

THE POINT

APRIL 2018



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

INFORMATION ABOUND!

Just in case you have not noticed, there are a lot of great changes going on at GPCC right now! From our new Sunday Small Group classes, to new ministries, furniture, and paint, there is something new going on all over the place. It really is an exciting time in the life of our church and there has never been a better time to prayerfully consider which new opportunities and ministries that you would like to get involved with. Our CR and Children's ministries, especially, are always looking for people to get involved and help in specific areas of need. Please see Gwin or Melissa Greathouse about CR serving opportunities, and see Pastor Jason Lavigne about opportunities to help with our Children's Ministries.

As all of the changes, new activities and ministries continue to grow, it is very important we communicate information out to everyone and keep everyone "in the know" about all that is occurring. To do this, GPCC is now using several communication methods and I wanted to let you know what they all are:

-For all of our "non-electronic" members, we are putting announcements, weekly, in the Sunday Worship Guide. So, please get one on Sundays and read it.

-Our monthly newsletter (what you are reading now) will also give a summary of most of the things are currently on the calendar and coming up in the near-term.

-Our church website, www.gracepoint.info, has a brand new look and also has a lot of information on it about upcoming ministry opportunities as well as upcoming events.

-WE NOW HAVE A CHURCH APP! In case you did not know, our church has an Android and an iPhone App. It is important that you download these to your phone and enable push notifications so that we can periodically send out important messages to everyone at once. To download it, all you need to do is go to the website, click on the menu and go to "social media." Once you click on that, the download links for our church apps are at the top with instructions. The apps are still a work in progress, so please bear with us as we continue to update them. Jason Lavigne continues to put a lot of hard work in on this project.

-Lastly, the church has a Facebook page as well as a Twitter and an Instagram account that duplicates information from the other sources listed above. To follow them all, go to the "Social media" section on our website and scroll down to find a link to all of our accounts.

As we continue to grow, managing information will be a crucial task for our church body. There is a large infrastructure in place to help us do this. Please tell everyone you know (especially new people!) about all of our information platforms.

It is an honor to serve and serve with my GPCC family! If you ever need to reach me, my number is 334-202-2031 and my email is Mike@gracepoint.info.

Blessings,

Mike Ray, Worship Pastor

Weekly Worship Services

Sunday

Sunday Small Groups

9:00 AM | Various

Worship Service

10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Tuesday

Celebrate Recovery

6:00 PM | Various

Wednesday

Children's Ministry

6:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

Student Ministry

6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Study

6:30 PM | Sanctuary

GRACEPOINT 'S NEWEST MEMBERS

Jaime & Paige Butler

Brandon & Nashann Fryer

Jeremy, Melonie, Hannah, and Abigail Hendry

Adam Tucker

Charlotte Tucker

Don & Renee Wagon

SUPPORT OUR MISSIONARIES

Our mission team that is heading to Matamoros, Mexico will host a spaghetti lunch fundraiser after church on Sunday, April 8th. These will be to-go plates but you are welcome to stay and eat as well. It is donation only which will include spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. You can reserve your family's place by registering at the Sign Up Center located in the back of the sanctuary or by emailing your reservation to info@gracepoint.info

CHURCH-WIDE MEETING

Our leaders are hosting a Quarterly Information Luncheon on Sunday, April 29th. Please plan to attend!

LADIES CONNECTING

Ladies Exercise Group

Monday and Wednesday mornings 8:30 to 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Participate in a Zumba DVD exercise class or walk the halls at your own pace. No hills and no bad weather.

Four laps is approximately 1/2 mile.

Bible Journaling

Have you seen Bible Journaling on Pinterest and just don't know how to start? A special Bible isn't necessary. All you need is your Bible; a journal or notebook; and some colored pencils or markers. We meet every other Monday 9:30 to 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall to study verses together and exchange creative ideas. Our next get-together will be Monday, March 5th. Contact: Nancy House, 201-7214.

Ladies Study Group

We will start a new book, *Bad Girls of the Bible*, by Liz Curtis Higgs on Monday, April 2nd, 9:30 to 11:00, in the fellowship hall. Liz Higgs presents a volume of lessons in good living from the Bible's bad-news belles. The study group meets every other Monday. Please join us. Contact: Kristina Garr (970) 589-3594.

