

THE POINT

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Know, Grow, and Show the Father

I didn't know how I would feel about being a dad. It is a strange feeling to hold a life so small and know that they are completely dependent on you to continue to live. I wonder what she is thinking sometimes as she stares up at me with those beautiful little eyes. How odd it must have been to go from hearing our words in a mumbled echo, to hearing us clearly with nothing blocking our words from reaching her tiny ears. Over time as her eyes developed to be able to see us must have been amazing. John 10:27 says, "my sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." This scripture means more to me as a father because I now know my daughter. I can see her listening to my voice and one day when she is able to crawl, she will follow my voice. But it has taken time for her to learn my voice. She had to be around me constantly to learn it. Many times, I think I can forget that as a Christian I need to spend intentional time with the Father to learn His voice. I can't know who I don't spend my time with.

Pastor Ernie brought up recently that my daughter is currently drinking milk and wearing diapers but will one day advance to eating solid foods and controlling her bowel movements. When we first become a Christian and we are still learning our Father's voice, we sometimes need a little extra help with the things that we can't do by ourselves yet. This is completely normal. It would be strange to see a 15-year-old still need to get his/her diaper changed or crying because they were hungry. Over time, we are supposed to grow up. This is the same with our relationship with Christ. Hebrews 5:13-14 says, "anyone who has to drink milk is still a baby, without experience in applying the Word about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by continuous exercise to distinguish good from evil." Growing is never easy and can honestly sometimes be painful. I remember some growing pains as a child that really hurt as my body was trying to stretch and develop into a full-grown man. I can also remember some growing pains as a believer in Christ. Some of which have happened recently in the past few months. Growth is normal and important as a believer in Christ and we won't be done growing until we are done with our mission on earth.

Legacy is also something I think about when I think of my daughter. Victoria and I will teach her morals as she grows, we hope and pray she shows to those around her. We want to teach her and empower her to be all she can be so she can impact the world in a special way. I believe every parent wants to do this for their children. I believe our Father in heaven has the same desire. Mark 16:15 says, "go out into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." We have been left with a legacy to change the world, to bring heaven to earth, to spread the Good News to all creation. We must know and grow before we can show.

Peace and Blessings, Phillip McGuire

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

6:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Study

6:30 PM | Sanctuary

OUR VALUES: TO BE A CHURCH

DIRECTED
BY
PRAYER

DEVOTED TO
TEACHING
& LIVING
THE
SCRIPTURES

WHERE
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PASTOR APPRECIATION

October is Pastor Appreciation month. GPCC will celebrate Pastor Appreciation on Sunday, **October 20th** during Worship Service. Please let Pastors Ernie, Jason, Mike, Gwin and Phillip know how much you appreciate everything they do. Grace Point is blessed to have these Godly men shepherding us.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Have you been visiting GPCC for a while and you are ready to join? Our next New Members Class will be held **Sunday, October 20th** immediately following service. Please sign up in the foyer and let Pastor Ernie know you will be attending. Lunch will be provided.

LUNCH & MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, **October 27th** is our next Leadership Team luncheon AND our 2nd Ministry Fair. Our Leadership Team will host lunch immediately following the morning service. They will share information on Grace Point, any upcoming events, etc. We will also have our Ministry Fair. Our various ministry leaders will set up tables with general information about their ministry, service opportunities within the ministry as well as any needs they currently have.

If you have been wanting to serve and not sure in what capacity, who to reach out to or just how to get started, this Fair is for you! Please plan to attend the lunch meeting and meet with our ministry leaders to see all the opportunities available to serve your Church, your brothers and sisters in Christ and to be the hands and feet in our Community.

BAPTISM SERVICE

The next Baptism Service will be held Sunday, **October 27th**. We believe Baptism is an outward sign of obedience that shows others one has personally trusted Jesus for his/her salvation. We believe that baptism is an open declaration that you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you are beginning a changed life in Christ, and you are part of a new family. If you want to be a candidate for Baptism or want to know more about Baptism and why one should be Baptized, please email info@gracepoint.info.

EMBRACE GRACE



The Embrace Grace Ministry is underway and we have various opportunities for you to serve the 'blooms.' First, you may remember last year the large frame with chicken wire that was set up in the Foyer. You will be seeing it again soon. Hanging from the wire will be cut-out onesies with the mother's name and gift. Please select the onesie you will provide and return it to the Church wrapped with the onesie taped to it. Second, we need volunteers to help Paige Butler with the shower which will take place on **December 1st** and volunteers to help Stephanie Lantz with Princess Night on **December 14th**. Please see Paige Butler, Johna Massey, Wendy Gardner, Ashley Williams, or Stephanie Lantz for additional details. Finally, please be in prayer for the Elmore County Pregnancy Center, the Embrace Grace leaders, our Blooms and thank God that they have chosen life.



Teams are God’s idea, and He wants us all on His team! Throughout this series kids will see that playing on God’s team makes life better, and they’ll learn several things they can do to be great teammates. "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. Suppose either of them falls down. Then the one can help the other one up.



Memory Verse: “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. Suppose either of them falls down. Then the one can help the other one up.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10a (NirV)

Wk	Need to Know	Bible Lesson	Scripture
1	On God's Team, Life is Better	The Early Church	<i>Acts 2:41-47</i>
2	On God's Team, Players Show Respect	Moses and Jethro	<i>Exodus</i>
3	On God's Team, Players Do Their Part	Moses, Aaron and Hur	<i>Exodus 17:8-13</i>
4	On God's Team, Players Don't Quit	Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall	<i>Nehemiah 6:1-16</i>
5	On God's Team, Players Encourage Others	Barnabas Encourages Paul	<i>Acts 9:26-31</i>
6	On God's Team, Players Stick Together	Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego	<i>Daniel 3</i>
7	On God's Team, Players Can't Win Alone	Aaron and The Golden Calf	<i>Exodus 32</i>
8	On God's Team, Players Change the World	Jesus and His Disciples	<i>Luke 9:1-6</i>



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

October 5th, meet at the GPCC parking lot at **7:00 a.m.** to carpool to the 8th annual River Region Prayer Walk in Montgomery, AL. Register on our FB page or the prayer walk page to ensure they are able

to provide complementary lunches to all participants! Families are welcome and we'd love to see you in your **Ladies of Grace Point T-Shirts!**

If you haven't purchased your Ladies of Grace Point t-shirt, please see Emily Shade. They are \$10 each. Save the date for **December 6th** at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a Ladies Christmas Event...Fuzzy sock exchange, Ugly Sweater contest, and Love Offering for Embrace Grace. Light refreshments will be provided.

Finally, ladies, if you are looking for a ministry to assist with, please consider joining the women's ministry team! Contact Emily Shade at 478-213-3634.



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers! We need additional volunteers on Sundays and Wednesdays in both the nursery and children's ministries as well as on Tuesday nights for Celebrate Recovery. If you are interested in assisting any of these ministries, please email admin@gracepoint.info and the ministry leader will reach out to you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH-WIDE

October 1	90 Day Challenge Begins
October 5	Service Opportunity: Elmore County Food Pantry
October 20	Pastor Appreciation
October 20	New Member's Class
October 27	Baptism Service
October 27	Church-Wide Luncheon & Ministry Fair

MEN'S MINISTRY

October 13	Men's Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.
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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

October 5	8th Annual River Region Prayer Walk
October 11	Service Opportunity: Celebrate Recovery Dinner
December 6	Women's Christmas Event
December 10	Service Opportunity: Celebrate Recovery Dinner

MINISTRY LEADER'S CONTACT

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If you have questions or recommendations for our Leadership Team, please send an email to: askleadership@gracepoint.info