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February 1



"A Night in Bethlehem"

Sunday, December 8, 6:30-8:00pm

This fun family experience features crafts, yummy treats, a live nativity, petting zoo, family photos & more! Step back in time to start your Jesus-filled holiday.



Christmas Concert

Friday, December 13 at 7:30pm

Saturday, December 14 at 3:00pm

Enjoy our choir, orchestra, and ensemble groups, featuring Centerpoint's own Cassandra Johnson & Michael Chase, as they share contemporary & classic Christmas music.



Family Christmas Service

Monday, December 23, 6:30pm

A celebration for families featuring the Christmas musical *The Little Drummer Dude*.



Contemporary Service

5:00pm in the Worship Café

Kick off your Christmas Eve with the worship band, carols, communion & candles (Childcare for 7 & under)



Classic Services

7:00, 8:30 & 10:00pm in the Worship Center

This beautiful service features our Centerpoint choir, inspiring music, communion & candles (Childcare for 7 & under at 7:00 & 8:30pm)



Pick up postcards in the lobby and invite your friends!

A team of 8 completed Centerpoint's 7th year

facilitating marriage retreats for Ensenada couples. We served three churches: Esperanza de Gloria, Familia Emanuel and Todo Santos. Included in the marriage retreats are couples' games that our team develops. It was fun watching the couples play these games and many prizes were given for the winners. All prizes were made by the Centerpoint Crafters and Quilters, along with generous donations.



Centerpoint Mission Team in Ensenada, Mexico

During the week some of the team laid concrete for a ramp and pad for a family who had a house built earlier this year. The father of the house is disabled as he had to have his leg amputated due to spina bifida. The house is below the dirt road and it is hard for him to maneuver his crutches in the dirt especially when it's muddy. The team enjoyed getting to know the family of five with two sons and a daughter.

The team also assisted with the Fishermen Ministry. We got up early Sunday morning and went to the wharf where we prayed for the fishermen, and gave out cookies, Bibles, and reading glasses. It was fun to watch the fishermen's delight in receiving these items. Words describing this mission by the team included unbelievable, relational, and awesome!

If you are interested in a global mission or want to donate to missions (see list right), please contact Marlena Sprague at marlenasprague@gmail.com or 916-521-0982.



Mission donations being accepted include, but are not limited to: bedspreads, sheets, quilts, slightly used clothes for children, women & men, eye glasses, baby items such as bibs, onesies, hats, diapers, socks, stuffed animals, and knitting yarn and needles.

Please pray for our MISSION PARTNERS

LOCAL

Acres of Hope

Campus Life

City Impact in San Francisco

Folsom Prison Ministry

The Gathering Inn

Gleanings for the Hungry

Samaritan's Purse

Sierra Pregnancy and Health

William Jessup University

GLOBAL

Catharine Coon/ Hope Alive! in Uganda

Al & Rosa Castro/ Ensenada

El Puente Granada Christian Education Center Granada, Nicaragua

Barry & Ronah Francolino/ EPC Missions

Brad & Laurel Jenkins/ Josiah Venture, Slovenia

Schmidt family/ Wycliffe, Nigeria

YUGO Ministries Ensenada, Mexico



Save the date for our Annual Missions Fundraiser Dinner and Auction on Friday, March 6, 2020.

Do you have any items to donate or ideas to share? Contact Marlena Sprague at marlenasprague@gmail.com.

A message from Julie Battenfield, Worship Arts Director:

When do you start listening to Christmas music? Most studies show that the majority of people believe that any time after Thanksgiving is the appropriate time for carols and holiday music. That is what I used to think, too... until I became a worship director. We usually start planning Advent music and Christmas concerts in June! On those 100 degree days, I just close my office door while listening to different versions of *Joy To The World* and *O Holy Night*, so that I don't confuse the rest of the staff. I was a little worried that those cherished songs would start to feel old and tired to me, but that hasn't been the case.

