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The monthly edition of the LGR News is located on our website as well as in the Bay Pointe lobby. We also send out important information via email, so be sure to sign up to receive e-blasts by going to www.bponline.org or sign up at The HUB in the Bay Pointe lobby.



Join the Conversation! We invite you to share your thoughts and feedback by visiting us at facebook.com/baypointe.

Check out our new improved web site at bponline.org. We are very excited about this new tool and plan to expand and build on it throughout the year, so be sure to visit often!

JANUARY



GREATNESS – We admire it in others and wish for it in our own lives. But what is greatness? How do we define it? How does God define it? And can we really “choose to be great”?

Join us for an inspiring and practical series as we launch into a new year in order to make 2012 the best year of our lives!

- 1/1 **GREAT** Memories
- 1/8 **GREAT** Dreams
- 1/15 **GREAT** Humility
- 1/22 **GREAT** Impact
- 1/29 **FX** / Family Experience
- RESOLVED** to make a difference

FIRST SUNDAY at Bay Pointe

Join us on the First Sunday of each month for a new guest reception. *First Sunday* is a great way for those who are new to the church family to connect with others and learn more about Bay Pointe. Pastor Nick is anxious to meet you and have an opportunity to answer your questions. Think of it as a casual conversation you may have on a neighbor’s front porch. No RSVP required and kids are welcome.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE ministry

“*Prepare to Last*” is a premarital class for seriously dating and engaged couples. It will be offered beginning the weekend of February 4/5, then followed with three weekly sessions. If you and your partner are interested in exploring marriage or have made a commitment to be engaged, please consider joining us for a great weekend focused on building a relationship that will grow and last. You can sign up at The HUB and get information on getting married at Bay Pointe by visiting bponline.org.

A **winter marriage retreat** is scheduled for March 9/10. Ann and Dave Wilson are returning with their high energy *Rock Your Marriage* program. Set this date aside! More details to come.

NEXT GENERATION

ministry (birth-young adult)

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BIRTH - GRADE 5

Baby Dedication

Baby Dedication has been updated to a new and more meaningful version of what it was! If you are interested in hearing about the changes, plan to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, January 22 from 12:45 to 1:30 pm in the TreeHouse. All are welcome!

Children's Worship Team Leader Needed!

Are you looking for an exciting and meaningful way to encourage children and adults? The Next Generation Children's Worship Team is looking for a new team leader. Contact Karen Green for more information at kgreen@bponline.org.

Family Fridays

Looking for inexpensive family fun? Mark your calendars!

1/20 PJ's and a Movie in The Safe
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Bring a finger food to share, your pajamas and favorite pillow!

2/17 Game Night in The TreeHouse
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Bring a snack to share, your favorite game and a friend!

3/16 Craft Night in The TreeHouse
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Details to come!

4/20 Have an idea for a fun family night at Bay Pointe?

Karen Green is looking for ideas. Please send yours to kgreen@bponline.org.

GRADES 6-12

 grades 6-8

MOSAIC grades 9-12

Both groups meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Worship Team Auditions

Coming in February... our next round of student worship team auditions will begin! If any students currently in 6th - 12th grade are interested in being a part of our Fuse and Mosaic worship team (Wednesday nights), stay tuned for details!

January Series We all want forgiveness, but we're not always eager to give it out, are we? For some of us, there are some big hurts that have a grip on our lives. Things that were done, or not done, that wounded us. Even the memory of those things brings up fresh emotions. So how do you move on?

How do you get past the hurt and pain? And how do you push past something you know you should do to the point where you can finally release it? This month, our students will be looking at forgiveness in the new series, *Release*.

Parent Opportunity

Parents are encouraged to participate in the upcoming class, *Boundaries With Kids* on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm beginning January 11. See a detailed description in the Stepping Stones section of the newsletter.

Winter Camp

We're headed to SpringHill Camp this winter!! Mosaic will be attending winter camp February 3-5, while Fuse will attend February 17-19. The cost is \$139. Registration packets are available at the Next Gen table in the lobby or online. Questions? Contact Rachel at rmavis@bponline.org.

Staff Update - Mike Lane stepping down from the Next Gen staff and Sheila Willobee stepping up in his place. Mike has been a vital part of the pre-school ministry for over 10 years and will continue to use his gifts in a volunteer capacity. Sheila has worked closely with Mike and the children for over a year now and is exceptionally gifted at working with this age group.

