

# Steadfast Love & Faithfulness

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; **they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**" Lamentations 3:21-23.

When Jeremiah penned those words, he was under a lot of pressure. The nation was on the verge of collapse, poverty was at an all-time high, and people were mad at him because he was God's spokesperson. Yet for Jeremiah, who was called the "weeping prophet", with every day came new hope because God is always faithful.

This summer marks the 37th anniversary of CenterPointe Church. This is mine and Sue's 18th year as your pastors. Like Jeremiah, I see God's faithful fingerprint all over this church. I think of the baby dedications and water baptisms. I see his faithfulness when children take over our entire campus. I see God's hand on our teens as I watch them kneel and worship. God is faithful. I hear it when I sit in a small group, listening to your stories of struggle and victory.

Our church is growing both in numbers and in faith. We are constantly fighting for space for another group to meet or a parking spot on Sunday mornings. Chad Nere, one of the church's board members explained our dilemma. "Like any growing family, we have to find a larger home to live in." That is just what we are doing. At this writing, in one year, we are expecting to break ground for our new sanctuary. God is faithful and His mercies are new every morning.

As a church, we have a lot to praise God for. Yet I know some reading this feel more like Jeremiah. You feel like weeping more than praising. I encourage you, like Jeremiah, go to sleep at night with hope because God is faithful and His mercies are new every morning.

Tom & Sue Walker **Lead Pastors**  **Building for Tomorrow** 

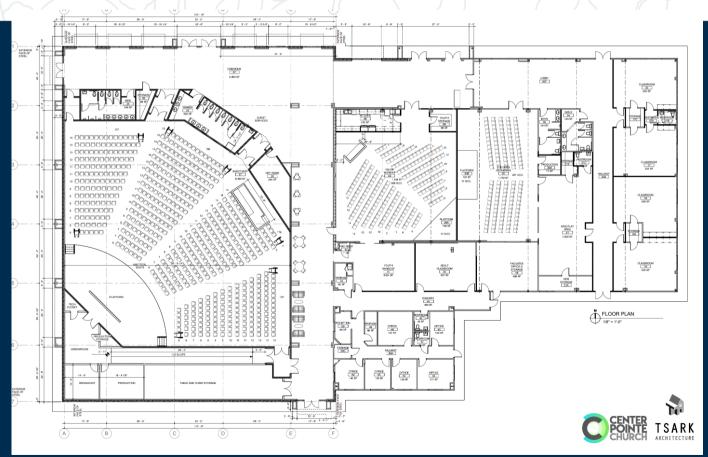


### PROVERBS 16:9 TELLS US, "WE CAN MAKE OUR PLANS, BUT THE LORD DETERMINES OUR STEPS."

This reminds us that when making plans, we need to do so humbly and prayerfully, doing our best to have the mind of Christ. Ultimately, God will determine the outcome. With that understanding, by God's grace, we will build a new sanctuary, that will seat almost 600. With His blessing, we will convert our present sanctuary into a much-needed youth worship center and update our children's facilities to provide more classroom space and greater security.

FUNDRAIDING GOAL \$4,000,000 PLEDGED SO FAR \$2,045,000

Generosity involves equal sacrifice, each person participating and sacrificing for God's greater cause: the hearts, lives, and futures of our neighbors, our community, and our world.



#### **Stephen Miller**

**KIDS & FAMILY LIFE PASTOR** 









## CP|Kids







116 averaging 55

23% increase of last year

Wacky Wednesday 18 % increase over last year









CP|Youth averaging

56

40% increase over the previous year

### 2023-2024 Expense Report

Actual General Fund Income \$1,031,511
Actual General Fund Spending \$1,032,396

**7%** 79,345

#### LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY

WE VALUE LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY: WHERE GOD TRANSFORMS PEOPLE INTO A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST

These investments fund ministries that lead to formation and transformation in the lives of every believer in this family. We supply and support men's, women's, youth, and children's ministries. We invest in community groups, serve teams, and Sunday morning services. All of these help create a church where people can grow in their relationship with Christ and one another.



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**57%** \$585,332

#### STAFF AND BENEFITS WE VALUE THE STAFF: PEOPLE CALLED TO EQUIP AND **ENCOURAGE THE CHURCH**

The CenterPointe Church staff equips and encourages every attendee to do the work of ministry to build up the body of Christ (Eph 4:12).

