



Back to School and football! Time to get back into schedules and preparing to embrace the fall season. In this month's edition of LGR News you will find lots of exciting things going on at Bay Pointe, including upcoming weekend teaching, new ministries launching, Bible studies, conferences 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 our e-blasts by going to [www.bponline.org](http://www.bponline.org) or sign up at The HUB in the Bay Pointe lobby.

SEPTEMBER

# MOVE

Following Jesus isn't about praying a prayer to get your sins forgiven, your ticket punched to go to heaven, and then go on living YOUR life. It is about Jesus living His life in and through you. In that sense following Jesus is not static and passive. It is alive, dynamic and filled with "movement."

**MOVE...God has moved on your behalf. Not it's your move!**

September 4 **Get Asking**

September 11 **Get Going**

September 18 **Get Personal**

September 25 **Get Serious**

## 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. Look for upcoming events on the website.

If you are seriously dating or engaged and would like to look more seriously at the heart and challenges of marriage, please consider joining us for the fall Prepare to Last premarital class. All couples who plan to be married by a Bay Pointe pastor need to take this class, but all are welcome. Check The HUB for more information and a wedding application packet.

Inspired by Dave and Ann Wilson's great message on marriage in July? Ready to explore a marriage that's deeply intimate and grows through the challenges of life? Join us for a two part series on marriage this fall beginning in October. Look for details coming soon.

Parenting well is one of life's greatest challenges, and we need all the support we can get. Beginning in October parents of teens are encouraged to join us once a month on Wednesday nights to look at the challenges our teens face and what we need to do to support and protect them. Look for details coming soon at the Next Generation table in the lobby.

# NEXT GENERATION

ministry (birth-young adult)

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### BIRTH - 5TH GRADE

#### Next Generation is On

**The Move!** Here's an overview of where we are headed beginning the week of September 11th.

#### Wednesday Nights

Kids Worship Team 5:30-7 pm

#### Sunday Mornings (Both Services)

**Birth - Pre-K** will meet in the First Look hall

**Kindergarten - 2nd Grades** will meet in the TreeHouse

**3rd - 5th Grades** will meet in The Safe

**Special Treasures**, our new special needs ministry for children, will meet in the TreeHouse hall classrooms

Amazing ministry starts with you! This fall lead volunteers are needed for...

- Baby Dedication
- Family Fun Nights
- Next Gen Kids Worship Team
- The Run for Hungry Children Family Activities
- Youth Volunteer Coordinator

There are so many ways to get involved and make a difference. Contact Karen Green at kgreen@bponline.org

#### Family Fun!

Whether you are running, walking, or crawling join other Bay Pointe families for a great family fun day on September 17th at The Run for Hungry Children event. In addition to the 3K FAMILY walk and the 5K Run there will be a free

Kid's Run for children ages 4 to 7 (50 yard dash) and children ages 8-10 (100 yard dash), games, activities, and more for children of all ages! All families are encouraged to come out to the BP campus to support the Run and have a fun time together!

During the month of September all grade school kids are learning about **KNOWLEDGE**, discovering something new so you can be better at whatever you do! And who better to learn from than Jesus! Read Luke 2-4 to learn along with them!

#### Next Generation Serving Teams

Are you looking for a fun and exciting place to serve? Check out our new serving teams in the Next Generation Ministry where we are empowering our volunteers to join a team in their passion area and become leaders of our kids! We currently have 6 teams in a rainbow of colors! Birth through pre-k (orange), kindergarten-2nd grade (red), 3rd - 5th grade (blue), special needs (purple), kids worship team (green), and administration (yellow). Contact Karen Green to get more information on how you can jump in and put your faith in motion! Don't wait! The kids need you now!

### 6TH - 12TH GRADE

Our fall kickoff is just around the corner on Wednesday, September 14!!



grades 6-8

All middle school students (6th - 8th grades) are invited to join us for the exciting launch of FUSE!! We'll meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.



grades 9-12

All high school students (9th - 12th grades) are invited to come to the start of a great new year of MOSAIC!! We'll meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

This month we'll be exploring the idea of **guardrails** in our lives - they're a part of our every day experience. Whether we are walking, biking or driving there are guardrails all around us to protect us from those off-limit areas—areas where we could drop off the edge or crash into something. But where are the guardrails in our actual, everyday lives? We have to establish those personal guardrails ourselves so that we can back up and stay on the safe side of a potentially dangerous situation.

#### Mosaic Fall Retreat - Road Signs

Our direction always determines our destination. So what is the destination you desire for your life? Are you even on the right path to get there?

Join us for Bay Pointe's High School Fall Retreat this September 23-25! The cost is only \$99!! Deadline for registration is September 18. Contact Rachel for registration information or stop by the Next Generation table in the Bay Pointe lobby. Sign up now! Don't miss this great weekend as we launch this fall!!

