

CONNECTIONS

APRIL

2025



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This summer from June-August at Centerpoint we will explore YOUR questions plus more about God, faith, the Bible, life, and eternity. There is no question too big or small for God, and there is no question that God cannot handle. Each week we will tackle one question in this sermon series called, “I Wonder . . . ?”

Summer Sermon

Series: “I Wonder . . . ?”

What questions would you like to ask God? Have you ever scratched your head and thought, “I wonder . . .

-why did God make mosquitoes?
- . . . how did God fit all those animals in the ark?
- . . . when will the end of the world come?
- . . . are all world religions basically the same?
- . . . why did Jesus have to die on the cross, couldn't there be another way?
- . . . was Satan really a talking snake?
- . . . what happens when I die?
- . . . do animals go to heaven?

So, we need your questions! And we need questions from your friends, family, and co-workers, both kids and adults. This is a great opportunity to listen to people's questions about faith, share your own faith, and invite to church! Use the QR code above or the link below to submit your questions online.
<https://centerpointsalem.breezechms.com/form/78cb89> This link will be available on our website, Facebook, and Connect wall at church.
Start pondering, and ask your questions . . .

Pastor Zach

APRIL 18, 2025

GOOD FRIDAY



9:00AM
WALK THE WAY OF
THE CROSS
(STARTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH)

7:00PM
WORSHIP SERVICE
(AT CENTERPOINT)

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY APRIL 13TH

PALM SUNDAY



COME CELEBRATE
JESUS THE CHRIST!



EASTER

Sunday

8:30am Brunch

10:00am Church Service

Egg Hunt After Service

Centerpoint Community Church,
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YOU'RE INVITED!



CENTERPOINT SISTERHOOD



LOVE IN ACTION

DAY OF SERVICE

Join us for a Day to Demonstrate God's Love Through Action
Following in the Example of Jesus,
Who Came to Serve, Not to be Served.

We'll start our day by coming together for a time of worship and prayer, and then we will split into groups to:

1. Create Care Buckets for Centerpoint's Food For Thought Ministry and We Care Charities.
2. Prepare Soup Jars for Homebound and Sick Families.
3. Provide company to those in a care facility or at home to brighten their day.
4. Hands-on work completing tasks and projects alongside the Trustees.
5. Write cards of encouragement and pray for our community.
6. Prepare backpacks filled with feminine products to support and uplift women in need.

Then we will meet back at church for lunch, reflection, and a time of sharing.

Come join us!  **APRIL 12, 2025** 10am-3pm 

Women of all ages are invited. There is a place to serve for everyone. REGISTER AT

<https://centerpointsalem.breezechms.com/form/83b5f1>

*Can't attend that day but still want to help?
Support the project by purchasing soup items or something here:*



Brief description of each project.

Care Buckets for Food for Thought and We Care

- Assemble Easter Pails to be given out with the bag lunches prepared by FFT to the homeless that We Care Charities assist.

Prepare Soup Jars

- Layering dry soup ingredients in a mason jar to take with you when you visit a sick or homebound family.

Visits to People

- Team up and visit shut-ins, home bound and long term care facilities.

Hands-on work Projects

- Assisting the trustees in a church project.

Write cards of encouragement & prayer

- Note cards will be supplied.

Prepare Backpacks for Women in Need

- Packing feminine products, which aren't usually available at the food pantry.

Sign up at the table in the Church Narthex. The list of needed supplies is essential for us to complete these products.

Must be in by April 11th.



CENTERPOINT CAMPING TRIP

AUGUST 15-17, 2025

Hi Campers,

Save the Date! We are planning for another Centerpoint Church Camping Trip this year at

Pilgrim Pines campground on the weekend of **August 15-17th**. So, as you make your summer plans, please save these dates and plan to join us!

Watch for registration starting in May and let us know if you have any questions.

We hope you can join us for s'more fun at camp this year!

John and Jill Spencer



Sunday March 30th!

Save the date for our 5th annual AWANA Grand Prix. This year we are opening up the race to the **WHOLE church** and friends.

Use this link to sign up..

<https://centerpointsalem.breezecms.com/form/2efe6276>



From The Church Library.....

The "Restoration Series" by Terri Blackstock is a must-read in our Christian Fiction section of the library!! Personally, I usually have a hard time reading a whole series of books. My interest seems to wane after the first two books. Not so with this one! I was hurrying back to the church library to get the next book as soon as I finished with one.

To explain the plot here is an excerpt from the Prologue in the beginning of book # 4 "Dawn's Light".

