

THE LATEST

December 17, 2017

Spotlight.



Christmas Celebration Tickets

December 24, 11:15am, 1:15pm,
3:15pm, 5:15pm

We invite you to *Wonder*, a Christmas service for the whole family. As we celebrate the Christmas story through music and the stage, we'll experience

the wonder of Jesus' birth through the eyes of a child, and discover what it means for us all. We hope you'll join us! Download a shareable to post on social media or attach to an email to invite your friends and family! Visit oakpointe.org/christmas.

Our Christmas services are designed with children in mind. No childcare will be provided, but each child will receive a fun activity bag.



Financial Update

Thank you so much for your generosity in 2017. Please pray for wisdom and provision from the Lord as we finish out the year.

YTD Giving: \$4,346,562

Budget: \$4,663,950

Shortfall: \$317,388



Text-to-Give

Now you can give to the ministry of Oak Pointe via text! It's quick and easy, and you can use your credit card or bank account. Text an amount to 84321, and you'll be prompted to do a quick set up. Then you'll be all set to give

whenever you want using just your phone!



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Living Hope Coffee Gifts

When you give the gift of Living Hope coffee to a loved one this Christmas, you're also supporting the many children who live at their orphanage in Zambia. Pick up whole bean, ground, and K-Cups at the Spotlight wall today. We also have Hope Boxes which contain a 12oz bag of coffee and two Living Hope mugs.



Life Studies Registration Open!

Our winter Life Studies start soon! Loving Well will help you understand God's plan for marriage and how you can love your spouse better. Living Well uses the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (EHS) curriculum by

Pete and Geri Scazzero. Listening Well will teach you how to listen to others and have conversations that matter. Register at oakpointe.org/lifestudies.

Register for all of our classes, groups,
and events online at oakpointe.org.

Kids & Students.

Adventureland (birth-5th grade)

Parents, need a CUE?

The Parent Cue app puts the lessons your child is learning in the palm of your hand! Parent Cue provides simple CUES that will help you impact your child in little ways throughout the week. The app is available now for iPhone, iPad and Android. Have questions? Email Sara (sara@oakpointe.org).

the ROCK (6th-8th grade)

Thursday Nights

The ROCK is our group for middle school students, and it meets every Thursday night at 7pm 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 Alanna (alanna@oakpointe.org) with any questions or visit thisistherock.com. **The ROCK will not meet on Thursday, December 28.**

Sunday Mornings

9:15 a.m. in the Student Center (except on the first Sunday of the month)

Our Sunday class is 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 9:15am in the Student Center. It's super fun and students will love it! We encourage students to attend the worship service on the first Sunday of the month. Contact Alanna (alanna@oakpointe.org) for more info. **The ROCK will not meet on Sunday, December 24.**

707 (9th-12th grade)

Wednesday Nights

Our high school group meets every Wednesday at 7pm 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 Chelsie (chelsie@oakpointe.org) for more info or visit thisis707.com. **707 will not meet on Wednesday, December 27.**

Adults & Life Groups.

Life Groups at Oak Pointe

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 most of our ministry areas are 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 Connection Center or email lifegroups@oakpointe.org with any questions.

Young Couples

Life Groups

If you're engaged or newly married, our young couples' life groups are looking for you. They meet weekly to study the Bible, hang out, and pray together. For more info, email lifegroups@oakpointe.org or stop by the Connection Center on any weekend.

Sozo (Young Adults 18-29)

Sozo is our community for men and women who are in school or working locally. They meet on Sunday nights at 7pm for worship and Bible study. Contact Adam (adam@oakpointe.org or 330.472.4380) with questions or for more info on any of our events. You can follow Sozo on social media to get all the latest event info.

Facebook: Sozo: Young Adults at Oak Pointe Church

Instagram: @thisissozo

Crossroads (Singles 30+)

Crossroads is a place where single adults can develop solid relationships and discover a sense of purpose as they grow, serve, and enjoy time with friends. It's a mix of single, divorced, and widowed adults. We'd love to get you connected! Email crossroads@oakpointe.org or call Jane (248.912.0043 x390) for more info.

Wonder Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24, 1:15 pm

Meet at the fountain so the Crossroads gang can sit together to celebrate the birth of Emmanuel - God with us! If you can't join us at 1:15, be sure to attend one of our other services: 11:15am, 3:15pm and 5:15pm.

