

# counterfeit gods

## Order of Service | August 7, 2022

Worship Team..... Your Love Awakens Me  
Welcome

Worship Team..... Jireh  
Our God Is Coming Back

Message..... Senior Pastor Jay Bruner  
Counterfeit gods - Week 4

Offering/Dismissal

## All You Need is Love

*The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)*

*"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." Mark 12:30-31 (NLT)*

### ***The Love We Truly Need (Genesis 29:31-35)***

*When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, he enabled her to have children, but Rachel could not conceive. So Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "**The Lord has noticed my misery, and now my husband will love me.**"*

*She soon became pregnant again and gave birth to another son. She named him Simeon, for she said, "**The Lord heard that I was unloved and has given me another son.**"*

*Then she became pregnant a third time and gave birth to another son. He was named Levi, for she said, "**Surely this time my husband will feel affection for me, since I have given him three sons!**"*

*Once again Leah became pregnant and gave birth to another son. She named him Judah, for she said, "**Now I will praise the Lord!**" And then she stopped having children. Genesis 29:31-35 (NLT)*

## HOW TO KEEP GOD IN HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE

### 1. Love Him first.

*Now (This time, right now, and perpetual), I will praise the Lord! (v. 35)*

*... "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself." **Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT)***

*...nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow-not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. **Romans 8:38 (NLT)***

### 2. Love Him perpetually.

*"Now, I will praise the Lord!" (v. 35)*

### 3. Love others out of our love for Him.

*Jesus said..."Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command." **John 15:12-14 (NLT)***

**Going deeper on your own:** Review today's message notes. Have you ever thought that pursuing love could become a counterfeit god? Pastor Jay stated, "A simple test to see if love has become an idol is if we're too afraid of love or too consumed by it. If either is the case, then it has assumed a god-like power, distorting our perception of life". Would you agree or disagree? He also stated that "love may have become an idol if its demands on us exceed proper boundaries and harm us instead of helping us." Can you see how that can happen? But, God's love is perfect. Look back at Leah. Think about the woman at the well in John 4. Think back about Zacchaeus in Luke 19. Only when they placed their love for God first did peace, fulfillment, and even love with others come to pass. Have you ever placed your love for our Lord and Savior first? If not, do it today. Commit your love to Him. Maybe there was a time when you did place Him first, yet that love has grown cold or displaced by the things or people of this world. Recommit your love to Him today and then think of ways that you could openly practice loving Him every day. Write Pastor Jay and tell him what you will do to keep our loving God in His rightful place.

# Discover CPC



Are you ready to learn more about CPC? In our Discover CPC class we will discuss what we believe, who we are, why we do what we do, and more! Discover CPC is a requirement for CPC Membership. Snacks and childcare are provided with RSVP.

**Discover CPC**  
**August 28 | 10:31am**  
**Conference Room**

To learn more or register:  
[CenterPointChurch.com/nextsteps/](http://CenterPointChurch.com/nextsteps/)



## CONNECTION SUNDAY

### Connection Sunday

Are you looking to connect to community here at CPC? August 14 is Connection Sunday! Home Team and ministry leaders will be available in the lobby before and after each service for you to learn more about Home Teams and other CPC Ministries. Don't do life alone, make plans now to stop by and get connected!



### Baptism Bash and Back to School Splash

Join us at The Keller Pointe on Sunday, August 21, from 6:00-8:00pm as we celebrate baptisms and the start of a new school year. This is a free event, and all CPC families and friends are welcome. You can sign up for baptism on the church website, CPC app, or visit the sign up table in the lobby.



### Worship Night

Join us on Sunday, August 28, at 5:30pm for a night of praise and worship. We will gather as a church family to worship our God and celebrate communion. Childcare will be available for 3rd grade and younger. This will be a night you won't want to miss!

Get details on these events and more at [centerpointchurch.com/events](http://centerpointchurch.com/events).

# Who We Are

Center Point Church exists to *help people discover and live a God-centered life.*

We are a real church full of real people with real problems searching for real answers. We strive to provide a safe atmosphere for anyone--whether you are churchd, unchurched, or over-churched. We purposefully avoid religion so we can focus on our relationship with Christ.

## Stewardship News August 7, 2022

### Tithes & Offerings

Given July 25-31, 2022	\$26,905
Given YTD	\$917,795
Kidz City & Misc. Income	\$52,500
TOTAL GIVEN YTD	\$970,295
Expenses YTD	\$851,632

### Daring New Day Building

DND Commitments	\$1,994,795
DND Given to Date	\$1,522,043

## Visit our website to learn more about these CPC ministries:

- Preschool (birth-K)
- Elementary (grades 1-3)
- Preteens (grades 4-6)
- Student Life (grades 7-12)
- Celebrate Recovery
- Home Teams
- Prime Time (adults 65+)
- CPC Men
- CPC Women
- Veterans Fellowship
- W.O.W. - Women of Worship (ladies 50+)

## Contact Information:

Service Times:

Sun. 9:01am, 10:31am, & 12:01pm

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