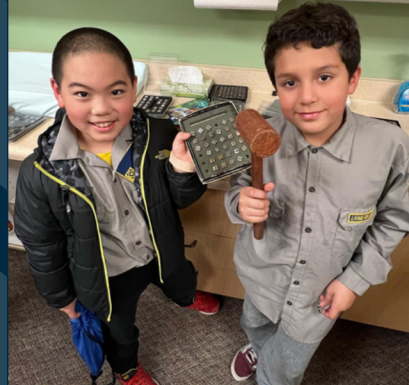




EARNESTLY SEEKING GOD

A STUDY OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES



FEBRUARY 4, 2024 | 9:30 AM WORSHIP

"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!" 1 Chronicles 16:11

In this series, we're exploring CrossPoint's core value of earnestly seeking God and practicing spiritual disciplines that strengthen us spiritually and draw us closer to Him.

We share communion together today, the sacrament in which we remember Jesus' sacrifice and renew our commitment to be united with Christ and His Church. We welcome all baptized Christians who are sorry for their sin, love Jesus, and desire to serve him to join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper as the elements are passed.

Communion
SUNDAY

To our guests among us: we are grateful you are with us and eager to share with you the joy of knowing Jesus and living in community. We invite you to reflect on the communion verses on the inside page during our time together.

Benevolence offerings are given as a response to communion. The deacons use this fund to provide essential needs to church and community members. To give, place your gift in a marked giving envelope in the offering bag.

Today we celebrate what God is doing in the lives of the 112 boys in 1st-6th grade who attend Cadets on Wednesday nights. CrossPoint has hosted a Cadet program since the church's founding in 1969. The goal of Cadets is to help boys become more Christlike in all areas of life as boys are mentored by Christian men in Bible study, outdoor activities, merit badges, service projects, and more. We are thankful for all of our Cadets and the men who faithfully lead them each week!



TODAY AT CP

Family Sunday; CPkids in worship

CPlittles nursery ages 0-5 | Nursery

Vision Q & A Discussion | 11 AM Worship Center

- Knowing Scripture by R.C. Sproul
- 100 Bible Verses Everyone Should Know by Heart by Robert J. Morgan
- Reclaiming the Lost Art of Biblical Meditation by Robert J. Morgan
- How the Bible Created the Soul of Western Civilization by Vishal Mangalwadi
- Atomic Habits: Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results by James Clear
- Soul Survivor: How My Faith Survived the Church by Philip Yancey
- The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride by Joe Siple

IN THE
LIBRARY



Grief Share

Grieving the loss of someone close to you? Find comfort and support at Grief Share, a 13-week journey to hope and healing. You are not alone.

crosspointchino.org/share

Begins March 5 at CrossPoint

The 10-Year Celebration!

IF:2024

Saturday, March 16 | 9 AM-4 PM

IF:2024 is a time for women to gather. A reason to celebrate. A moment to refocus on our mission to go make disciples. Join us this March!

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Over **1.35 MILLION DOLLARS** raised so far!



CARRYING ON THE VISION

Investing in the next generation to be equipped for ministry

VISION CAMPAIGN NEXT STEPS

The Vision Campaign has received \$1,352,235 total in gifts and pledges to date. We praise God for your wholehearted generosity!

Over the past few weeks, we have shared information on Phase 2 of the Vision Campaign, which includes a potential land sale as an additional way to fund the Ministry Building project without incurring debt.

You asked great questions at the Land Informational Meeting last Sunday, some of which were not able to be answered at the time. We want to make sure these questions and any others you have are addressed before the vote on February 11 as we move forward in making this important decision.

Join us today at 11 AM in the Worship Center. The full committee will provide answers to all questions that were not answered last week and give the opportunity for open microphone questions and discussion.



Important Dates

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| TODAY 11 AM Worship Center | Land Info Open Q & A Discussion |
| February 11 11 AM Worship Center | Voting Sunday #2 |

ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
6:45-7:45 PM

Ash Wednesday tells the gospel story that culminates in the hope of the resurrection. You are invited to our first Ash Wednesday service as we mark the beginning of our journey through Lent.

Cadets, GEMS, and youth will meet; service will begin after drop off and end before pick up.

LENTEN CALENDAR

February 14	Ash Wednesday (first day of Lent)
February 18	First Sunday of Lent
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 27	Stations of the Cross
March 29	Good Friday Service at 7 PM
March 31	Easter Sunday

February 11	Land Voting Sunday
February 24	Cadet Pancake Breakfast
March 5	Grief Share Week 1
March 16	IF Gathering for Women
April 25-28	2nd Annual Women's Adventure Weekend (Prado Regional Park)
May 30-June 2	19th Annual Men's Adventure Weekend (Bishop, CA)

SAVE THE DATE

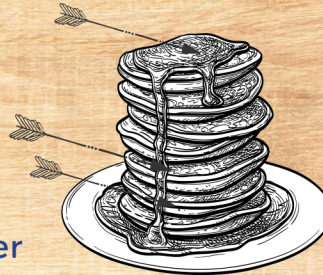
Details and registration at crosspointchino.org/events



CROSSPOINT CADETS

Pancake Breakfast
and Archery Fundraiser

Saturday, February 24 8AM-11 AM
CrossPoint Maintenance Building



Welcome
GUESTS

Welcome to CrossPoint, thank you for coming to worship with us today! We would love to meet you, so please stop by Connection Point in the central lobby after the service. You can also fill out our Connection Card online at the QR code below. We're so glad you're here!



Earnestly Seeking God: Fasting | Matthew 6:16-18

Danny Unterkofler, Pastor of Community Life

Jesus shows that the reward of fasting is connected to the _____ of one's heart.

1. A question worth considering: If fasting is biblical, historical and helpful, why have we gotten away from _____ it?
2. The discipline of fasting offers us the opportunity to _____ for God in a very real and tangible way.
3. The battles of the future are won in the _____ of the past.

But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:17-18

- Have you had any experience with fasting? If so, what was that like? If not, what has kept you from engaging with the discipline of fasting?
- Take a few minutes and read all of Matthew 6. How do you think giving, prayer, fasting and the discussion about treasure and anxiety connect together?
- Read Joel 2:12-17. This passage speaks about how, when we earnestly seek God, we never know how he will answer or what amazing things he might do. What things are weighing heavy on your heart that you need to bring before him?
- Fasting is a spiritual discipline that teaches us how to long for God in very real ways. Read Psalm 42:1-2 and reflect on how the writer is longing after God.
- Would you consider engaging in the spiritual practice of fasting for Lent? Take some time to consider what God might be calling you to fast from during this season.
- Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Psalm 139:23
- ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23
- But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. Eph. 2:4-5
- Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. Psalm 86:11