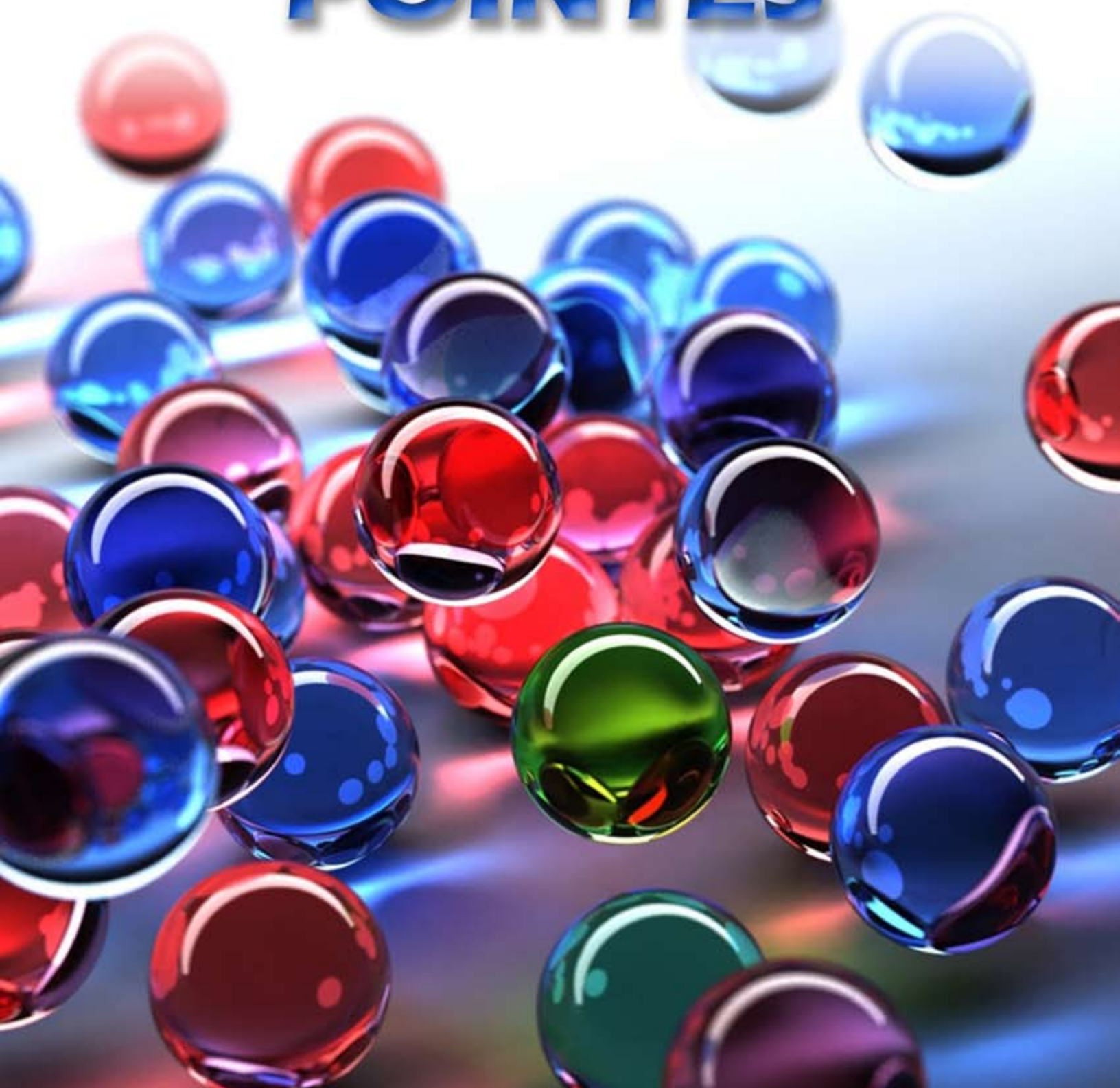


COMMUNITY POINTES



EAST POINTE CHURCH

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God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked: that there should be no schism in the body; but that **the members should have the same care one for another.**" - I Corinthians 12:24,25

COMMUNITY POINTES MISSION STATEMENT:



To provide every member of EAST POINTE CHURCH spiritual care as it pertains to their personal life and to unify this family of God into an active membership that is committed to continuing the ministry of Christ through faith, hope and love in our church and our community.

REMEMBER OUR VISION?

"We aim to be a **COMMUNAL** church that meets the various needs of the church family with excellence as it pertains to every age group. Although East Pointe Church can not meet every individual need, we will work to impact the lives of people of all ages in areas that promote spiritual, physical and emotional health in order to maintain godly care and love for the individual and the family".



We want to be a church that is **ATTENTIVE!**

COMMUNITY POINTES is a church-wide ministry that allows our people to experience excellent **pastoral care & ministry training.**

*Making a difference
in people's lives
and in the world.*

- COMMUNITY POINTES** are small communities of people, friends and family who gather together for the purpose of knowing and caring for one another as a ministry of inreach and a ministry of outreach. It is not exclusive, but inclusive.
1. It **provides** every member with representation.
 2. It **enhances** the Christian life experience.
 3. It **nurtures** a culture of friendliness, family & fun.
 4. It **promotes** leadership development & maturity.
 5. It **strengthens** the faith of participating believers.
 6. It **reinforces** discipleship & counseling ministries.
 7. It **trains** men and women in pastoral care.
 8. It **unifies** the church family in authentic love. **1.**



HOW DOES THAT WORK?