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

### 19 - 29 YEARS



19 - 29 years

We are launching a new ministry at Bay Pointe, The Mix - A community of 19-29 year olds who view life uniquely. We believe that each of us has been specifically designed by God to impact the world in a way that only we can. September 22 launches the beginning of this exciting new ministry! The Mix will provide a time of fellowship from 6:30 to 8:00ish in the SAFE for the 19-29 age group including FOOD, MUSIC AND GAMES as well as the opportunity to cast a vision for YOUR generation!

Find more information at the Next Generation table and Like us on facebook.com - The Mix  
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.

### Women's Ministry

Join us in the fall for one the following Women's Ministry study groups. Sign up and find more information at the Small Groups table in the lobby.

Mondays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm:

**Boundaries** by Henry Cloud & John Townsend, September 12 - November 14

**God's Measureless Love** with Beth Moore via DVD, September 12 - 26

**Brave: (Honest Questions Women Ask)** with Angela Thomas via DVD, October 3 - November 14

Wednesdays at 9:30 am:

**Faithful, Abundant, True** with Beth Moore, Kay Arthur and Priscilla Shirer starts September 14

The **Community Care Group** that knits and crochets for the needy will start meeting again on the third Wednesday of September, October and November 6:30 p.m. in the Nursery. Sign up in the lobby.

### Zumba

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

## Men's Ministry

### Hearts Alive and Free -

September 29 - October 2, 2011

Does life feel sort of ...boring?...empty?...dead? Have you ever wondered if you are meant to be more than who you've become? Hearts Alive and Free is a four day quest into the recovery of you masculine heart, based on the John Eldredge's book, *Wild at Heart*. This is NOT a typical men's retreat. Through the stories of other men, teaching sessions, films, adventure activities and guided periods of reflection with God, we will journey together on a daring expedition to get your heart back - *a heart alive and free*. Visit [heartsaliveandfree.com](http://heartsaliveandfree.com) to register and find out more. You can also visit the small groups table in the lobby for additional information.

### Men's Breakfast Studies

We 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.)

### Singles at Bay Pointe UPCOMING EVENTS

Information and a sign-up sheet is located at the Small Groups table in the lobby.

**Thursday, September 1 at 7 pm** - Grand Traverse Pavilion "Dominic Fortuna & Willy Jam" perform music through the decades

**Saturday, September 17 at 9:30 am** - Singles 3K Walk for Hungry Children at Bay Pointe

**Sunday, September 18 - Informational Lunch Meeting** from 1:15 to 2:30 pm in The Safe. This gathering is for ALL singles 30 years and up who are wanting to get plugged into Bible studies and upcoming events.

**Saturday, September 24 at 9:30 am** - Bicycle ride to Bunker Hill. Meet at the TBA Career Tech Center on Parsons Street. A brunch at Bob Evans will follow the ride.

## 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.*

### Women's Recovery

This group meets at Re\*clec\*tia on South Garfield at 6:30 pm every other Wednesday. The group addresses ALL types of recovery for women. For information, call Janet at 231-645-5050 or e-mail [relectia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:relectia@sbcglobal.net).

### DivorceCare and DC4K

(DivorceCare for Kids ages 5-12 ) This support group will help deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. This 13 week session begins Sunday, September 11, from 1:15 to 3:15 pm in the TreeHouse and Kindergarten Rooms in the Children's Ministry Wing of BP. 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 first date is Tuesday, September 13, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. They meet weekly through December 6, 2011. Sign up at the Small Groups table.

## PRAYER

# COMPASSION ministry

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## Father Fred

**Father Fred's Fall "Spartan Store Food Drive"** is right around the corner and we need YOU to sign up to help!

September 24th - October 1st, Bay Pointers are needed for 2 hour shifts at local Spartan Stores, to collect food donations for Father Fred. This is an EASY way to serve those in need, and a great way to do so with a friend, your entire family or life group. Head to the compassion table after service to get signed up. We simply cannot do this without you!

The Father Fred Foundation **seeks volunteers** who can help with phone, receptionist, check writer, general office duties, loading/unloading furniture and minor furniture restoration. Volunteers should be available for one 4 hour shift per week. If you are interested in learning more about these ongoing serving opportunities, contact Sue Bauer at 947-2055 ext. 34 or sbauer@fatherfred.org.

The Father Fred Foundation **needs donations** of children's clothing, shoes, towels, sheets, small appliances and dishes. Donations can be made at 826 Hastings Street Tuesday through Friday, 10 am - 2 pm and Wednesdays, 10 am - 7:30 pm.

