



This Week at Centerpoint Fellowship

June 20th, 2010

What's Your Passion?

What's your purpose? If you've been looking for a place to "plug in," believe us, we have it! If you haven't figured your role out yet - trust us, we still need you very much! Our objective is "no 'pew (okay - 'chair)' sitters" at Centerpoint" - church is NOT a spectator sport. Our pastors, John Schmidt and Scott Schumpert, along with our whole congregation, have created a fantastic teaching ministry in our first six months, **but CP is also an equipping ministry.** We are all part of Christ's Body - God has a role for each of us to play as part of that body. If this sounds strange, it's not - it really just means each of us plays a part in helping others center their lives on Christ. Don't feel ready or "worthy enough" for church work? Fear not - remember the story of the "loaves and fishes" (John 6:1-13): Jesus called his disciples to go find food for the "5000." They came back with a little boy's lunch; Jesus fed everyone with that, with twelve baskets of food left over (hmmm... twelve baskets, twelve disciples. Interesting...) He doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. Don't know what you're role is? Don't worry, you'll find it - and we'll help! That's what the *Impact* sermon series is designed to do.

Over the next few weeks, we'll delve into how we can impact Centerpoint, our surrounding community, and the world at large. We'll also be holding "volunteer fairs" - we'll have booklets made up and tables set out for every ministry area so you can explore what you want to do, where you're called to be, what's required of volunteers - and then sign up without hassle. Here's the schedule:

- Jun 20: **My impact on the church** (vol. fair)
- Jun 27: **My impact in the community** (vol. fair)
- Jul 4: **My impact in the world**

Thankful!

This past Sunday, John reminded us of how richly God has blessed us as a congregation in our first six months of existence. It truly is remarkable - in fact, it's quite literally miraculous. We shared testimony of how God intervened (or perhaps "pulled us along" is a better description) in the selection of Shelley as Worship Leader, in how Connect Groups have changed lives (as the Madisons bore excellent witness to), and in the donation and sale of a boat (!) to support mission work. Of course, a few of us WERE hoping to lake-test the boat before it was sold - just to ensure it was close to Blue Book value, you understand (not for pleasure at all - that would just be wrong!) - but we sold it within a couple miles and a couple hours of acquiring it. It was a "God thing," but we hope those Peru kids appreciate our huge sacrifice!

REMINDERS:

Youth Activities: Please note the new times for Wednesday youth activities:

- **Changes for June 23 and 30:** Junior & Senior High groups will meet together from 7 - 8 pm, led by Will Barrett. Tweens will meet from 6:30 - 7:15. All at [Camp Grandview](#).

- **"Normal" youth events resume Wednesdays at Camp Grandview,** starting... well, when Scott and the 40 missionaries get back from Peru (July 7): Tweens, 6:30-7:15pm; Junior High, 6:30-7:45; Senior High, 7:15-8:30. Bring your Bibles. We are reliably informed that "some drinks and little snacky stuff" will be available thanks to Celisa Schumpert, no charge.

- **Senior High Lake Day:** Saturday, June 19th - 9 am - 6pm. Meet at the [Centerpoint office](#) (behind the K-Mart, near the Sears building); travel from there to Lake Jordan. Contact Anna Lauren Schumpert at 730-2480 for details.

- **Epic Bible Study:** Sunday nights, 6:00pm, [Joe and Mary Heather Reynolds](#) (361-4019), are holding a great Bible study based on the life of Joseph.

- **College Bible Study:** Tuesday nights, 7:50 - 9:00 pm at [House of Java](#), led by John & Amy Hulsey.

Get Connected! Matt Madison probably put it best this week in his testimony when he said Connect Groups "turned church from a monologue into a dialog." Worship is the time we connect with God, but the Great Commandment also enjoins us to connect with each other. When we do, we gain friendship, protection, and growth. Connect Groups are our best mechanism for learning to more fully center our lives on Jesus. We'll be making a push to sign folks up this summer, culminating in a major sermon series in August. Don't wait, however - just go to the connect group table that's set up in the lobby outside the Legends ballroom or contact our new connect group coordinator, Dave Brewer at dbrewer@asecu.org for info on how to "get connected!"

