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of Centerpoint Community Church

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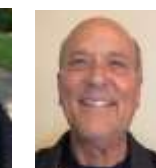
A Message from Pastor Jim:

At a congregational meeting on June 13, Centerpoint elected our Pastor Search Committee! The nine members are Abi Battenfield, Rick Hamilton, Jennifer Harrington, John Hulsebus, Katey Olson, Brian Phillips, Judy Remy, Eric Schmitt, and David Tyra (pictured below, left to right).

They hit the ground running, holding their first meeting that night. Their first steps will be to create a Church Information Form, which is a church resumé. After that is completed they can begin taking applications. At that point you will not hear much of anything from them as they will be doing their work in strict confidentiality. As I shared with you in a previous letter, as well as at the congregational meeting, the average length of time to find a new Senior Pastor for a church our size is 12-18 months. The next time you hear from them will be when Session announces they have chosen a candidate for you to vote on.

So please be in prayer—regular, fervent prayer for God’s will to be done in bringing this great church His choice for a new Senior Pastor. Until then, we still have work to be done, so let’s get at it!!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim





One of our Centerpoint local mission partners is Crestmont Elementary School in Roseville. We are committed to helping the school with whatever needs they have. During the month of July we will have a supply drive in anticipation of the start of school in August. Crestmont’s principal, Jeri Farmer, requested the following donations to help stock classrooms (*please note specific brand names*): **Crayola crayons, Elmer’s glue sticks, Ticonderoga #2 pencils, and reams of copy paper.**

You can drop your donations in the boxes on the courtyard on the four Sundays in July, or in the shopping cart outside the church office during the week (M-F, 10am-4pm). For more information, contact Karen Fales in the church office.

Centerpoint continues to partner with The Gathering Inn to provide overnight shelter and dinner to those experiencing homelessness in the Roseville area on most Sunday nights each month. Over the last year, seven small groups and three Mariner Ships have served The Gathering Inn—some multiple times! The Local Mission Team is very grateful for the support of all those in the Centerpoint community who volunteer in this important ministry.



Pictured above is one of our bi-monthly small groups which prepared and delivered a meal for 40 Gathering Inn guests. Said group member Valerie: *“All of us enjoyed being of service to The Gathering Inn and our group had such a great time with food prep and afterwards sharing a meal together. God is good and we’re grateful for his blessings.”*

Pastor Nancy says... PLEASE COME SERVE!



One of the things I most love about Centerpoint people is that you love to serve! As many of our ministry teams are starting up again, we need your help.

Blue Apron Crew: Can you make coffee and set out refreshments? Volunteer once a month for a shift before, during, or after a Sunday worship service. Sign up at the refreshment tables or by contacting Vicki Miller at 916-765-4986 or vicki.sue@comcast.net.

Prayer Partners: Are you willing to pray for individuals after the Sunday worship service you usually attend? Volunteer once or twice a month. Contact Mary Ann Tonn at 916-806-7482 or matonn@yahoo.com.

Convalescent Worship Services: Do you enjoy conversations with seniors? Can you play hymns on piano or guitar? Can you help turn songbook pages? Join one of our teams that lead short worship services at local assisted living or convalescent homes. Volunteer one Sunday monthly at 11:15am. Contact Sharon Herfert at 916-616-1292 or kitty3sh@gmail.com.



Join us for an hour, a couple of hours, or the whole morning as we clean up Eich Middle School before school starts. We will plant, garden, sweep, clean, rake, and more! Please bring tools such as rakes, brooms, clippers, etc. Sign up online.

PRAY.

Please continue to pray for our Centerpoint Mission Partners:

LOCAL

Acres of Hope

Campus Life

City Impact in SF

Crestmont Elementary School

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

Barry & Ronah Francolino/EPC Missions

Schmidt family/ Wycliffe, Nigeria

YUGO Ministries Ensenada, Mexico

Blue Star Moms/Dads Salutes Centerpoint!