Mission Trip To Miami

This summer the high school students will be going on a mission trip to Miami from July 22-28. Students can reserve a spot with a \$199 deposit. Information packets are available at the Next Gen table in the lobby or online. Questions? Contact Rachel at rmavis@bponline.org.

Mission Trip To Vermont

This summer the students will be going on a mission trip to the Green Mountains area in Vermont. The trip will be open to any students currently in middle school or high school. Spots can be reserved with a \$99 deposit. Information packets are available at the Next Gen table in the lobby or online. Questions? Contact Rachel at rmavis@bponline.org.

Visit the "Bay Pointe Students" page on Facebook for more details.

19 - 29 years

themix is a community of 19-29 year olds who view life uniquely. The Mix provides a place to connect from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Thursday nights in The Safe, with an occasional off-site meeting.

January Theme / Starting Over

January 5 **Experience Worship**

January 12 **Encounter**
Why Is It Good To Start Over?

January 19 **Encounter**
How To Start Over!

January 26 **Connect**
We are heading to The Brew for a night of hanging out.

Find more information at facebook.com/themixtc. Follow us on Twitter @TheMixTC.

COMPASSION

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Needed Items for Haiti

Throughout the month of January toilet-ry items will be collected for the children at the Gaspard School in Haiti. The most needed items are: deodorant, lip balm, full sized toothbrushes and toothpaste. All items collected will go with the team of missionaries to Haiti in February. Please drop off items at the Compassion Ministry table in the lobby.

Mission Trip to Haiti

Did you know that the mission team will travel to Haiti February 23- March 3? Part of the team will be working with local villagers to build a playground at the Gaspard School where we sponsor a feeding program. The other part of the team will be working with 40 girls and young women who were orphaned by the 2010 earthquake.

We understand that when it comes to international mission work not everyone has the ability or desire to travel, but many have a heart to be involved in some way. We need "goers" AND we need "senders." So if you'd like to help a team member get to Haiti, or contribute to material costs for construction or donate to orphan care, you can write a check with the word "Haiti" on the memo line and we'll put it toward costs for the mission trip. THANKS!

Run for Hungry Children 2012

It is time again to begin planning the 2012 Run for Hungry Children here at Bay Pointe Community Church. The Run for Hungry Children is the Compassion Ministry's primary fund-raiser for the school feeding program we sponsor at the Gaspard School in Pignon, Haiti. This will be our second year hosting the Run, and we are in need of a core planning team of volunteers to begin the initial stages. Volunteer roles that will need to be filled for the

September event are: Race Director, Lead Volunteer for Marketing, Lead Logistics Volunteer, Lead Volunteer for Sponsorship and Volunteer Coordinator. Please email Tonya at tjacobs@bponline.org or sign up at the Compassion Ministry table in the lobby if you are interested in volunteering for one of these very important volunteer roles.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer teams are needed for the Father Fred Frostbite Food Drive from February 3-12. We need teams to help load donations at Bay Pointe on February 5, as well as at the community drop off location on Garfield throughout the drive. Sign up at the Compassion Ministry table beginning January 15, or email Julie at jgreene@bponline.org

PRAYER

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Please take advantage of "The Prayer Room" on Sunday mornings. It's open from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm every Sunday. This area off the auditorium is a warm, welcoming place to go when you need someone to pray with you, or if you would like to pray alone. If you are interested in becoming part of the BP Prayer Team, which serves in several areas, please sign up in The Prayer Room anytime.

CANCELLATIONS

For Sunday service cancellations, visit our website at www.bponline.org or listen to WLJN 89.9 FM or WTCM 580 AM. Cancellation will be determined by 6:30 am.

For weekly events, please call the Bay Pointe office at 922-9882 during our regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm. Cancellation will be determined by 3:00 pm during the week.

STEPPING STONES

learning to follow Jesus

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2nd Sunday Book Club

February 12 from 6:00-8:00 pm

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

This classic work of satire consists of the devil's goal to tempt followers of Jesus away from their relationship with Him. His method? You'll have to read about it to believe it - Lewis' take on human nature is so accurate it could have been written yesterday. Join us and sign up by the Stepping Stones sign at The HUB today - books will be available soon, or you can purchase a copy at amazon.com

Boundaries with Kids

ATTENTION PARENTS! You can set limits with your kids and still be a loving parent! Join Next Gen Pastor Tim Homa and Marriage and Family expert Linda Lewis for *Boundaries with Kids*. During this eight-session study you'll discover the ten "laws" of boundaries that will help you help your kids take responsibility for their actions, attitudes and emotions. Sign up today at The HUB. This class will meet concurrently with Fuse and Mosaic on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm, beginning January 11 in the Explorer Room.