On May 24, civilization as we know it comes to an end. Plumbing doesn't work because the water treatment plants run on electricity. Trucks and trains don't run, so stores run out of food. Generators are rendered useless. In this major meltdown of life, people are stranded where they are, with no transportation, no power, and no communication! Crime runs rampant as evil fills the void, and desperation becomes the only moral guide many people recognize.

This book is not a lighthearted read. Faith, emotional and mental strength, physical ability, all are extremely challenged and tested. Here is an excerpt from Terri Blackstock's Afterword at the end of the series.

As a society we have tried to erase our Christian heritage, as well as the goodness of our God in blessing us so richly. We've allowed the singular voices in courthouses to determine how we acknowledge our Lord as a nation. So... What will God have to do to our country to get our attention? How will He seek to refine us, so that we'll finally seek Him?

Check these books out. You won't be disappointed. Also let me know if you'd like to reserve one. library@centerpointsalem.org

Food for Thought Ministry Warm Winter Roundup Thank you.

Thank you, thank you, thank you,
Thank you to all of our church families who donated warm coats, clothes, accessories, blankets and sleeping bags. Your donations touched the hearts of so many. Michael from Isaiah 58 house was so grateful and appreciative for the donations given to their center.

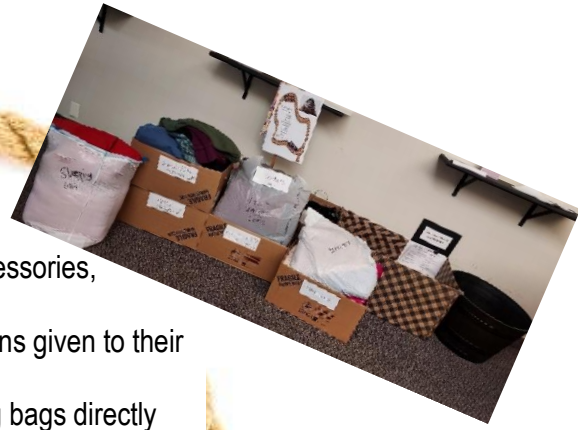
Shefali from We Care Charities handed out most of the blankets and sleeping bags directly to the people when she brings meals to them. She cannot thank us enough for our thoughtfulness and kindness.

Food for Thought continues to support Isaiah 58 house and We Care Charities once a month by providing 36 lunch bags filled with sandwiches, fruit & snacks. Please keep these outreach programs in your prayers as Food for Thought tries to find more ways to help support them as the need becomes greater in our local community.

We are blessed to have a generous church body.

Thank you,

FFT - Sue, Joanne, Carol, Jean & Faith



"A Great Big Thank You" to Awana kids & leader Miss Melissa!!!!

The loving note cards w/ treats (all 36 of them) that your class made were awesome!!!!

The cards were added to the lunch bags for the month of March. What a special surprise to the people receiving your note cards and reading your messages while enjoying their lunch bag. They will be so grateful to know you care about them and that you are thinking of them.

You are a blessing to them all!
Your sweet messages will bring a smile to someone you don't even know, and most of all, tucked inside these bags, they will discover the love of Jesus....All because of you!

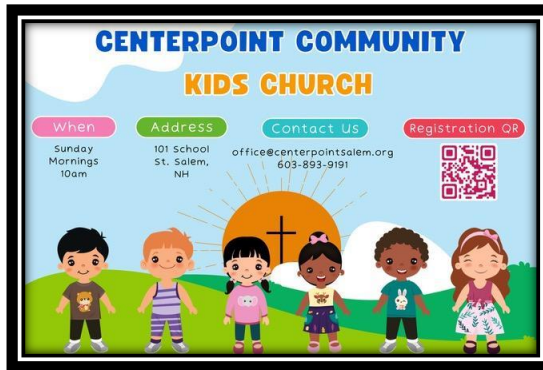
Continue to shine for Jesus!

Thank you so much,

Miss Sue



KIDS CHURCH



Need to register your child/children?

