

THE POINT

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Hi GPCC,

As I reflect on the 11 years that I have attended Grace Point Community Church and the almost 9 years that I have been in ministry here, the thing that has always stuck out to me most is how much our church has always embraced and loved on people that come through our doors. I think that is an amazing thing! Sometimes, the hardest thing a person can do is walk into a church when they have not been in one in years...or ever, and for that person to walk in and feel accepted and not judged, I believe, really opens their heart to receive the message that God brought them in our doors to hear.

On that note, we are looking to continue to build up our First Impressions team. This is a team of people that welcome our members and guests as they come in our parking lot and our doors. This team helps parents with children to get them signed in to our GP Kids area as well as in our nursery. This team helps show new guests where to go and helps introduce them to other people to start creating a connection for them.

This is such an important ministry in our church and we are currently searching for someone to help lead this team as well as people to serve on this team. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to begin serving at our church! Please contact Pastor Ernie, myself, or anyone else on our ministry staff or Leadership Team to let us know that you are interested in serving on this team. Help us to continue to build up the community within our walls as we help people to Know, Grow in and Show the love of Christ!

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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
MEMBERS
ARE
ENGAGED &
EMPOWERED

DRIVEN BY
THE GREAT
COMMISSION

DEDICATED
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GIVING &
SERVING

90 DAY CHALLENGE



Are you up for the Challenge? We will be sharing information during the month of September on the **90 Day Challenge** kicking off in October. The Challenge will be a great way to **engage** and **empower** every member to participate in the life of Grace Point.

#Pray #90days #October12019

YOUTH NEWS

The 'See You at the Pole' event is Wednesday, **September 25** at 7:00 a.m.

SYATP is an annual event where students around the world meet at flagpoles to pray for their schools. Students, be in prayer about unchurched friends you can invite to pray with you at your school's flag pole on the 25th and then invite them to join you that night for church.

Visit www.syatp.com for information about this event and ideas on ways to promote events at your school, youth meetings, etc.

Youth small groups will launch in September. Be plugged in via our various social media platforms to find out times/locations of the groups.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Please plan to join us to support Larry Vargas from Journey CR as he shares his testimony on Tuesday, **September 10**. Also, join us as Dodd Granger from Shoal Creek CR shares his testimony on Tuesday, **September 24**.

Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. CR begins at 6:30 p.m.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please plan to join us at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, **September 22** for a **Night of Prayer and Praise**. This is be a time that we will come together as a church for fellowship that will be solely comprised of music and corporate prayer.

NEW MEMBER'S

Grace Point, please welcome our newest members who joined GPCC in August.

Sue Beasley

Annette Gurley

Mary McLean

Kim and Makenzie Stephens

Noel and Stacey Wood

EMBRACE GRACE



The Embrace Grace ministry returns to GPCC on Wednesday, **September 18**. Embrace Grace empowers the church to be a safe and non-judging place for ladies to run to when they find out they are pregnant, instead of the last place they are welcomed because of shame and guilt. It is a 12-week program that teaches them about God's love and grace. At the end we will give them a baby shower to honor them for choosing life and to help provide for their baby's needs. Embrace Grace will meet on Wednesday nights. If you would like to serve in this awesome ministry, please contact Ashley Williams at 334-301-9987.



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>

Our next small group semester begins Sunday, **September 15**. If you are a SG leader and have not gone through our training, we will meet on Sunday, **September 8** immediately following service. Please contact David and Ashley Williams for more information (334-301-9987).



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.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Save the Date: **Saturday, October 5th** at 8:00 a.m., "8th Annual River Region Prayer Walk" in Montgomery, AL. The women of GPCC will be forming a group to prayerfully walk together at this event. We will meet at GPCC and car pool to downtown Montgomery.

Contact Emily Shade at 478-213-3634 with any questions about the Women's Ministry or if you would like to serve in any capacity.

Ladies of Grace Point t-shirts are available—\$10/each.

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

- September 8 Small Group Leaders Training
- September 15 Small Groups Semester Begins
- September 18 Embrace Grace Ministry Begins
- September 22 Evening of Prayer and Praise
- October 1 90 Day Challenge
- October 27 Church-Wide Luncheon

YOUTH

- September 25 See You at the Pole

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

- September 10 Testimony Tuesday: Larry Vargas
- September 24 Testimony Tuesday: Dodd Granger

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- October 5 8th Annual River Region Prayer Walk

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