

# THE LATEST



May 20, 2018

## Spotlight.



### **Discover Oak Pointe**

*Sunday, June 3, 1-3pm*

You're invited to Discover Oak Pointe! Enjoy lunch and find out all about our vision, beliefs and background. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal, and the class will include a Q&A with our

senior pastor, Bob Shirock. Register now at [oakpointe.org/discover](http://oakpointe.org/discover).



### **Amped: Charge Up Your Summer!**

We're getting ready to launch Amped — our awesome summer program for kids, and we need you to make it happen! By volunteering in Adventureland, you'll help kids experience fun,

laughter and a lot of God's Word! There's no preparation, you just show up on a Saturday or Sunday. Sign up today to serve just two times this summer. See the Spotlight wall or sign up at [oakpointe.org/amped](http://oakpointe.org/amped). Questions? Email [adventureland@oakpointe.org](mailto:adventureland@oakpointe.org).



### **SpringHill Day Camp**

*July 16-20 & July 23-27*

Kids love SpringHill Day Camp, so it's an awesome way to reach out to our community. Invite friends, neighbors, classmates and co-workers. You can also enjoy SpringHill as a volunteer or

Counselor in Training. Or sign up to be a host home. Stop by the Spotlight wall for more info. Register today at [oakpointe.org/springhill](http://oakpointe.org/springhill) as the price jumps \$30 on June 1.



### **Grow Cody Rouge**

*July 30-August 3*

This summer we'll take a week and help the Cody Rouge community develop a safer and more beautiful neighborhood. Would you consider volunteering with us? There are plenty of

different roles for various ages and skill levels. Sign up now at [oakpointe.org/growcody](http://oakpointe.org/growcody) or visit the Cody team at the Spotlight wall. Contact Dennis Haggerty (248.444.6541 or [dennis@oakpointe.org](mailto:dennis@oakpointe.org)) with questions.

Register online for all of our classes, groups,  
and events at [oakpointe.org](http://oakpointe.org).

# Events & More.

## **11th Annual Living Hope Golf Outing**

*Saturday, July 14, 8am at Northville Hills Golf Club*

Enjoy a day of golf at beautiful Northville Hills and raise money for orphans in Zambia! Cost: \$130/golfer. Register online at [livinghopeinternational.org](http://livinghopeinternational.org). Sponsors are needed, so please contact Lee Davis at [lee@livinghopeinternational.org](mailto:lee@livinghopeinternational.org) or 248.939.0460 if you're interested.

## **Run For Hope at the Detroit Free Press/Chemical Bank Marathon**

*Sunday, October 21*

Run to support Living Hope International! The Living Hope team will train together and they'll even help you set up your fundraising page. They're looking for 100 runners to join their team. Training begins on Saturday, June 23 at Kensington Metro Park. Meet at the west boat ramp at 7:15am. Register now at [freeparathon.com](http://freeparathon.com) and select Living Hope International as your charity. Contact Lee Davis at [lee@livinghopeinternational.org](mailto:lee@livinghopeinternational.org) or 248.939.0460 with questions.

## **God With Us Series**

In our *God With Us* teaching series, Pastor Bob is taking us through the entire Bible over a few years. We've designed the series so that you can join in at any time, even if you haven't heard any of the other messages. In addition to our weekend messages, we offer daily devotionals we send to your email inbox. You can sign up right on our website at [oakpointe.org](http://oakpointe.org) under the Watch menu. You'll also find videos of the messages there. Contact Randy ([randy@oakpointe.org](mailto:randy@oakpointe.org)) with questions.

## **ReNew Support & Care Groups**

*Mondays, 7-9pm (some groups meet on other days)*

Our ReNew groups help you deal with life's struggles while you pursue spiritual growth and healing. Visit [oakpointe.org/renew](http://oakpointe.org/renew) for group descriptions or email Laura Abele ([laura@oakpointe.org](mailto:laura@oakpointe.org)) for more info.

### Current Groups

- Cross Current (men who deal with unwanted same-sex attraction)
- Divorce Care
- Parents of Adult Children
- Fortify: The Pursuit of Purity (young men 14-18)

### Coming Fall 2018

- Grief Share
- Her Story (victims of adultery, pornography or the sexual addiction of a partner)
- Men's Integrity (lust, pornography, and sexually addictive behaviors)
- Surrendering the Secret (healing from abortion)

## **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!

## **The Oak Pointe App**

With the Oak Pointe app, you can join us live, catch up on messages you've missed, find out what's going on at church this week, and more. Available for download at [oakpointe.org/app](http://oakpointe.org/app), or search for "Oak Pointe Church" in the iTunes App Store, Google Play, Amazon App Store, or Microsoft Store.

## **Living Hope Coffee**

Living Hope is selling whole bean coffee and K-Cups every second Sunday of the month. They even have Hope boxes that make great gifts. Every purchase supports the Living Hope orphans in Zambia.

# 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 Celeste (celeste@oakpointe.org).

## ***the ROCK (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)***

### **Thursday Nights**

*7pm in the Student Center*

The ROCK is our group for middle school students. They'll love the teaching, live music, snack shop, games, small groups and more! Email Alanna (alanna@oakpointe.org) with any questions or visit [thisistherock.com](http://thisistherock.com).