For spiritual growth to happen effectively in the life of any Christian, there must be a connection with those who are able to mentor others. This is true of a family, a team, a business, an army or a society. It is true of God's family.

Life does not happen in a vacuum. And, people do not do well when left alone . . . isolated from a support group. Typical church services do not allow for such life connection and relationship exchange on a deeper more meaningful level. For this reason, some Bible study groups have already created a home group ministry. While mid-week services lend themselves to more interaction, they do not provide the atmosphere and environment necessary for people to "know each other" on a more personal level. Christ meant for the family of God to know each other through loving relationships that bind one another for life.

That's why families eat together, play together, work together, socialize together, serve together, travel together and so forth. COMMUNITY POINTES is a ministry that will encourage others to experience the thrill and excitement of being connected into the family of faith, crossing over the barriers of a structured service or worship time. For most churches, when the worship service is over, the church experience is over. That church culture falls short of a biblical model and it produces a "drive by" church mentality that says, "Give me what you got on Sunday morning . . . I'll come by and get my share, and then I'm gone for the rest of the week."

*They broke bread in their homes
and ate together with glad and
sincere hearts. - Acts 2:46*

GETTING CONNECTED



COMMUNITY POINTES is a ministry that seeks to provide home groups which allow every member and family in the church to be connected with others who either . . .

Live in the **same neighborhood** . . .

Belong to the **same Bible study** . . .

Participate in the **same ministry team** . . .

Or share the **same interests!**



DEVELOPING THE FAMILY OF GOD

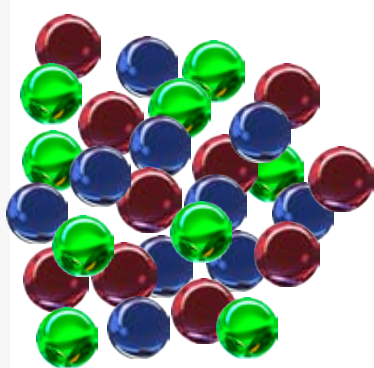
In a time when the family is seriously fragmented and dis-functional, the church is well equipped to lend to people a place and an experience where they can feel love and acceptance . . . a HOME. People need the LORD and they will find Him through the body of Christ, as they see His people in action and in life. We need each other . . . each other's love, ministry and friendship.

COMMUNITY POINTES provide a monthly gathering where people can feel acceptance and genuine love within their personal home group gathering. A home group is a place where people can pray for one another and share what's happening in their lives in a safe environment. It is a group of men and women who are committed to helping one another. It is surprising how many adults long to be part of a family that can provide an environment of faith, fun and freindship. A home group can provide many things. Young couples often need the mentorship and example of an experienced mother or father who have already run the gauntlet of parenting. Teens look for the attention of a big brother or sister they can identify with. And, home groups present a home environment that is welcoming, orderly and peaceful . . . a place you could invite a friend!

COMMUNITY POINTES IS OUR KEY TO GROWTH

You multiply by dividing! That's a well known principle in physics. Your body is made up of millions of cells . . . cells in your muscles, skin tissue, organ tissue, blood and so forth. Every seven years your body replaces itself through the dividing and multiplying of individual cell groups. The church body grows the same way!

COMMUNITY POINTES organizes the entire church membership and helps to direct our people toward a small home group. These home groups will grow until they get large enough to warrant splitting the group whereby forming future home groups. This type of growth opens the door for others to step into leadership roles.



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The potential for growth lies within the smaller group structure!

It is within the small group that meaningful community life takes place.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

See yourself in a new way! COMMUNITY POINTES is a ministry that has been proven to produce the leadership potential that lies within us all. Other churches might call it Life Groups, Home Teams, etc., but East Pointe Church will call this ministry COMMUNITY POINTES. It opens the doors for spiritual growth and leadership development within a home group close to one's community or neighborhood.

As men and women step up to lead a COMMUNITY POINTE, they will learn how to develop a pastoral heart for their individual home group. They will learn how to effectively, pastorally minister to their home group. COMMUNITY POINTES will provide home group leaders and co-leaders with the training necessary to help them:



1. Lead others in group prayer.
2. Learn how to work with an Assistant Leadership Team who can co-host.
3. Learn how to organize care for those within their group who have temporary needs.
4. Learn how to provide quality child-care for the younger children present.
5. Learn how to optimize the group's connections with others for evangelistic goals.
6. Learn how to organize monthly home group meetings and fellowships.
7. Learn how to mobilize their home group for various church-wide events.
8. Learn how to make hospital calls to the sick and afflicted within their group.
9. Learn how to navigate through human relationship issues via counseling.
10. Learn how to support discipleship (DIRECTIONS) and discipleship training.
11. Learn how to prepare food and entertainment for small groups . . . the art of hosting.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR NOW?

Pray. Consider. Get Involved. For right now, there is much to do to get organized, but it is essential that you are informed of the church-wide ministry that we have called COMMUNITY POINTES. We will be looking for men and women to lead these home groups, and want to be led by God's Holy Spirit through every step of the development process. We can't wait to see how God will use this in our Christian walk and in our East Pointe Church family to bring Him greater glory for the kingdom of God.

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COMMUNITY POINTES is a circle of care and godly love for the people by the people.



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