

March 7, 2010 ... Welcome!

I once heard John Piper say, "What do you do when you discover the good news that God wants you to be content in Him, but then find out you are not?"

Perhaps there is a correlation between *faith* and *contentment*. Wrong ideas about faith may make us discontent. I hope your understanding of *faith* will grow today and in that growth you'll become more content in Him.

Pointing People to Jesus!

Bill

Members & Guests - Help us get to know you!

Please be sure to fill out the "Friendship Register".

We would ask that all cell phones be turned off or set to vibrate so as not to disrupt our time of worship.

Today's Morning Message

3rd Sunday in Lent

A Journey Called Faith

"Little Faith is BIG Faith"

Hebrews 11:6

Bill Crawford

Next Sunday Morning

4th Sunday in Lent

A Journey Called FAITH

"FAITH...Even When You're Going Down"

Jeff Porte

Available for purchase... cds of all the worship services.

Stop by the Visitor Center or call the church office to order a copy.

Morning messages are available for listening or downloading online at www.centerpointkzoo.org

congregational concerns

Prayers For: Jenny DeWolf, Samuel Ekkens, Tom Flowers, Kim Havenaar, Dave Martin, Karen Neustel, Jim Northup

Bronson: Dave Miller

Recently Hospitalized: Irene Fraaza

general

Next Week's Greeters

9:00 a.m.

Mike/Margaret Rex, Franklin/Joan VanOosten, Cornie/Linda DenHarder, Clay/Phyllis VanDussen, Maureen Squires

10:45 a.m.

Tom/Mary Wolthuis, Bob/Bethany Carper, Gary Dunn, Chuck/Marcia Dykstra, Josh Tymkew

Next Week's Nurtury Schedule:

Wally/Jenn Laaksonen, Geoff/Janis Ehlers, Amanda Bittrick, Lisa Baas, Laurie Palanca

Please arrive 15 minutes before worship begins so rooms are adequately staffed when children arrive. Thank you!

New Members Class

Wednesday, April 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The Loft ... nursery care provided

Have you been worshipping with us for a while and wondering how you can get better connected at Centerpoint Church? The "New Members Class" is intended for those persons who are considering membership in our Church. This four week class explains our basic beliefs, core values, mission and vision statement, as well as information about the various staff and ministries. Participation in the class is required for those who want to become members but there is no obligation to join after taking the class.

If you are interested in membership or know someone who is thinking about it, please sign up at the Ministry Center or contact Pastor Dar Vander Wal (375-4815; ext. 103) or email: dvanderwal@thirdreformed.org.

Four Year Bible Reading

Week 107

March 7, 2010

Luke 7-12

2010-2011 Preschool Openings

Preschool is now accepting applications for its 3 yr. olds program. This class is Tuesday and Thursday (9:00-11:15 a.m.). There are currently 10 openings. If you are interested in registering or for more information, please contact Deb Modderman at 353-5736.

Centerpoint's Community EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 3 @ 10:00 a.m.
3's - 5th graders

Continental breakfast will follow.

This is a great opportunity for you to bring your unchurched friends and kids to church to have some fun and fellowship.

HERE ARE 4 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

- Sign up at the Ministry Center (look for the Easter Egg Hunt sign) to attend with your family and unchurched friends.
- Sign up at the Ministry Center to bring donations for the continental breakfast.
- Donate filled, plastic Easter eggs with individually wrapped candy or bring a bag or two of individually wrapped candy to Miss Sue's office (room 201) by **March 30**.
- Sign up to help at the Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3.

WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL TAKE
HOLD OF THIS OPPORTUNITY
FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!



Youth Sponsored Community Event

PARENTS NIGHT OUT! Friday, March 19, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at The Point. For ages 4-12. Bring your kids for a fun-filled evening while you enjoy a "night on the town". Advanced sign-up is required...stop by the Ministry Center. Contact Char Heckaman at 375-2592 for more information.

LIBRARY Information Breakfast

Can you help? Even just a little? Come to breakfast on Saturday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m. and see the many small ways you can help in the church library. To RSVP or with any questions contact Gretchen St. John at 679-4115 or booklady@verizon.net.

