk to you! Contact Carol at 248.912.0043 or carol@oakpointe.org.

ReNew Life Group Apprentice Program

An exciting new approach to learning! Learn from an experienced group leader in a hands-on way, and benefit from four weeks of group dynamics training from a professional therapist. This training, along with a personal interview, will qualify you to serve as a group leader in the ReNew Ministry, or help you hone your leadership skills for serving in a life group elsewhere in the church. Register for this program right on our website in the ReNew section.

Are You One of Adventureland's 200?

Adventureland has 200 one-hour volunteer spots to fill this summer. Choose one or two dates and have fun with us... no preparation required! Sign up at the Adventureland volunteer check-in station today on the lower level by the Adventureland hallway, or contact Angela at angela@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043.

Schedule At-A-Glance.

September	
19	Connect OPC FirstGroup
25	Lifepath: Connect begins
26	Lifepath: Explore begins
October	
2	Lifepath
16	Lifepath
19	Connect OPC
23	Lifepath
30	Lifepath

Looking Ahead...

November 25...Thanksgiving

November 26...Office Closed

Ministry Partnership Opportunities.

Weekly Opportunities

- o **Central Detroit Christian (CDC):** Breakthrough Enrichment Program: work with K-5 and 6-12 grades. Tuesdays from 6:00–8:30 p.m. :: Teen Club Program: 7:00–10:00 p.m. (bi-monthly 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)
- o **Prison Ministry:** Weekly & biweekly prison visits. OPC Contact People: Artice Ann (for women – womensprisonministry@oakpointe.org); Brian (for men – mensprisonministry@oakpointe.org)



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