Each December, there is still a deep awareness of God's presence and the miracle of His coming to us as Jesus. All the planning and praying and practicing turns into beautiful moments of true worship. As we sing those beloved Christmas songs in December, hear the orchestra and singers at the concerts, and worship together on Christmas Eve, I hope you sense the Holy Spirit moving through the music and words to draw your heart closer to Him. My favorite Christmas hymn is *O Come All Ye Faithful* because I love the idea of coming together to simply adore Him. Since Scott and I were married just 3 days after Christmas, we sang this at our wedding. Of course, I was holding my bouquet and not a hymnal, so I couldn't remember the last two verses. I just smiled and listened to the congregation sing. Centerpoint's Christmas Spotify playlist is available if you want to use it to celebrate the season...or feel free to join me in June next year!



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This question was recently asked of members of the Centerpoint staff. Here's what we found out:

- Karen Fales: *Mary, Did You Know?*
- Connie Baker: *O Come All Ye Faithful*
- Jadz Miller: *O Tannenbaum (the German version)*. My family was from Germany.
- Rachel Dorsey: *I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas* is a family favorite!
- Ryan Farrington: *O Holy Night*
- Lauren Blalock: Anything from Trans-Siberian Orchestra
- Cassie Johnson: *Christmas Time is Here* by Daniela Andrade; *Joy to the World* by Sufjan Stevens, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* by She & Him; *The Christmas Song* by Barry Manilow; *O Holy Night (acapella)* by NSYNC
- June Evans: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*; *What Child is This?* by Johnny Cash
- Mary Kay Dyer: *O Holy Night* as sung by her 1st grade Sunday School teacher years ago in church, “I'll never forget it!”
- Abi Battenfield: *Carol of the Bells* by Trans-Siberian Orchestra; *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
- Julie Battenfield: *Love Has Come* by Amy Grant; *O Holy Night* by Ricky Tanner; *Christmas Time is Here* with Josh Groban & Tony Bennett; *A Christmas Alleluia* by Chris Tomlin
- April Hayward: *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas* by Michael Buble
- Jonathan Shea: *Angels We Have Heard on High*; *All I Want for Christmas is You*
- Mikayla Hankins: *Christmas Song* by Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds; *This Christmas* by Donny Hathaway; *Do You Hear What I Hear?* By Whitney Houston; *God Rest Ye Merry Gents* by Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings
- Zoë Gibson: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* by Enya; *Good King Wenceslas* by Downhere; *Jingle Bells* by Colton Dixon; *12 Days of Christmas* by Reliant K; *You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch* by Boris Karloff; *Zat You Santa Claus?* By Dr. Teeth & The Electric Mayhem (Muppets); *Just For Now* by Imogen Heap (although Pentatonix's version does sound more “Christmassy”)
- Jim Barstow: *I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day* by Casting Crowns; *Breath of Heaven* by Amy Grant; *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* by Folk Angel; *Find Our Way Home* by Trans-Siberian Orchestra
- Bryan Yeo: *Noel* (featuring Dave James & Trip Lee) by 116; *Christmas in Hollis* by Run DMC
- Rachel Atkinson: *Winter Wonderland* by Michael Buble

We are excited to announce a new addition to our High School Revolution team!



Victoria Seaman is our new High School ministry program staff assistant. Victoria and her husband Wesley have spent many years volunteering in youth ministries and are excited to see what God has for them here at Centerpoint. Victoria is a recent graduate of William Jessup University with a degree in youth ministry. Victoria's heart is to connect with students personally, especially our Revolution ladies. Victoria and Wesley have a guinea pig named Daisy and a baby one named Jelly Bean. And speaking of babies, she and Wesley are expecting their first in April. Let's get to know Victoria a little better:

- 1. What has been your favorite road trip or vacation?** My favorite place to go on vacation is the beach. I grew up on the coast. Therefore, I deeply enjoy a trip to a nice beach. Whenever I see the ocean, I am reminded of God's glory because of how vast the sea is.
- 2. What was your first vehicle?** I got my first car when I was 18. It is a Toyota Corolla, and I love how cheap the gas is! I still drive that car to this day.
- 3. What is a home project, craft or hobby that you tried that didn't go so well?** When I was working at summer camp, I tried to paint a dinosaur mug for my now husband. It turned out terrible. I think I am going to stick to crochet.
- 4. If you are married, what was the moment you knew you were in love with your spouse?** When he took me to Target to buy water guns on a hot summer day.
- 5. What is one worship song or lyric that has really spoken to your heart?** "Beautiful Things" by Gungor. I really like this because it reminds me of how wonderful God is. God has the power to turn a bad situation into something great.
- 6. What is one spiritual tradition you have or always wanted to have in your life or family?** When my son is born, we would love to go through a Bible passage every night as a family.