Many thanks to all who filled Military Care boxes and donated items for deployed men and women during our May Military Care



Drive. A group of dedicated volunteers (top photo) prepared the **240 boxes** for mailing under the grateful supervision of the Blue Star Moms & Dads. We also collected funds enough to cover all the mailing of the boxes, plus nearly \$400 more! Kimberly Steinman-Elmquist (bottom photo) from Blue Star expressed her immense gratitude for the overwhelming generosity of the Centerpoint community.



Save the Date for the Men's Retreat, October 1-3, at Zephyr Point Conference Center at Lake Tahoe. Our speaker is Fritz Moga, Associate Professor at William Jessup University. He will present the topic: *"Off the Bench, Into the Game."* Registration will begin in August.

INTEREST GROUPS

Trap and Skeet Shooting: Saturday, July 3, 10:00am at the Coon Creek Trap and Skeet Club. Contact Lance Mayhofer at mayhofer@yahoo.com or 916-791-5423.

Holy Riders (Motorcycles): Saturday, July 10, to Lake Tahoe. Contact Doug Jacobs at 916-541-8729 or tdouglasjacobs@gmail.com.

Hands of the Lord Quilters: Monday, July 12, 1:00-3:00pm in the Annex. Contact Sandy Nelson at sandynelson@gmail.com or 916-591-9036.

Men's Book Fellowship: Tuesday, July 13, 10:30am in the Library. Contact Dave Shumway at dave@dkshumway.com.

Kayakers: Saturday, July 17, 9:00am at Barge Canal, West Sacramento. Contact Mark Parks at mpkayak4fun@yahoo.com or 916-833-9227.



Mark Janzen enjoyed a morning on the lake with our Kayakers Interest Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Ministry Summer Drop-In Devotionals
Tuesdays through July 27, 9:00-10:30am in Room 118A. Stay connected spiritually with other women during the summer. No homework; come when you can! No signups necessary. For more info, contact Rachel Dorsey.

Summer Recess for Moms, Friday, July 9, 9:30-11:30am in Room 118. Enjoy fellowship together over coffee and snacks. Childcare is provided, but kids are welcome to stay with Mom if needed. This is a great opportunity to meet other moms in our community and learn more about our Centerpoint Moms Group beginning in September. For more information, contact Rachel Dorsey.

Presbyterian Men's Recycling Saturday, July 24, 9:00-10:30am in the east parking lot. Stop by and drop off your CA CRV plastic and aluminum cans. Proceeds from our recycling go to Centerpoint student ministry mission projects.

New Adult Class: "The Case for a Creator," Sundays, July 25-August 29, 11:00am-12:00pm in the Annex, led by Marianna Bekhet and Andrea Champlin-Wilson.

Women's Ministry Movie Night, Friday, July 30.
Stay tuned for more details.



Save the Date for our *"Missions on the Move"* **Annual Fundraiser Event** Friday, September 17, at 6:00pm. This year our mission fundraiser is unique, as we will

be serving dessert and watching "Soul Surfer." This inspiring and uplifting movie is about a young woman who took a personal tragedy and made it something meaningful and positive. In the midst of her own pain, she was challenged to go to Thailand and serve others devastated by a tsunami.



Join us for an evening of dessert, fun, and fellowship. Learn more about our mission partners, and help us raise money to continue to serve both locally and globally. Although we will miss our live/silent auction, there will be an opportunity to buy tickets for various drawing prizes. Reserve your seat and purchase a ticket for \$20 beginning July 1. Ticket prices will increase to \$30 on August 16. For more information, please contact Marlena Sprague at 916-521-0982 or marlenasprague@gmail.com.



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Centerpoint Loves Its Littles!



Our Nursery has a beautiful update this month with new carpet, shelves and toys. The little ones of our church (birth through 23 months) are enjoying their new updated space where they can safely play and be loved each Sunday by our childcare staff. We are thankful for generous donations that made this all possible. Pictured above are childcare staff members Emilee Hays, Heidi Evans, Aley Salatti, and Brie Alshire (with her own littles Ariel and Lily.)