Answering prayer needs is a vital part of our ministry. If you need prayer, you can find our Pastors and volunteers to pray with and for you every Sunday (in the corners of the Legend's Ballroom). You may also write prayer requests on your connection cards and/or contact our prayer team at prayer@centeringlives.com.

Photography Team: Anyone interested in helping document Centerpoint's events in pictures please contact Anita Thebo at 365-8229 or nospam61@gmail.com.

Missions...

...are going strong at CP! (As those who just got back from Nashville know well.) (And those who just gave up lake-testing a boat also know very well...) We're about to send 40 senior-high types and their "chaperones" to Peru from June 21 to 30. (Don't worry - the "chaperones" will get their hands pretty dirty, too.) We also have three very brave young'uns who'll be going to Peru as interns: Megan Smith, who'll act as intern supervisor, as well as Chelsea Barnard and Hayden Allen-Galusha, who are first-year interns. They will be helping form and lead work teams, prayer groups, services, etc., in Peru's mountains, jungles, coastal towns, and the slums of Lima. These brave young people are truly an inspiration to us all! We look forward to hearing their testimonies when they get back. Seen below, Scott and their families lead prayer for Megan and Chelsea.



Dunkin'

We have two more baptism celebrations this summer: **July 11 and August 8**. Please join us! And if you would like to be baptized, please sign up for baptism class, held the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the [church office](#). Please contact Cyndi at 356-3076 or cyndi@centeringlives.com to sign up for a class.

Membership

We've modified the class schedule this summer, just to ensure that you're paying attention. Here's the schedule (as of this week - we may change it around again to keep you on your toes...):

- Jun 20 & 27: **Serving (M-301)**
- Jul 4: **No class**
- Jul 11: **Basic Membership (M-101)**
- Jul 18: **Christian Living (M-201)**
- Jul 25: **M-301**
- Aug 1: **M-101**
- Aug 8: **M-201**
- Aug 15: **M-301**
- Aug 22: **Mission (M-401)**
- Aug 29: **Worship (M-501)**

All classes will be held at [Camp Grandview](#) starting at 6:30 pm. Please note that the last block listed (M-501) is a new class John and Shelley recently added to teach about the nature and purpose of worship. It will be taught during months with a fifth Sunday (i.e., August and October this year; approx. four times a year thereafter). Please come and join us!

Volunteers: The church offers several ongoing opportunities for volunteer service (such as bulletin assembly and communion set up). Contact Cyndi at the [church office](#), (334) 356-3076 or at cyndi@centeringlives.com.

Remember Lunch: You really need to try the [Legend's excellent buffet](#), available after service each Sunday.

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Erratum:

Well, we concluded the section on our baptism celebration last week with what we intended as a simple, mildly humorous allusion to *O, Brother Where Art Thou?*: "Come on in, folks! The water's fine!" Unfortunately, Centerpoint's vast Department of Copy Review, Language Correction, Humor Vetting, and Editorial Counseling failed to catch what came out as, "come on in, **floks!**" Also unfortunately, this got us in trouble with both the World Council of Contemporary Interdenominational Church Bulletins (WCCICB), which placed us on probationary status, and the North American Conference for the Purification of Slang and Unconventional English (NACPSUE) which accused us of illegally attempting to creating a "portmanteau" combination of the words "folks" and "flock," (which, although cited as "creative," requires proper filing of a NACPSUE Form THX-1138 in quadruplicate through both their Washington and New York offices and at least one instance of use on "Oprah" in order to be officially considered...) We humbly apologize (and have filed the appropriate WCCICB Form 24681357969-A, "Solicitation of Humble and Obsequious Apology," with the appropriate offices).

Nursery Workers!

HAVE WE MENTIONED THAT WE STILL NEED TWO DEDICATED NURSERY WORKERS ON SUNDAYS (and occasionally other days for special events)? Not to be shrill or anything, but we do. We'll keep raising our voice until someone answers. Don't MAKE us give you The Look, much less seize your upper arm with The Grip! (Seriously, if you know someone who might be interested, please contact Cyndi at 356-3076 or cyndi@centeringlives.com.)

Our Faithfulness

We had 519 at 9 and 265 at 11, for a total of... well, you do the math. It's good for your brain. Giving totaled \$12,703.74. Thanks to all for coming and for giving!