



The Pastor's Corner

ARE YOU BEING USED BY GOD???

You may have read that and thought I don't teach, I don't sing and you mistakenly come to the conclusion that God can't use you like the teacher or the singer. I have noticed over the years of ministry what reaches most people is when people will really get involved in other people's lives and befriend them. That is what really matters to people.

Many times we are so busy – **We want people to see Jesus in us from a distance.**

The truth however, people can only see Jesus in us when they see him in our actions and hear about him from our lips as we take time out of our lives as we get to know others.

If you can genuinely care about someone and listen to them, you can be used by God. Take it from me, I feel used by God just as much when I sit down with one family or one person as I do speaking to a church full of people. I know it means more to people when I personally sit down and listen to them and can genuinely know I care about them.

Let me give you an example: I sat down this week and talked to a man that has been coming to our church for about 6 years. I have been to his house before – I have shared the gospel with him. I have had cordial/surface correspondence over the years. I have done funerals for distant family members and I have been there for him and his family over the years. However, we sat down together the other day and he shared some very personal things about his childhood and his relationship with his dad. It was obvious he was talking about issues that were troubling him greatly. I just listened – Not once did I say, Well you know the Bible says, such and such – God had made it clear to me I was just suppose to listen. There are times (and many of them) that we must remind one another what God's word says. This wasn't one of those times. When he was done I saw him in a totally different light. I felt like I knew him more. We prayed together and I felt the

Holy Spirit's anointing was dripping all over us. You know, he has heard me preach a few hundred sermons, e-mailed me at least 20 times over the years, talked to me on the phone a few times but never once did he tell me he loved me. I got home later that night and he wrote me an e-mail that basically said, Thanks for listening – I love you!!!

I think many people are just looking for someone to care and listen. Can you do that? If you can genuinely care about someone else and pray for them – God can use you!!! There is nothing like being used by God! Can you set some time aside and get involved in someone's life long enough to listen to what is really going on inside of them? Be intentional about it today!!!



SOUL FIRE STUDENT MINISTRY MISSION: *To know Christ and to make Christ known (Jer. 20:9). We do this by making a great commitment to the Great Commandment (Deut 6) and the Great.*

SOULFIRE STUDENT MINISTRY VISION FOR 2011

Psalms 119:165 - "Great peace have they who love your law and nothing can make them stumble."

Our ministry theme verse is Jeremiah 20:7 which states, "...his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot." Our youth leaders are personally challenging every TEEN and PARENT to join with us as we read through the Bible in 2011 as a student.

IGNITE YOUTH WORSHIP—THURSDAY NIGHTS

Looking for a place to belong with genuine relationships, passionate worship, and in depth study of God's word... we have a seat for you this Thursday night! Here's a look at our March study called, "BLUSH." The hearts of God's people had become so calloused that they no longer

blushed over their sin. When God would speak, they were no longer convicted, embarrassed or remorseful. They were cold and indifferent. In this Bible study, we'll look at four young men in the Old Testament. Two of them experienced and modeled true repentance. One was a fake, and the other made the common mistake of letting pride take over when God really began to use him. Let's learn how to be real...how to obey...how to blush!



SNOW BIRD MISSION CAMP

Begin saving money and working now in order to pay for your summer missions' camp! Mission camp will be Mon, May 30 through Sat, June 4. Final payment is due no later than **Sunday, April 17th**. Please turn it in to Mrs. Kristy.

A car wash has been scheduled to raise money to cover the cost to rent a van to drive to Snow Bird. The car wash will be Saturday, May 7th at Wal Greens.

STADIUM FEST

This is a FREE (just bring dinner money) FAMILY event at



Spain Park High School on Saturday, April 2nd. We will worship with bands including **Toby Mac** and **Casting Crowns** and hear speakers such as **Scott Dawson** and **Rick Burgess** (from the Rick/Bubba Show). We'll leave the church building at 12:45pm (eat lunch before you come)

and will not return until around 11pm. Parents encouraged to come.

FAMILY FUN MOVIE NIGHT

Take a night to slow down for some fellowship...On **April 16th** bring your lawn chairs and join us outside beside the church building at 6pm for dinner concessions and a family movie to begin at dark.