OASIS NEWS

COMMUNITY MISSION

The Oasis Youth Group will be helping HOBO clean up Lake Jordan again this year! We had a lot of fun fellowshiping and helping the community last year, and hope your youth will come do it again this year. The date is Saturday, April 14th at 7:00 a.m. We will meet at church, have breakfast, then leave together to head to Bonner's Boat Ramp. Please dress to get wet and dirty! Lunch will be provided and parents are encouraged to join us. Boats and drivers needed, so if you help please let us know by contacting Stephanie Lantz at 334-415-4457.

GRADUATION APPRECIATION DAY

Join us in celebrating our Senior Class as they prepare for Graduation. Our Seniors will wear their cap and gown Sunday, April 29th as we announce them and present them with a gift. Parents, please submit pictures of your Senior as we will prepare a slideshow.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018!

PRISCILLA SHIRER SIMULCAST

Ladies, you are invited to be part of this global, one-day simulcast that focuses on the power of prayer and learning to study God's Word for yourself. Join us on Saturday, April 28th. Priscilla will be teaching three sessions, Anthony Evans will lead worship. Cost is \$25/person, includes lunch. Be in prayer over who you can invite! Sign up online at:

<http://www.gracepoint.info/womens-ministry/>

PRAISE TEAM COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Saturday, April 21st, the Praise Team will provide music for the Tulotoma Art show in downtown Wetumpka. We will be located across from the courthouse from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for GPCC! We will have a table and banner set up to get the word out about our church and you never know what type of ministry opportunities there might be. We invite as many of you as possible to join us for as long as you can that day and give Grace Point a great presence there!

CELEBRATE RECOVERY FUNDRAISER

Please help send our Grace Point Celebrate Recovery Leaders to the 2018 Summit of Faith.

You have two more opportunities to purchase 'Bradshaw' Boston Butts between now and mid June. See our CR leaders to pre-order your butt for May 12th pick up.

Butts are \$35/each.



Last opportunity to order is begins in May for June 16th pick up.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Our next Membership Class will begin Sunday, May 6th. If you are interested in joining GPCC or would like to know about our Church, please see Pastor Ernie or email him at pastor@gracepoint.info

SMALL GROUPS

If you are interested in facilitating a Small Group this spring or summer, Grace Point would love to talk to you! Simply email info@gracepoint.info to inquire and start the process.

MINISTRY CONTACT INFORMATION

Senior Pastor:

Ernie Willis: pastor@gracepoint.info
205-370-0032

Worship Pastor:

Mike Ray: mike@gracepoint.info

Children's Pastor:

Jason LaVigne: jason@gracepoint.info

Celebrate Recovery Pastor:

Gwin Greathouse: cr@gracepoint.info
334-398-3113

Leadership Team:

Don Galbreath, Chair: dgalbreath@gracepoint.info

SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUPS

Maranatha—Hud and Jennifer Abrams

The Vine—Paul and Brenda Thornton

Cornerstone—Byron and Pam Beasley

Young Marrieds—Pastor Ernie and Michele Willis

Youth—Jason Lantz and Scott Boyd

HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

Do you have ministry information to share? Here is how to get it done!

Send all promo information to:

announcements@gracepoint.info This will allow your information to be included in both the Worship Guide and our monthly newsletter.

Any information you want publicized via our social media platforms (FaceBook, Instagram, Twitter) please send the info and a graphic (if you have one) for the event to info@gracepoint.info or pastor@gracepoint.info



Are you looking for a place to serve? Join the "Provision Plate Meal Ministry" at GPCC. We are looking for volunteers that are willing to share God's love through the provision of meals to our church family during their

times of need, such as, following surgery, loss of loved ones, childbirth/adoption, etc. If you would like to serve on this team or have a current need for meals please contact Crystal Rucker at 334-657-8157 or email gpcmeals@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH-WIDE

April 8—Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser for our Missionaries

April 21—Praise Team Community Service

April 29—Quarterly Information Lunch

June 22-30 - Mission Trip to Mexico

MEN'S MINISTRY

No Men's Breakfast in April—please support Grace Point this month in the multiple Community Outreach opportunities.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Every Monday Morning—Exercise at 8:30 a.m. /Study Group or Bible Journaling at 9:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday—Exercise at 8:30 a.m.

April 28—Priscilla Shirer Simulcast

YOUTH MINISTRY

April 14—Oasis Service Day: Lake Jordan HOBO Clean Up

April 29—Graduation Appreciation Day

CHILDREN MINISTRY

April 1—Annual Easter Egg Hunt