“GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!”

Note to self...
I can have peace no matter what is happening around me if I remember these things.
1. God is still on the throne.
2. He is still my Savior
3. He is for me
4. He is beside me
5. He is my strength
6. He is my shield, provider, healer
7. His promises are true
8. He will never leave me or forsake me
“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” — 1 Timothy 4:12

What an amazing group of young adults we have here at Centerpoint! They are setting an example for us and I, for one, am learning much from them! It might be easy for us older folk to disregard or look down on this upcoming generation, but they are our future and they are bright, kind, inquisitive and passionate about what they believe in.

We have been meeting every other Tuesday evening for almost a year. We started off with a study called “Adulting” – a Right Now Media series which took us through issues like dating, college, work and more. Currently we are finishing up an apologetics series entitled “Speak Truth in Love” by Sean McDowell. This has been a thought-provoking study on topics like:

- What is Truth?
- Can Science and Faith Coexist?
- Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People?
- Is Jesus the Only Way?
- How can we Share the Truth in Love?
- What is the proper response to our own Doubts and Challenges

Rachel and Carmelo have done an amazing job leading this group and in addition to snacks and a fun icebreaker, we always have a lively discussion and end with a time of worship and prayer.

We will continue to meet through the summer and plan to bring in guest speakers on a variety of topics ranging from financial planning, faith and science, practical time management and faith in the workplace.

We have had regular attendees from several different churches, so if you know a young person who is out of high school and might like to join us, please invite him/her or contact me at lorisafford@comcast.net. We also have a Facebook group as well. We meet from 7 – 9pm every other Tuesday evening at our home in Pelham.

If you are interested in being a special speaker this summer on one of the above topics or have something else you think would benefit the group, please contact Rachel at crbjd@yahoo.com. We will be meeting on July 9, July 23, August 6, August 20, and September 3. Thank you!

Under His Wing,
Lori Safford

Directory Pictures...please see our lovely photo assistants to have your picture taken after church service. If you had your picture taken in the fall you are all set, otherwise all older pictures were not transferable to our new computer system. Get your picture taken and receive a Centerpoint Community Church pen.
### Summer Schedule for kids Dig In- Dawn Knight

Listed below is the July and August Schedule for Dig In. If you are unable to do a week you are scheduled for please email the group and see if someone can switch with you and then make sure to let both me and Dolores know of the change.

**Third Quarter: The Heart of God**

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A couple of weekends ago Mom and I visited her farm in Maine for the first time since December. We went to visit church, see a few friends and dine with my brother and his friend as they vacationed in Camden.

As we settled in for the night, mom, sitting on the edge of her bed, looked around wearily. Her room now was sparsely furnished as most of her belongings are here. Things were not "normal"

I went over and put my arms around her and asked, "mom, is this hard for you?"

She replied that it was surreal and that after 70 years of living in the same place, it did not seem possible that it was time to enter into this last phase of her life. She prayed openly for quite a while, always thanking the Lord for His Goodness and Grace, for her good, long and healthy life and for her long years of living on the farm.

As I listened I stared at the wall where her bureau used to be. Everything had been cleared from it except a small plastic canvas cross on which someone had stitched with yarn "I LOVE JESUS". (I'm sure that this was a vacation Bible school gift from a hundred years ago)

I said "Mom, look at the wall. See what you are leaving behind?" A proclamation, a declaration, a statement of the most important part of her life was there, perhaps unseen for decades but now boldly speaking ~

When all else fades ~ Jesus remains.

Friends, what will you leave behind? When all the "stuff" has been sifted through what will last? It’s not too late! Start today to finish well.

Blessings,~ Marnie

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**FIRST IMPRESSIONS** -Bob Donohue

See the Heavenly roses anointed with dew in the early morn,
Hear the Angelic choir of songbirds as the new day is born,

Seek the Lord early, Most High, rise up and pray,
Let your first thoughts remain throughout the whole day.
Women’s Bible Study – Laura Preston

A bible study specifically for 18-35 year old women will be meeting at Centerpoint on July 3rd at 7:00 p.m., and run every other week for 6 sessions. However, women of all ages are also welcomed to join us in studying Titus 2, using the book “Adorned” by Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth. Please message Laura if you are interested 603-890-5425.

A Lineage of Grace – Joanna Vorce

Women, are you looking for a great book for summer reading? In the fall, the women’s Wednesday night Bible study will be offering a book club discussion group. We will be using Francine Rivers’ book “A Lineage of Grace.” In this book she writes about five Biblical women in the lineage of Jesus Christ. Even though these women lived in ancient times, their stories apply to our lives and the difficult issues we face. They took risks. They did the unexpected. God in His Mercy used them to bring forth the Savior of the world.

