

the Pulse

of Centerpoint Community Church

March 2021

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CONTINUE TO WALK IN IT." 3 JOHN 1:3

A message from Pastor Jim:

In his third letter John wrote how it gave him great joy to hear of the faithfulness of the church to the truth and to their walk in Christ (3 John 1:3). I know what he meant! When I see and hear about the faithfulness of so many of you in our church in serving one another, and serving our communities, it fills me with great joy.

Who can't feel joy when they see the faithfulness of our staff and volunteers, from our Sunday greeters, ushers, worship teams, kids ministry staff/volunteers, and custodians – all going above and beyond in serving one another?

And who can't feel joy knowing there are teams who do prayer walks all around the homes of the church and in neighborhoods throughout Roseville?

And who can't feel joy knowing how tirelessly our small group leaders have continued to reach out to their small groups, encouraging them and praying for them?

And who can't feel joy hearing our church sent over 5,000 greatly needed masks to the people of Ensenada who experienced a face mask shortage? Or 20,000 wipes and 10,000 diapers to Sierra Pregnancy & Health?!

And who can't feel great joy hearing that the people of our church bought, signed, and delivered 700 Valentines Day cards to the elderly in the local retirement and care facilities?

Yep...I pretty much know exactly how John felt!!!

Way to go, Centerpoint!

With love and GREAT JOY,

Pastor Jim



MISSIONS

to the community & beyond!

PRAY.

Please continue to pray for our Mission Partners as they minister during this challenging time:

LOCAL

Acres of Hope

Campus Life

City Impact in SF

Folsom Prison Ministry

The Gathering Inn

Gleanings for the Hungry

Samaritan's Purse

Sierra Pregnancy & Health

William Jessup University

GLOBAL

Catharine Coon/
Hope Alive! in
Uganda

Al & Rosa Castro/
Ensenada

Barry & Ronah
Francolino/EPC
Missions

Schmidt family/
Wycliffe, Nigeria

YUGO Ministries
Ensenada, Mexico



Karen Hamilton (above) helped pack up some of the **10,000 diapers and 20,000 wipes** collected in January to be delivered to Sierra Pregnancy & Health directly across the street from Centerpoint.



John & Marlena Sprague (above) prepared masks for mailing to Ensenada, Mexico where our mission partner, YUGO Ministries, distributed badly needed masks to the community. **Centerpoint stepped up and sent 5,390 masks to YUGO!** It took only 3 weeks to collect these masks. Some of the donations came in the form of bulk shipments sent directly to YUGO and some of the masks were sewn by the students from Eich Middle School. Way to go, Centerpoint!



Maria, Bev, and Arabella (clockwise from left) got out their sewing machines to make masks for Ensenada.



Centerpoint collected over 700 Valentine cards (left) for local care homes. Some were done by a Special Ed Class in Yuba City, and some by a caring local 1st grade class.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRYAN:



My wife, Karyssa, and I recently visited the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias in Yosemite

National Park. This area is located just past the southern entrance to Yosemite and is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias. Perhaps the most famous tree, the Grizzly Giant, is estimated to be 3,000 years old. This means it predates not only Christ's birth, but Israel's exile, as well!



Pastor Bryan views the Grizzly Giant

Walking through the grove caused me to reflect about what it means to be "rooted" in Christ. We saw not only giant trees, but their giant roots, both above and below ground. It seems



Karyssa Yeo with the Fallen Monarch Tree

obvious these trees could survive for thousands of years – their roots are huge! We, too, are called to find strength as we build our "roots" in Christ. The image of Psalm 1 is familiar, as are Paul's words in Colossians 2:6-7: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your

lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

I was reminded that my roots never cease to grow – I can always be growing stronger and firmer in my foundation in Christ. The Grizzly Giant, in particular, was a wonderful faith picture for me. I hope some day to have a firm, 3,000-year-old foundation that can survive the winds and fires of life. What a promise Christ gives us: a more firm foundation than the Grizzly Giant of Mariposa Grove!



Volunteer to Shop for and Deliver Easter Food Baskets

This Easter season we will again deliver food baskets to 130 families in our community. Since COVID is still present in our area, the Deacons have creatively reshaped this event to better protect the health of our volunteers and recipients. Please help us show God's love through participating with us!

Besides delivering groceries as you have done in the past, this time you will also shop for the groceries at a store convenient to you, using gift cards and a shopping list we will give you. If you prefer to order groceries for curbside pickup or delivery to your home, we'll explain how you can do that.