Help

I have your large, black North Face jacket and you have my large, black North Face jacket. In your pockets were candy and a Cold Stone Creamery receipt. Can we swap? The mix-up occurred last Sunday, Feb. 28. Please call 744-2863.

Expressions Of Thanks

Church Family ... you are AWESOME! Thank you for your prayers, cards, telephone call, visits, and helping hands. Each act of kindness means so much to us. I'm recuperating at home and attempting to regain my strength. God is good!

~ Tom (Betty) Flowers

Thank you for the many cards, calls, visits, and prayers following my surgery. I am making great progress. God bless you all!

~ Dick Mitchell

The "Soup & Salad for the Savior" was a success last week because of your support! Thank you for your generous donations towards the Alabama Workcamp trip.

~ Youth Ministries

connections

Get *connected* at Centerpoint!

Consider these three ways:

- **Small Groups:** Want to join a small group? Interest forms are available at the Ministry Center or online. Want to be a small group leader? There are also leadership applications available at the Ministry Center and online.
- **Triads:** What are triads? Three men or three women meeting together to pray, study God's Word, and act as accountability partners.
- **Mentor (Male):** Are you looking for a mentor? Do you feel called to be a mentor?

If you have any questions or comments, please contact our Connections Director, Jennifer McAlpine-Austin at jmcalpine-austin@thirdreformed.org or 375-4815; ext. 120.

kids' hope

It's never too late to share Jesus' love with a child. Just one hour a week can change a life! Attend a Kids' Hope Training Session ... **Thursday, March 11 @ 4:00 p.m.** at Connie Hagman's house (6440 Saybrook; 3 blocks from church). Once you're trained, you can hop on board, but NOW would be a good time! No teaching required. Play games, talk, read, draw, go for a walk ... just be a friend! For more information, call Connie (375-3522 or 330-5221).

Mentoring Time: 12 Hours / school year
Value: Priceless

missions

Chile Earthquake Response

Once again, those blessed by God are called upon to be a blessing to others. Centerpoint will be accepting your gifts and routing them through Reformed Church World Service just as we did for Haiti. RCAWS and Church World Service have a strong presence in Chile and are well positioned to channel our support to the greatest areas of need. Please use a Special Offering envelope and note: "CHILE EARTHQUAKE".

Mission Trip Opportunity

Centerpoint is sponsoring a "Reconstruction" mission trip, through CRWRC, to Munster, IN, the first two weeks in August. This is an on-going effort to assist those affected by severe flooding. **Participants may work for one or two weeks.** For more information, please contact Kris Mejeur at 345-6340.

Ecuador Informational Meeting March 14 @ 10:20 a.m. in The Loft.

Come with your questions about the July 22 - August 1, 2010 mission trip to Ecuador. Information and applications available at the Ministry Center or from Carolyn Harris (373-1537) or Sharon Tans (375-9080).

MISSIONARY MOMENT

Lindy DeBoer is our gal in China. She is a student studying Chinese. While there is a growing Christian church in China, the government still highly regulates **mission activity so we** are not at liberty to share her contact information. However, you can keep up with her life as an American student in China by visiting blog: <http://chinachatter.blogspot.com>.

Please note: There is an opportunity for a college age student to serve at a youth camp this summer in China. For more info, please contact Jack Heystek at 375-4815; ext. 110 or jheystek@thirdreformed.org.

prayer

HEDGE PRAYER MINISTRY

Praying together builds our spirit in trust, unity, and compassion for one another.

Do you have a morning available?

Join us for prayer every morning in the Prayer Room to pray for the needs of the church.

**Monday - Friday ... 5:00-7:00 a.m.
Saturday & Sunday ... 6:30 a.m.**

1 God - 3 weeks - 7 days - 16 hours

Prayer in The Loft
21 Days Continue through March 9

seniors

Women Of Grace

Mark your calendars and anticipate a day with lunch, followed by a delightful time of fellowship. Thursday, March 11 @ 11:30 a.m. at LaRue's (Stadium Drive). We will meet for lunch and then return to church for a light-hearted DVD. If you need transportation, call Joyce @ 372-3944 or Leora @ 375-5398.

