

# Order of Service | September 21, 2025

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## HONEST TO GOD

God Never Said... "Forgive and Forget"

**Ephesians 4:32 NLT** | ...Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

**Big Idea:** Forgiveness isn't denying the hurt — it's allowing God to stop it from defining or destroying your future.

### HOW TO FORGIVE WHEN IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE

Joseph's Story (Genesis 45 & 50:15–21)

**Genesis 45:1-3, 13-15 NLT** | Joseph could stand it no longer... <sup>3</sup>"I am Joseph!" he said to his brothers. "Is my father still alive?" But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them. <sup>13</sup>"Go tell my father of my honored position here in Egypt. Describe for him everything you have seen, and then bring my father here quickly." <sup>14</sup>Weeping with joy, he embraced Benjamin, and Benjamin did the same. <sup>15</sup>Then Joseph kissed each of his brothers and wept over them, and after that they began talking freely with him.

**Genesis 50:15-21 NLT** | But now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers became fearful. "Now Joseph will show his anger and pay us back for all the wrong we did to him," they said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent this message to Joseph: "Before your father died, he instructed us <sup>17</sup>to say to you: 'Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you—for their sin in treating you so cruelly.' So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin." When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept.

<sup>18</sup> Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. “Look, we are your slaves!” they said. <sup>19</sup> But Joseph replied, “Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of **many people**. <sup>21</sup> No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

### **1. Choose God first — forgiveness flows from faith.**

**Genesis 50:19-20 NLT** | ...“Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good...

### **2. Stop making forgiveness dependent on forgetting.**

**Genesis 45:4-5 NLT** | “Please, come closer,” he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. <sup>5</sup> But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.”

### **3. Set boundaries without bitterness.**

**Genesis 45:10 NLT** | You can live in the region of Goshen, where you can be near me with all your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and everything you own.

### **4. Live free by letting go.**

**Genesis 50:19-21 NLT** | Joseph replied, “...No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

**Going Deeper on Your Own.** Read Genesis 45 & 50 with Ephesians 4:32 and notice how Joseph didn’t ignore the wrongs done to him—he named them, but he also released them to God. Forgiveness doesn’t erase memory; it rewrites meaning. Maybe for you, it’s not a co-worker or neighbor but a parent, a child, or someone in your own family who won’t even admit there’s been an offense. You can’t control their apology, but you can choose your response.

**NEXT STEP:** This week, write down the name of the person you’ve been avoiding and pray for them each day. Journal this prayer: *“Lord, help me release what I can’t forget. Heal what I can’t fix. And free me from what I don’t want to carry anymore.”* Remember: forgiveness isn’t “forgive and forget.” It’s “remember it happened, release it to God, and refuse to let it rule your future.” That’s real forgiveness. That’s freedom. Honest to God.

# 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**  
**November 9**  
**9:45 AM**  
**Conference Room**

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



## Women's Fall Luncheon

Our CPC Women's Ministry is hosting its annual Fall Luncheon on Saturday, September 27, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We will enjoy a catered lunch and welcome special guest speaker, Kristen McCaslin, as she shares her amazing message of hope. Tickets are available for \$10 each. You can sign up on Church Center or at [centerpointchurch.com/events](http://centerpointchurch.com/events).



## Night of Worship

Join us for a Night of Worship on Sunday, October 5 at 6pm. We will gather as a church family to worship our amazing God through music, communion, and prayer. Childcare will be available for kids in kindergarten and younger. We look forward to having you with us, you will not want to miss out on this powerful night!



## Worship in Pink

Sunday, October 12 is our annual Worship in Pink Sunday! We're encouraging everyone to wear pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness. There will be a table in the lobby with info about breast cancer prevention, early detection, and ongoing research.

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 churched, unchurched, or over-churched. We purposefully avoid religion so we can focus on our relationship with Christ.

## Stewardship News September 21, 2025

### Tithes & Offerings

Given September 8-14	\$34,296
Given YTD	\$1,213,373
Expenses YTD	\$1,165,636
Kidz City & Misc. Income	\$64,000
TOTAL RECEIVED YTD	\$1,277,373

### Daring New Day Building

DND Given to Date	\$1,646,972
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### Attendance September 14

On Campus	807
Online	153

## 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. 8:31am, 10:01am, & 11:31am

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# WAYS TO GIVE

### Online

[centerpointchurch.com/give](https://centerpointchurch.com/give)

### Church Center App

### Mail

7804 MidCities Blvd, North Richland Hills, TX 76180

### In Person

Giving boxes in Theatre & Lobby