

Revelation

What do we embody?

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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 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!



Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?



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 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!

Further Reflection for 11/6

Reflection:

1. When is a moment you put your hope in something that after the fact you realized it was a bad place to put your hope?
2. What has been a moment in life a life experience caused you to change how you were living?

Study:

1. Read Revelation 10-15 (at a minimum read 10:8-11; 11:1-2, 15-19; 15:1-4)
 - 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. In chapter 11 the two witnesses are often thought to be references to both Moses and Elijah and to represent the fullness of The Law and The Prophets being seen in The Church. The text shows they will endure hardship (even death), but God will give them life. How is that good news to us today?
 - d. Many scholars will say that the Dragon in chapter 12, is Rome (said differently, principalities and powers of darkness), and verse 17 shows the followers of Jesus will be pursued. How might that create challenges for us in our everyday lives?
 - e. Chapter 10 shows John eating the scroll. Eating the scroll implies that the Church does not just proclaim the message of God but in some ways it is the message of God. What does it mean to say the Church is God's message?
 - f. How are you trying to "become the message" of God in your daily life?

Application:

1. What is one step you can make to be more shaped by God than the culture in which we live?

Prayer:

Father, help me to recognize my need to embody your message. 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

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Kids Service: Sundays during 10:30am Service

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-8pm