- **Sign up** by **March 8** on our app or website to volunteer. Choose the number of families, area, and store you prefer
- **Pick up** gift cards and shopping/delivery information in the Centerpoint parking lot on **Saturday, March 20 between 10:00am & 12:00pm**
- **Shop** during that week whenever is convenient to you
- **Deliver** to your families on **Saturday, March 27 between 10:00am & 1:00pm**

For more information, please contact Carol Yeo at mcyeo1@gmail.com or 916-300-1475.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 14!

Don't forget to "spring ahead" one hour on Saturday night, March 13.

Kids' Easter Party-to-You!



This year the Kids' Easter Party is coming to you!

Enjoy your own mini-party at home during Easter week with a delivery of fun crafts and Easter eggs! **We need donations of individually wrapped candy and plastic Easter Eggs.** Drop off plastic eggs and candy outside the church office during the week (9am-4pm) and on Sundays. Sign up online for this fun event starting Monday, March 1.

EXCITING NEWS FROM KIDS MINISTRY! by Nancy Van Diest, Kids Ministry Director

KATEY OLSON has been Centerpoint's Early Childhood Coordinator for six years. Prior to that she was our children's assistant. And prior to that Katey was a wonderful volunteer! Over the years she has been working tirelessly to become a Marriage and Family Therapist. She received her Masters degree this past spring and now has taken a private practice position in Loomis and will be dedicating all of her time to building her own practice. We are SO excited about this opportunity



Lizzie Souza (l.) pictured with Kids Ministry teacher Diane Larson

for her where she can make her therapeutic practice a ministry to those who are hurting. Thank you, Katey, for your years of dedication to the families of Centerpoint. You will be missed!

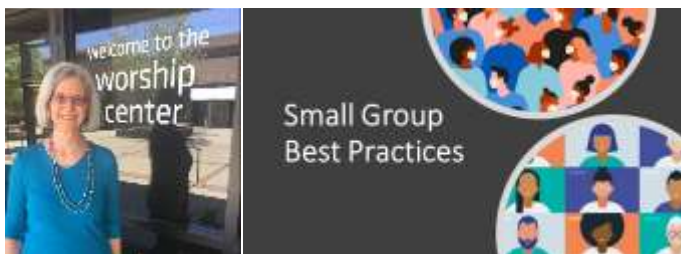
We are excited to welcome **LIZZIE SOUZA** who is our new

Early Childhood Coordinator. She has grown up at Centerpoint and has volunteered in Kids Ministry for a few years. Lizzie is attending Sacramento State, working towards obtaining her teaching credential. In her spare time she like to play basketball, do art, and spend time with her friends and family. **Welcome Lizzie!**



Katey Olson, Nancy Van Diest, and our new Early Childhood Coordinator, Lizzie Souza

OUR SMALL GROUP LEADERS ARE AWESOME! by Pastor Nancy Duff



Twenty-eight of our small group leaders recently gathered in two sessions over Zoom to share "best practices" with one another. Both sessions included leaders of groups that are meeting in person, groups that are meeting on Zoom, and groups that are currently not meeting but keeping

in touch through phone, texts and emails. These leaders encouraged one another by sharing what has worked – and not worked – for their groups during the pandemic.

While they are facing challenges, including how to best meet during this time, our small groups are staying faithful. They are focusing on relationships and supporting one another; adjusting meeting logistics and curriculum choices; and even figuring out how to hold parties over Zoom! Several leaders spoke about cultivating an attitude of expectancy – trusting that God is redeeming this time, and watching for how God is at work in their groups. I left the meetings rejoicing in the creativity and responsiveness that our small group leaders are showing as they lead and care for the members of their groups. God is using them in amazing ways!

If you have put off joining a small group – or starting a group with a few friends – because of the difficulties of meeting during COVID, start praying about whether it might now be time to reconsider. I can help you connect to an existing group, or walk you through starting a group with friends over Zoom. Please contact me at nduff@centerpointroseville.org or 916-782-3186.

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—Pastor Nancy

If you've been to the Worship Café lately, or watched our 8:30am service online, you have enjoyed the praise music by our Worship Team, led by Paul Hightower. Along with Julie Battenfield, our Worship Arts Director, Emily Lockett, our Choir Director, Piper Hightower, Paul's wife, and Robert Romano, our drummer, they have blessed us with music online and in-person during the last challenging COVID year. But one member of the Praise Team you may not know is **JOE MIRANDA**, who, week in and week out, stands in the back and impressively plays the bass... or the guitar... or the keyboard... or on a couple of occasions... the cajon (percussion). He was recently spotted playing the keys with the guitar around his neck so he could quickly switch instruments! We tracked Joe down recently and asked him a few questions to get to know him a little better:



How long have you been attending Centerpoint?