➢ Tamar – betrayed by the men who controlled her future, she fought for the right to believe in a loving God.
➢ Rahab – A woman with a past to whom God gave a future.
➢ Ruth – She gave up everything, expecting nothing and God honored her.
➢ Bathsheba – Her beauty stirred the passion of a king. Her pain moved the heart of God
➢ Mary – All eternity had been waiting for this moment. She responded in simple obedience to God’s call.

Read the book now, then join us in the fall. If you have questions, contact Joanna Vorce 603-770-1920

Seniors Group – Lorraine Lindenberg

On June 20th the Centerpoint Seniors held their monthly meeting. We opened with prayer and praise and gave out updated visitation lists to the group. It’s been a blessing to have our seniors visiting our church family who are in rehabs, hospitals, or recovering at home.

We are planning to meet with the administrator of Salemhaven and the director of Silverthorne to discuss the possibility of our group visiting with patients to pray with them, play games, do puzzles, or talk with them. Escorting patients to events at Salemhaven is another opportunity we are looking into. Some patients who are unable to get around by themselves often miss out on joining in on the activities/programs that are offered at Salemhaven.

We are also in the process of planning a fundraiser dinner for Family Night in the fall.

Would you like to join us for a picnic day at Great Island Common, New Castle, NH on August 15th to socialize and get to know each other better. We are meeting at the church at 9:00 a.m. to set up carpools. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to contact Lorraine at (603)965-3933.

Our monthly meetings held at the church are on the third Thursday of each month at 1pm. We would love to see more Seniors 60+ come out and enjoy time spent getting to know each other.
GFWC-NH Salem Woman's Club would like to thank Centerpoint Community Church, first for allowing us to do our shoe drive for Shoes for Souls and secondly for participating in our shoe drive. Priscilla Cook did an excellent job heading this up, collecting over 150 new and slightly used pairs of shoes. The shoes will help provide for families in underprivileged countries.

We look forward to partnering with Centerpoint again.
Sheila Casey & Dolores VanBlarcom
Co-Presidents, Salem Woman's Club.

LOOKING AHEAD . . . . .

➢ Saturday July 13th . . . . Deep Sea Fishing with the men of “I Will” group.
➢ August 15th . . . . Seniors Group picnic at Great Island Common, New Castle, NH
➢ August 23-25th Centerpoint Camping Trip at Pilgrim Pines Campground in West Swanzey NH.
➢ Thursday September 26, 2:00- 7:00 p.m.- Blood Drive at Centerpoint Community Church, Sponsored by the Men’s Ministry, “I Will” group
Centerpoint UP KID'S Saturday Camp, K-6 grade, Saturday July 20, 9am-2pm. Sports, Arts, Sciences, and lots of fun . . . all in God's World! Join the fun this summer! More details and register online at https://centerpointsalem.breezechms.com/form/3c8653 or see Dolores in Church Office 893-9191.

Every summer we encourage our congregation to prayer walk their neighborhoods. Prayer walking is easy, good exercise, and a blessing to your community. You can pick up a prayer walk card at the CONNECT wall or Welcome Desk.

As we walk and pray for our neighborhood it opens the door for evangelism, connections, and service. As we walk and pray, it changes our heart and mind toward greater love for our neighbors and turns our focus outward toward the community around us. Prayer is the first step toward God doing great things in us and our neighborhoods.

Some keys to prayer walking are: enjoy it, get exercise, look around, be patient, look for opportunities, be a blessing, pray before you begin, pray as you go, pray when you end. Some people like to say something like, “I’m a Christian and I’m praying for the people in our neighborhood, is there anything I can pray for you about today?”

Be The Salt and Light,

Community Needs

- Marnie Wells is looking for some cooks who will provide food for our youths (20) on Wednesday nights on July.17,31, Aug 7. Can be a shared endeavor. Joanne Lakin will be overseeing the meal if you’re unable to stay. Please see Marnie if you are able to help.
- We are in need of a person or a team of people to continue to take care of the flower garden around our sign. If you are interested, please let the church office know.
- We are looking for help on Sunday’s after service to empty one room at a time to prepare the rooms for stripping and waxing the floors.
Thank you for your contributions to “Connections”. By sharing what is happening in your life or what your Committee/group is doing, you are helping to keep everyone informed of what is happening at Centerpoint so that more people can be involved and share in the experience.

If you would like to share with us, submit your article/information to: Brenda Dunkley, brendadunkley@comcast.net, Amy Reilly, sreilly@aol.com or Dolores, office@centerpointsalem.org. Submissions are due by the 20th of the month for publication in the next month’s issue of Connections. Looking forward to hearing from you.