

JOIN US FOR THE END TIMES SERIES....

COMING SOON

THE TIME TO HARVEST
HAS COME, AND THE FRUIT
OF THE EARTH IS RIPE

REVELATION 14:15 NLT

WORSHIP 9-10 |

Going Deeper

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This Week at Centerpoint Fellowship May 9th, 2010

Mother's Day...

...believe it or not, is ancient, long revered, and observed in most countries around the world, even in Islam. We were quite surprised to discover this, since we thought Hallmark invented the holiday. Even if the latter WERE true, though, it certainly wouldn't do to anger the International Federation of Female Childbearers, Unquestionable Parenting Experts, Selfless Caregivers, and Long-Suffering Day Laborers (the IFFCBUPESCLSDL, pronounced "Ifkebupeskelidle"), probably the most powerful union on the planet, and so we offer proper respect and knee-bowed obeisance, lest some of its members give us The Look or grab our upper arms with The Grip... In fitting tribute, this week's message will be on Heaven. (When our younger congregants were polled, they thought the appropriate lesson from Senior Pastor John Schmidt's end-times sermon series should be "Judgment Day," but needless to say, moms won out.)

Still, we have changed the order of the lessons in the "coming soon" series. The sermons will now run as follows:

- **May 9th (Mother's Day): Heaven** (quite fittingly!)
- **May 16th: Hell**
- **May 23rd: Judgment Day**
- **May 30th: The Millennium**

Please submit any questions you have about the end times to faq@centeringlives.com and John will address many of them during the Going Deeper time between services.

REMINDERS:

Get Connected: Our trial semester for Connect Groups was a success, but we want still more people involved in THE one area of ministry that offers the greatest potential for friendship, help when needed, accountability, and centering our lives more fully on Jesus. We'll be making a push to sign folks up during May for the semester starting in June. Those who tried to but didn't join groups last semester WILL get connected this summer. Go to the [website](#) and click on "Connect Groups" or contact our team lead, Don Darling directly at darlingdesignbuild@yahoo.com for more information.

Youth and Tweenager activities, this and every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted), are at [Camp Grandview](#) from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Bring your Bibles and \$3 for pizza.

Answering prayer needs is a vital part of our ministry. If you need prayer, you can find volunteers to pray with and for you every Sunday (under the "Prayer" sign). 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 (as well as helping put unwanted "sketch artists" out of business) please contact Anita Thebo at 365-8229 or nospam61@gmail.com.

Membership Classes

We've decided on a new strategy, due in part to the large numbers of people who have joined since we first offered Membership 101 (M-101). We will offer M-101 on the first Sunday of each month, but then offer only one of the "graduate level" courses (201, 301, or 401) during the remaining weeks of the month until we have gone completely through the "membership cycle" (101 - 401) once. Thus, the schedule for the forthcoming few months will look like:

- **May 9th, 16th, & 30th: *Christian Living* (M-201)**
- **Jun 6th: M-101**
- **Jun 13th, 20th, & 27th: *Serving* (M-301)**
- **Jul 4th: M-101**
- **Jul 11th, 18th, & 25th: *Mission* (M-401)**
- **Aug 1st: M-101; 8th: M-201; 15th: M-301; 22nd: M-401**
(and this cycle will become the norm from that point on)

The remaining weeks of this month we will offer M-201:

Christian Living. 201 is a "how to" presentation on essential habits that every believer must develop in order to live victoriously by centering his or her life on Christ. **All classes will be held at Camp Grandview starting at 6:30 pm.** Childcare will be provided if you make a reservation through the church office (call Cyndi at 356-3076). You need only attend 101 to apply for membership, but we certainly encourage you to attend the "graduate-level" classes to go deeper and learn more of what it means to make Christ the center of your life. **There's more about the classes on our blog site.** We hope you come, learn more about Centerpoint, and - as God moves you - decide to join us!

And, were happy to report, **64 more people did decide to join us after last Sunday's M-101 class!** Welcome to all new members! (And don't forget to hang your Certificate-Suitable-for-Framing in an appropriately ornate silver or gilt frame in a place prominent enough for members of Centerpoint's Inquisition on the Purity of the Faith to see it when they come to visit you...) (Okay - that's a JOKE. We DO NOT need volunteers to form such a team!)

CityFest a Success!

By all accounts, great fun was had by all, especially the kids (and occasional adults) on the jumpy-bouncy thingies, and in spite of wind that raised whitecaps on the mill creek. Centerpoint also represented itself proudly and we extend our thanks to the four Connect Groups and other individuals who showed up to help. We actually had more volunteers than we needed, which is a good problem to have! The Connect Groups that participated were living out one ideal of small group ministry by performing community service as teams. The whole Connect Group "thing" is starting to gel - and that makes all of us very happy! **Pictures of the fun are on our blog site.**

So You Can't Sing or Play as Well as Shelley...

...Who can? But she knows there's a lot of great musical talent out there, so she's holding auditions for vocalists and instrumentalists for our Praise Band this Saturday, May 8th. If you're auditioning then, Shelley's already contacted you, but she had so many responses that she's **holding another audition session on May 15th.** If you want to share your musical talents at Centerpoint, you can find an application on the [website](#) (click on "Ministries" - "Worship") and at the [church office](#), directly from Shelley (shelley@centeringlives.com), or from one of our volunteer coordinators on Sunday. Please also read the "Worship Team

Centerpoint Merch: T-shirts will be sold for a few more Sundays to raise more money for missions. You show off your school colors all the time - now show off your "church colors" too! [Details are here.](#)

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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Information" package on the website's Worship Ministries page for specifics on our Worship Team philosophy and what's expected of you.)

Baptism

A class on baptism will be held on May 19th at 6 pm the church office. If you would like to be baptized or have questions about baptism, please attend this meeting. We plan baptism services to be parties - celebrations - to be held outdoors, most likely at the Camp Grandview pool (but the camp has a pool and a pond - a pond may be good for some). More details about the service are coming soon.

One More Day...

...to work our Peru missionary's hands raw. That's all you have left. Our kids going on the Peru mission trip in June are making themselves available to do just about any chores that aren't dangerous or dumb. You can benefit from their temporary indentured servitude, but please remember **they are working for donations to help pay for their trip, so please give generously!** **The final SFM is this May 22nd.** Contact Cyndi at the church, 356-3076, or our bond-servant coordinator, Connie Riddle, at connie.riddle@tschools.com.

Senior Appreciation

Centerpoint has many graduating seniors this year and we'd like to show that we are proud of them. Scott Schumpert is preparing a video celebration and would like as many seniors as possible to participate (tell us a little about your plans, etc.). The next opportunity to be videotaped will be Saturday, May 9th. We will formally celebrate our seniors during the **11:00 service on My 23rd**. If you are a senior and would like to be part of the video or you have a senior you want "appreciated," contact Scott at 356-3076 or scott@centeringlives.com for more info.

Nursery Workers

Centerpoint needs two ladies to serve as paid nursery workers on Sundays (and occasionally other days for special events). If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Cyndi at 356-3076 or cyndi@centeringlives.com.

Our faithfulness

530 joined us at 9 o'clock, as did 238 at 11, for a total of 768. Giving totaled \$18,110. Welcome to all who came and thanks to all who gave!