Get On The Bus

Don't be left standing on the curb. There are 6 seats left for our upcoming trip to a Passion Play ... **March 21-22.** Sign up by calling Mary in the church office this week (375-4815).

stepping stones

Kids' Ministry

- Programs are available for 2's - 1st grade at the 9:00 a.m. service and 2's - 5th grade at the 10:45 a.m. service.
- Please check your children in at a Parent Pager Station. (These are located in the Nurture and Fireside Room.)
- The 2 & 3 year olds can be brought to their classes in the Nurture area after check-in.
- All 4's - 5th graders will join their families for the initial part of the service. A dismissal will be given for kids to go to their classes.
- Please bring your child and their check-in slip to the class, plus check your child out at a station after worship before coming to pick them up.

Promiseland Treasures

God's Word is a treasure and 2nd - 5th graders are learning to hide God's Word in their hearts. Parents, remind your child to:

- ★ Bring their Bible each week to Promiseland;
- ★ **Today's Bible Drill Competition:** Thomasma/Pease/Bills vs. G. Miles Go over the 'God Time Card' with your child this week - this is a great tool for you to build into your child's faith;
- ★ Learn the weekly treasure verse.

2nd & 3rd

Philippians 2:4

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

4th & 5th

Ephesians 6:11

"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

Mark Your Calendar

- **EASTER EGG HUNT**
Saturday, April 3 @ 10:00 a.m.
Sign up at the Ministry Center to help with food and candy donations or help with this event.
- **Vacation Bible School**
June 21-25, 9:00 a.m. - Noon.
Many hands will be needed to share the love of Jesus.

Please Note

There will be NO Sunday School on Sunday, March 28 and April 4. Plans are underway to provide a holiday Video Adventure for the 3's - 1st grade during the sermon. 2 - 3 people are needed to help supervise the kids during that time. Parents, adults, and high school students, please contact Miss Sue at 375-4815; ext. 109 or smulder@thirdreformed.org to help with this short-term need.

Help Our Nurtury Rooms SPARKLE

We are always looking for new recruits to help clean the Nurtury rooms (especially those who USE the Nurtury). Join us this **Tuesday, March 17 @ 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

The more the merrier (and cleaner)!

Questions? Call Julie Kramer at 544-2600.

worship arts

Easter 2010

"The Power of One"

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, March 10
..... 6:30-7:30 p.m. (The Loft)
Wednesday, March 24
..... 6:30-7:30 p.m. (The Loft)
Wednesday, March 31
..... 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Worship Center)
Sunday, April 4 - EASTER
..... 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Services

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College & High School & Middle School

COLLEGE

NEXT SUNDAY, March 14 @ 7:45 p.m. in the Chapel. College-age (Collegepoint) service begins! Small groups will be at 6:30 p.m. and we'll meet at Burdick's after the service. Contact Kory Wagonmaker (kwagonmaker@hotmail.com) for more info.

HIGH SCHOOL

- **YOUTH GROUP - TONIGHT** from 5:00-7:00 p.m. (The Point & Room 405).
- Parents Night Out Helpers **NEEDED. Friday, March 19, 6:00-9:00 p.m.** Earn money for your mission trip, get community service hours, and serve the families of Centerpoint. Contact Char Heckaman for more info or to volunteer (375-2592 or concordhills1@comcast.net).

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Youth Group

Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Check in and out will be in the lobby by the Worship Center!

YOUTH MISSIONS

Alabama Workcamp Trip (July 25 - Aug 1)

Only a few spots left. Don't miss out on this chance to serve others in Jesus' name and see lives changed. Info at the Ministry Center or contact Julie Kieser (kieserall@sbcglobal.net).

stewardship

Weekly Giving

February 28, 2010

(Includes February online giving)

General Fund	\$ 40,415.27
Designated Fund	\$ 4,687.42
"It's Not About Me"	\$ 3,535.00
Deacons Fund	\$ 395.00

community

Life Line Screening

Thursday, March 25 @ Centerpoint
Pre-registration required: 1-800-679-5192
Informational flyers available at the Ministry Center. Pick one up today!

