

THE POINT

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

NEXT LEVEL

I grew up in the Video Game era, so I have played on many different platforms in my many years. First system that I had access to was an Odyssey 2 and the only game we had was Pong. My kids would be bored out of their minds with it today, but I loved it. Well, I loved it until 1982 when we heard about the Atari 2600. Oh ya, info got out a lot slower then without that fancy internet thing. I thought that I was hot stuff with my Asteroids, Space Invaders and Pac Man.

But wait! There's more! Sometime in 1986, while watching Saturday morning cartoons (that's right kids cartoon time was very limited for us) commercials for the most amazing gaming device were showing up with R.O.B. **Insert Heavenly Choir Music Here** The NES - Nintendo Entertainment System- appeared!

It didn't stop there, we got the Gameboy, Super Nintendo, Nintendo 64, GameCube (I was clearly a Nintendo guy). Then I starting getting into Xbox, PlayStation & mobile..... you get the point. But that's not really what I want to say here. Believe it or not I do have a point to share.

See every time we got a new "system" we were excited and happy with it for a season and then it was time to "level up." Our relationship with the Lord can be similar. See if I was still stuck playing Pong, sure I might even enjoy it, but I sure would be missing out on whole lot more that is available to me.

Colossians 1:9-10 says "For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."

We need to be increasing in knowledge. How do we do that? There are several ways- personal scripture reading, prayer, join a Sunday Small Group (Sunday School), Wednesday Night Bible Study and SERVE, just to name a few. I believe one of the greatest ways to serve is with the most precious gift that God has given us CHILDREN!

You want to get to that next level in your relationship with the Lord? Get involve serving somewhere! I invite you to consider the Children's Ministry. Feel free to come see what we do on Sundays or Wednesdays. There's so many different ways to be involved from teaching to just hanging with the kids and showing interest in them.

I do not take it lightly that God has called me to Children's Ministry; I am honored and humbled at His calling. If you ever have questions or concerns about this ministry feel free to contact me - Jason@GracePoint.info

In His Name, Jason LaVigne - Children's 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

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

We are proud to announce Phillip McGuire as our new Director of Student Ministries. Phillip earned a BA from Faulkner University in Mathematics and teaches Mathematics at Southside Middle School in Tallassee.

Phillip currently serves at Church of the Highlands, Montgomery Campus, in their Student Ministries Department and is attending the Highlands college where he has one (1) year remaining before he earns his ministry degree.

Please join us for a 'Meet and Greet Night' for all students and their parents on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS is scheduled Sunday, June 10-Thursday, June 14. Parents, mark your calendars. More information to come.

LADIES CONNECTING

Ladies Exercise Group

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

Bring your yoga mat for yoga/pilates 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. Contact: Nancy House, 201-7214.

Ladies Study Group

We are reading Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs, every other Monday morning in the fellowship hall. Liz 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.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Our New Membership Class will be Sunday, May 6th from 12:00–4:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining and wish to register, simply email info@gracepoint.info. Lunch will be provided!

BAPTISM SERVICE

Our next Baptism Service will be held Sunday, May 13th (yes Mother's Day). If you are interested in being a candidate for baptism or have questions about baptism, please email info@gracepoint.info.

MOTHER'S DAY

GPCC Men (boys & girls invited to help too!) will host and seek every opportunity to be of service to and to serve all GPCC mothers a very special breakfast on Mother's Day, May 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. (during our normal Small Group time). All Mothers, to the maximum extent possible, are to be honored or remembered (perhaps even pampered) from the moment they arrive on the GPCC campus until they depart! Contact Joel Burdette for more information (cell (757) 642-1234).

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men of Grace Point have an opportunity to serve the clients of the Wetumpka Food Pantry on Saturday, May 19th from 9:30 to 1:00.

We will meet at Shoney's at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship and then travel to the Food Pantry. Please clear your calendar and let's plan to serve in Jesus name.

I will need to provide a head count to Shoney's, so please RSVP - jimray@rayconsultingllc.net

CHILD PROTECT CLASS

We are always in need of new volunteers to help with our Nursery Ministry, Children's Ministry and Youth Group. If you are interested in serving, whether on a consistent rotation, or just for special events (like VBS) you are required to go through our Child Protect Class. Please let Jason Lantz (334-415-4456) know you are interested in taking the class or reach out to the ministry leaders. Thank you for your service!

DNOW WEEKEND

DNow is June 1–3 and sign up has begun! Be praying about which friends you can bring. \$25.00/ person. More details coming soon.

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.

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 gpccmeals@gmail.com.

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH-WIDE

- May 6—New Membership Class
- May 13 —Mother’s Day
- May 13—Baptism Service
- June 22-30 - Mission Trip to Mexico

MEN’S MINISTRY

- May 19—8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast (Shoney’s)
- May 19—9:30 a.m. Community Service—Food Pantry

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- May 9—6:30 p.m. Phillip McGuire Meet and Greet
- June 1—DNow Weekend

CHILDREN MINISTRY

- June 10-14—VBS