

THE POINT

JANUARY 2020



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Can you believe it? **IT'S THE YEAR 2020!**

If you reviewed your life for 2019, what stands out to you? The people you loved? The places you visited? All of us, if we took an inventory of our lives from the previous year, it would be filled with triumphs, troubles, and transitions. As a new year unfolds, permit me to encourage us to do a few things:

For the year ahead:

Let us practice Grace. Let's not be stingy with God's grace that He has lavished on us. Let us be willing to give, in turn, extravagant grace to those around us.

Let us practice the Gospel. Let our lives be defined by the overwhelming power of Jesus. At the end of the day, it's that power that changes the human heart. It's that power that motivates us to Grow in Christ and Show the love of Christ.

Take a moment and look at Romans 1:16 and II Corinthians 5:11-17

Let the passion of our life and the life of our church be for people to embrace Jesus in a personal relationship, grow in that relationship, and ultimately show the love of Christ to our world.

We will either be CONSUMERS or CONTRIBUTORS in 2020. Let's commit to being fully devoted to Jesus and His church for 2020.

Never forget, you are loved!

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

6:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Study

6:30 PM | Sanctuary

The Grace Point family was busy being the hands and feet in 2019 as well as just having some good old fashion fun. A few highlights include:

- January: Evening of Prayer and Praise
- February: Life South Blood Drive
- April: Good Friday Service
Project Go Day
- May: Recognized our High School Senior class
Children's Ministry hosted Family Fun Night
Kylie Cox, Grace Point Missionary went to Haiti
- June: Our first summer Camp Grace Point
Life South Blood Drive
Laura Maddox, Grace Point Missionary went to India to serve along-side Crisis Rescue International
- July: Our Mission team went to Matamoros, Mexico
- August: Our youth attended En Fuego in Verbena
Our women's ministry had a Crazy Dinner
We hosted a Back to School Drive In Movie
- September: Evening of Prayer and Praise
Embrace Grace Ministry returned to Grace Point
- November: Church-wide picnic in Marbury
Provided Thanksgiving dinner for several church members and members in the Community
- December: Women's ministry Christmas Event
GPCC supported the Eclectic Family Christmas
Had a great time at our church wide Jingle and Mingle Christmas event
Celebrated our Lord's birth at our annual Christmas Eve Service
Our Matamoros missionaries headed back to Mexico

Most importantly we celebrate we held three (3) Baptisms Services in 2019; baptizing many new believers into the Body of Christ as well as added over 30 new members to the GP family.

In 2020, please continue to pray for Grace Point and how God will use our church to further His kingdom. Happy New Year!

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

GPCC returned to Matamoros, Mexico again to assist with a medical mission as the number of migrants has quadrupled at the border and their wait time has doubled since we were last there in June. Our missionaries left **December 27** and return on **January 2**. Please continue to lift our team in prayer as they represent the hands and feet of Jesus.

SMALL GROUPS

The new semester of Small Groups begins **January 12**. We will have a new leaders training class on Sunday, **January 5** immediately after service.

Please go to www.gracepoint.info/smallgroups to sign up for a Small Group. We have small groups on campus Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. as well as off campus through out the week.

If you are interested in leading a small group, or would like more information on our Small Groups, please contact Ashley Williams at amhwilliams516@yahoo.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



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Save the Date: Connecting Women's Conference **February 21-22, 2020** in Birmingham...group rates are available! See Emily if interested.

If you are interested in serving on the Women's Ministry Team, please contact Emily Shade at 478-213-3634.



GPCC KID'S CHURCH NEXT SERIES: "SNOWED INN"

During this wintry series, kids will learn about the promises God made through stories in the Bible. They will see that God is not just a promise maker, but a promise keeper!



Memory Verse: "God isn't a mere human. He can't lie. He isn't a human being. He doesn't change his mind. He speaks, and then he acts. He makes a promise, and then he keeps it." Numbers 23:19 (NIRV)

WK - Need to Know	Bible Lesson	Scripture
1 - God Always Keeps His Promises	Abraham	Genesis 17:1-22, 18:10-15, 21:1-7
2 - God Promises to Be With Me	Ruth	Ruth 1-4
3 - God Promises Are Good	Mary	Luke 1:26-38
4 - God Promises to Work in My Life	Naaman's Servant Girl	2 Kings 5:1-15
5 - God Promises to Give Me Strength	Elisha Refuses Payment	2 Kings 5
6 - God Promises to Fight for Me	Moses and the Red Sea	Exodus 13:17-22, 14
7 - God Promises to Love Me	God Loves the Israelites	Exodus 32:1-19, 34:1-11
8 - God Promises Heaven	Faith in God's Promises	Hebrews 11

SERVING YOUR CHURCH

We have many ministries inside our walls that needs your help. Please consider volunteering for the following areas of service:

Nursery: We need volunteers for bed babies and toddlers. Service opportunities are Sunday mornings during the Small Group and Worship Hours; Tuesdays for Celebrate Recovery and Wednesday night service. If you are interested please contact Melissa Greathouse at melgreathouse@gmail.com.

Children's Ministry: We also need volunteers to assist our teachers, as well as additional teachers. If you are interested in serving our children, please contact Pastor Jason LaVigne at jason@gracepoint.info

Video Ministry: This ministry involves running the cameras (filming) the service on Sunday mornings or helping in the Sound Booth during Sunday morning service, Tuesday evening during Celebrate Recovery and Wednesday night service. If you are interested in working in this ministry, please contact Pastor Mike Ray at mike@gracepoint.info

First Impressions Ministry: Our purpose is to give new and returning visitors a great first impression of Grace Point, insuring they feel loved and welcomed. Service areas involves greeting at the Front and Side doors; greeting at the Guest Services Kiosk; checking in babies/toddlers at the Nursery Greeting Station as well as Children's Ministry Greeting Station; handing out Worship Guides. If you are interested in serving on the First Impressions team, please email Andrea Hodges at aphodges@elmore.rr.com