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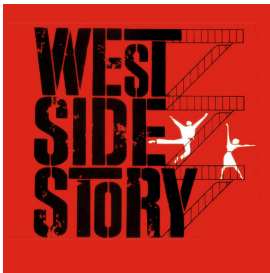


Discover Oak Pointe

Sunday, October 29, 1-3pm
(includes lunch)

Interested in learning more about our church? Join us for lunch and find out all about our vision, beliefs, and background. The atmosphere is relaxed and

informal, and the class will include Q&A with our senior pastor, Bob Shirock. Discover Oak Pointe is open to anyone and is required for membership. Free lunch and childcare are available with registration.



West Side Story

February 23-25

From the first notes to the final breath, West Side Story is one of the most memorable musicals and greatest love stories of all time. The Oak Pointe Players are holding auditions in early

December. Download an audition packet at oakpointe.org/westsidestory. We also need a lot of behind-the-scenes help with set, costumes, and more. You'll find a complete list of opportunities on our West Side Story page.



Mom to Mom Sale

Saturday, October 21, 8:30am-12:00pm

Shop over 90 tables of gently-used baby and children's gear, clothes, toys, furniture, maternity clothes, and more. We have one of the best and largest mom to

mom sales in the area! There's even a large items room with furniture, strollers, and other great pieces. Cost: \$1 entry fee from 9am-12pm. If you'd like to get a head start, come at 8:30am and take advantage of our Early Bird shopping for a \$2 entry fee. Strollers are welcome!



2018 Missions Info Meetings

Sunday, October 29, 9:15 & 11:15am in Rm. 138

We have lots of mission trips planned for 2018! We'll bring teams to China, Haiti, Zambia, and Ecuador. Teams include outreach & medical, construction,

housemother training, men/boys mentoring, performing & visual arts, water purification, vacation bible school, and more. We have a big need for medical professionals (physicians, surgeons, nurses, physical therapists, dentists, dental hygienists, optometrists, ophthalmologists, chiropractors, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians). Join us for one of our info meetings on October 29 to learn more. Contact Brent (brent@oakpointe.org) with trip questions. If you have questions about a Living Hope International (LHI) trip, please contact Lee Davis (lee@livinghopeinternational.org).

2018 Trip Dates

China: Two-week trips in spring and fall

Haiti: May 16-23

Zambia (Lusaka and Ndola-LHI): June 15-July 1

Zambia (Ndola-LHI): August

Ecuador: Fall 2018

Hurricane Response Trips

Dates & locations to be announced

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

Events & More.

ReNew Support & Recovery

Our ReNew ministry helps you deal with life's struggles while you pursue physical and spiritual growth and healing. Most groups meet on Mondays, 7-9pm. See the list below, then visit oakpointe.org/renew for group descriptions and registration.

Coping With Chronic Illness
Divorce Care
Fortify—The Pursuit of Purity
Grief Share
Her Story

Men's Integrity
Parents of Adult Prodigals
Recovery Through Christ
Surrendering the Secret

Zambia Donations

We're still collecting donations for water filters (\$85 each), Bibles (\$5 each), and other items for Zambians. If you'd like to donate, please designate the item you're donating towards on your check or on our online giving page. Contact Jane with questions (jane@oakpointe.org).

Bring LHI Coffee Home

Now you can enjoy Zambia coffee at home! We're selling 12oz bags of Living Hope International (LHI) coffee in medium and dark roast. Cost: \$15/bag. The money collected will support the LHI orphanage in Zambia. See the Welcome Center or connect with Daryl Rice.

Wreck League

Monday evenings

Join other single adults in their 20s and 30s for some fun and recreation each week. Questions? Call Dan Fisher (517.914.4333).

Kids & Students.

Adventureland (birth-5th grade)

XP45 Fall Retreat

November 3-5 at SpringHill Camp

Our 4th and 5th graders are headed to SpringHill Camp! It's a weekend full of awesome activities, rockin' worship and fun they won't want to miss. Cost: \$135. You must register by October 22. Scholarships are available. Email Christi (christi@oakpointe.org) for a scholarship form.

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.

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.

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.

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 Grow kiosk 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 Grow kiosk on any weekend.

Sozo (Young Adults 18-25)

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.

New Fall Study

Friday, October 20, 7pm

Join us for our study *The Five Love Languages for Singles* based on the book by Gary Chapman. The book is recommended but not required. You can purchase a copy on Amazon. Email Mark Moskal (mm.tennis66@gmail.com) with any questions about this study.

Serve With Us!

Saturday, October 28

Crossroads will greet Oak Pointe guests, and serve coffee and cookies before and after the Saturday worship service. We'll also sit together during the service and head to a local eatery afterward to hang out.

Square Dance

Saturday, November 11, 7pm

Save the date for our 2nd annual Crossroads Square Dance! Details to come.

Women

Women's Fall Study Groups

Tuesdays, 7pm/Wednesdays, 9:30am

Register now for our new fall studies! You'll find the complete list at 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/kickoff.

Edge Venture Men's Weekend

October 27-29 and December 1-3 in Brooklyn, MI

The Edge Venture weekend is designed to help you build & strengthen your character, and rebuild your relationships (with yourself, God, family, friends, and co-workers). You'll look at the things that are hindering you from being who God designed you to be. There are only two weekends left in 2017, so register now at www.edgeventure.net. Cost: \$295. Contact Mark Russell (248.444.8386 or markd36@sbcglobal.net) with questions.

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 (formerly called L-Classes) 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 under the Connect tab.

Loving Well: The Heart and Soul of a Real Relationship

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 October 15/16

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. Cost: \$25/person for books.

Listening Well: Meaningful Conversations

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: \$5; \$30 for books (optional).

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. You must complete Living Well before taking this study. Cost: \$20. Eight weeks.

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.

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 and at the Welcome Center. You can also feel free to call the church office during the week at 248.912.0043.

Job Opportunities (Paid)

Facilities Team

The Facilities Team has several part-time paid positions available. 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).

Administrative Assistant of Grow Ministries

Do you love people? Do you like to serve? We're looking for an organized self-starter to work 20-30 hours a week supporting our community pastors and life groups in the Grow Ministry. If you're administrative, flexible, and competent on a computer, we'd love to talk with you. See the full job description at oakpointe.org/jobs. Contact Rick Beemer (rickb@oakpointe.org) with questions or to submit a resume.

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)

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).

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.

Temporary Housing Need for Missionaries

Roberto and Jill Insuasti, our missionaries in Ecuador, need housing in South Lyon, Brighton, Novi, or Northville from mid-November to the beginning of February. They're looking for a 2-bedroom apartment or home with at least one full bath, kitchen accessories, tables, couches, at least a full bed for Roberto and Jill, and twin beds or bunk beds for their two young boys. If you can donate a home or provide a low-cost option, please contact Jane (jane@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x390).

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 1st and 2nd Saturdays of the month. No experience necessary! Contact Dawn (dawn@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x389) if you can help.

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).

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 to do with his or her student. 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).

Coming Up.

OCTOBER	
15/16	Living Well begins
16	Office closed
21	Mom to Mom Sale
29	2018 Missions Info Meetings
	Discover Oak Pointe
NOVEMBER	
3-5	XP45 Fall Retreat
11	Crossroads 2nd Annual Square Dance
23	Office closed
24	Office closed

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).