Do you want to feel more connected at Centerpoint?

Join us for our next "Meet Centerpoint" on **Sunday, December 8 at 9:45am in Room 11C.**

This is an informal gathering to hear about many of the things going on here, meet some people and begin to feel connected! This is a great place to start, whether you're just starting to explore Centerpoint, or you've been here for years!



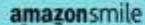
New Members Class Sundays, January 12 - February 16,

11:00am-12:00pm in the Annex. If you are ready to explore what it means to make a commitment to the life, people, and purpose of our church, this 6-week class is for you. You will meet the pastors and learn about Centerpoint's purpose, beliefs, and core values. Whether you have been attending for just a few weeks or for years, you will find this class helpful. The class ends with the opportunity to become a member at Centerpoint if you so choose. Sign up online or contact Karen Fales at kfales@centerpointroseville.org or 916-782-3186 x26.

Preschool Extended Care Starting December 2, the Centerpoint Christian Preschool is excited to announce that we are offering an Extended Care Program. Our Breakfast club will be offered from 7:00am-8:45am and will serve breakfast for the children to enjoy before preschool starts for the day. The after-preschool program will be available until 6:00pm. The children will have a rest/nap time followed by a snack and play outside or in the gym. Children will enjoy fun activities and crafts until pickup time. For more information contact the Preschool at 916-782-9443.



#1 holiday hack:

When you buy your gifts at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates 

Order your holiday gifts through [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and specify "Centerpoint Community Church" as your charity. Centerpoint will receive .5% of eligible purchase prices.

Men's Ministry



Presbyterian Men Wednesday, December 4, 6:00pm in the Family Life

Center Dining Room. Presbyterian Men is open to all men in the church and meets monthly for dinner and a program. Our guest speaker this month is Centerpoint's own **Tim Kovar**, Christian businessman and the head of our church Safety Team. Tim will share with us what he is currently doing in the teaching profession and how he built a business based on Christian principles. He will also give an update on the Safety Team. Make a dinner reservation with Dick Law at doutlaws88@gmail.com or 916-791-3346 no later than Tuesday, December 3.



Save the date for the Annual Men's Retreat on March 27-29, 2020 at the Zephyr Point Conference Center, Lake Tahoe. The speaker this year is Fritz Moga, Associate Professor at William Jessup University (WJU). In addition to his work at WJU, Fritz is a frequent speaker at churches and retreats. His passions include global and local missions, as well as hiking, biking, and swimming. Registration begins February 9. For more information, contact John Sprague at jsprague@centerpointroseville.org.

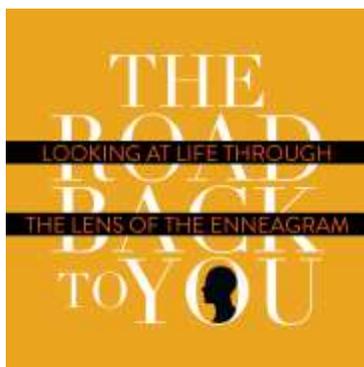
Women's Ministry



Women's Fellowship... Many Generations, One Lord

Wednesday, December 4, 10:30am in the Family Life Center Dining Room.

Join us for our study, "*Meet the Holy Spirit*," led by Joanne Butterfield. Each month we explore a different Fruit of the Spirit; this month we will look at Peace. **We will have a Christmas potluck. Ham will be provided; please bring a side dish.** All women in the church are invited to attend this morning of fellowship and inspiration (please bring your Bible). **RSVP to Sharon Moore** at sharonlmoore63@gmail.com or 916-784-0581 no later than Sunday, December 1.



New Class: "The Road Back to You"

Wednesdays, January 8 - February 5, 5:30-7:00pm in Room 118C; Cost of book: \$10.

Centerpoint ladies, have you heard of the Enneagram personality test? It's taking the country by storm! Come join Rachel Dorsey as she leads a 5-week study on the Christian best-seller that uses the ancient personality type system, the Enneagram, to teach the importance of self-awareness. The authors explore its connections with Christian spirituality, outlining each of the 9 character types, and encourages you to identify and explore the positive and negative aspects of your own. Not only will you learn more about yourself, but you will also start to see the world through other people's eyes, understanding how and why people think, feel, and act the way they do. Sign up online or contact Karen Fales at kfales@centerpointroseville.org.



