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## **Upcoming Events!**

<u>June 2: Grad Sunday</u> - We're celebrating our graduating high schoolers, as well as our college and post-graduate students. If you or someone in your family graduated in 2023-2024, email Pastor Matt (<u>Matthew@connectionpointmi.com</u>), because we want to celebrate you! Please let us know by May 26th, to make sure you're included!

<u>June 2: Membership Class</u> - This class is designed to explore what our church holds to be true in terms of theology, doctrine and what it means to be a part of the Church of the Nazarene. Please sign up with Pastor Aaron (aaron@connectionpointmi.com) or in the Welcome Center. Childcare provided upon advanced request.

<u>June 2: Growing in Faith</u> - If you are interested in exploring some of the Spiritual Disciplines and how you might put them into practice, then this class is for you. On Sundays at 4:30PM, May 19, June 2, and June 9 we will explore practices designed to help us grow spiritually. Workbooks are \$5.

<u>Summer Kick-Off | June 2, 6-7:30pm</u> - Connection Point Students is hosting its annual Summer Kick-Off on June 2nd. We're grilling up hamburgers and hotdogs, kicking off a new series for the month of June about Christ and culture, there will be yard games like Cornhole, Kan Jam, Gagaball, and more! We will also be ending the night with a bonfire and s'mores, so make sure to bring a chair! Students who bring a friend for the first time will be entered to win prizes.

June 8: Double Bubble 5k and 1/2 Mile Fun Run will be at 9am, benefitting Bridge Builders (formerly Nazarene Community Resource Center). Sign up to run and support the compassionate ministry nonprofit that is housed at Connection Point! Flyers and info at Welcome Center!

<u>June 9: Food Truck Sunday</u> - We are having Baby Suga's Cheesesteak Shack following the 2nd service! We will follow up with preordering options at a later date. Come on out, purchase some lunch, and fellowship with us!

<u>Week of June 17</u> - Kids Camp is coming fast! We are in need of volunteers! Please see Pastor Holly or sign up in the Welcome Center.

June 17-21 & 24-28: Middle and High School Camp at Indian Lake Nazarene Camp is hosting camp for both middle and high school students in June. The cost is \$295, and there is a deposit to be made when students register. If you want more information, talk to Pastor Matt. You can register online at <a href="https://www.indianlake.camp/summer.html">https://www.indianlake.camp/summer.html</a>

<u>July 6—Women's Ministry Event</u>: - We are hosting a Flower Arranging Class at 10am in Gym: \$10/person includes vase, flower arrangement you create, and refreshments and pastries. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

**<u>Food Pantry & Kids Clothing Donations</u>** are being accepted on Sundays or during office hours.

I am currently reading a very exciting book... It's written by Paige Turner.

Where did the geologist take his date?

To a Rock Concert.

## Further Reflection for 5/26

- 1. What is a time when you shared something true with someone else and they chose not to believe you?
- 2. Read John 5:31-47
- 3. What jumps out to you from the text?
- 4. Verse 35 shares how people liked what John had to say...until they didn't. Why do people have a tendency to like a messenger and their message until the first time they say something they disagree with?
- 5. Verses 37-40 paint a picture of Jesus telling the religious leaders that they may know the Scriptures, but they don't know the one the Scriptures point to. When have you seen that lived out? Have you ever found yourself living that out? (Conversely, do you know the Scriptures well enough to see what they point to?)
- 6. What is Jesus trying to say in verses 43 and 44?
- 7. Why do we sometimes care more about what others think than what God thinks? How can we begin to remedy that issue?
- 8. In verse 40, Jesus reminds those that he is talking with that his whole goal in coming is to offer life to those who hear and embrace his words. What keeps us from receiving the life that God has for us?
- 9. This week, spend time praying The Lord's Prayer. Each day, meditate upon a different line of the prayer and see if God brings anything to your mind throughout that day.

Further Reading: Celebration of Discipline: Richard Foster; The Lord and His Prayer: NT Wright

## **Things You Should Know!**

<u>Connect Cards</u> 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!

<u>Prayer Requests</u> 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.

<u>Church Directory App</u> 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