

THE POINT

MARCH 2020



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Life, like nature, has seasons. As believers we go from grace to grace, glory to glory, and season to season. These seasons can be short lived or they may seem to last longer than they should. But inevitably we will transition into a new season of life. An important question to consider then is how do I prepare for that upcoming season? Looking at Isaiah 43:18-19, I believe there are a few tangible things we can do to help us get ready for that next season.

COMMITT to Forget. Isaiah said, “forget the former things.” This is an intentional, line in the sand moment, where you let the past be the past. This is hard because we too often desire to cling to the past and fail to recognize the importance of making the tough decision of letting go. We have to be intentional in this step.

Stop **CONSTANTLY** visiting “that place”. Isaiah says “do not dwell” or stop revisiting at length the places in the past that prohibit you from moving forward. Where committing to forget is a “one time decision”, “do not dwell” is the active, constant choice NOT to go back. It carries the same idea of what the Apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:12-14 of “forgetting what’s behind and straining toward what’s ahead.” You Cannot Depend Upon Past VICTORIES to SUSTAIN You. Nor can you allow Past DEFATS to DEFINE you. You can’t forge ahead when you won’t forget what’s behind.

Know **CLARITY** is key. How you and I perceive life, especially when transitioning from season to season, it vital. Isaiah states, “see, I’m doing a new thing.” Paul expresses similar thoughts in II Corinthians 4:7-10. Too often we filter our God through our circumstances when we really need to filter our circumstances through our God. Have the proper perspective of who God is and what He is doing!

Baseball pitcher Tug McGraw had a wonderful philosophy of pitching. He called it his “frozen snowball” theory. “If I come in to pitch with the bases loaded,” Tug explained, “and heavy hitter Willie Stargell is at bat, there’s no reason I want to throw the ball. But eventually I have to pitch. So I remind myself that in a few billion years the earth will become a frozen snowball hurtling through space, and nobody’s going to care what Willie Stargell did with the based loaded!”

Have **CONFIDENCE** that God will make a way. Simply put, God will make a way for your new season. Life will come again. Hope will be experienced. You may have to wait, but His promises are true. Consider Psalm 126.

He is a way maker. Get ready, your next season is ahead!

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

We are celebrating Celebrate Recovery this month. This amazing ministry has helped bring healing to so many who have walked through the doors of Grace Point. **Sunday, March 8th**, join us as CR will be leading our Sunday morning service.

Tuesday, March 10th, GPCC CR will celebrate its 10-year anniversary! We have special guest speakers Donna and Jim Yearsin from Michigan who will be sharing their testimonies. Donna is the National Director for Celebration Place and her husband Jim is a Regional Director for Broken Chains (CR motorcycle ministry). We will have dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. and our celebration afterwards.

If this ministry has touched you in anyway, or if you have never attended, please come Tuesday night for the celebration.

CR is for EVERYONE with a hurt, habit or hang-up desiring healing from their past through a relationship with Jesus. You will find CR to be your forever family who will stand with you in the fire and celebrate with you on the other side.

Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other one can help him up. But if someone is alone, there is no one to help him... Two men can resist an attack that would defeat one man alone.' Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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A CHRIST-CENTERED 12 Step program

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Have you noticed when you walk in to GPCC on Sunday mornings, someone is there to open the door for you? Have you had a question about which class your four year old needs to attend, and a friendly face at Guest Services was there to inform you? Did you want into the Sanctuary and have someone hand you a Worship Guide? Did you take your newborn to the nursery and have someone check your little bundle of joy in to the system? If so, you have been served by a member of the First Impressions Ministry team.

If you would like to be a team member and serve in one of the many areas available, please send an email to Andrea Hodges aphodges@elmoresr.com to get plugged in!

Our Purpose: Connecting People to the Body of Christ.

FATHER & SONS OUTING

DADS AND SONS - GUNS AND BUNS

Fathers and Sons (of any age), join us at 10:00 a.m. **Saturday, March 21**, at the home of Jeffery and Kimberly Blankenship in Marbury, AL.

Please text or call our Men's Ministry leader, Jim Ray, at 256-749-0069 for more information and to let him know you are coming. This is will be a day of fun and fellowship!

GPCC KID'S CHURCH 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	<i>Genesis 17:1-22, 18:10-15, 21:1-7</i>
2 - God Promises to Be With Me	Ruth	<i>Ruth 1-4</i>
3 - God Promises Are Good	Mary	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>
4 - God Promises to Work in My Life	Naaman's Servant Girl	<i>2 Kings 5:1-15</i>
5 - God Promises to Give Me Strength	Elisha Refuses Payment	<i>2 Kings 5</i>
6 - God Promises to Fight for Me	Moses and the Red Sea	<i>Exodus 13:17-22, 14</i>
7 - God Promises to Love Me	God Loves the Israelites	<i>Exodus 32:1-19, 34:1-11</i>
8 - God Promises Heaven	Faith in God's Promises	<i>Hebrews 11</i>

SERVING YOUR CHURCH

We have many ministries inside our walls that needs your help. Please consider volunteering in 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 in serving please contact Johna Massey at johnalandrum@gmail.com or Melissa Greathouse at melgreathouse@gmail.com.

Children's Ministry: We need someone to sign in our students on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. 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/Sound 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

The Child Protect class is held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. This class is required for anyone serving in our Nursery, Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry. We are in desperate need of additional volunteers. If you have not taken the class and would like to serve, please contact Jason Lantz at rednecktex74@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH-WIDE

March 4	Child Protect Class
March 7	Community Service: Elmore County Food Pantry
April 1	Child Protect Class
April 4	Community Service: Elmore County Food Pantry
April 12	Easter Sunday
April 26	Leadership Team Quarterly Luncheon

CELEBRATE RECOVERY MINISTRY

March 8	CR Sunday—Card Board Testimonies
March 10	10 Year Anniversary Celebration

MEN'S MINISTRY

March 21	Dads and Sons—Guns and Buns
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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