All profit goes to the youth summer mission camp in Andrews, NC. Please see Jessica Sanford (657-4583) to get

your tickets: \$10 for your immediate family in advance or \$12 the day of. Thank you for your support!

FIRST PRIORITY PRAISE

First Priority Praise is a county-wide youth worship event on the 3rd Sunday night of the month. It is hosted by a different area church each month from 8-9pm. We'll meet at GPCC at 6pm for games and leave at 7:15pm (eat before coming, bring a game!). Return time is around 9:15pm at the church building. The host for this month is Thelma Baptist Church.

YOUTH EVENTS

- April 2—Stadium Fest (Spain Park High School)
- April 16—Family Movie Night (GPCC)
- April 17—Final Payment due for Snow Bird
- April 17—FPP at Thelma Baptist Church
- May 7—Car Wash at Wal Greens
- May 30-June 4—Snow Bird Missions Camp

CHURCH CALENDAR and USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES

The Church Calendar may now be found on our website, gracepoint.info, on the home page click on Resources, in the pull down menu click on Calendar. Events for church wide activities, Children activities, Youth events, CR meetings, as well as fellowship groups are listed. Check out the calendar and see what is coming up. Additional contact information may be obtained by clicking on an event.

As our Church grows and more activities are available and scheduled we have instituted a way to schedule an event or fellowship so there will not be an overlap of events.

Request forms are available for individuals to complete and present to Adam for approval. Once Adam has approved use of the Church Facilities or for a Church related event and signed off on the request form, the request may be submitted to Nancy House for entry on the Church Calendar. To receive a request form contact Nancy at 201-7214 or nchouse61@gmail.com.

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS

PASSOVER DINNER

Dr. Ben Alpert of Chosen People Ministries will be with us on **Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.** to conduct a Passover Seder Dinner. Dr. Alpert was with us a few months ago and spoke to the Men's Breakfast, Adult Sunday School Classes and during Morning Worship Service. He is a wonderful speaker and great teacher. As you may recall Dr. Alpert is a Messianic Jew and studied the Old Testament of the Bible extensively while he was of the Jewish faith and upon studying the New Testament of the Bible he became a Messianic Jew. Messianic Judaism states that Jesus is not merely a man, but also the Jewish Messiah and "God the Son" (one person of the Trinity), and that salvation is only achieved through acceptance of Jesus as one's savior.

There will be a free-will offering received for Chosen People Ministries. Books distributed by Chosen People Ministries will be available for purchase the night of the Passover Dinner.

Passover for the Jewish people is the annual celebration of God delivering Israel out of Egypt. The entire Passover service is designed to help the Jewish people remember the great workings of God when He freed the Jewish people from the bondage of the Egyptians and delivered them to the promised land of Israel. Passover is a holiday of redemption picturing how God used the death of an innocent lamb to redeem the firstborn sons of Israel from death and free the nation of Israel from slavery.

Passover is also an important Biblical holiday for Christians. It clearly pictures the redemption Jesus provided for our sin. The last meal Jesus ate with His disciples in the Upper Room was a Passover meal. It was during this Passover meal that Jesus took a piece of unleavened bread and a cup of the fruit of the vine and said to His disciples that these represented His body given in death and His blood shed for the remission of sins.

Having a Passover dinner is a beautiful opportunity to celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus in its historical, New Testament setting as it was celebrated by the disciples with the Messiah. Once having celebrated a Passover dinner; communion will take on a new meaning to each participant.

Tickets for the Passover Seder Dinner will be \$5.00 or \$20.00 for a family (immediate family members please). Seating will be limited to 200. Tickets will be on sale April 10th through April 24th. The Passover meal, including both the ceremonial part and the meal itself, will take approximately 2 ½ hours. No nursery will be provided for this event.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will have a time of communion Sunday, April 3rd. Communion is such a significant picture from the Old Testament Passover meal which prophesied the future and final Lamb of God who would take the sin of the world upon Himself. There is no forgiveness without the shedding of blood, but the blood of animals could not appease God's wrath and make us right with God...only Christ can, and that He did! Communion is central to the Gospel. For all who repent and believe and surrender to Christ...He takes our sin, and we get His righteousness...now, that's awesome! I encourage you to read through the Gospel accounts and 1 Corinthians 11, and even John 6 prior to Communion Sunday. *Let's come with examined hearts before God, but also hearts full of FIRE and excitement over what Jesus has done and does on our behalf!!!!*



CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS (cont)

GOT GOLF ??????

