

THE LATEST

[May 12&13, 2012]

Spotlight.

No May 19th Worship Service

You've heard us talk all about Lovin' the "D" the past few weeks. We're so excited to serve with you at this event in Detroit. Since so many of us will be there next Saturday, we've decided to cancel our worship service that day. Join us on Sunday, May 20th instead!

Lovin' the "D"

If you signed up to join us at Lovin' the "D" next Saturday, come by the table in the atrium and pick up an info packet. You'll get directions, a parking pass, and other important details. See you there!

2012 Zambia Mission Team

Our 2012 Zambia team is getting ready for their summer trip, and you can be part of it without even leaving the state! How? They have a bunch of items they need to make their mission a success, and they just need people to donate them. Swing by the Spotlight kiosk and choose one or more items. Purchase the items and bring them back to OPC by May 20th. If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation, they could definitely use it since they plan to purchase Bibles, medical supplies, water filters and other miscellaneous items in Zambia to distribute to people in need. You can write a check ("Adult Zambia Trip" on the memo line) or donate online. If you have any questions, contact Jane Leonhardt at 248.912.0043 or jane@oakpointe.org.

Surf's Up in Adventureland!

Catch a wave of fun this summer by volunteering to help just two times in Adventureland! There is no prep required (no teaching or leading a small group), just come and have fun with our kids! You can make it possible for our volunteers to take their vacation and get refreshed while our kids still receive excellent care! This will allow our awesome Adventureland experience to continue throughout the summer! Swing by the Spotlight kiosk to sign up or to ask any questions. You can also contact Grace at grace@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x325 during the week.

Summer Serving Opportunity

Oak Pointe has come alongside Central Detroit Christian for the last four years as they've ministered to children in Detroit through their summer day camp. You can be part of this incredible mission this year by serving with us in June & July. Camp runs Monday-Thursday, June 25th through July 26th, and we're looking for volunteers who can commit to one morning a week (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) for four or more weeks. You can accompany the kids on library visits and local learning trips, or help them with gardening, computers, art or reading. You must be at least 14 years old. There will be a training session on Sunday, June 3rd. For more info, see the Spotlight kiosk today or contact Liz at lizandrod@comcast.net.

Events & More.

Baptism Service

Next Sunday, May 20th during both services

We're having another baptism service! If you have a relationship with Jesus, but have never been baptized as an adult, here's your opportunity! During the service we'll dismiss you to change and meet briefly with a member of our baptism team, then one of our pastors will baptize you in the service. No need to pre-register, just show up. We'll even have clothes & towels for you. It's an amazing & powerful event in the life of our church, so be sure to join us even if you're not planning to be baptized. Questions? Contact Debbie at debbie@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043.

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.

Connect OPC

This Sunday, May 13th, 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 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 by email at debra@oakpointe.org or phone at 248.912.0043.

EdgeVenture: A Men's Retreat

June 8th-10th

Men, are you fighting to overcome past struggles but never winning? Are you getting tired of trying to reinvent the best you? There *is* a place where you can get solid help from men who've been there and won victory over inner and outer struggles. The EdgeVenture retreat is a life-changing weekend offering support with no condemnation, no matter what. Hundreds of men from around the country (and internationally) have found the answers they sought and won spiritual & emotional victory through this unique weekend experience. Break down barriers that have blocked your freedom in lifelong battles! Register now at www.edgeventure.org, or call Mark Russell at 248.760.3992. Space is limited!

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.

SpringHill Day Camp

Don't miss out on all the fun! Register your child for SpringHill day camp online. This is an awesome way to reach out to your community, so invite friends, neighbors, classmates, and co-worker's kids. There are invitation cards available in the atrium. You can enjoy SpringHill, too, as a Counselor-in-Training (high school students only) or a volunteer! Housing is also needed for staff. For more info, email jill@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.

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-Age (18-24)

All 18-24 year olds are invited to be part of a new gathering and new life groups--*Stay Inspired, Stay Positive, and Take Action*. Meet other adults in your same stage of life, build real friendships, and connect with God. Sundays @ 1:30 p.m. in Room 137. Contact Ryan Kunst for more info: 248.920.3542 or college@oakpointe.org.

Elevate Worship (24-34)

Join other young adults 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 elevateopc@gmail.com if you're interested in being in one. It's a great way to connect and find community!

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, 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! Email gail@oakpointe.org to learn more.

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.

Women

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.

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!

Life Group for Moms with Young Children: Play Dates

Motherhood can be isolating! Hook up with some other OPC moms 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.

Men

Life Groups

We have about 20 men's groups meeting throughout the area. There are various days & times to choose from. Check out our website to find a group near you (www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/men). Questions? Email margaret@oakpointe.org.

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. Both 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

Have you experienced the impact that cancer can have on your life or the lives of those you know and care about? This ministry exists to encourage you and provide helpful information from a variety of perspectives. Join us at our monthly meeting for a time of sharing & encouragement!

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 email Beth Swis (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 Room 146 (Prayer Room)

Start your day 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. Questions? Email Rod Rhoad (rod@oakpointe.org).

