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**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.



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** Join your Turning Point family for our Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 pm.

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



**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 text Ron Brinkman 402-312-9517

**SMALL GROUPS:** Do you want to have a deep community with other Jesus followers? A Small Group is a great place to make roots within the family at TPC. We have Groups that meet in homes or the church, weekly, or biweekly. If you are interested in joining one, to help get you connected, you can fill out the Feedback Form in the bulletin or email us at [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.**

We look forward to serving and knowing you and your family!



**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.

**AS WE APPROACH THE END OF THE YEAR:** we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting our church and ministries. Your generous gifts help us continue to serve our community, spread the Gospel, and make a lasting impact in the lives of others. Whether through tithes, special offerings, or a year-end donation, your support is vital. Let's finish this year strong and move forward together in faith, hope, and love. Thank you for your commitment to God's work!

## 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 especially looking for people who have good computer skills for the client check-in table.** You can call Cathy Martin at 206-819-5977 or to help in other ways, call Hank Thietje at 360-701-6698. **The date for the December Holiday Food Bank is Thursday December 19th.**



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. **Indicate your interest on the feedback form which you will find in the back of the chair in front of you and simply place in the offering box** or online ([Contact page](#)).

### GIVING:

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.



## ELDERS CORNER

One of my favorite theologians and authors, C.S. Lewis, has some powerful thoughts on joy. In his book *Surprised by Joy*, he takes a deep look at what joy really means, showing that it's so much more than just happiness or pleasure. He connects this deeper understanding of joy to the Christian journey of longing for God and finding fulfillment in Him.

### C.S. Lewis on Joy

"Joy is the serious business of Heaven."

With this statement, Lewis is pointing out that joy isn't just an emotion, it's something far deeper and eternal. For him, joy is like a glimpse of God's presence, a brief but powerful taste of something much more lasting than any temporary pleasure or satisfaction. Lewis explains:

"I call it Joy, a term with a particular meaning. It is, in essence, an experience that is hard to define, and yet once you've felt it, you understand. For much of my life, I had been in search of joy, only to realize that what I truly sought was God all along."

Lewis describes joy as this deep, overwhelming feeling of delight and longing, which can seem contradictory at times. It's a yearning for something beyond this world, something we can't fully grasp here but that points us toward eternity. His experience of joy is closely tied to his Christian faith, where he believes true joy can only be found through a relationship with God in Christ.

Lewis shows us that joy isn't just something that happens based on our circumstances—it's a deeper spiritual truth that comes from our connection to God and His creation. Real joy isn't found in fleeting moments or temporary things but is rooted in the eternal presence of God. It's a joy that goes beyond worldly happiness, reaching into the very heart of divine love.

Through his reflections, Lewis encourages us to see joy as both a gift and a pursuit—a blessing we receive in moments of grace and a path that leads us toward the ultimate joy that awaits us in God's presence.

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