

# Revelation

## OBSTACLES OR OPPORTUNITIES

### Weekly Gatherings:

**Sunday Service:** 10:30am

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

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

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## Upcoming Events!

**Sunday Mornings - Conversation on Revelation** from 9:15-10:15am in the conference room by the church office. All who would like to join pastor to talk about the previous weeks' sermon text are invited to do so.

**Bible Study with Rich Mitchell** has begun! This class will meet on Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30am. They are studying the book of Isaiah.

**October 12: Women's Group** will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm in the classroom off the gym.

**October 15: Fall Festival, 5K & Cornhole Tournament** to benefit the NCRC from 9-1pm at Heritage Landing. Check out the NCRC Facebook page for more information on how to sign up! There are flyers in the Welcome Center you can pick up.

**October 26: Trunk Or Treat** is back!! 6-7pm! We need you, treats, & your trunk! We are accepting candy donations as well as parking spot reservations! Sign up in the Foyer! Wear a smile!

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** has launched! We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 9:30-11:00am. To register go to [www.mops.org/join](http://www.mops.org/join) and enter the group code JMTB.

***Today I learned that if you flip a canoe  
over you can wear it as a hat...  
Because it is cap-sized.***

## 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!

## Further Reflection for 10/9

### Reflection:

1. When is a moment when you were irrationally afraid?
2. When have you experienced an obstacle or an opportunity in your life? Why would you describe it as that?

### Study:

1. Read Revelation 3:7-13
  - a. What jumps out to you from the text?
  - b. What is encouraging about the idea that God is the one who opens and closes the doors?
  - c. Thinking about the reality that God knows your deeds. What does that make you think?
  - d. John describes the people of the church in Philadelphia as enduring patiently, does that describe your faith? Why or why not?
  - e. What images come to mind when you read verse 12? What does this verse tell us about what God is doing in the future?
  - f. Verse 13 says "whoever has ears to hear, let them hear..." do you have ears to hear what God is trying to say? Why or why not?
  - g. Is repenting something you do well or often? Why or why not?
  - h. What is an area of faith where you tend to see obstacles rather than opportunities? (and vice versa)

### Application:

1. What is one step you can make to bear a more faithful witness to Jesus in your everyday life?

### Prayer:

Father, help me to see not just obstacles but opportunities. Open my eyes to see the world from your perspective. In Jesus' name I Pray. Amen.

### Spiritual Practice:

- Pray daily this week for God to give you an opportunity to live out your faith with others.
- Spend time in silent reflection on where God may be calling you to see obstacles.

### Further Learning Opportunity:

- Love Does: Bob Goff
- The way we work: Dan Boone