- Tom Walker, Lead Pastor
- Stephen Miller, Family PastorBrittan Hooper, Youth & Young Adult Pastor
- Ashley VanWingerden, Worship Director
- Randy VanWingerden, Production Director
- · Devon Warner, Connections Pastor
- · Mary Koob, Administrator
- Brian Pippin, Facilities Manager
- Brandy Pippin, Custodial

14% \$156.213

#### FACILITIES & ADMINISTRATION

WE VALUE THE PROPERTY: LAND AND BUILDINGS WHERE WE GATHER TO WORSHIP AND ADVANCE **HIS KINGDOM** 

The Lord entrusted this property to us to steward well. We have been faithful to invest in this property. With the addition of Brian Pippin full time here at CenterPointe Church the facility has never looked better.

\$108,357

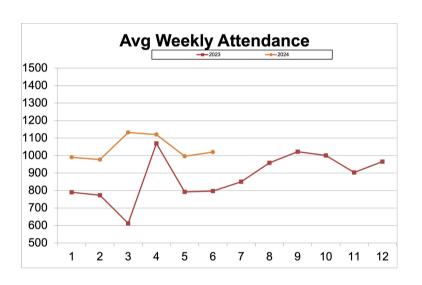
#### savings for New Construction

WE ARE PREPARING FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION AND SETTING ASIDE A "MORTGAGE" PAYMENT TO **OURSELVES** 



## 2023-2024 Income \$1,031,551

97



# 994 average Sunday attendance including online

21% increase over the year before

\$1,031,551

Actual income 11.5% above the previous year.



Budget for 2024-2025 \$1,163,000

## Youth & Kids Outreach

Big Idea & Secondary Schools

To reach our neighbors, friends, and community, we believe we have to go where they are. Many hours are spent at school and we want to be a part of that experience. In over 15 schools we present assemblies throughout the year that engage kids & students.

We maximize this opportunity by bringing fun and fresh conversation - but also share a sincere love of Christ in our message and commitment to be present for them.







#### **Incoming Potential Board Members**

#### **Pastor Wade Gillespie**

Wade was born in Durban, South Africa, attended seminary there and then attended college in the US where he met his wife Kristie. They have been married for 33 years and have a 29 year old son, Nick, and a 26 year old daughter, Mollie. Both their children are married, and Wade and Kristie were blessed with their first granddaughter three months ago.

Wade spent 28 years in full time ministry in various positions until he retired from that calling and now owns a small business here in Palm Bay.

Wade and Kristie have been attending Centerpointe since 2020 and Wade is a part of the teaching team here at Centerpointe. He and Kristie have also hosted a small group in their homes for the past several years.



They are both excited about being members here at Centerpointe, and are committed to the vision Centerpointe has both now and in the future. Wade is looking forward to using his gifts and experience to partner with the people at Centerpointe as we grow into the future and further bless this community with the presence of Christ.

#### Pastor Steve Petty



Steve has been involved in the church his entire life as his father was a minister and his mom was a hospice nurse. He was born in Kentucky, but has lived in many different places, including nine different states. Steve and his wife Krista met in college in Tennessee and have been involved in

Steve Petty and his family started attending Centerpointe four years ago. He and his wife Krista have been married for 33 years and have four children including Kayla, Jenna, Ryan and Takkiah. After working in church ministry for more than 20 years, Steve now works as a chaplain for Wuestoff Brevard

Since joining Centerpointe, Steve and Krista have led a small group in their home, been a part of the teaching team, worked with the foster parents support group and Steve is currently part of the Building Team.

As we were looking for a church home when we moved to Florida, we wanted to find a place that was a good representation of our community with all of its diversity. We also wanted to find a church that loved God, served others and could become a place where we felt at home as we knew no one in Brevard County when we arrived 4 years ago. Centerpointe is that place. We have found a great worship environment, biblical teaching, and a caring community."

ministry together ever since.