It's been a long time now, I would have to guess around 14 years!

How long have you been playing with the Worship Team?

I've been playing with the worship team for around 3 years now, but it's been around a year and a half since playing with them every week.

How many instruments do you play?

I mainly play piano and bass, but I also play guitar, and I've played a couple percussion instruments throughout the years such as marimba and bells.

Did you take music lessons or are you self-taught?

I took 2 years of piano when I was 8, then 2 semesters in college, but for bass I am self-taught!

What's your favorite style of music?

While I love all kinds of music, hard bebop jazz will always be my go-to. I'll never get enough of Dizzy Gillespie or John Coltrane.

What's your favorite song that we sing/play at Centerpoint?

I know it's a cheesy answer, but I've been playing *Oceans* since 7th grade in Journey and it's always fun to play!

Do you go to school? Have a job?

I have finished schooling for a Real Estate Salesperson, and currently I am a Client Service Assistant for Placer County HHS!

Any hobbies?

Other than music, I really enjoy photography. It's been hard to do many shoots with COVID, but I can't wait to get back to shooting weddings.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I sadly haven't had much free time in the recent months, but when I get a chance to sit down I enjoy watching movies and playing chess.

Anything else about yourself that people might find interesting?

That's a hard question! Not that I can think of... I consider myself a rather simple type of person who just enjoys music, worship, and being able to give to the Lord!

We are grateful to Joe for all the talent he shares with us each week in the Worship Café and thank the Lord for all the musical talent and humble hearts He has blessed us with in our Worship Team.



Welcome to Centerpoint's New Members 2021!

Like everything else, our New Members class this year looked a little different, meeting for 6 weeks via Zoom to get to know our pastors, and learn more about Centerpoint's core beliefs, purposes, and values. They shared their testimonies with the elders of the church via Zoom, and were recognized in all the worship services on Sunday, February 21. There was no lack of fellowship, however, as several of the class expressed interest in starting a small group together!

Our seven new members are pictured left (clockwise from top left): Tami & Dave Butler, Katie & Eric Toussaint, Lisa Souza, and Joni & James Phinney.

NEW PRESCHOOL AIDE HAS HOLLYWOOD HISTORY!

by Lisa McGough, Centerpoint Preschool Director.



We're so glad to welcome Joanie Rodewald to our Preschool as an aide in our Pre-K class, Monday through Friday. We recently found out that she has an interesting background and asked her to share her story. Here's what Joanie had to say:

"Hi, my name is Joanie Beardsley-Rodewald and I have 19 brothers and sisters. I

was born the youngest of 10 to Frank and Frances Beardsley. Our home was in Carmel and my dad was a Navy man. When I was six months old my mother died of undetected diabetes. My dad became a single father of 10, with the two youngest being 6 months (me!) and 3 years old. My mother's best friend and husband were childless and offered to take my sister and me until my dad could get settled. A few months later, my dad met a woman named Helen North. She was a widow of a Navy pilot who crashed in a training operation. She had eight children and the youngest was a 1-year-old. While enrolling her children in a Catholic grade school, the principal, who happened to be my aunt, told Helen about my father and the passing of his wife. Helen had a prayer card that had helped her with her grief and asked if she could send it to him.



Joanie Rodewald in her Pre-K class

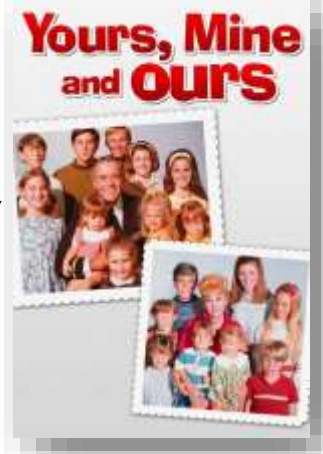
Well, one thing led to another, they met, fell in love, and were married a few months later. My sister and I were reunited with our family, plus 8 more! At their wedding, there were 18 children present. About 3 years later, my younger brother, Joe, was born. Two years after that, my sister, Helen, was born. So that made 20! Ten were his, eight were hers, and two were theirs!

A movie was made in 1968 about my family. It was called, 'Yours, Mine, and Ours,' starring Lucille Ball and Henry Fonda. It was a very exciting time for my family. Lucy flew into Monterey for the premiere and we all met her.

