



## CHURCH ONLINE!

**While our campus is closed, our services are open. Join us online for worship music, sermon, and kids' lessons. Go to the Centerpoint website or app! Stay connected, submit prayer requests, give... all from home!**

**We asked our Centerpoint staff for suggestions on how to stay busy if you're "social distancing." Here's some ideas:**

- Watch some videos on [bibleproject.com](http://bibleproject.com). They have superb, animated videos that help people understand the story of the Bible, different types of literature in the Bible, and also intros to each book of the Bible. They also have a great podcast.
- Read a chapter of Proverbs – or a Psalm – each day.
- Read through the last week of Jesus' life in each gospel, to prepare for Good Friday and Easter.
- Read "The Lemon Tree" at Pastor Jim's recommendation.
- One of my favorite detectives series is by Louise Penny – she integrates faith issues and family issues into her plots.
- Pray (see below). Text/call/video friends. Have "coffee dates" or "lunch dates" by video.
- Organize and clean your cupboards. Listen to praise music while you do.
- Bake banana bread – or whatever you have ingredients for! If your kids are grown, call your kids and chat while you do that.
- Play board games or do a jigsaw puzzle. And when the weather is nice spend some time in the garden.
- Build a fort! We got our blankets and pillows and made movie-watching nests!
- Since most gyms are closed I recommend doing at-home workouts. I suggest the channel *Fitness Blender* on YouTube.
- Memorize a larger passage of scripture. I suggest Psalm 46 or Philippians 4.
- Organize your photos; play old records/CDs and sing out loud!
- Take the dog for a walk – morning and evening!
- Listen to podcasts: *This American Life* and *ESV Through The Bible in a Year*.
- Listen the an audiobook such as *The Chronicles of Narnia*.
- Put your recipes, memories, or family history online for future generations.
- Take a drive, take a long walk, or visit a local park.
- Pastor Jim said wear gloves and ride a motorcycle!

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Fundraiser a Success!

Many thanks to all who supported this year's Mission Fundraiser through donations, volunteer service, administrative support and purchases! **We raised over \$31,000!** The balance of the proceeds will be split 75%/25% between global and local missions respectively. Our MC Jim Uebner entertainingly led us through the evening, including the silent and live auctions. The tri-tip and teriyaki chicken dinner, cooked and served by Tom Chambliss and his team, received rave reviews. Our speakers were outstanding! Pastor Ray Velasquez of Ensenada, Mexico spoke with passion and gratitude for all that Centerpoint has done for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ensenada. Cary Wilcox, Executive Director of Sierra Pregnancy & Health, enthusiastically thanked Centerpoint for our partnership and continuous support. Centerpoint's Carol Yeo served with a YUGO house-build team and shared her powerful experience. Tom Pool spoke about attending a *Gleanings for the Hungry* local mission in Dinuba, California, an unforgettable time working to pack soup for needy people around the world. We are excited to see how God will use Centerpoint's generosity in the coming year through our many mission partners.



## PRAY

- For those experiencing fear, anxiety, loneliness or grief,
- For those who are ill, for those in care facilities, or who are otherwise isolated.
- For healthcare staff, and for healthcare resources.
- For students (and parents) during school closures.
- For businesses and those who may face financial hardship.
- For wisdom for leaders at all levels of government in all countries and for wisdom for Centerpoint's leadership.
- For those who live in unhealthy conditions, such as refugee camps, homeless camps, or crowded slums.
- For our mission partners, and for our brothers and sisters in the persecuted church internationally.
- That people around the world will turn to God in the midst of this crisis, and experience his love, comfort, & peace.