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## 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!

What do you call  
a fat psychic?

A four-chin teller.

I tried to sue  
the airport for  
misplacing my  
luggage.

I lost my case.

How do pickles enjoy a  
day out?

They relish it!

If you ever get cold,  
just stand in a corner  
for a bit.  
They're usually  
around 90 degrees.

### Sermon Notes

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## Weekly Gatherings:

**Sunday Service:** 10:30am

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

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

## Upcoming Events!

**We are looking for prayer partners!!** If you are interested in “adopting” a child and praying for them throughout the year, contact Pastor Holly! She has cards made and ready to hand out!

**NCRC Fitness Class** is Wed. Night from 7-8pm in the church gym. All abilities, teens & older are welcome! Contact Sarah for more info!

**NCRC Play & Learn** will be here in the KidZone tomorrow, 10/11 at 10am!

**Next Steps Class** is October 17th. Sign up in the Welcome Center!

**Men's Night - Axe Throwing** will be October 18th in the gym from 7-9pm! The cost is \$10/person. Bring a snack to share!

**Trunk Or Treat** is October 27 from 6-7:30pm. WANTED!!! Candy!!! Cars!!!! Bodies!!!! Sign up to participate! We need EVERYONE!!!

## Further Reflection for 10/10

Reflection:

1. What is a moment in which someone sharing their story with you had an incredible impact?
2. When is a moment that you shared your story with someone else and how did you feel while doing it?

Study:

1. Read 1 Timothy 1: 12-17
  - a. Describe how Paul shares his testimony/story
  - b. Notice, Paul begins with thankfulness. Why might that be important even for us?
  - c. Why is it important for Paul (and us) to recognize how undeserving of God's grace, love, and mercy he was?
  - d. In verse 14 Paul mentions that God's grace was poured out “abundantly” why is it good for you and I to also know that?
  - e. Reflect on verses 15 and 16. What jumps out at you?
  - f. Notice that Paul is not defined by his past, but he does recognize his past. What is easy/difficult for you in that?
  - g. Summarize verse 17 and why you think it may be important?

Application:

1. What makes it difficult for you to share your story?
2. When have you invited someone to church? What makes it easy or difficult?
3. It seems inescapable that sharing one's story and growth in maturity as a follower of Jesus are connected. How might you put this into practice in your own life?
4. Write your own story: Who you were before Jesus. When you encountered Jesus Who you are in Jesus and who He is calling you to become

Prayer:

Father, thank you for your love through Jesus' life death and resurrection. This day will you help me to follow Jesus like Paul did and to share my story with others. Help me to listen to your Holy Spirit as it shows me when there are moments to share my testimony. In Jesus' name I Pray. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:

Spend time daily being thankful for what Jesus has done in your life.

Memorize: **God's Love** (He loves us even while knowing the depth of who we are), **Our Problem** (Sin separates us from God), **God's Solution** (He offers his grace through the death and resurrection of Jesus), **Our response** (To accept God's love and follow Jesus)

Further Learning Opportunity:

Check out [organicoutreach.org](http://organicoutreach.org)