



# IN THE BEGINNING...

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## Upcoming Events!

**January 8-12: Week Of Prayer** will be each evening from 6:30-7:30. Join us!

**January 9: Engage** will be Tuesday from 5:30-7. The cost is \$3/person or \$10/family. Come on out! Let the kids burn off energy, there will be an activity for kids and have a meal made for you and your family!

**January 14: Men's Group - The Last Supper On The Moon** will begin meeting on Sunday evenings at 8PM in the classroom off the gym from 1/14-2/18 (not meeting on 2/11).

**January 16: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** - We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:00am at the church.

**January 17: Women's Bible Study** will begin meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6PM in the classroom off the gym. This will be a 6 week study.

**January 21: Lunch With Leaders** - If you are new to our church or have never attended this lunch, you are invited! Please RSVP through [office@connectionpointmi.com](mailto:office@connectionpointmi.com), sign up in the Welcome Center, or see one of the church staff.

**January 29: Parenting in a Tech World Life Group** - Starting on January 29th, Pastor Holly and Pastor Matt will be hosting a life group for parents surrounding the topic of parenting in an ever-evolving tech world. There will be snacks and appetizers, video curriculum, and small group time to debrief. Please sign-up in the welcome center or by talking to Holly or Matt.

**February 4: Next Steps Class** - This class is designed to help you take your next step spiritually and will meet right after church. Please sign up with Pastor Aaron ([aaron@connectionpointmi.com](mailto:aaron@connectionpointmi.com)) or in the Welcome Center. Childcare will be provided upon advanced request.

**February 6: ALPHA** begins on Tuesdays at 6:30PM. It is a conversation built around wrestling with the deep questions of life. Feel free to invite others to join us on this 11-week journey!

**February 11: Chili Cook-Off** - After our 10:30am service, the Youth Group is hosting their annual Chili Cook-Off in the gym to help raise funds for our students. It's \$5 for an adult, \$3 for a child (up to 12), and \$20 for the family! We also need your help! If you would like to help us make chili, you can sign up in the Welcome Center or on our website. Make sure to mark your calendar!

**Clothing & Food Pantry Donations** are being accepted on Sundays or during office hours. We are in need of canned or packaged goods for the pantry and kids clothes of all sizes. The Kids Clothing Closet will be postponed until March due to low inventory.



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## Further Reflection for 1/7

1. Have you ever had a moment where the only way forward was to look backward?
2. Read John 20:30-31
3. What jumps out to you from the text?
4. This summarizes why John wrote his entire book about Jesus. Why do you think this was John's focus? How does that impact you?
5. Read John 1:1-18
6. What jumps out to you from the text?
7. In all the places it says "The Word" substitute Jesus. Does that change anything for you as you read it?
8. Why might it be important to understand that John wants us to know that through Jesus, God has been made known. In other words, Jesus is God in flesh. How does this help us to know who God is?
9. What are some ways that we can recognize that through Jesus we are invited to become the very children of God? How might that impact the way we live?

Further Reading: The Signature of Jesus: Brennan Manning;  
The Garden City: John Mark Comer

## 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.

**The Bridge the Gap Fund** sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offerings, you may do so by putting donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary or by giving online. Please email the church office for more information.

**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:** 9AM & 10:30AM  
**Kids Service:** Sundays during both Services  
**Youth Group:** Sundays from 6-7:30PM