Grow at CPC

In this class, you will learn the values, beliefs, and practices of CPC, have the opportunity to grow in your spiritual walk, and find your unique place at Center Point Church. The Growth Track is a requirement for CPC Membership. GROWTH TRACK Nov 4th | 1-4pm in the Edge Room

To learn more or register: CenterPointChurch.com/connect/discovering-church-membership/

20th Anniversary Celebration



Join us for one of our four special worship services on November 10th and 11th as we remember all that God has done in the lives of so many individuals, families, and our community. We will also be looking forward to the many years that are still before us. The last 20 years have truly been a blessing. We will have a Come & Go reception with Pastor Jay and Regina Bruner following the Saturday service and a Meet & Greet between each Sunday service. Come help us celebrate!



Family Game Show Night

Get ready for a night of family fun and audience participation games on Friday, November 9th at 7pm in the CPC Theatre. This is a FREE event, so invite your friends!

Annual Business Meeting



Our Annual Business Meeting is on Sunday, November 11th at 5pm. Pastor Jay will be speaking about the vision God has given him for 2019 and you will have the opportunity to ask questions relating to the 2019 budget. Hard copies of the budget are available at the Info Desk. Additionally, please be sure to have your ballots submitted (electronically or hard copy) prior to the Business Meeting.



| 11.05 Celebrate Recovery | 11.06 Pastor-Led Prayer |
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| 7pm in the Student Life Center | Tuesdays @ 7:30am |
| 11.09 Family Game Show | 11.11 Annual Business |
| Night @ 7pm | Meeting @ 5pm |
| 11.13 W.O.W Women of Worship (ages 50 and up) | 11.17 Baptism Weekend |
| 12.02 Women's Christmas Event © 5pm | 12.07 One Starry Night Family Christmas Event @ 7pm |

For more information and other events, visit CenterPointChurch.com

| Order of Service November | 3-4, 2018 |
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| Worship Team Welcome/Greeting | Deep Cries Out |
| Worship Team | Your Love Awakens Me Defender Build My Life |
| Message | Senior Pastor Jay Bruner |
| Offering/Announcements/Dismissal | |

Choosing My Faith Over Politics

Jesus did not come to take a side, He came to take over.

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is **like it**: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

Jesus always chose **people** over **politics**.

How to place my faith before my politics...

1. I must choose my love for <u>God</u> over my love for my political <u>opin-ions</u> or <u>party</u>.

...'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first... And the second... Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

2. I must choose to love <u>people</u> over my <u>political</u> opinions and position.

To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 1 Corinthians 9:22 (NIV)

Jesus says "...And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere--in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NLT)

3. I must intentionally choose to <u>elevate</u> politics rather than be <u>en-</u> <u>tangled</u> by them.

• Quit freaking out over elections, remember God's got this.

...For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. Romans 13:1 (NLT)

• **<u>Pray</u>** for one another and our leaders.

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior. **1 Timothy 2:1-3 (NLT)**

• Intentionally choose to be the calm **peacemaker**.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

• **<u>Respect</u>** one another and our leaders.

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. So, anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted... Romans 13:1-2 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. Review today's message notes, look up each passage carefully. As you do, read them aloud. Pastor Jay said "Elections come and go, yet influence is often a one-shot deal." Would you agree? Why or why not? Have you ever lost a friendship over an election? Was it worth it? Have you ever thought about going back to that relationship and seeing if it could be restored? We also learned that Jesus crossed many lines - racial, ethnic, gender, religious, and even political. He always met people where they were. It was never to win a vote, but rather to save the lives of those with whom He came in contact. Have you ever thought of approaching politics that way? Many fear the electoral season, yet for the Christian, it is actually a great opportunity to build new friendships, learn new stories, and share the love of Christ. Pray and ask God to use this season to open doors of opportunity to build new relationships and spread His love.