Women's Six week Bible Study

Ever wonder why the Israelites wandered around in the desert for forty years once they were free from Egyptian slavery? In the DVD-based study *Fire on the Mountain* we'll discover what God taught them during that time about who He is and the importance of living in community. We will meet Thursdays beginning January 12 from 11:00-1:00 pm in The Prayer Room. You can purchase the participant's guide at the Ripples bookstore or the Stepping Stones corner if The HUB for \$9.00. This class will be facilitated by Rose Twomey and Kelly Ellis.

CONNECTIONS

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SMALL GROUPS

What is a Small Group?

It's a group of people who gather several times a month for the purpose of friendship, encouragement and spiritual growth. Whether you are simply exploring Christianity, have been a follower of Christ for years or anywhere in between, we have a Small Group for you! Check out the Small Groups table in the lobby or contact the Bay Pointe offices.

Zumba

A Zumba class is still being offered every Tuesday night at Bay Pointe in The TreeHouse at 7:00 pm. The class is free of charge, but donations for the instructor are welcome.

Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast Studies

Men meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 am in two locations: Flapjack Shack on Division St. and the Omelette Shop near the NMC campus. There is also a group that meets on Thursdays at 7:00 am at the Flapjack Shack. (On-going attendees and drop-ins are welcome.)

Women's Ministry

Captivating Book Study for Women

Join us on Mondays, starting January 9 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm for an introduction to an 11 week study of the book, *Captivating*, by Stasi & John Eldredge. The book explores the heart of a woman, unveiling the mystery of her soul. Learn about all relationships, the role you play in each, and how to let your beauty shine into every one! Sign up at the Small Groups table in the lobby area and pick up the book at the Ripples bookstore.

Women's Daytime Study Group

Starting Wednesday, January 11, women will gather from 9:30 to 11:30 am for the DVD study by Priscilla Shirer entitled, *Discerning the Voice of God*. This six week study will concentrate on hearing God's voice, recognizing His language, and learning His character. Sign up at the Small Groups table today.

Daniel with Beth Moore

The DVD study of Daniel with Beth Moore starts on Monday, January 23, at 6:30 pm. Join us in The Prayer Room for this 12 week study. Sign up at the Small Groups table today.

Preschool Moms

Preschool moms and their children will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 10:00 - noon in the First Look Wing.

Community Care Group

On Wednesday, January 18, the group will meet to start a new year of projects to fulfill community needs. If you would like to join us or learn how to knit and/or crochet, please come at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Singles at Bay Pointe (30+)

This is a community of single men and single women who are actively chasing after a relationship with Jesus by pursuing God's purposes for their life! If you've never married, are divorced or widowed, or if you're a single parent ... this is the community for you! We have regular ongoing events. Visit the small group table for current activities.

First Impressions Teams

We have a WONDERFUL problem! We are in need of more usher, greeter, parking team and HUB volunteers to help serve our guests! This is a one-serve-a-month serving opportunity and ALL of these positions provide you with a chance to say hi to people you just see once in awhile! Find more details and sign up at The HUB.

SUPPORT

AA, AL-ANON and AL-ATEEN

Did you know that there are AA, AL-ANON and AL-ATEEN meetings held at Bay Pointe on Sundays at 6:30 pm? For information, call 231-946-8823 for AA and 231-938-7399 for Al-Anon and Al-Ateen. *The meetings are not associated with Bay Pointe.*

DivorceCare

This support group helps to deal with the pain of the past and looks forward to rebuilding your life. The sessions are on Sundays from 1:15 to 3:15 pm beginning February 5 in the Children's Ministry Wing. Sign-up and find more information available at the Small Groups table in the lobby.

FACILITIES

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Saturday and/or Monday volunteer facilities crew members are needed!

Come one Saturday or one Monday per month for approximately 2-3 hours for general cleaning (vacuuming, washing windows, emptying trash, etc.). Contact Pam Hoyt at phoyt@bponline.org.