<https://centerpointsalem.breezechms.com/form/12a82029>

Nursery/Kid's Church

Role	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4
Nursery Teacher	Poteat, Tracy	Reilly, Amy	Mullen, Jessica	Waterhouse, Carrie	
Nursery Assistant	Pedro, Lilliana	Reilly, Abby	Waterhouse, Carrie	Marenco, Samantha	
Kids' Church PS & K Teacher	Moriarty, Linda	Levesque, Jamie	E A S T E R	Spaulding, Melissa	Moriarty, Linda
Kids' Church PS & K Assistant	Elkhoury, Sam	Crowell, Jonathan		Crowell, Allie Carrier, Levi	Crowell, Jonathan
Kids' Church 1st & 2nd Teacher	Elkhoury, Maya	Spencer, Jill		Riccardi, Mandy	Marenco, Melissa
Kids' Church 1st & 2nd Assistant	Elkhoury, Ben	Spencer, John		McGowan, Lilly	Marenco, Lucas
Kids' Church 3rd-5th Teacher	McGowan, Rebekah	Crowell, Shanna		McGowan, Rebekah	Crowell, Shanna
Kids' Church 3rd-5th Assistant	Preston, Laura	Hamel, Chelsea			Hamel, Chelsea



Registration is still open for our AWANA program this year!
Here's some important things to note!

- Our night for AWANA program is Sundays from 4:30-6pm!
- Sign up now so we can continue to prepare and be ready for your children to join us this year!

<https://centerpointsalem.breezechms.com/form/2602d17099256212>



COMING UP

- ✓ March 28th (6:00 PM – 8:30 PM)
- ✗ No YG on April 4th (First Friday- Rest/Refresh)
- ✓ April 11th (6:00 PM – 8:30 PM)
- ✓ April 18th (6:00 PM – 7:00 PM)
 - YG will be meeting for a shortened time prior to the Good Friday Service.
 - **Please stay for the Good Friday Service and invite your families to join!**
- ✓ April 25th (6:00 PM – 8:30 PM)
- ✗ No YG on May 2nd (NH School Vacation/ First Friday)
- ✓ May 9th (6:00 PM – 8:30 PM)

Upcoming Series



Is your teen registered for Youth Group? Help Us Update Our Records! We've added a photo release section to the [Youth Group registration form](#). We'd love to have updated contact information and photo releases for everyone! If you don't mind re-registering, it would really help us keep our records up to date. Thanks for your help!

Keep up to date with Youth Group happenings on our website: [@ Youth Group Page](#)

Youth Sunday Recap! 🎉 What a powerful service we had for Youth Sunday. Mr. Mike gave an inspirational and generational message about developing good HABITS as we live out our Christian lives.

The Youth Band beautifully led the congregation in worship and so many other youth blessed their community through service in the nursery, as greeters, with tech, or volunteering on stage. Thank you to all of those who served and attended!



Come be a part of the SALEM Town wide YARD SALE day with us!



WHERE: Our Church parking lot
WHEN: May 3rd—8am-2pm

HERE's HOW:

1) **RESERVE YOUR OWN TABLE**— We welcome all friends & family of the church to participate. **\$25 per table**, we provide the space, you earn your own money to take home with you! Make checks payable to Centerpoint Community church/ memo: Belize trip Yard Sale. Bring your own table or request a table while supplies last.

2) Start your Spring cleaning and **DONATE ITEMS** for our BELIZE team to sell (all remaining items will be donated to Lazarus House). We sell your items for you and all proceeds go to the Belize Missions Trip.

Drop off items should ONLY be donated at the following dates/times:

SUNDAY, APRIL 6—9:30am before church or 11:15am after church

MONDAY, APRIL 7—5:00pm – 6:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 13— 9:30am before church or 11:15am after church

SUNDAY, APRIL 27— 9:30am before church or 11:15am after church

* pull up to the shed building next to the church to hand off your items

* if possible, please donate items in boxes for re-use after the yard sale

* please no mattresses, TV's, cribs, car seats, computers, or any large furniture. We will need to turn these items away

* all remaining items will be donated to Lazarus House at the end of the day: <http://www.lazarushouse.org>

3) **STOP BY** and visit us on **May 3** in the church parking lot to do some shopping



Global Outreach Partners NEWS from the KOPF's February 2025



We are pleased to introduce you to the TEN teachers who will now be teaching in TWO Hewa schools. Eight of them have already arrived in our remote village and have started teaching eager students, and two young men (pictured back row center) will be helping to re-start the government school that we had hosted in our original village location back in 2005. (Back row left to right are Thomas, Stanley, Pais, Naomi & Alison, and front row are Tomas' wife Rebecca, Manu, his wife Hazel, Sinan, and Rosalyn). Please pray for these teachers as they teach academics as well as disciple the children to follow Jesus.



Before arriving to Yifki, Susan and I first provided a week-long in-service training course to help prepare them for the task ahead. We are pleased that they are not only willing to brave the conditions of living in a very remote location, but they have also embraced the concept of leading children in following Jesus.



