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Spotlight.

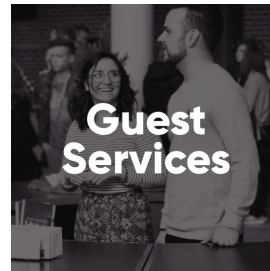


Easter Weekend

March 30-April 1

Easter weekend begins on Good Friday with services at 4:00 & 5:30pm where our theme is "The Unthinkable." Then on Saturday and Sunday, our theme changes to "The Impossible!", with

celebrations at 5:15pm Saturday, and 7:15, 9:15 and 11:15am Sunday. Plus, everyone who attends the 7:15 service gets to enjoy a free pancake breakfast afterward. Be sure to invite your family, neighbors, and friends!



Guest Services Meet & Greet

Next Sunday, May 25, 10:30am & 12:30pm in the Student Center

Are you looking for a place to plug in at Oak Pointe? Check out our Guest Services team! We invite you to a meet & greet to learn more about the team. Join us for either the 10:30 or 12:30 meeting next weekend. Email dawn@oakpointe.org with any questions.



If:Oak Pointe — Registration Deadline Monday

March 23-24

The annual two-day IF:Gathering for women is coming to Oak Pointe next weekend! We'll hear from various speakers, engage in worship, and connect with one

another. Register now at oakpointe.org/if. Registration is required by Monday, March 19 to attend!



Serve at Easter

We're expecting lots of guests at our Good Friday and Easter services. Due to local schools being on spring break and families traveling, we have a few areas where extra help would come in handy. If you'll be here

Easter weekend, please consider choosing a spot to serve to make our guest experience the best it can be. To sign up, visit oakpointe.org/easter/serve.

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

Events & More.

Living Hope Coffee

Living Hope is now selling coffee in whole bean and K-Cups on the second Sunday of every month. Pick some up on April 8. Every purchase supports the Living Hope orphans in Zambia.

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 under the Watch menu. You'll also find videos of the messages there. Contact Randy (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 physical and spiritual growth and healing. Visit oakpointe.org/renew for group descriptions or email Laura Abele (laura@oakpointe.org) for more info.

- Cross Current
- Divorce Care
- Grief Share
- Her Story
- Men's Integrity
- Parents of Adult Children
- Surrendering the Secret (healing from abortion) (Thursdays)
- Fortify: The Pursuit of Purity (young men 14-18) (Tuesdays)
- Recovery Through Christ (Thursdays)

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, or search for "Oak Pointe Church" in the iTunes App Store, Google Play, Amazon App Store, or Microsoft Store.

Kids & Students.

Adventureland (birth-5th grade)

Splash Class

March 18 or March 25, 12:45pm

Splash Class is designed to help kids learn about taking the next step in their friendship with Jesus through baptism! This informative, interactive class is a pre-requisite for participation in Splash Bash on April 22. For more info, or to register for either the March 18 or March 25 class, visit oakpointe.org/splash.

Preschool Playdates

March 22 & 23, 10am-12:00pm

Your little ones will have a blast at our Preschool Playdates! Plus, you'll get to connect with other Oak Pointe families. Free coffee provided, but bring a lunch for the kids. No need to register, just drop in to the upper level (west entrance). Contact Anna with questions (anna@oakpointe.org).

SpringHill Day Camp

July 16-20 & July 23-27

Kids love SpringHill day camps! From the climbing wall, to the water slides, to silly songs and amazing counselors, your child will love their week at SpringHill. New friends, new fun and a great camp experience close to home. Reserve your spot before June 1, for the discounted price of \$199. Sibling discounts are available. Register at oakpointe.org/springhill.

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 (6th-8th 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. The ROCK will not meet on Thursday, April 5.

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 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 (alanna@oakpointe.org) for more info.

707 (9th-12th 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. 707 will not meet on Wednesday, April 4.

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](https://www.instagram.com/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 or call Jane (248.912.0043 x390) for more info.

Revere Worship Night

Friday, April 13, 7pm

Join us at the next Revere as we worship together!

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 if you're interested.

ESL Classes & Studies

What Christians Believe

Fridays, 10-11:30am

This study for women teaches the basics of Christianity using ESL materials with word lists and study questions. It's open to women of all beliefs who would like to know more about the Bible and Christianity. New people welcome! No cost. Childcare available for a fee. Meets through March 23. Register at oakpointe.org/esl.

