

# L G R news

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In this month's edition of LGR News you will find lots of exciting things going on at Bay Pointe, including upcoming weekend teaching, ministry updates, Bible studies and much more.

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](http://www.bponline.org) or sign up at The HUB in the Bay Pointe lobby.

## NOVEMBER



Join us in November as we explore the beliefs and behaviors that build great families, sabotage family life, and the practical steps necessary to guide us toward healthy, happy homes. And we will do this together!

We will help each other, encourage each other and cheer each other on along the way!

- November 6 *Attitudes that Heal*
- November 13 *Attitudes that Harm*
- November 20 *Attitudes that Guide*
- November 27 *Grateful Attitudes*

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE ministry

The Marriage and Family Life Ministry at Bay Pointe exists to prepare and support marriages and family life through couple retreats; relationship and parenting classes; and mentor couple support.

As we head into the November series, *Families With Attitude*, Bay Pointe will offer some great resources and next steps to help you build healthy relationships. Look for details on Sundays, in the weekly program and on our website, [bponline.org](http://bponline.org)

Parenting well is one of life's greatest challenges, and we need all the support we can get. Parents of teens are encouraged to join us once a month on Wednesday nights to look at the challenges teens face and what we need to do to support and protect them. The next meeting takes place on November 30 from 7-8:30 pm in The Living Room.

### PARENT CONFERENCE • November 19

# kidunique

*Helping Kids Discover Who They Are*

With author, teacher, mentor - **Dan Webster**  
**\$15.00 per couple/single parent**  
**8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Bay Pointe**

Find details and register at The HUB or visit [bponline.org](http://bponline.org)

# NEXT GENERATION

ministry (birth-young adult)

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### BIRTH - GRADE 5

In the month of November the grade school children will be learning about Gratitude, letting others know you see how they have helped you. Sometimes is really hard for kids (and adults) to consistently slow down long enough to express any kind of gratitude for both the big and the small things in their lives. The theme for this November is taking a "Pitstop" - so we can remember that because of what God has done, we always have a reason to be grateful.

## Special Treasures

We are thrilled to announce a new ministry for children with special needs, "Special Treasures." The new Special Treasures room is available now at the 11:15 am service in Room 2 of the TreeHouse wing. Contact Joy Hickey for more information: noellabean@gmail.com.

### GRADES 6-12

 grades 6-8

**MOSAIC** grades 9-12

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

## November Series - "Upside

Down" - In the Upside Down series, we are going to look at something Jesus talked a lot about—the kingdom of God. Many of the people who heard His message firsthand thought that He was talking about a kingdom where Jesus would be in political power, and

that their lives would be easier than their present circumstances under Roman rule. But Jesus was talking about something bigger than that—a kingdom where His desire for broken things to be restored is met. Jesus was talking about ushering in an upside down kingdom.

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**FUSE Operation Christmas Child Packing Party** - November 13, 1-2:30 in The Safe. Pizza and pop will be provided. Parents are welcome to join us! A list of suggested items to bring will be provided. Please bring \$7 to cover shipping costs.

### • LOCATION CHANGE •

On December 7 and 14, both Fuse and Mosaic will be meeting off-site. The location and detailed directions will be available on our facebook page and website, 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.

**11/3 Experience**  
Worship event

**11/10 Encounter**  
Discussion, *The Dark Side of the Holidays*

**11/17 Connect**  
Operation Christmas  
Child shopping at the Mall

Find more information at the Next Generation table and "Like" us at facebook.com/themixtc. Follow us on Twitter @TheMixTC.

# CONNECTIONS

ministry

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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 Mike or Linda Shelton at the Bay Pointe offices.

## Men's Ministry

Join us for the next Men's Quarterly Breakfast (*Breakfast with the Boys*) on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 - 10:30 am. This month's topic is: "*Faith, Family and Football: Musings from Pastor Nick.*" Sign up at the Small Groups table and bring a friend.

## 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

The **Wednesday daytime study group** will start a new four week series entitled, "Get Out of the Pit" via DVD with Beth Moore. The group will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 am on November 9, 16, 30, and December 7. On December 14 a Christmas Advent presentation via DVD with Beth Moore will be shown. All women are invited!

The **evening study group** will continue to explore *Brave Questions Women Ask* with Angela Thomas via DVD. They meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm studying the following topics:

November 7 - *When I feel alone, rejected and invisible to others, how do I respond to God in obedience to feel hope and security?*

November 14 - *Why can't I pick up the broken pieces of my life and commit to be strong, brave and full of joy?*

The Women's **Community Care Group** will meet Wednesday, November 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Nursery.

**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.

### **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.

### **Singles at Bay Pointe**

The Bay Pointe Singles Group will gather for a potluck dinner on Friday, November 18th, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in The Safe. Sign up at the Small Groups Table in the lobby area.

### **Informational Meeting**

All single parents, widows/widowers, and senior citizens (62+) are invited to join us on Sunday, November 6 to hear from experts as they present the following topics: USDA Home Repair and Home Ownership Loans; NW Michigan Community Action Agency with information on foreclosure prevention, home improvement/weatherization programs. The meeting will be from 1:15 -3:15 pm in The Safe. Sign up at the Small Groups Table.

## **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, now through December in the Children's Ministry wing. Sign-up and information is available at the Small Groups table in the lobby.