### **Sunday Mornings**

*9:15am in the Student Center (except on the first Sunday of the month)*

Our Sunday class is a great way for middle school students to learn and make new friends at the same time! Class meets the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month. It's super fun and students will love it! We encourage them to attend the worship service on the first Sunday of the month. Contact Alanna (alanna@oakpointe.org) for more info. **In May, we will only meet on Sunday, May 20.**

### **8th Grade Retreat**

*June 1-3*

Our Eighth Grade Retreat is a "last hurrah" for our students and their life groups, and helps them transition into our high school ministry, 707. They'll enjoy mini golfing, Zehnder's Splash Village, and Sky Zone, plus great food and crazy games! They'll also get to meet 707 staff and students. It's one of the best events we do all year, and we're so excited to have your student join us! Cost: \$135. Register by Thursday, May 24. Email Alanna (alanna@oakpointe.org) with questions.

## ***707 (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)***

### **Wednesday Nights**

*7pm in the Student Center*

With rock music, teaching, crazy games, a snack shop, and small groups, 707 is 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](http://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 Connection Center or email [lifegroups@oakpointe.org](mailto: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](mailto:lifegroups@oakpointe.org) or stop by the Connection Center on any weekend.

## SOZO (Young Adults 18-29)

SOZO is our community of young adults (18-29). They meet Sunday nights at 7pm for worship, a message from the Bible, and community. They'd love for you to join them. Contact Adam, our young adults pastor ([adam@oakpointe.org](mailto:adam@oakpointe.org) or 330.472.4380) with questions or for more info on any of their events. You can also 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 friendships and discover a sense of purpose as they grow and serve. It's a mix of single, divorced, and widowed adults. We'd love to get you connected! Email [crossroads@oakpointe.org](mailto:crossroads@oakpointe.org) or call Jane (248.912.0043 x390) for more info.

### Memorial Day Picnic & Bonfire

*Sunday, May 27, 2pm, 24395 Tara Drive in South Lyon*

Join us for some summer fun with burgers, hot dogs and a bonfire! Bring a dish to pass or firewood, and we'll provide the burgers and dogs. Bring your own chairs, drinks, ice and cooler, and any yard games you'd like to play. Cost: \$5. RSVP by Wednesday, May 23 to Kathi Ponto at 248.207.5455 or [kathiponto@yahoo.com](mailto:kathiponto@yahoo.com).

### Study: Cold Case Christianity

*Friday, June 1, 7pm in the Student Center*

Join us for our study *Cold Case Christianity* by J. Warner Wallace. Written by an L. A. County homicide detective and former atheist, this book examines the claims of the New Testament using the skills and strategies of a hard-to-convince criminal investigator. Purchase the book at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

### Upcoming Events

- June 8-10: *Successful Single Living* Retreat
- June 15: *Cold Case Christianity* Study
- June 30: DSO Salute to America at Greenfield Village
- July 20: Tim Hawkins/John Branyan at Zion Church in Troy

### Volunteers Needed

We're looking for a few people to help periodically with our Friday night studies and our offsite events. Email [crossroads@oakpointe.org](mailto:crossroads@oakpointe.org) if you're interested.

## **Women**

### **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**

### **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.

# 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.

## **Outreach Prayer**

If you'd like to be part of a team that prays specifically for Oak Pointe 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 (beth@oakpointe.org) 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](http://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, or email us at prayer@oakpointe.org.

# 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](http://oakpointe.org/lifestudies).

## **Coming Soon**

### **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.

### **Living Well: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality**

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.

### **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: \$35.

# Job Opportunities (Paid).

## **Facilities Team**

We have several part-time paid positions available on our facilities team. Responsibilities include setting up rooms, 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).

## **Life Group Host Homes**

We're looking for families to host our 707 life groups in their home two times a month during the 2018-2019 school year. This is only a commitment to open up your house, not to lead the group or provide anything. If you'd like more info, email Chelsie ([chelsie@oakpointe.org](mailto:chelsie@oakpointe.org)).

## **Adventureland Special Needs Buddies**

Do you have a heart for children with special needs? We're looking for committed people to be Special Needs Buddies — volunteers who come alongside children in their Adventureland program. Contact Anna Messenger ([anna@oakpointe.org](mailto:anna@oakpointe.org) or 248.912.0043 x393) for more info. If you are a parent of a special needs child and would like this service, please contact Anna.

## **Experience Team**

Our Worship Arts department is launching a brand new team! The Experience Team will create environments (experiences) that help people worship God and connect with one another at Arts events and worship services. This could include setting up refreshments, decorating, greeting guests at events, selling t-shirts and more. This is a great opportunity for anyone who loves hospitality, decorating, or just helping out. Contact Bethany ([bethany@oakpointe.org](mailto:bethany@oakpointe.org) or 248.912.0043 x302) for more info.

## **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](mailto:anthony@oakpointe.org) or 248.912.0043 x394) for more info.

## **Used or New Laptops & Smartphones**

CRU Zambia is in need of used or new laptops, projectors, and smartphones for their mission work. Phones must have SIM card capability, but SIM cards need to be removed. Laptops should be wiped clean of information (we can help with this if you don't know how to do it). Contact Jane ([jane@oakpointe.org](mailto:jane@oakpointe.org)) if you'd like to donate an item.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 that they can attend Adventureland on Sundays, 707 on Wednesday evenings, and the ROCK on Thursday evenings. We're looking for volunteers to drive the van on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings twice a month. Male and female volunteers needed. If you can help, please contact Anna ([anna@oakpointe.org](mailto:anna@oakpointe.org) or 248.912.0043 x393)



# Coming Up.

<b>MAY</b>	
27	Crossroads Memorial Day Picnic & Bonfire SOZO Party
<b>JUNE</b>	
1-3	8th Grade Retreat
2/3	Communion during all services
3	Discover Oak Pointe
8	Revere Worship Night
8-10	Crossroads Retreat
10	Join Oak Pointe
15-July 1	Zambia Mission Trip
17	Father's Day
24-30	707 Detroit Mission Trip
30	Crossroads at Greenfield Village

## 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).