#### **Incoming Potential Board Members**

#### **Chari Rigby**

Charí Rigby grew up all over the country including Puerto Rico with her dad's Navy career. She is the youngest of five and considers Chattanooga her hometown because she and her parents settled there after her dad retired. She went to high school and college in and around Tennessee. Jason Rigby, our frequent bass player, was her college sweetheart and they were married in 2003 shortly before moving back to his hometown, Palm Bay Florida in 2005. Both of her parents are believers. She grew up going to whatever church was available on base or nearby but lived in a reformed/Presbyterian tradition.



Jason and Charí graduated from Covenant College and then attended Covenant Presbyterian before coming to CenterPointe Church in 2018. They have two kids Jack (17) and Fiona (16) who are finishing up high school soon at Melbourne High School. After 14 years at Space Coast Credit Union, Charí took her licenses to Raymond James in 2020 where she is still working as a financial advisor out of her Melbourne office. She absolutely loves her job and is blessed to offer planning and financial management services in Brevard County.

Family is a huge part of the Rigby experience, living near both parents and 15 nieces and nephews on Chari's side alone. Church family is equally important. Chari has served on the financial committee for two years, taught financial peace several times, and volunteered for different youth, back to school, and visiting seniors events. As a busy schedule allows she attends women's events and recently enjoyed the family fellowship small group. Chari is honored to join the board and use her personal and professional experience to keep Center Pointe awesome. Her Biblical Studies degree may finally come in handy.

#### **Current Board Members**

J.R. Aspinwall
Mavornees Berry-Smith
Juan Cearra
Brian Miller
Chad Nere
Tom Walker

#### Thank you for your service the last three years

Jason Johnson
John Pfeiffer

#### **Sermons of 2023-2024**



### PLAYLIST! SONGS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

**JUNF** 

If you like to listen to music, you will enjoy this series. Just like we have jazz, rock and classical. The Bible has different genres of music as well. You find them all in the Book of Psalms. The songs of the Old Testament.

#### **STORIES**

JULY-SEPTEMBER

Everyone has a story and when Christ is the center of your story, you story is God's story. Listen to five people tell God's story, as they share theirs.





#### **BUILDING FOR TOMORROW**

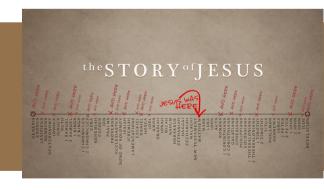
october - November

CenterPointe is on the move. In this series find out how God is working and how we are following. Hear our vision and visualize our plan. This amazing series reminds us of God's blessing and our

#### THE STORY OF JESUS

DECEMBER

Did you know that Jesus didn't just show up in the New Testament? When the Jews crossed the Red Sea, he was there. When Elijah was giving up, it was Jesus who encouraged him. You will find Jesus when you know how to look.





#### **LIMITLESS**

JANUARY

In this series we make a distinction between a Christ follower and disciple of Jesus. Every Christian is called to more than a follower, we are called to be a disciple of Jesus.



#### **ECHOES**

FFBRUARY

God loves people. All people including lost people. It's left to the church to tell lost people the Gospel message. What is the message and how are we to do it?

#### MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCES MARCH

When we think of Mountain Tops, we think of grand views and great victories. But sometimes the Mountain Tops in life we are found in the valleys of temptation and struggle.



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#### **LIKE NO OTHER**

APRIL

In this Easter series we investigate the uniqueness of Christianity. How do we know Jesus rose from the dead? Is the Bible trustworthy? What about grace? Is Christianity like no other?

#### **SPARK**

APRII - MAY

Every great recipe has a secret ingredient. Like that recipe, the New Testament Church had explosive growth and far-reaching impact. It all came down to two secret ingredients.



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LIVING LIKE A SAINT IN SIN CITY

MAY-JUNE

The city of Corinth was like any urban city today, filled with opportunities and temptations. In this study of 1 Corinthians we learn just because we can does not mean we should. Our behavior matters.

#### 2023-2024 **Missions Report**

#### **DOMESTIC MISSIONS**

We support local ministries such as Love Inc and Good New Prision Ministry. We also reach out into the school system with the Big Idea Experience and School Assemblies for the middle and high schools. Working with a campus ministry at Florida Tech, we provide dinners for International students (primarily Muslim) who are eager to meet and talk with us and learn more about our culture and Christianity.