Women's Retreat: Image Shift "Reboot" Saturday, February 1, 9:00am- 4:00pm

on the Centerpoint campus. Due to power outages, the Women's Retreat in October was cancelled, but we are excited to offer **all women** the opportunity to join us for a reboot! The day will include a continental breakfast, worship and praise time, optional break-out activities, and a catered lunch. Our speaker, Kathy Coupe, will guide us through four sessions focused on shifting our perspectives. Free childcare with advance request. Cost is \$35. Sign up online or contact Karen Fales at kfales@centerpointroseville.org.



Lisa Risdal, Executive Director, Acres of Hope

Senior Adult Ministry Lunch

Thursday, December 12, 11:30am (note early start time)

Program at 12:45pm / \$10 per person, payable at the door.

Our lunch will begin with songs presented by the children of our Centerpoint Christian Preschool. The after-lunch program will be presented by Lisa Risdal, Executive Director of Acres of Hope (AOH). AOH is a spiritually-based renewal center breaking the cycle of homelessness for women with children by providing them with a home and an environment of structured programming. AOH's unique approach allows residents to live onsite for up to two years while staff and volunteers invest heavily in their lives. **Please bring a child's unwrapped gift costing no more than \$10 to be donated to the children at**

AOH and their Salvation Army Christmas celebration (not a requirement, just a suggestion).

The menu includes beef stew with mashed potatoes, salad, bread, and mint chocolate cake for dessert. Senior Adult lunches are open to all so invite family or friends to join you. **RSVP** to Bob McCarthy at 916-783-9295 or bob@mccarthyemail.net no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, December 10. Those unable to attend the lunch may join us for the program only.

December can be a great time to do something together with your small group!

Have a party. Or attend one of the Christmas Concerts together and enjoy a meal or dessert afterward. Or serve together at a local ministry or here at Centerpoint — two great opportunities are **Night in Bethlehem** and the **Deacons' Christmas Food Baskets**.

If your group is studying something other than the sermon series, it may be time to plan what curriculum you will use in January. Contact Cassie Johnson at 916-782-3186 x38 or cjohnson@centerpointroseville.org to schedule a meeting with Pastor Nancy to choose materials.

Are you thinking about starting a new small group? January is a great time to kick off a group. Set up a time to meet with Pastor Nancy in December to learn more about leading a group. Contact Cassie (contact info above) to schedule a meeting.



Deacons' Christmas Food Baskets

Saturday, December 21, 9:00-11:00am We will assemble and distribute Christmas Food Baskets to 100+ families in our community. Come help fill bags of food and volunteer to make deliveries to families in need. This is a great way to involve your whole family or small group in serving. Contact Cassie Johnson at cjohnson@centerpointroseville.org or 916-782-3186 x48 for more information.

Have you lost a loved one recently? Would you like to take a moment to remember that person before Christmas?

Service of Remembrance

Saturday, December 7, 3:00-4:30pm in the Chapel

Larry Curtis, facilitator of our Grief Support Groups, will be leading a special service in the Chapel, followed by dessert and sharing. All are welcome. For more information, contact Larry Curtis at lcurtis1310@yahoo.com or 916-960-3193.

Interest Groups

TRAP & SKEET SHOOTING: Saturday, December 7, 10:00am-12:00pm at the Coon Creek Trap and Skeet Club. Contact Lance Mayhofer at mayhofer@yahoo.com or 916-791-5423.

MEN'S BOOK FELLOWSHIP: Tuesday, December 3, 10:30am-12:00pm in the Centerpoint Library. We meet to discuss the books we have been reading individually. Contact Dave Shumway at dave@dkshumway.com.

HANDS OF THE LORD QUILTERS: Monday, December 9, 1:00-3:00pm in the Annex. Join us as we make quilts for various organizations and ministries. Contact Sandy Nelson at 916-591-9036 or sandynelsn@gmail.com.

HOLY RIDERS (Motorcycles): Saturday, December 21. Location TBD. Contact Doug Jacobs at 916-541-8729 or tdouglasjacobs@gmail.com.