The GPCC Annual Golf Tournament is Saturday, May 14th at Quail Walk Country Club. Please get a team together, ask your company to sponsor, etc. We need golfers and helpers to make this event successful. Please advertise, advertise, advertise and sign up as many players/teams/sponsors as you can!



DETAILS FOR THE TOURNAMENT ARE:

Quail Walk Country Club

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.

Come join the fun!!!

Prizes will be given away

4 Person Scramble

Skills contests for prizes

Drawing for prizes if rained out

REGISTRATION FEE:

Single Player \$ 75 Team \$280

Entry fee includes golf cart, greens fee, 18 holes of golf and lunch.

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m., tee off at 1:00 p.m.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Silver \$100 Sign will be displayed on one of 18 holes

Gold \$200 Sign displayed on one of 18 holes and sponsorship will be advertised on church website

Platinum \$400 Sign displayed, advertised on church website, and allows a team to play in tournament

Door Prizes: We need door prizes and donations such as bag of tees, small box of balls, umbrella, caps, lunch or dinner gift certificates, carwash, basically anything we can use for our after-tourney drawing. We would like each golfer to take something home. If you can donate any item, please see Jerry McRay.

For questions or additional information, call Jerry McRay (334) 567-0672

IT'S MOVIE NIGHT!!!!



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GPCC MISSION TRIP

CASA ON THE ROCK—GUATEMALA

GPCC is planning a missions trip to Guatemala to work at Casa on the Rock; a ministry we support with our tithes. While the details of the trip have not yet been finalized, we felt we needed to get the information out to our members so we can begin praying about our mission.

A little about Casa on the Rock. Mike and Dottie Clark (who have spoken at GPCC) started Casa on the Rock in 1989 *'...with the sole purpose of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to the suffering children of Guatemala. Through the housing, feeding, and education of the children, we are able teach them about the unconditional love that many of them did not receive from their home.*

It is our belief that these children will become the future leaders of Guatemala and will make significant improvements to the country by applying the Christian principles they are learning at our home.'

We anticipate departing on October 9th and returning either the 15th or 16th. We will need to know by Sunday, June 19th if you plan to attend and will need your payment for the trip by Sunday, July 17th. At this time, we anticipate this mission trip to cost approximately \$1,100. If you do not have a passport we suggest you go ahead and apply for one.

We will be providing more information about this Missions Trip in the coming months.

Jon Henry's Story (from COTR's website)

"From a single parent household, his mother beat him terribly. The police took him away to another home from which he escaped. He was eventually brought here. His mother is forbidden from seeing him. His only other relative is an aunt who does not visit."

While it may be brief in length and without many details, one can readily see that his circumstances do not indicate much happiness in his life. Jon Henry was 10 years old when he arrived at Casa Aleluya, already having experienced much more than a child his age should.



Five Years Later

Jon Henry has truly persevered. His desire is to one day become a pastor, and yet at the age of 14, he is already ministering to the children here at Casa and to the people of the area. One night last September, while Mike was traveling in the States, Jon Henry filled in to preach to the older children.

At the end of his anointed teaching, more than a dozen kids asked him to pray for their salvation and received Jesus Christ into their hearts. Jon Henry spearheaded the revival of morning prayer among the boys in his dorm, which quickly spread throughout the campus; he was instrumental in forming a group of boys that lead regular devotions for younger children. Jon Henry frequently accompanies Pastor Dave when he goes out among the people of Guatemala, witnessing to them and truly walking the path of Christ. His countenance alone testifies to the joy and pure love in his heart.

