

RIBBON CUTTING/GRAND OPENING MAY 13 - 10 AM

BREAKFAST HORS D'OEUVRES
APPRECIATION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION
SELF-GUIDED TOURS
KIDS CELEBRATION PARTY
CELEBRATION THRU WORSHIP

**** **Please Take Note** ****

The entire morning is geared towards a day of celebration & praise.
Festivities begin at 10 and finish about 12pm.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Take a moment to consider these facts:

There are 8,500 Kentucky children in state care today because of abuse or neglect, the highest in recent memory. That number has grown 25 percent since 2011.

The number of substantiated child abuse and neglect findings in Kentucky grew from 9,934 in 2012 to 15,378 in 2016, a 55 percent increase. At least 334 children in those cases died or nearly died from mistreatment.

Now consider James 1:27: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

How can you live out James 1:27? One simple step is to sign up for the Orphan Care Alliance Gateway program, which connects church members with nearby families who have tangible needs that have been identified by state social service workers. From providing beds/cribs, fixing a leaking roof or mowing a lawn, you can help keep families united.

Sign up today at <http://orphancarealliance.org/centerpointe-christian-church/>.

MESSAGE NOTES

Series: Because of the Cross...

Message: I am a Friend of God

Text: John 15:9-17

Speaker: Brian Bolton

Growth Groups are sermon-based small groups that meet primarily in homes. To join a group, visit mycpointe.com/growthgroups

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your Growth Group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps. You can use this study guide with your Growth Group, your family, or on your own.

Pray

Ask God to clear your mind and help you focus. Ask God to speak to you as you work thru this guide by yourself and with your Growth Group.

Open

1. Think about a "best" friend you have or have had. Why would you consider them to be your "best" friend?
2. Have you ever had a friendship fall apart or come to an end? What was the cause?

Read, Hear, & Live the Word

1. Read John 15:13-17. How many absolutes did Jesus declare within these verses? What absolutes do you see?
 - A.) "You are my friends IF you do what I command". What was commanded of us?
 - B.) How well are you living out this command?

2. Read Romans 5:6-8. How does this passage really elevate what a big deal it is that God calls us friends? Why would it have been easy for Him to not consider us as friends?
3. How has Jesus' death and resurrection changed your position with God?
3. Look again at John 15:16. Jesus said, "I chose you", why is this important? What does this mean for us? How should this affect our relationship with Christ?
4. Read John 15:12 & 17, 1 John 3:16-18. These passages mirror each other. What is the main idea of these passages? List 5 ways you can be obedient to this command.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
5. How would your relationship with God change if you trusted and confided in Him as you do your best friend?

Pray

- ⇒ Who is sick, hurting, or needing help?
- ⇒ Who are you sharing the love of Christ with?
- ⇒ Who are you rejoicing with?
- ⇒ How have you seen the goodness of God in your life?