

July 21, 2024

**WELCOME!** We're glad you're here! If you're new to Turning Point we'd love to connect with you. Please fill out your Feedback form in this Bulletin and drop it in the Offering Box on your way out.

## BAPTISM

**Our next Baptism is Sunday July 28th.** Baptism is a wonderful celebration, command, symbol of grace that Jesus has given us (Romans 6:3-5). It is an outward symbol of the inner change provided by Christ. Baptism is a proclamation that we are saved by Christ alone, through faith alone, through grace alone, for the glory of God alone! If you have questions about baptism, or want to be baptized, please email or call the church to get in touch with Pastor Thomas.



**MEN'S MINISTRY SATURDAY BREAKFAST:** Join us on Sat, July 27th, here at TPC at 8:00 am. for our Men's Breakfast. If you would like to help in the kitchen or with setting up, we start preparing at 7:00.

The first Sunday of the month we have our Family Fellowship Sunday. The next Fellowship Lunch will be **August 4<sup>th</sup>**, immediately after the 2nd service. The church will supply Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. If you would like to contribute for our lunch, **please sign up** in the Lobby!



**BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY:** Meeting every Tues at 7am at Deny's restaurant (next to Super 8 motel). Come and join us. For more info call the office at 360-489-0378.



## YOUTHGROUP

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text Ron Brinkman 402-312-9517

**YOUTHGROUP:** If you are in Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, come and join TPC Youth Group. Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm. For questions call or

**SMALL GROUPS:** Do you want to have a deep community with other Jesus followers? A Small Group is a wonderful place to make roots within the family at TPC. We have Small Groups that meet in homes, or at the church, weekly, or biweekly. If you are interested in joining one of our Small Groups, you can either fill out the Feedback Form in the bulletin or email us and we will help get you connected with one of our groups. [admin@turningpointolympia.com](mailto:admin@turningpointolympia.com)

**HIS KID'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** generally offers classes for ages 1-11 during 2nd service starting right after communion. Sign ups and more information is available at the check-in desks. We encourage older students to absorb the teaching from the pulpit. Take notes and ask an elder a question! **His Kids takes a pause each 1st Sunday of the month for a family integrated service followed by our fellowship meal.**



**VOLUNTEERS:** If God is calling you to serve His lambs or you just want to check it out, please drop a note in a giving box, email the church, or ask an elder or at the check-in desk and we will reach out. **MOMS:** We have a room for you (and your infant) upstairs (Rm #4) for privacy, quiet and comfort as needed.



## REFLECT & RESPOND

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is the act of remembering Jesus for what he accomplished by dying on the cross for our sins. Jesus asked his followers to remember that his body was broken and his blood was shed as he took the punishment for our sin.

You don't have to be a member of Turning Point to participate. If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord then you are welcome to join us in celebrating the Lord's Table.



**THE LORD'S PANTRY:** Thanks to all of you who are so generous with your finances and giving to the Food Bank. With inflation, we are in need of your continued support both financially and physically. The Lord's Pantry is open on the 4th Thursday of every month. If you would like to volunteer, we are needing volunteers for the sign up table. You can call Cathy Martin at 206-819-5977 or to help in other ways, call Hank Thietje at 360-701-6698.



Want to know more about Turning Point? Our purpose is to help you deepen your love and commitment to God and to fulfill his purposes for your life. We have two classes - Entry Point 1 followed by Entry Point 2 which will help you get connected. See *feedback form* for dates. Indicate your interest on the feedback form or online ([Contact page](#)).

## GIVING/FINANCIAL UPDATE:

At Turning Point Church giving is voluntary (2 Cor 9:7). Rather than pass a plate, we encourage you to give as you are blessed. You may give by cash, check, (offering boxes are located on the back wall and lobby) or electronically ([Pushpay](#) app or [Website](#)).

We are thankful for your prayers and servants hearts.

Please pray for our ability to:

- Steward limited resources;
- Support staff in challenging times;
- Care for our facility;
- Serve our community;
- Eliminate our mortgage.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_

Currently in the Military

1st Time Attender

How did you hear about Turning Point?  
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I'm interested in:

- Knowing more about becoming a Christian
- Baptism
- Joining a Small Group
- Receiving Pastoral Care
- Receiving TPC prayer requests by email
- Receiving help from the Care Team
- Receiving the weekly update
- Volunteering in the following area:

Interested in **Entry Point 1** : TBA

Interested in **Entry Point 2**: **Sunday, July 21st, immediately after 2nd service, light lunch will be served.**

# questions? comments? prayer requests?

You can also submit requests anytime by e-mail, phone, on the **“Contact”** page of our website or directly into the @ Prayer - General section in our Online Community.

*Please remember to check the prayers online and support one another in prayer. Thank you.*

For **prayer requests** please check one of the 2 boxes below:

- Share with others who will pray
- Private request (to pastors only)

## ELDERS CORNER

### Towards a Doctrine of Work

Has the parable of the talents got you thinking about work? It is no surprise that church in America generally has a low view of work. Our culture devalues work for its own sake, tolerating it as a means of accumulation to an end, freedom from work or so-called retirement and the faster we can get there, the better! Too often the church amplifies rather than counters this sentiment, whether calling one to more significant work, work less, work for the kingdom etc, all while diminishing “regular” work as somehow connected to the curse (from many a pulpit). You may have been encouraged not to share what it is you do, as if you can be fully separated from it. But what if you are doing what you were made to do? From the first chapters of Genesis we find work assigned to man. Yes, before the fall! God plants Adam in an amazing garden full of attractive food and commands him to cultivate it (Gen 2:15). God gave him the talent and providentially immersed him in a paradise that apparently required work. Why? God had just modeled work in the six days of creation and then rest, as if He needed rest, on the 7th. So that is the pattern He set for us, and it includes work—pleasant work no doubt, custom fit to His created image-bearer. Of course He had also custom-fit man a wife and tasked them both with the “job” of being fruitful and multiplying, pleasant work for which they were made (Gen 1:28). They were made to create more life, and care for it because they were a reflection of the Creator who cared deeply for His creation. So what about the curse? Yes, God cursed the ground, adding thorns and promised that to work would be added sweat and toil, and He cursed childbirth to the extent that pain was added (Gen 3). In the same chapter, He offers a rescue plan (3:15) in the person and work of Jesus Christ who redeems the curse, you, and your work. He did not remove the commands, but doubles down... they are repeated throughout scripture, beginning right after the flood (Gen 8).

This is my opinion. I could go on at length, but others already have. Martin Luther and John Newton wrote of the dignity and spiritual significance of any labor, yes even scrubbing floors (which they did). There is dignity in work. You were (all) made for it. So, get to work!

If you want a deep, approachable and current read to figure out what this means for the church today in the culture today, and to you personally, at any stage of life, consider the recent book “FULL TIME, Work and the Meaning of Life” by financial advisor (and son of a theologian), David Bahnsen. It will be time well spent.

I am praying that you are fruitful and blessing others in the work He made you to do.

-Grant Tibbetts, elder



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