Outreach Prayer

If you'd like to be part of a team that prays specifically for Oak Pointe outreach events, sign up on our website or email beth@oakpointe.org. You'll then receive emails with info on upcoming events, and details on 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 life 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)

You'll notice some of our pastors and elders and their wives standing at the front of the Worship Center (near the stage) after each service. They're waiting to talk or pray with you. Feel free to meet with them if you want prayer, have questions, or just need to talk.

Serving & Job Opportunities.

Financial Administrator

Our current financial administrator is relocating out of the area, and we need to find her replacement. Is that you? Responsibilities include managing the church budget and financial reports, and managing the human resources component. If you have a financial background (we'd prefer a CPA), please email a resume to daryl@oakpointe.org. This is a part-time position.

Are You a Gardener?

Saturday, June 9th at Central Detroit Christian (CDC) in Detroit

Come help prepare the gardens at CDC for their day camp. It's a quick project--9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and you can come for all or part of the time. CDC is at 2nd Ave and Philadelphia. If you can, please bring gloves, shovels, hand trowels and wheel barrows. Sign up at events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=btcptucab&oeidk=a07e5vj0bn7329d1fc0. Kids are welcome. For more info, contact Liz Rhoad at lizandrod@comcast.net or 248.486.5552.

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.

SpringHill Opportunities

Contact Jill Metz (jill@oakpointe.org) for more info, or stop by the SpringHill display in the atrium.

- Monday Morning Check-In (8:15-9:30 a.m.)
Help register campers as they arrive.
- Activities Helper (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday)
Assist our summer camp counselors at specific activity areas. Choose to help one day or more.
- Staff Meal Preparation (10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday)
Help feed our SpringHill staff, counselors-in-training and volunteers! Choose to help one day or more.
- Friday Celebration (2:00-3:30 p.m.)
Help us welcome family and friends of campers to our Friday Celebration, and serve ice cream!
- Host a Staff Gathering (Tuesday or Thursday, 6:00-9:30 p.m.)
Let us use your big backyard so the summer staff can have worship time, dinner, and fun!
- Housing Summer Staff
Provide housing for 3-5 college-aged summer staff for the week.
- Medical Volunteer (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; days & hours are flexible)
Nurses, paramedics, EMTs or others who have medical training are needed.

Adventureland Opportunities

Adventureland Paid Positions

Contact: Karen Parker (karenp@oakpointe.org/248.912.0043)

- Large Group Programmer
Are you creative and a little administrative? Adventureland is looking for a fun, energetic person to be a Large Group Programmer. If you enjoy being in front of people, working with kids & volunteers, and building teams, this could be the right job for you! Graphic design and PowerPoint experience a plus. 15 hours/week
- Small Group Coordinator (Short-Term)
Are you passionate about seeing kids grow in their faith? Do you like to have fun and interact with both kids and adults? Adventureland is looking for a Small Group Coordinator for XP45 (4th & 5th grade) for June, July, and August. 10-15 hours/week
- Creative Arts Coordinator
Are you a creative and inspiring person who loves working with kids and adults, and has a flair for the dramatic? Adventureland is looking for a Creative Arts Coordinator to coach our Adventureland Players team and bring Bible stories to life on the stage! Responsibilities include directing, script development, and costume/prop preparation, as well as some administration. 10-15 hours/week

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

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: Need 4 people for 5:15 service; 5 people for 9:15 service; 5 people for 11:15 service. Serve once a month.
- Saturday Preschool: Need tech volunteers. Serve once a month.
- K/1st grade: Need 1 student volunteer for 11:15 service; 1 small group leader for 5:15 service; 3 student volunteers for 5:15 service.
- 2nd/3rd grade: Need 1 small group leader for 9:15 service; 1 small group leader for 11:15 service (serve 2 times a month).
- 4th/5th grade: Need 1 male small group leader for 11:15 service; 2 people for 5:15 service; 3 tech volunteers (serve once a month on Sunday); 1 check-in greeter for 9:15 and 11:15 services.
- Adventureland Welcome Center: Need 2 people for 5:15 service on the 4th Saturday.
- Van Drivers: Need help with van driving on Thursday evenings, Saturday evenings, or Sunday mornings.

Schedule At-A-Glance.

May	
19	Lovin' the "D" No Saturday service
20	Baptism service (both services)
28	Memorial Day (office closed)
June	
10	Connect OPC
16/17	Father's Day service

E.A.C.H. Opportunities

Community Events

Check with your community pastor (and visit www.oakpointe.org) for a list of activities in your community.

Additional ways to participate

Life Remodeled

July 21-22, 28-29, August 4-5, August 11

Save the date! Life Remodeled will be beautifying a neighborhood in Farmington Hills this summer. Shifts will be from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00-5:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for life groups to serve together and do yard work and minor repairs while sharing the love of Jesus Christ. They're also still looking for donations of materials and labor, as well as connections to possible corporate sponsors and individual donors. Contact Mark Welti @ 248.535.4024 or mwelti@yahoo.com.

Ministry Partnership Opportunities.

House of Hope

Do you have lawn equipment and supplies that you no longer need? Central Detroit House of Hope would love to have your rakes, shovels, outdoor yard games, patio furniture, planters, etc. They're also looking for a short bookcase. If you have items in good condition, email Gail at gail@oakpointe.org.

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.

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