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Upcoming Events!

<u>Impact 231</u> is collecting pop cans! Donations can be dropped off at the church or picked up. Contact Holly to schedule pick ups.

Men's Study - All Men are invited to a 4-week study on "Play the Man' exploring how to be better disciples of Jesus and live out God's call on their life. Sunday nights at 8PM, January 9-30. Questions, contact aaron@connectionpointmi.com

NCRC Play & Learns - January This is Grab & Go style. Grab & Go Bags will be available for pick-up from 10am-11am in the church foyer.

<u>January 23: 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 (<u>aaron@connectionpointmi.com</u>) or in the welcome center. Childcare is available upon advanced request.

<u>January 30: Next Steps Class</u> - This class is designed to help you take your next step spiritually and will meet right after church. Please sign up with Pastor Aaron (<u>aaron@connectionpointmi.com</u>) or in the welcome center. Childcare is available upon advanced request.

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.

<u>Text to Give</u> 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!

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Kids Service: Sundays during 10:30am Service **Youth Group**: Sundays from 6-8pm

Further Reflection for 1/16

- 1. Read Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1-6; 17:15-22
- 2. What are the things that jump out to you from this text?
- 3. What can we learn about God's desire to be in relationship with Abraham from these passages
- 4. Can you imagine leaving what you know and trusting that God would be enough?
- 5. What are the things that hold you back from trusting God?
- 6. Read Genesis 20:11-13 and think about what we learn about Abraham and his fear. How do you relate to this? Notice how it is as if he keeps an alternative plan rather than fully trusting God. In what way are you tempted to do that?
- 7. Thinking about how Abraham goes back and forth in trusting God, how do you relate?
- 8. Read Genesis 22 and see what significant changes you can make in the character and faithfulness of Abraham?
- 9. Pray this prayer: "Father, help me to live fully surrendered to you. Reveal to me what I may be holding on to too tightly and not trusting to you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

Sermon Notes