

THE LATEST

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Spotlight.



Grow Cody Rouge

July 30-August 3

There's still a place for you on the Grow Cody Rouge team! Next week we'll head down to Detroit to impact the Cody Rouge community. Join Pastor Kurt Alber and his team in beautifying

schools and neighborhoods while bringing encouragement and hope. We need 1000 Oak Pointe volunteers. Visit oakpointe.org/growcody to pick a day to serve.



ROCK Summer Camp

August 17-21 at Lake Ann Camp in Lake Ann, MI

The best weekend of the summer is coming up August 17-21 and we don't want your middle school student to miss out. Make sure you register for camp by

August 9! Get more info and sign up at oakpointe.org/rocksummercamp.



SpringHill Day Camps Continue This Week

Our kids had a great week of summer fun with SpringHill Camp this past week right here in our building. This Monday, a new group of kids will arrive. Please pray for them and the SpringHill

staff while they're at Oak Pointe.



Women's Summer Gatherings

This summer we're gathering together at local area cafés for conversation and community. It's a great way to connect and get to know people in a smaller group setting. You can sign up for a gathering at oakpointe.org/gatherings.

We have these dates available: July 24, 25, Aug 7, 8, 21, 22.



Abdu Murray Returns to Oak Pointe

August 18-19

One of our favorite guest speakers returns to Oak Pointe this August. Abdu Murray is the North American director of RZIM (Ravi Zacharias International

Ministries) and author of *Saving Truth: Finding Meaning and Clarity in a Post-Truth World*. You'll want to hear this astute Christian thinker with a timely message.



Recurring Giving

You're probably looking forward to some weekends away this summer to soak up the sun. You may mean to give regularly, but it's easy to forget. With Oak Pointe's Online Giving system, you can set up recurring giving

on a weekly, every other week, twice monthly, or monthly basis. Just set your giving frequency to "regularly" and continue with the process. To set up recurring giving, visit oakpointe.org/give.

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

Events & More.

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!

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 for group descriptions or email Laura Abele at laura@oakpointe.org for more info.

Current Groups

- Cross Current (men who deal with unwanted same-sex attraction)

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)
- Cross Current (men who deal with unwanted same-sex attraction)
- Hannah's Prayer (infertility support group)
- Divorce Care
- Parents of Adult Children
- Fortify: The Pursuit of Purity (young men 14-18)

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 at celeste@oakpointe.org.

the ROCK (6th-8th grade)

Thursday Nights

7pm in Rm. 108

The ROCK is our group for middle school students. They'll love the teaching, live music, snack shop, games, life groups and more! They meet every Thursday night in the Student Center (room 108). Twice a month they have a special summer event. See the calendar below for details. Email Alanna at alanna@oakpointe.org with any questions or visit thisistherock.com.

Upcoming Events

July 26: Outdoor Movie Night (7-10pm)

Aug 9: Paint Wars

Aug 23: No ROCK

Aug 30: Kona Truck

Sunday Mornings

9:15am in Rm. 108 (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 2nd, 3rd, and 4th 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 at alanna@oakpointe.org for more info.

707 (9th-12th grade)

Wednesday Nights

7pm in Rm. 108

With rock music, teaching, crazy games, a snack shop, and life groups, 707 is a great place to meet up with your friends, and make new ones! They meet every Wednesday in the Student Center (room 108). Twice a month they have a special summer event. See the calendar below for details. Contact Chelsie at chelsie@oakpointe.org for more info or visit thisis707.com.

Upcoming Events

July 25: Paint Wars

Aug 1: Grad Night

Aug 15: Pool Party at the Shirocks'

Aug 29: Kona Truck

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 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 Laura Furman at lauraf@oakpointe.org or 248.719.4805 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

Drive-In Movie

Sunday, July 22, 7:30pm at USA Hockey Arena

Join us for a drive-in movie this Sunday night! Tickets are \$10, or \$8 with a student ID. Gates open at 7:30pm. It's a great event to invite friends to!

Fall Retreat

September 14-16 at Maranatha Bible Camp in Norton Shores

Registration for the Sozo Fall Retreat is now open! It'll be the highlight of your year! Come rest, be in community, and get closer with Jesus. Maranatha is right on Lake Michigan. If you register before August 26, you get \$20 off, so sign up soon! Register at bit.ly/sozoretreat.