Before classes began, the teachers first had the students perform tests to make sure they were placed in the proper grades. There are now 83 students attending Kindergarten through seventh grade.



Early morning singing, prayer, and announcements at the flagpole



Christian School campus on the edge of the Hewa airfield, with our house and church at the far right.



Please pray as Jonathan continues to work together with the men to prepare the New Testament for future printing.

With deep gratitude,

Sponsor address- Ethnos360 312 W 1st St Sanford, FL 32771 or **NTM web site** Ethnos360.org

Email jonathan_kopf@ntm.org **Web site** mmol.org/kopf, **Susan's Facebook-** Susan Kopf, **Blog** blogs.ethnos360.org/jonathan-kopf

For the Hard copy version of **Canopy of Darkness** go

to entrustsourcepublishers.com (coupon code "hewa") or amazon.com

If you would like to donate towards the purchase of curriculum, building projects, more desks and possibly even school uniforms, feel free to contact

Ethnos360 312 W 1st St. Sanford, FL 32771, (407)323-3430, and be sure to include a note to have your gift forwarded to the Yifki Christian School in PNG account # 416228 so that 100% goes toward the school.



Welcome Team

Role	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4
Welcome Desk-After Service	Marenco, Melissa	Vorce, Joanna	Fowler, Valerie	Riccardi, Mandy	Tremblay, Melanie
Front Walkway or Door Greeter	Frederico, Kim Frederico, Carmen	Artz, Steve Artz, Jerie	Smith, Ashley	MENARIO, LAURA Fowler, Lisa	MENARIO, LAURA

The Welcome Team is an important ministry of our church, with the primary goal of *"Loving People One Step Closer To Jesus"*. Whether you are visiting Centerpoint for the first time or are a member who's been coming for a very long time, everyone appreciates a welcoming smile, a friendly hug, or a handshake. That is what the Welcome Team does!

The actual time commitment is very short, only approximately 20 minutes on a Sunday morning. Teams are scheduled on a rotating basis, so you would only serve every 6 weeks, or even less. If interested call the church office for more info.

We are also looking for someone to take pictures of our church family and send them to the church so we can update our directory. Please let the church office know if you are interested in this.



Coffee Hour Team

Role	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4
Coffee Hour Team Leaders	York, Joanne Pendleton, Sue Demain, Michelle	Stacy, Flo Russell, Leslie Roulston, Karen	Patrakes, Sherry Patrakes, Jeffrey Casey, Sheila	Murray, Cathy Mauro, Cindee Dunkley, Katie	Shibel, Carol Pedro, Miguel Pedro, Jennifer
Coffee Hour Food	Tetreau, Cyndi Russell, Leslie Nicatora, Pat Koury, Michele	Tremblay, Melanie Spencer, Jill Hein, Sue Ellis, Joan	Spaulding, Melissa Preston, George Cianci, Fran Artz, Jerie	Poteat, Tracy O'Rourke, Evie Marenco, Melissa Campbell, Nelda	Vorce, Joanna Frederico, Kim Ferron, Celena Crowell, Shanna

We are happy to "Love People One Step Closer To Jesus", by serving in this ministry! Thank you to all who help out, by bringing goodies, cleaning up afterwards, and to Dan for faithfully making our coffee each week.

Just a reminder... anyone is welcome to bring refreshments in anytime. The more goodies the better!



He Is Risen

By Bob Donahue

Is this empty tomb where His body was lain?;
shrouded in linen from His feet to His head,
after the pierce of the spear made sure He was dead?

We saw Him nailed to The Cross,
and watched Him writhing in pain;
we poured out our tears for His loss,
our emotions we could not contain.

So, why is the tomb empty yet all of His garments remain?

Could it be The Lord is risen to live and forever reign?

Indeed, The Lord Is Risen! He is risen for salvation's gain!

Jesus conquered death on The Cross, His Passion was not in vain!

Because Jesus Christ loves us so, He went to the grave in our stead.

So let us rejoice and be thankful, and let us keep His sheep fed.



Our Monthly Newsletter is a great opportunity to stay connected with write-ups, testimonies, descriptions, articles, pictures, news, and celebrations of ministry events.

We encourage you to take the time to share and celebrate your experience, testimonies, and blessings with the whole church community through our Connections newsletter. We are all encouraged by one another, and by what God is doing through the many different groups at Centerpoint.

Your information is due by the 25th of each month for the upcoming month's publication.

Please E-mail your submission to Valerie Fowler at Library@centerpointsalem.org or the church office office@centerpointsalem.org We look forward to hearing from you.