What Christians Believe

Saturdays, 5-6:30pm

This study is for men and women. Study the basics of Christianity using ESL materials with word lists and study questions. It's open to people of all beliefs who would like to know more about the Bible and Christianity. New people welcome! No cost. Free childcare. Meets through March 24. Register at oakpointe.org/esl.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:30-11am

Study the Bible using ESL-based materials. It's open to women of all beliefs who would like to know more about the Bible and Christianity. No cost. Childcare available for a fee. Meets through May 2. Register at oakpointe.org/esl.

Japanese Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:30-11am

This group is specifically for Japanese-speaking women who want to know more about the Bible and Christianity. We'll read 240 encouraging Bible passages that will guide you as you face various difficult stages of life. Reading will be in a combination of English and Japanese. No cost. Childcare available for a fee. Meets through April 25. Register at oakpointe.org/esl.

Women

March Study Groups

Tuesdays, 7-9pm/Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am

Find community with other women while growing closer to God. We have a variety of studies that meet weekly onsite here at Oak Pointe. Register online at oakpointe.org/women.

- The Quest (Beth Moore)
- God With Us (go deeper in Pastor Bob's sermon series)
- Discerning the Voice of God (Priscilla Shirer)
- Uninvited (Lysa TerKeurst)
- Gracestoration
- ESL International Women's Bible Study
- Japanese Women's Bible Study

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

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.

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. 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.

Living Well 2

Starts May 7

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.

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, 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.

Cody Partnership Summer Internship

Are you looking for an internship this summer where you can make a difference in someone's life and still earn some money for school? Our Cody Partnership is looking to hire two interns for the summer. These are paid positions with the option for full-time summer employment. If you're interested in learning about urban ministry, this is a great opportunity. You'll spend most of your time working alongside high school students from Detroit in a summer jobs program. You'll also get to participate all week in the 707 summer mission trip to Detroit. We're accepting applications now, and we'll begin hiring right away so that you can lock in your summer plans. Send your resume to Kurt Alber (kurta@oakpointe.org).

Serving Opportunities (Volunteer).

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, moving chairs, 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 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 or 248.912.0043 x394) for more info.

Calling All Artists!

We have a team of fine artists who create pieces to represent what we're learning in our weekend teaching series Kings & Prophets. The artists' work is currently on display on the south wall (near the elevator). They'll do another series in April. If you're an artist and would like to create a piece, contact Martha Koopman (markoopman@gmail.com).

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) 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 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 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 or 248.912.0043 x393)

Detroit Church Volunteer Staff Openings

- Connections Lead – Assist Detroit Church leadership with designing assimilation systems that will help communicate clear next step processes for attenders. This position will also help to care for new attenders as you connect them with opportunities to engage (i.e. serving teams, Life Groups). (5-7 hours/week)
- Marketing Director – Lead volunteer marketing team and manage implementation strategy as developed by the marketing consultant (includes web, social media, print & apparel). (5-7 hours/week)
- Creative Director – Steward Detroit Church’s weekend mission and vision. This position is perfect for someone experienced in developing a creative vision and successfully implementing it within an organization. The Creative Director will work with the Leadership Team to ensure that the weekend experience is E.P.I.C. (Excellent, Participatory, Intentional & Culturally Relevant) as the church helps people connect with Christ. (10 hours/week)

For more information, contact jim@oakpointe.org.

Coming Up.

MARCH	
22	Preschool Playdate
23	Preschool Playdate
23-24	IF:Oak Pointe
30	Good Friday Service 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM (office closed)
31	Easter at Oak Pointe 5:15 PM
APRIL	
1	Easter at Oak Pointe 7:15 AM, 9:15 AM & 11:15 AM
13	Revere Worship Night
15	Discover Oak Pointe
28	Gather Workshop

Ministry Partnership Opportunities.

Worship Night with Alisa Turner

Friday, March 23, 7pm at Bell Creek Community Church

Nashville worship leader and recording artist Alisa Turner is coming to Bell Creek! New to her record label Integrity Music (All Sons and Daughters, Lincoln Brewster), Turner will explore the depths of what it means to worship among the ashes, comforted by and confident in the presence of God. Child care is provided for kids under 10 if you register in advance. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for children 13 and under before March 16. After March 16, all tickets are \$15. Visit bellcreek.org for more info or to purchase tickets.

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).