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 or call Jane at 248.912.0043 x390 for more info.

Study

Friday, August 3, 7pm in Rm. 108

We'll continue to study Jesus' words and teachings in the book of Matthew. Homiletics is a careful analysis of scripture from a group of several passages studied at one time. It is a way to organize, highlight and carefully consider what the Bible passage is telling us. With homiletics, God's truth can be uncovered and we can identify how it can be practically applied to our lives. Read Matthew 19:16-24 to prepare for our next study. Make a note of any questions that come up as you're reading and we'll discuss them together.

Howell Melon Run

Friday, August 17, 7pm in Howell

We're putting a group together to run/walk the 41st Annual Howell Melon Run 5K. This is one of the most scenic and beautiful paths through residential streets, the historic Lakeview Cemetery, and Howell City Park. The race starts and finishes in downtown Howell. Onsite registration, awards and refreshments will all take place on State Street. Cost: \$30 before August 3 (includes a free commemorative t-shirt). Sign up at howellmelonfestival.com/melonrun18. Email crossroads@oakpointe.org with questions.

Serving Opportunity

Saturday, July 28, 4:45pm

Crossroads will greet Oak Pointe guests before and after the Saturday worship service, and serve coffee and cookies afterward. Meet at 4:45pm. We're tentatively planning to go out to a restaurant after church.

Women

Summer Gatherings

This summer, we're gathering at local area cafés for community and connection. You can sign up to host a gathering or attend one. It's a great way to get to know other women in a smaller group setting. If you sign up to host, we'll provide conversation cards to help your group get started. Sign up to host or attend at oakpointe.org/gatherings.

Meals For New Moms

You can serve a new mom and her family by bringing them a meal. Contact Candi at 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 at 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 at 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 at 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 at 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, 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 would love to connect with you and answer any questions. Email her at laura@oakpointe.org. Register at 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).

Elementary Small Group Coordinator

If you enjoy having fun with kids, encouraging volunteers and organizing activities, this might be the right position for you! Adventureland is looking for a small group coordinator to oversee two grades on Sunday mornings. This is a 15-hour per week position. You must have energy, flexibility, spiritual maturity and experience working with kids. Contact Val at val@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x326 to apply.

Grow Ministry Administrative Assistant

Do you love people? We're looking for an organized self-starter who's gifted in administration, flexible and computer competent to work 20-30 hours per week. This person will support our community pastors and life groups staff. Responsibilities include (but are not limited to) event planning, event registration, email campaigns, database maintenance, community outreach management and social media updates. Contact Rick Beemer at rickb@oakpointe.org with questions or to submit a résumé.

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 at val@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x326 to apply.

Serving Opportunities (Volunteer).

Adventureland Welcome Team

Looking for a place to serve? Join the Adventureland Kids Welcome Team! We're looking for friendly faces to greet our families and help them get connected into the Adventureland program. Contact Laura at adventureland@oakpointe.org for more details.

Summer Lunch Program

This summer, the Oak Pointe North Community is teaming up with Oakland County Meals on Wheels to bring healthy lunches to children in the Novi Meadows and Old Dutch Farms mobile home parks right by our church. The program runs now through August 31. We're looking for volunteers to serve lunches from 11:30am to 1pm, Monday-Friday. This is a great opportunity for life groups and/or families to engage our local community. Sign up for one or more days at oakpointe.org/lunch. Contact Dave Hughes at 248.894.2879 or daveh@oakpointe.org with questions.

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 at 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 at 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.

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 at 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 at 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 at 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 at 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 at anna@oakpointe.org or 248.912.0043 x393.

Coming Up.

JULY

13-29	707 in Zambia
22	SOZO Summer Drive-In
23-27	SpringHill Day Camp Week 2
30-Aug 3	Grow Cody Rouge Week

AUGUST

17-21	ROCK Summer Camp
17	Crossroads Howell Melon Run

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. Contact Artice Ann at articeann@gmail.com or 248.756.7692. Our men's prison ministry visits male inmates on a weekly or biweekly basis. Email Brian at mensprisonministry@oakpointe.org.