## Traverse Life Clinic!

Saturday, October 1st, Bay Pointe will once again be partnering with Immanuel Baptist to offer a one day free health clinic. Services offered include medical, dental and vision screening, haircuts, winter outerwear, family photos, groceries and much more - all offered free of charge to those in need. The only thing missing is YOU! We need an army of volunteers to make the clinic a success. If you are a doctor, nurse, hairstylist, or just someone with a compassionate heart, we have a place for you at the clinic. Our number one need is for "advocates". These are simply individuals who help guide the guests through their clinic experience. What an amazing opportunity to spend a few hours being the hands and feet of Christ to those in need! Sign up in the lobby after service!

## Kids Hope Kick-Off!

It's back-to-school time and that means it's time for our Kids Hope mentors to reconnect with their children at Traverse Heights Elementary School! Please keep the mentors, children, staff, and families in prayer as they begin a new school year. A huge thank you to the special Kids Hope prayer partners who faithfully pray for individual children and mentors throughout the year!

## Freedom Builders

A HUGE thank you goes out to the men and women who participated in our week long Freedom Builders work bee! The team completed several projects including a new roof, a porch rebuild, a floor repair, carpet laying, electrical repairs, plumbing repairs, painting and a WHOLE LOT MORE! Above and beyond the physical repairs made, God worked in a beautiful way through the volunteers and in the hearts of the individuals being served. Deep friendships have been formed and hurting hearts have begun to heal! We thank God for the opportunity to serve through our amazing ministry partner, Freedom Builders! WAY TO GO, TEAM!

Join the Freedom Builders 10th Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, September 14th. The format is an 18-hole scramble at The Leelanau Club at Bahle Farms in Suttons Bay! Lunch and Registration begin at 11:30 with a 12:30 shotgun start. The cost is \$90 for 18 holes, cart, snacks, prizes, lunch with a Steak Dinner following golf. - Mail checks to Freedom Builders c/o Louise Brunelle, P.O.Box 36, Leland MI 49654, or call Freedom Builders at 231-941-4171.



# SEPTEMBER 17

Bay Pointe Community Church

### Pre-Registration Cost

Adults and Children (age 13+) - \$20  
Children (age 6-12) - \$10  
Children (age 5 and under) - FREE

*\*All pre-race day registrants will receive a Run for Hungry Children t-shirt.*

### Race Day Registration Cost

Adults and Children (age 13+) - \$35  
Children (age 6-12) - \$15  
Children (age 5 and under) - FREE

*\*Race day registrants will NOT receive a Run for Hungry Children t-shirt.*

**Registration is open!** Visit [bponline.org](http://bponline.org) to register OR call the BP office at 922-9882 with questions.

**BAY POINTE**  
community church

Services: **Sunday, 9:30 and 11:15 am**

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# Stepping Stones

learning to follow Jesus

Follow Jesus? Grow closer to God?

Where does one begin? Welcome to Stepping Stones, a Bay Pointe Ministry designed to help you do just that - *begin*.

On September 4, a new tool will be available to help you identify where you are in your spiritual journey (i.e., which “Step” you are currently on) and steps you can take to know God better and grow deeper spiritually.

Whether you are just *wondering* about God, Jesus, and Christianity, are an *all-in* follower of Jesus, or anywhere in between, the Bay Pointe Stepping Stones Ministry is for you.

For more information stop by the Stepping Stones table in the lobby or contact Kelly Ellis (231-922-9882; [kellis@bponline.org](mailto:kellis@bponline.org)).

## **2nd Sunday Book Club**

Introducing the 2nd Sunday Book Club! This newly-formed Book Club will meet - you guessed it - on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Join Mickey and Larry Grooters on October 9 as they facilitate a discussion of *Tea With Hezbollah: Sitting at the Enemies Table, Our Journey Through the Middle East*.

Middle East expert Carl Medearis and NYT bestselling author Ted Dekker join forces to write about their experiences living out Jesus’ command to love our neighbor and our enemies in the heart of one of the most volatile, feared - and misunderstood - areas in the world today...the Middle East. Meets Sunday, October 9 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Living Room. (*Come having read the book.*) To register for the October 9 session you can sign up at the Stepping Stones table in the lobby or contact Kelly Ellis (231-922-9882; [kellis@bponline.org](mailto:kellis@bponline.org)).

## **Coming Soon...Stepping Stones Classes**

A great way to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus and practical ways to do so, is to participate in a Stepping Stones class. New opportunities will begin the first week of October. More information coming soon.

## **Bay Pointe Library News**

Did you know the Bay Pointe Library has several suggested readings designed specifically for each Step of spiritual growth? Or that a couple of BP staff members have made a recommendation or two of their own? Stop by the library on Sundays, or weekdays during regular office hours, and check it out. Look for the “*Staff Pick*” signs and the Stepping Stones shelves.