New Year's Day Open House

Monday, January 1, 12-5pm, Connection Church

Living for One is hosting an open house on New Year's Day. We'll enjoy board games, card games, and football bowl games. Admission is free! Please bring a dessert, a snack, or pop to share. Connection Church is on the east side of Sheldon Road, 1/4 mile north of Michigan Avenue in Canton

Serving Opportunities

Saturday Worship Service

Saturday, December 30, 4:45pm

Crossroads will greet guests and help with coffee and cookies at Saturday worship services on December 30. We'll also sit together during the service, and then head out to a local restaurant afterward. Join us!

Driver Needed

We're Looking for a female to pick up a woman in the Wixom area who would like to attend Crossroads on a regular basis. If you can help, email crossroads@oakpointe.org with the word "Driver" in the subject line.

Friday Night Help/Event Help

We need some volunteers to help periodically with our Friday evening study nights and our offsite events.

Email crossroads@oakpointe.org.

Women

MOPS

2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:15-9:15pm

Do you have little ones at home? Meet other moms who totally get you! Plus, find encouragement and have fun! Register now at oakpointe.org/women. Invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to join you. Email mops@oakpointe.org for more info.

Meals For New Moms

You can serve a new mom and her family by bringing them a meal. Contact Candi (candi@oakpointe.org) if you're interested.

Life Groups in the Comfort of a Home or Coffee House

We have ongoing women's life groups meeting in homes and coffee shops throughout the north, south, east, and west communities. There are lots of studies and opportunities to meet women and to develop friendships. Available groups are continually being updated on our website. Check out the list and contact group leaders directly if you're interested. Questions? Email lifegroups@oakpointe.org.

Need Resources? We have them!

Would you like to lead a women's group in your home? We have lots of DVD studies including Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer and more. Email women@oakpointe.org for more info.

Men

33 The Series: Authentic Manhood

Mondays, 7pm/Fridays, 6am

Join us for 33 The Series, a weekly study designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in the 33 years He lived on earth. Register online at oakpointe.org/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. Questions? Email lifegroups@oakpointe.org.

Group for Men in Career Transition

Mondays, 9am at Einstein Bros. Bagels (12 Mile & Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills)

If you're unemployed or in career transition, join us for prayer, study, encouragement and networking. Contact Blaine Dennison (734.353.0764) with questions.

Life Studies.

Authentic spirituality involves going deeper in our emotional health and in our relationships with others. We offer three Life Studies to help you: **Loving Well**, **Living Well**, and **Listening Well**. Each one teaches you to look beneath the surface and explore things that might be blocking you from creating and maintaining healthy relationships with God, yourself and others. Life Studies prioritize interaction with others so our church body and our life groups can go deeper, care well for one another, and relate to each other like Jesus did. Take them in any order you'd like, but be sure to take all three! Laura Abele (laura@oakpointe.org) would love to connect with you and answer any questions. Register at oakpointe.org/lifestudies.

Loving Well: The Heart and Soul of a Real Relationship

Starts January 16

Loving Well explores our relationship with God and others. It's not a typical relationship class--it's a 10-week journey to discover who God really is, who we are in Him, and His design for marriage/relationships. You'll look at your own life story and how it impacts your relational health. You'll also learn what Biblical masculinity & femininity are, and what obstacles are blocking intimacy in your relationships. Cost: \$30/person for books.

Living Well: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Starting March 5

The Christian faith is supposed to produce deep, positive change in a person's life, so why doesn't it always work that way? There's a critical link between our spiritual health and our emotional health. If it remains undiscovered (and unhealthy), the result will affect our spirituality and how we love others. Living Well will help you know and love yourself, the Lord, and others better. This study uses the *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* (EHS) curriculum by Pete and Geri Scazzero. Cost: \$25/person for books.

Listening Well: Meaningful Conversations

Starts January 15

Learn how to listen to others with deeper understanding and compassion, and have conversations that matter! This study will help you improve your personal and professional relationships. Cost: \$35.

Living Well 2

Starting January 14

This study takes the concepts from Living Well and helps you practically apply them. You'll get to practice, reinforce, and implement these skills in your life. We use the *Emotionally Healthy Relationship* (EHR) curriculum by Pete and Geri Scazzero. You must complete Living Well before taking this study. Cost: \$20.

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.

Introduction to Transforming Prayer

Monday, December 11, 7-9pm

This class will give you a basic understanding of the purpose, principles, and process of transforming prayer. Cost: \$5. Register online at oakpointe.org/transforming-prayer or email transformingprayer@oakpointe.org. Childcare is available for an additional fee with registration.

