

# Revelation



Where is your  
hope found?

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## Upcoming Events!

**Sunday Mornings - Conversation on Revelation** from 9:15-10:15am in the conference room by the church office. All who would like to join pastor to talk about the previous weeks' sermon text are invited to do so.

**Bible Study with Rich Mitchell** has begun! This class will meet on Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30am. They are studying the book of Isaiah.

**Finish Well - Senior Ministries Group** is looking for donations of ready-to-eat side dishes for the Thanksgiving meal that will be held on Nov. 21st. If you are interested in providing a prepared dessert or side dish, please contact the church office or sign up in the Welcome Center.

**December 3rd:** Connection Point is hosting a Parent's Day Out babysitting opportunity from 2-5pm! During that time, we will have snacks and activities to entertain your children, while you have some time to get things ready for the Holidays, share a meal with someone, or even just get some time to yourself. The cost is \$20 per kid, and the proceeds will go towards helping our teens go to Nazarene Youth Conference in July.

**December 14th: Women's Group** will meet from 6:30-8pm for a cookie exchange! Bring 3 dozen of the same cookie. You'll get to taste test up to 12 kinds and then bring home 2 dozen of your favorites mix and matched to your liking! There will be games and Christmas activities during this time as well! Contact Sarah for more info.

**Youth Fundraiser** - The youth group is doing a fundraiser selling 2023 Lakeshore & Surrounding areas SaveAround Coupon Book for \$25! This is to help youth pay for NYC in Tampa next year. Contact Pastor Matt to get your book!

## Things You Should Know!

**Connect Cards** can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you! Please fill it out, take it to the Welcome Center in the Foyer and grab a gift! We want guests to feel welcome and we hope to see you again!

**Prayer Requests** can be submitted via the website under the Ministries tab. These prayer requests go directly to Pastor Aaron and are confidential.

**Text to Give** is available. Please text GIVE to 231-386-0644 and then follow the instructions given! You can also give online by visiting [connectionpointmi.com](http://connectionpointmi.com) and click the DONATE tab for a secure transaction. Thanks for supporting our ministries here at Connection Point.

**The Bridge the Gap Fund** sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offerings there is a giving kiosk at the FOR store. Please email the church office for more information.

**New Church Directory App** is available now! If you need help accessing it please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!

## **Weekly Gatherings:**

**Sunday Service:** 10:30am

**Kids Service:** Sundays during 10:30am Service

**Youth Group:** Sundays from 6-8pm

## Further Reflection for 11/13

### Reflection:

1. What is an illustration that you or someone else has used that has been very helpful for you in understanding something difficult?
2. What in your life is the most life-giving thing that you do?

### Study:

1. Read Revelation 16-20 (at a minimum read 16:18-21; 17:1-6; 18:1-5, 11-16; 19:1-8)
  - a. What jumps out to you from the text?
  - b. Are there any images/illustrations that John writes that reminded you of other biblical texts? If so, which ones?
  - c. 16:18-21 shares the picture of the destruction of Rome, most scholars believe it is talking about the collapse of the social/political structures of Rome rather than the literal destruction of the place. What is an area of life where you have seen how something/someone continues down a path that ended in destruction?
  - d. 17:1-6 shares about the "great prostitute" that is the goddess of Roma, and how some of the things that culturally are thought to bring life, actually bring death. What are the temptations in your life that if left unchecked will mar the image of God in which you are created?
  - e. 18:1-5, 11-16 point to the things that "empires" invite us to consume and how they will lead us to justify "luxury goods" at the expense of others. What is a way that you can guard against that reality?
  - f. 19:1-8 begins the celebration of the "marriage" between the lamb of God (Jesus) and his bride (The Church). This text is a reminder to not worry about the world around us, nor to put our hope in the things of this world. Why is that so easy to say and not nearly as easy to do?

### Application:

1. What is one step you can make to not put your hope in the things of this world?

### Prayer:

Father, help me to recognize the ways I put more trust in the world around me than in you. May I learn to fully put my hope in you. In Jesus' name I Pray. Amen.

### Spiritual Practice:

- Begin each day this week thinking on where you are putting hope.
- End each day this week reflecting on the source of your hope.

### Further Learning Opportunity:

- Reversed Thunder: Eugene Peterson
- Resident Aliens: Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon
- Revelation and the End Times: Ben Witherington III