New to our church is Embrace Grace, a community -outreach program, that offers support through discipleship for women during an unplanned pregnancy. A sister program, Embrace Life meets the unique needs of single moms. Through these groups, we have trained 10 leaders, reached more than 15 women, saved 8 babies, celebrated commitments to Jesus and 3 baptisms in out first year.

> UNITED STATES \$46,520

#### BEAUTIFUL FEET INTERNATIONAL

About Our Pregnancy Center Ministry Beautiful Feet exists to spread the good news of God's love by founding, training, and equipping pregnancy ministries worldwide. In 2013, we opened our first pregnancy center in Costa Rica. As of December, 2023, we have established

over 100 pregnancy centers in 27 countries throughout the world.

Beautiful Feet partners with local churches in the establishment of these centers so that they can reach and minister to their communities in a long-term capacity. These centers also benefit from Beautiful Feet's unique training and educational materials which equip churches to minister to pregnant women and their families.

COLUMBIA, ECUADOR, CHILL \$2,400



Cameron Vivanco is the co-founder of Education = Hope a brance of One Collective. They are a team, founded by a committed group of volunteers, who are passionate about bringing quality education to children and transforming communities around the world. Education = Hope parters with local churches to provide hope centers for empowering children

to get the education that they need through Christ centered after school and feeding programs.

CenterPointe Church has led one team down to come along side of a church called El Communa and has more planned this upcoming

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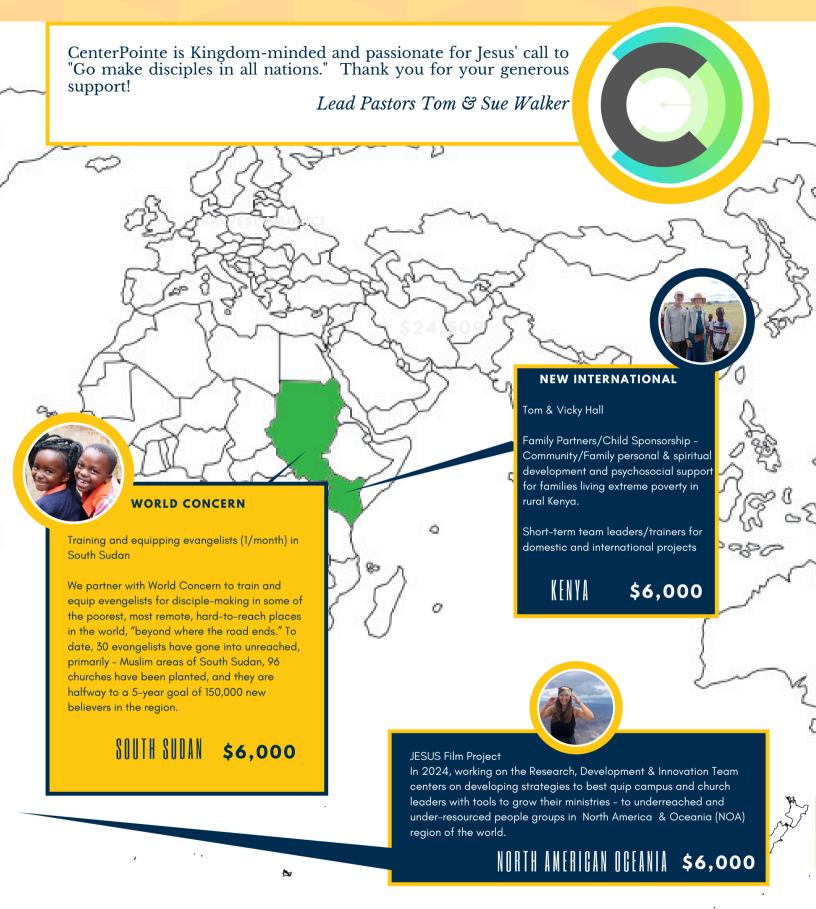
#### **GENEROUS BEYOND**

We love that we are a church who supports missions. Our church is committed to giving away 10% of our general fund income to world and local missions.

We know that we are to continue this work supporting the Great Commission right up until Christ's return. The Bible says that the work of missions is key to that glorious day:

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS AND GENEROSITY!



These pages show our primary missions focuses and don't represent every dollar given to missions. The total amount is given below.

\$116,300
IN TOTAL MISSIONS GIVING

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