

Revelation



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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 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!

November 2: Engage will be from 5:30-7pm. The cost is \$3/person or \$10/family. Come on out and share a meal with us while the kids burn some energy!

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 and enter the group code JMTB.

Finish Well - Senior Ministries Group is looking for donations of ready-to-eat side dishes for the Thanksgiving meal that will be held on Nov. 21st. If you are interested in providing a prepared dessert or side dish, please contact the church office or sign up in the Welcome Center.

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Kids Service: Sundays during 10:30am Service

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-8pm

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 10/23

Reflection:

1. When is a moment you were looking something from a poor perspective and when you changed vantage points what you saw was radically different?
2. What has been a moment in life that your perspective on some issue has changed. Why did it change?

Study:

1. Read Revelation 4 and 5
 - a. What jumps out to you from the text?
 - b. Are there any images/illustrations that John writes that reminded you of other biblical texts? If so, which ones?
 - c. Most biblical scholars see the 24 elders seated as the 12 tribes of Israel (representing the old covenant) and the 12 apostles (representing the new covenant), what might that imply by them being together?
 - d. *"Holy, holy holy, is the Lord God Almighty; who was, and is, and is to come."* What does this line tell us about God?
 - e. Reread 5:5 and notice how the elder says to look at the Lion of Judah, but when John looks, he sees the Lamb. What is significant about looking for lion and finding lamb? What does this tell us about the nature of what Jesus has done?
 - f. Summarize 5:9-10. Notice the word "purchased" is the same word Paul and others use to describe when a slave is purchased to be given freedom. How does that help you understand this passage?
 - g. One of the main points of these two chapters is a vision of the worship of God and then a call for the followers of Jesus being called to worship. Worship is the central act of the followers of Jesus. In what ways is it easy to live a life of worship? In what ways is it difficult?

Application:

1. What is one step you can make to be more intentional in living a life of worship?

Prayer:

Father, help me to recognize you have done through your Son, what I cannot do on my own. May I learn to trust you more and to more and more live a life of worship. In Jesus' name I Pray. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:

- Begin each day this week thinking on how you will worship this week.
- End each day this week reflecting on what your worship looked like this week.

Further Learning Opportunity:

- Reversed Thunder: Eugene Peterson
- An Altar in the World: Barbara Brown Taylor