Living Proof

Jon Henry has a level of spiritual maturity that is at once uplifting and convicting. His understanding of the love of our Father, his commitment to living as Christ and the exuberance with which he shares the Gospel testifies to the spiritual education that is provided the children, and also illustrates that the presence of the Spirit is truly upon our home. Jon Henry is living proof that joy is not based on circumstance, but is rather a fruit of the Spirit – readily available to us all if only we will choose it.



LOOKING TO GET PLUGGED IN?????

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!!!!

The GAP Class will begin next Sunday, **April 3rd** in the Kitchen (love it) at 9:00 AM sharp! Terry Adams and I will be co-facilitating the class. We will begin with a study of the Gospel of John! This will be a life-changing encounter in which we will enjoy personal discovery of God's Word, learn how to apply scripture to our daily lives. We'll discuss scene-setting historical insights and there will be stimulating discussion questions where class participation is encouraged. There will be a study guide available at the first class.

Two major reasons for studying in a group are accountability and support. Another great reason is that we grow friendships that last. We already have our first fellowship scheduled. We will be enjoying the movie, The Gospel of John - at Grace Point on Friday, May 6th. Pot luck supper at 6:00 PM with the movie following at 7:00. I encourage you, if you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, or you are looking for a smaller group - come join us in the kitchen at 9:00 AM next Sunday.

HAPPY HEARTS MINISTRY

On Saturday, **April 9th** Happy Hearts will be meeting at Jasmine Hill Gardens at 10:00 am for a tour of the gardens. We will also be having a picnic following the tour. After bowling in March this should be a nice change of pace!

I would like to encourage anyone over the age of 50 to join us and enjoy the great times we have. You can email me at ladihow@aol.com or call me at 567-8033. Larry Howard

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The GracePoint Men meet at 7:30 a.m. the last Sunday of each month for breakfast and fellowship. If you have not attended, and you are a man, please plan to join them Sunday, **April 24th**.

SASSY SINGLES

The Sassy Singles (all single women, no age limit from age 21 up) will be getting together together at Debbie Woodard's House on Saturday, **April 16th** at 6:00 for food, fun, and fellowship. There is always a devotional time or a special speaker, and a time for discussion after the food - and always something fun planned! We encourage all single women to "check it out" this month. We'll be celebrating "April Showers"! Contact Debbie Woodard for more information. 334-639-0018 home 334-233-3553 cell or email deborahswoodard@gmail.com

ONE DAY LADIES MINISTRY CLASS

Learn the Inductive Bible Study Method! This is the method taught by Kay Arthur. This one-day class that will be held **May 28th** at GracePoint from 9am-3pm. Space is limited, but 25 slots are available!

The Inductive Bible study is discovering God's truths for yourself and is a life-changing experience. If you long to know God and yearn for a deep and abiding relationship with Him, this one-day class will help you learn how to interact with God's Word personally. Learn to see truth for yourself, discern what it means, and apply that truth to your life.

Charleen Gore, from Santuck Baptist Church, has been using this method for over 35 years and has offered to come and teach this method to the ladies at Grace Point free of charge! The only thing required are the following supplies:

1. Bible;
2. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance (\$12.99 on CBD on the internet);
3. Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary (\$12.99 on CBD on the internet);
4. Colored pencils;
5. One Bic 4-color pen.

You have a couple of months to purchase any of the supplies you don't already have and these are tools you will use from now on! Please e-mail Terri Farley, at terri.farley@yahoo.com or cell 322-4406 to reserve your space today!!



GRACEPOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

The Journey Sunday School Class is led by Don Collier and Mick Williams and meets in the third class room on the right. We are starting a 6-week series by Kay Arthur called Forgiveness; Breaking the Power of the Past.

The Vine Sunday School Class is led by Paul Thornton and Cuyler Murphy. We meet upstairs behind the sound booth. We are currently reading through and discussing C.S. Lewis' Screwtape Letters. This book is a series of letters written by a senior demon to his rookie nephew in training. The book offers insight into how the enemy works, how our minds work and it helps us realize God's desire for how we handle many of life's challenges. This book helps us understand how to relate to others, how we should consider time, charity, materialism, lust, gluttony and a host of other topics.