Fortunately, my siblings are all well and healthy. Thank you, God! I have numerous nieces and nephews, and several great nieces and nephews. Both of my parents have passed, but they enjoyed a long and eventful life."



The Beardsley-North family with Joanie seated front row, far right



Mary Ann Gaston (l.) and Loretta Jaramillo (r.) are part of our Crafters Interest Group. Loretta has recently taken over the leadership of this group



which meets on the 3rd Tuesday evening and 3rd Friday morning of each month. One of the projects they recently worked on was plastic canvas crosses that Centerpoint members helped to make and will

be included in the 130 Easter Food Baskets to be distributed later this month (see page 3). Other projects include canvas teacup art for homebound people, baby blankets for Sierra Pregnancy, and soft pillows that are donated to Kaiser Oncology.

INTEREST GROUPS

Trap and Skeet Shooting: Saturday, March 6 at 10:00am at the Coon Creek Trap & Skeet Club. Contact Lance Mayhofer at mayhofer@yahoo.com or 916-791-5423.

Hands of the Lord Quilters: Monday, March 8, 1:00-3:00pm in the Annex. Contact Sandy Nelson at sandynelson@gmail.com or 916-591-9036.

Men's Book Fellowship: Tuesday, March 9, 10:30am via Zoom. Contact Dave Shumway at dave@dkshumway.com.

Crafters: Tuesday, March 16, 7:00-8:30pm and Friday, March 19, 10:00-11:30am in the Annex. No experience is necessary, and participants may bring an older child (10+) to join them. Contact Loretta Jaramillo at bob.loretta@iglide.net or 408-761-0440.

Holy Riders (Motorcycles): Our next ride will be Saturday, March 20, to Middletown. Contact Doug Jacobs at 916-541-8729 or tdouglasjacobs@gmail.com.

SUNDAYS AT CENTERPOINT



Centerpointers from Pack 107 served as greeters on February 7, in recognition of Scout Sunday. This active coed group of scouts has continued to meet and serve during COVID with outdoor activities, such as hiking and biking, and service projects, such as Centerpoint's food baskets, care packages for the military, and picking up litter at local parks and creeks.



Becky Pryor sanitizes individually-packaged supplies for our Kids Ministry. Becky has been serving in our Supply Room on Sunday mornings for over 30 years!



Marlena Sprague prepares pancakes (3 kinds!) for our **Middle School ministry's "Breakfast & Bibles"** every Sunday morning at 10:45am in the Journey room.



Shauna Rogers leads the 5th & 6th graders every Sunday morning at 10:00am in our Highway 56 program. They also meet every other Wednesday evening.



Rachel Dorsey (with tech support from husband Mark) recently taught a 4-week class in-person and via Zoom for over 40 participants on the subject of racism, encouraging Awareness, Relationships, and Commitment to Reconciliation.



Lexi & Harper (above) and the Oliveira family (below) enjoy our Kids Ministry program



Our in-person Sunday services continue to thrive despite COVID restrictions, both in the Worship Café (above) and in the Worship Center (below). A beautiful, new tradition is the singing of the Doxology on the courtyard (above) following all services.



Lauren Blalock (right), our Media Director, runs the sound booth for Paul and the Worship Team at 7:00am every Sunday morning, as they gather to rehearse the songs for the morning. Our Media and Worship Teams, along with our Webmaster, work tirelessly to bring the best possible worship experience to Centerpoint, both live in the Café and Worship Center, and online via livestreaming.





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New Adult Class: "The Case for Christ"

Sundays, April 11 – May 2, 1:00-2:00pm via Zoom

Hosted by the Local Mission Outreach Team, this four-week class is designed to be interactive and accessible to all over Zoom. Inspired by clips from *The Case for Christ* movie and rooted in Scripture, this study will help you take the next steps in your journey with Christ. The four lessons cover the topics: Investigating the Case for Christ, Exploring the Evidence for Christ, Embracing the Truth of Christ, and Explaining the Good News of Christ. Sign up online or contact Karen Fales in the church office.

Save the date for our Adult Ed Seminar! Saturday, April 24 from 9:00am – 12:00pm in the Family Life Center



Our speaker is Daniel Gluck, Ph.D. from William Jessup University. Dr. Gluck is Associate Dean, Associate Professor - The Faculty of Theology & School of Christian Leadership. This seminar will focus on the biblical and theological perspectives of justice and poverty and the church's role as "reconcilers." For more information, contact Karen Fales in the church office.