### **GriefShare**

This group is designed to help you successfully travel the journey from mourning to joy. The group meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:00 pm through December 6. Sign up at the Small Groups table.

### **GriefShare:**

#### ***Surviving the Holidays***

Thursday, December 1 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm  
A special GriefShare session will help equip those who are grieving the death of a loved one with the reassurance, comfort and healing tools needed to move through the holiday season. The cost is \$5 and includes a guide. Sign up at the Small Groups table.

## **PRAYER**

Do you find enjoyment in prayer? Do you feel called to intercede for others in prayer? Do you look around our world and feel drawn to ask for God's mercy and compassion? Perhaps God is nudging you to be part of a "behind the scenes" ministry, one that is foundational to the church! Here are three ministries for you to consider:

**Bay Pointe Prayer Chain** – pray in your home for prayer requests received by the church. You will receive a weekly list of requests (updated during the week).

**Prayer Partner Team** – one to four members of this team pray once a month before a Sunday service of their choice. Arrive 20 minutes before service and pray for the service – more details available.

**One on One Prayer Team** – pray after service, one on one with people desiring prayer. This team requires an interview with a facilitator of this ministry and a short training.

If you would like to serve Bay Pointe in any of these prayer ministries, please call the Bay Pointe office at 231-922-9882.

## **C A N C E L L A T I O N S**

Well, it's approaching that time of year when there's a "slight" chance of inclement weather on occasion. For Sunday service cancellations, visit our website at [www.bponline.org](http://www.bponline.org) or listen to WLJN 89.9 FM or WTCM 580 AM. For weekly events, please call the Bay Pointe office at 922-9882 during our regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm.

# COMPASSION

ministry

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## Kids Hope USA

Several students at Traverse Heights Elementary School need mentors. If you can spend one hour a week at lunchtime, these students need you!

Bay Pointe currently has 25 mentors matched with students at Traverse Heights. The students and mentors are blessed as life changing relationships are formed; but, more mentors are needed. Training and ongoing support are provided. Please prayerfully consider offering the most valuable resource of all – your love – for some of our most vulnerable children.

Kids Hope USA application forms are available at The HUB. If you have questions, please contact Kids Hope USA Directors Al and Rosalie Jongekrijg at arjongekrijg@gmail.com or 231-383-4060. Al and Rosalie will be at The HUB between services the entire month of November to answer any questions and accept your application!

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry could not be easier! Just grab a shoebox from the Compassion Ministry table in the lobby, fill it with love in the form of small toys and personal hygiene items and return it no later than November 13. These boxes will be sent to children living in poverty all around the globe. Please remember to include a check for \$7, made out to Samaritan's Purse, to cover the cost of shipping and a Bible in the child's own language. Let's show some serious Bay Pointe love and hit our goal of 1000 boxes this year!

## Safe Harbor

Safe Harbor is a faith-based ministry offering love and service to the homeless of Traverse City. It offers emergency shelter, meals, community and encouragement to move the homeless forward in a positive direction.

Safe Harbor is a rotating homeless shelter that moves from church to church throughout the cold winter months. Bay Pointe will host Safe Harbor guests from December 3-17. Thank you to the many who have volunteered to serve during this time. If you volunteered to donate pantry items you can bring them to Bay Pointe anytime.

**Benefit Concert** - "Peter, Paul & Mary Remembered" Please come enjoy a tribute to one of the finest musical trios ever, featuring Bay Pointe's own Jim Hawley on Sunday, November 6 at 3:00 pm, at Central United Methodist Church, 222 Cass Street, Traverse City. There is a \$10 donation at the door. Please bring a personal care item to donate to Safe Harbor – shampoo, soap, razors, etc.

## Bay Pointe Mission Trip

We have a team of 18 Bay Pointers headed to Haiti November 10-19 to build an indoor kitchen and food storage area at Gaspard School. We will also be working with a group of 40 orphan girls and women, providing vacation Bible school for the younger girls and Bible study/purity programs, etc. with the older girls. Please pray for this team and pray the lives will be impacted by their service.

## Did You Know?

that the Freedom Builders Golf Outing raised over \$25,000? Thank you to the many Bay Pointers who participated. Because of you more homes will be more safe, livable and handicap accessible!

# STEPPING STONES

learning to follow Jesus

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## 2nd Sunday Book Club

What would you think if your mom told you that your dad has been secretly working for the CIA? How do you move forward in life if you're spending all your time trying to forget your past? Join in the discussion of an unusual memoir at the next gathering of the 2nd Sunday Book Club.

We'll take a look at Ian Morgan Cron's memoir (of sorts), *Jesus, My Father, The CIA, and Me*. Copies are available at the Stepping Stones table. (Note: This title is also available as a Kindle Edition). The group will meet on Sunday, November 13 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in The Living Room. (Come having read the book.) Sign up at the Stepping Stones table in the lobby.

## Bay Pointe Library

Did you know the Bay Pointe Library has several suggested readings designed specifically for each Step of spiritual growth? Or that BP staff members recommended a few of their favorites? Or that Bay Pointe even has a library? Stop by - it's the room leading into the kitchen with the big comfy chairs. Open Sundays or weekdays during regular office hours. Look for the "Staff Pick" cards and the Stepping Stones shelves - or just browse at your leisure.