Transforming Prayer

Transforming prayer is a prayer process designed to help you identify core beliefs that are disrupting your walk with Christ and causing negative emotional pain. The goal is to connect with the Holy Spirit and ask Him to reveal any lies that you believe. We ask for His truth, for the renewing of your mind, and for transformation. Please note that this is not counseling. Email transformingprayer@oakpointe.org with any questions or to set up an appointment.

Monday Night Prayer

Every Monday, 7-8:30pm in Rm. 146 (Prayer Room)

Please join us as we come together for worship and prayer for the needs of our church and community. You'll find us in the Prayer Room or outside (weather permitting) near the east doors.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

First Wednesday of each month, 6-7am in Rm. 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 (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.

Personal Prayer (after each 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.

Prayer Requests

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

Job Opportunities (Paid).

Facilities Team (Part-Time Paid Positions)

We have several part-time paid positions available on our facilities team. Responsibilities include setting up rooms, shoveling snow, light maintenance, and cleaning. The available shifts include mornings, evenings, and weekends. For more info, contact Ed Ramold (ed@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x306).

Adventureland Large Group Programmer

Are you creative and a little administrative? Adventureland is looking for a fun, energetic person to work 15 hours each week. If you enjoy being in front of groups, leading kids' worship songs (great voice not required), working with kids and volunteers, and building teams, this could be the right place for you! Graphic design and PowerPoint experience is a plus. Contact Val (val@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x326) to apply.

Serving Opportunities (Volunteer).

Production Team

The production team at Oak Pointe is the crew that runs cameras, computers, lights, and sound during weekend services. We're looking for new team members and would love to talk with you. We have lots of fun, techie equipment for you to play with. No experience necessary—we'll train you! Contact Anthony (anthony@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x394) for more info.

Coffee Team

Oak Pointe LOVES coffee! In fact, we have such a demand for coffee that we need to add some people to our coffee team. We're looking for help during either the 9:15 or 11:15 service. If you're available contact Dawn (dawn@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x389).

Message Ministry

Our Message Ministry makes CDs of Pastor Bob's messages so people can share them with friends & family. The team is in need of more help on the first and second Saturdays of the month. No experience necessary! Contact Dawn (dawn@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x389) if you can help.

Driving Cody Students

God continues to open the doors for us in our ministry at Cody. Each week we're bringing about ten ladies to Oak Pointe for our 707 high school program. We're looking for volunteers to pick up these students from Cody and take them home on Wednesday nights. You would leave Oak Pointe at 5pm for Cody and return around 6:45pm. This is a great serving opportunity for a 707 parent and his or her child. If you're willing to drive once or twice a month, please contact Kurt Alber (kurta@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x320).

Serve Kids In Our Community (Van Ministry)

Would you be willing to make a difference in a kid's life? We use the church vans to pick up students in Novi & South Lyon so they can attend Adventureland on Sundays and the ROCK on Thursday evenings. We're looking for volunteers to drive the vans on Sundays & Thursdays twice a month. Male and female volunteers needed. If you can help please contact Shelly (shelly@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x324).

ESL Conversation Partners

We need conversation partners who will give our ESL students a chance to practice English. No preparation or ESL experience needed! See the Connection Center for details or contact Tiffany (248.912.0043 x317 or tjohnson@oakpointe.org).

Coming Up.

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| DECEMBER | |
| 24 | Wonder Christmas Celebration |
| 25 | Christmas (office closed) |
| 26 | Office closed |
| 27-29 | Office open 9-12 |
| JANUARY | |
| 1 | New Year's Day (office closed) |
| 2 | Office closed |
| 12 | 33: The Series Begins (Friday group) |
| 14 | Pre-Marriage Class Begins Living Well 2 |
| 15 | 33: The Series Begins (Monday group) Listening Well Begins |
| 16 | Loving Well Begins |
| 27 | Gather Workshop |
| 28 | Ezra 8 Day |

Ministry Partnership Opportunities.

Weekly Opportunities

Prison Ministry

Our prison ministry reaches out to a forgotten society with the love and compassion of Jesus. The women's prison ministry has been instrumental in leading many young female inmates to Christ at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility. Email Artice Ann (articeann@gmail.com or 248.437.6305). Our men's prison ministry visits male inmates on a weekly or biweekly basis. Email Brian (mensprisonministry@oakpointe.org).