Cross Roads/ Living Waters - Our college-age Cross Roads class and our Living Waters adult class have joined together and meet in the Children's Church classroom. Brandon Scroggins and Terry White lead this class. We cover a wide-variety of topics including the Pastor's sermon from the previous week, class member testimonies and specific studies in Scripture.

God's Appointed Time—God's Appointed Times are kind of like a doctor's appointment - God has made an appointment to meet with you at a specific date, time, and place. These appointments are found in Leviticus Chapter 23 and are referred to as The Feasts of the Lord or God's Appointed Times. There are seven feasts: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, The Feast of Trumpets (Rosh HaShanah), The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), and The Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot).

The purpose of this study is to increase your faith and knowledge of the scriptures. We'll study the historical, messianic, and spiritual aspects of each feast, and we'll see how God is always on time for His appointments. In Luke 24: 44-45 Jesus says, *"This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."* This study shows you how Jesus does this - in the past and in the future.

Koinonia - A place where you can get to know other believers, who you will build quality relationships with so that we can spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Every week we take a new passage of scripture discuss it and encourage one another to be more like our savior - Jesus Christ.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR SYMPATHIES

Don Collier on the death of his mother, Joyce Armstrong

Angie Taylor on the death of her cousin, Wayne Jones

NEW MEMBERS

Steve and Amber Hudson

CONGRATULATIONS

Brannon and Shea Callins on the birth of their daughter, Natalie

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3—Communion Sunday

April 3—The Gap Sunday School begins

April 9—Happy Hearts goes to Jasmine Hill Gardens

April 10—Passover Dinner tickets go on sale

April 16—Family Fun Movie at 6:00 p.m.

April 16—Sassy Singles (ladies only) at 6:00 p.m. at Debbie Woodard's Home

April 24—Men's Breakfast

April 24—Last day to purchase tickets for the Passover Dinner

May 1—Passover Dinner at 5:00 p.m. with Rabbi Ben Alpert



GRACE POINTS THE WAY

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LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

GPCC has several ministries which are in need of assistance.

Church With No Walls—This ministry feeds approximately 100 homeless people every Sunday after service. Needs: Prayer, people to offer to prepare food, people to help serve. See Tim and Lisa Robinson for more information.

Celebrate Recovery—Needs people to prepare food for the 'Serving Grace' fellowship portion of their meetings. See Cathie Callins if you want to help in this area. CR also needs Accountability Partners. If you would like to help in this area or would like more information, please see Gwin Greathouse or Terri Farley.

GPCC Food Pantry—Cinda and Bill Walton manage the GPCC food pantry which serves our members. A bin for donations is located in the back of the sanctuary.

GET ON THE CHURCH EMAIL

Prayer requests and ministry announcements are posted through our Church's email. If you are not yet receiving these emails, email Sherry Galbreath at gpcinfo@gmail.com to be added to the list.

HAVE AN IDEA FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

Remember the Grace Points The Way newsletter is **YOUR** newsletter. If you have an idea for an article, would like to submit a special thank you, etc., please email it to Andrea Hodges (aphodges@elmore.rr.com) by the 25th of the month.

CHURCH DVD DIRECTORY

The dvds are available at the sermon cd station by the coffee area. We ask you to only take 1 copy per family.

MEMBER OWNED BUSINESSES

Jennifer Boyd owns and operates Wee One's Day Care. Wee One's accepts children from 6-weeks up to school age. Hours of operation are from 7am - 6pm and is located at 80 Red Eagle Drive in Wetumpka. For more information, please contact Jennifer Boyd, 478-3838 or weeones@elmore.rr.com

Need to get in shape before summer?? Check out **Rumbling Water Fitness Center** located in downtown Wetumpka. Rumbling Water is owned and operated by GPCC members **Jamie** and **Jenni Cole**. See Jamie or Jenni for more information or visit the gym at 223 Hill Street.

In The Potter's Hands Ceramics

We offer classes and parties for children. We also have great ideas for Easter gifts, Mother's Day gifts, etc. If you are interested, please see **Cinda Walton** or contact her at 514-0294.

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