

THE POINT

MARCH 2018



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Starting Thursday, March 1, 2018, I've asked our Grace Point family to join me in a 31 day Prayer and Fasting challenge. Some of you may be wondering why do something so extreme? Well...it's biblical!

First, let's look at what fasting is. Fasting is when we humbly deny something of the flesh to glorify God, enhance our spirit, and go deeper in our prayer life. In other words, we "disconnect" from something and "connect" with something. I love Dr. Tony Evans definition of Fasting-"*Fasting is giving up something in the physical to gain something in the spiritual.*"

As we look at the Scriptures, there are over 70 instances where people fasted. In the New Testament, we can conclude that fasting was a part of life. (Matthew 6:6-9). Though there isn't a specific command to fast, it appears it is an assumed reality in the lives of God's people.

When people were not in alignment and right relationship with the Lord, they declared a fast. Look at I Samuel 7:3-9, I Kings 21:17-27.

When people were in need of deliverance, they declared a fast. Look at II Chronicles. 20:1-12.

Our greatest need is for the presence and power of Jesus in our lives. Yet His presence and power are often crowded out by the affairs of our life. How can we fix this? I think it's through Prayer and Fasting.

We live in a consumer driven society. We brag on our excesses and celebrate our indulgences. Rarely do we say, "enough" but instead, we continue to glory in our gluttony. Be it food, be it our devices, be it our habits or addictions, etc. When will we say, "Stop!"

So much energy, emotions, and effort are spent filling "us" and our desires that we exclude "Him" and His presence in our lives. How can we make Jesus King of our lives when there's no room for Him?

It's my prayer that God reveals the areas in our life that you need to "push back" from and allow God's presence to fill that void. Are you desperate for more of Christ's presence in your life? Do we need to see more of Him and His glory verses us and our gluttony?

Join me and the rest of Grace Point this Thursday as we begin our 31 Days of Prayer and Fasting.

If I can serve you, let me know. Pastor Ernie

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

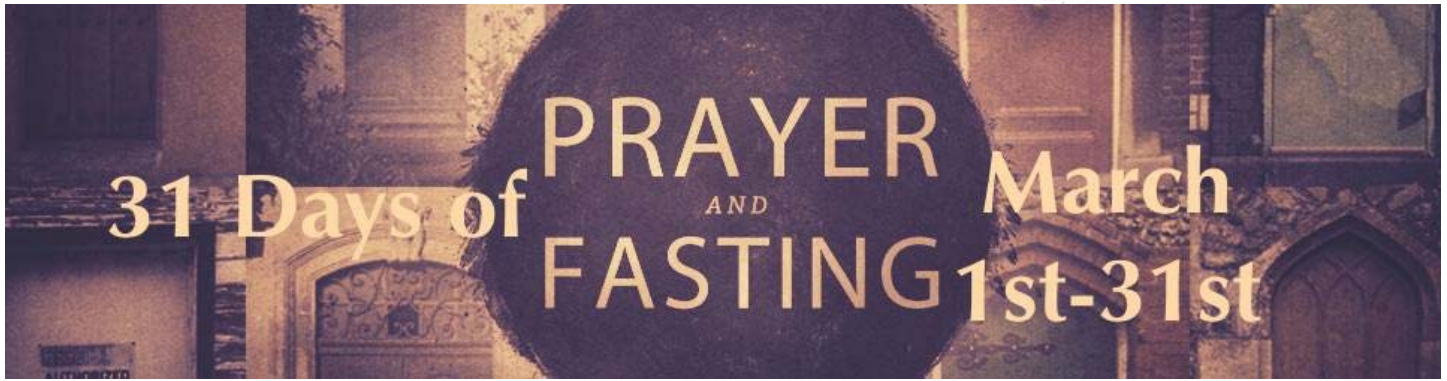
Brandon & Nashann Fryer

Jeremy, Melonie, Hannah, and Abigail Hendry

Adam Tucker

Charlotte Tucker

Don & Renee Wagon



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Join us on Tuesday, March 6th for a night of celebration as we come together to celebrate our 8-Year Anniversary. Guest speaker and musician Buddy Causey will lead our service. Meal begins at 6:00 p.m. Large group at 6:30 p.m.

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

This group is finishing up *Five Little Questions* by Dannah Gresh and will start a new study in March. Study Group meets on alternate Mondays at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Contact: Kristina Garr, (970) 589-3594, for more information on what the next study will be and date it will begin.

OASIS CLEAN-UP

On Wednesday, March 7th, our Oasis Youth Group need to arrive at GPCC at 5:30 p.m. to serve our church by cleaning the flower beds.

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!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our next Men's Breakfast will be at the Elmore County High School Cafeteria in Eclectic on March 10th at 7:30 a.m. as we support the High School Baseball Team's Pancake Breakfast. Tickets will be \$6.00 in advance or at the door.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Information on all upcoming events are posted on Grace Point's Facebook Site (<https://www.facebook.com/gracepointwetumpka/>), Instagram, our website (www.gracepoint.info), in the Sunday morning Worship Guide and our monthly Newsletter. Our Social Media apps are available on our website (<http://www.gracepoint.info/social-media/>).

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.



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 gpc-meals@gmail.com.

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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



"Be Imitators of God."
Ephesians 5:1
Grace Point Kids
Grace Point Community Church
Wetumpka, AL
www.GracePoint.info

It's that time of year again!
We NEED Easter donations:

All we need this year is prizes. Candy prizes, little toys, candy prizes, stuffed animals and candy prizes....

Would also like a few "big prizes" (\$30 range)

See Jason or Cheryl for more info and there will be a blue donation bucket in the foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH-WIDE

March 1–31–Prayer and Fasting

March 6–Celebrate Recovery 8-Year Anniversary

June 22-30 - Mission Trip to Mexico

MEN'S MINISTRY

March 10–7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

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

March 7 – 5:30 p.m. Serve at GPCC

CHILDREN MINISTRY

April 1–Annual Easter Egg Hunt