

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

PHILIPPIANS

3:4B-14



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Upcoming Events!

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Aaron has started and will continue on Sunday Mornings from 9:15am-10am. Hang out, have a chat, have coffee & a donut or two!

Good Friday service will be April 15 at 6:30pm.

Easter Sunday service is April 17 with two services at 9 & 10:30am.

COVID Testing - The NCRC still has COVID PCR tests. Contact Sarah at 231-769-2323 to schedule Monday - Thursday.

Axe Throwing for the ladies will be Friday, April 22 from 7-9pm. Cost is \$10 per person. You can pay cash or Venmo. Sign up in the Welcome Center!

Community Garden is looking for volunteers! If you are available, please sign up in the Welcome Center. You will be contacted with more info and details!

Unity Music Festival is coming back this summer! If you would like to purchase tickets through the church, details are coming SOON!

Men's Group beginning Sunday night May 1 at 8PM in the classroom off the gym! We hope to see you there.

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 4/3

Reflection:

1. When is a moment when you felt most/least confident?
2. Write or share your faith story. What brought you to where you are today?

Study:

1. Read Philippians 3:4b-14
 - a. What is one thing from this text that jumps out to you?
 - b. Paul knows his past, but does not believe it has to have any bearing on his future. Why is that good news to you?
 - c. Paul writes about having a singular goal of knowing Christ more. How are you embracing that goal or what needs to happen in your life for you to embrace that goal?
 - d. In verse 8 Paul says he counts all that he has obtained to be "garbage" as it attempts to keep him from knowing Jesus more. What are you holding on to that may need to be let go to know Jesus more?
 - e. Rewrite verse 10 in your own words.
 - f. In verses 12-14 Paul uses the analogy of athletes who recognize the race is not over yet and they must keep working hard. How does this analogy impact your faith?
 - g. Why might it be good news to you to know that we find hope in moving forward and forgetting what is behind (both good and bad are behind us)?

Application:

1. What is the area you struggle to leave behind?
2. How might you make pursuing Jesus the primary goal of your life?

Prayer:

Father, help me to know you, Jesus, and to live in communion with your Spirit. In Jesus' name I Pray. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:

- All spiritual disciplines- Prayer, Meditation, Fasting, Study, Simplicity, Solitude, Submission, Service, Confession, Worship, Guidance, Celebration.

Further Learning Opportunity:

- Celebration of the Disciplines: Richard Foster
- The Pursuit of God: AW Tozer
- The Spirit of the Disciplines: Dallas Willard

Sermon Notes

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Kids Service: Sundays during 10:30am Service

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-8pm