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: Monday, December 16, 6:30pm at Pete's Restaurant on Douglas Boulevard and East Roseville Parkway. Please bring a gift-wrapped book that you have already read and would like to pass along for our gift exchange. You are also invited to share about a favorite author and/or good book that you have read. Or... you are welcome to just come and listen. This is a no-host dinner. Contact Mimi Cudzilo at tcudzilo@surewest.net or 916-791-3013.

Prayer & Support Groups

COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR THE NATION Saturday, December 7, 7:00am at Bayside Adventure, 6401 Stanford Ranch Road, Roseville. Join with churches in the Sacramento area to pray for our nation and its leaders. Contact Lynn Jorgenson at 916-251-7227 or djorgenson@jps.net.

MILITARY PRAYER Sunday, December 8, 9:00am in the Chapel. Join the team that prays for those in our church family connected with the military. Contact Pam Misco at 916-872-3635 or pkmisco@gmail.com with prayer requests.

WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30am in the Library. This group will not meet in December but will reconvene on January 14. Join us if you have cancer or are a cancer survivor. Contact Sandra Tyra at tyra5@comcast.net or 916-300-6723.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS Evening group meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm in the Library. The evening group will not meet on December 24 but **will** meet on December 31. Daytime group meets the 3rd Sunday of the month (December 15) at 2:00pm in the Library. You can drop in or contact Larry Curtis at 916-960-3193 or lcurtis1310@yahoo.com.

FAMILIES OF LGBT+ SUPPORT GROUP offers family members confidential support through a group or on a one-on-one basis, led by a Centerpoint Elder trained by *Posture Shift*. For more information, contact Jennifer Harrington at 916-300-8383/ mydaytosing@gmail.com or Pastor Nancy at nduff@centerpointroseville.org/916-782-3186.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (no meeting on December 25) from 10:00-11:30am in the Library, led by a compassionate facilitator who is also a caregiver. When you serve as a caregiver, often you could use some care yourself. This is true no matter what level of care your loved one needs and no matter where they live. Come when you can. Contact Retha Millikan at 916-202-6506 or rdean52_52@yahoo.com.



Do you have a car, boat or RV you want to donate? Running or not, you can receive a tax deduction by donating it to Centerpoint's **Partners In Outreach Foundation, Inc.** Contact Lew Dickey at 916-390-8714 or lewandsandy@comcast.net. Lew will handle the DMV paperwork and take it away for free. **Proceeds support missions at Centerpoint.**

2019 Year-End Giving Reminder All year-end tithes and offerings must be turned in to the church office or postmarked no later than December 31 in order to qualify for 2019 giving. Also, if you have not already done so, please turn in your Faith Commitment card as soon as possible. Cards are available in the Worship Center, Café, and church office.



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On January 25 & 26, 2020
adults and families (age 12+) have the unique opportunity to join Centerpoint on a local mission serving in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood with our local mission partner **City Impact**.

City Impact exists to intervene on behalf of the people living in the Tenderloin neighborhood of San Francisco. They have been serving this area for 32 years

with weekly programs that include Adopt-a-Building, the City Impact Church, City Academy School, Health & Wellness Center, School of Ministry, Rescue Mission, Social Services, Thrift Store and TL Made (handmade items to sell). To learn more about this dynamic, Christ-centered ministry visit the **City Impact** website at <https://www.sfcityimpact.com>.

Our Centerpoint team will spend the weekend serving in a variety of ministry areas including street evangelism, working at the thrift store, serving meals in the Gospel Mission, delivering meals and praying. Our primary role is to help **City Impact** reach out and build relationships with the people in the Tenderloin neighborhood. We hope you and/or your family consider being part of the team for this overnight mission. **City Impact** has comfortable dorm-style accommodations for teams and meals are provided. This mission will be a life-changing experience helping **City Impact** shine the love of Jesus in the Tenderloin neighborhood. Cost for this mission is \$100 per person; families of 3 are \$250; families of 4 are \$300 and families of 5 are \$350. We are striving to make this an affordable mission so that all who are interested can attend. This is a great family mission! Are you ready to be missionally intentional and spread the love of Jesus in San Francisco? Contact Marlena Sprague at 916-521-0982 or marlenasprague@gmail.com.