



The Pastor's Corner

WE NEED TO ASK QUESTIONS

The teacher will be teaching something in class but no one in the class has any idea what they are talking about. Most everyone has blank looks on their face and some even smile and nod even though they are just as much in the dark as everyone else. Why doesn't anyone ever speak up in the class and just say, "I have no idea what you are talking about, would you please explain it?" In life we need to ask ourselves some tough questions to see if we really fulfill the purpose we are called to. Many don't like to ask questions that will dig up the stuff from the past. Others don't like to ask questions about their life because the reality will require that change has got to take place. I pray you will ask yourself the following questions.

Why are we here? What is my purpose? Many are like Solomon, evaluating their lives and coming to the conclusion that it is all just an endless cycle of chasing the wind. Things that are here today are gone tomorrow; things that excite us today become mundane tomorrow. We work hard for that new car but that new car becomes an old rusted car and loses its value. Some people love us today who won't even talk to us years from now. Is there anything dependable? Is there a relationship that will last? Is there something worth working for that will never lose its value? In what can I invest all my energies that won't disappoint? The Westminster shorter Catechism tells us the chief end (purpose) of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. People who discover this through a genuine relationship with Christ are satisfied and fulfilled.

Are we sold out to our purpose? Jeremiah tells us the heart is so deceitful. Our heart will lie to us telling us we are a lot better than we really are. Many times we analyze our productivity based on feelings or memories rather than what we are actually doing. Take a moment to look at the last couple of days of your life and break it down hour-by-hour; by each hour write down what you were doing. How much of your day is spent working out your purpose? Are you setting time aside for God to really pray and get in His Word? Do you find yourself carrying out a dialogue with God throughout your whole day? Are you gaining victory over habits and personality traits that don't honor our Lord? Are you reaching out to the needy? Are you a friend of the orphans and widows? Are you praying for God to make you a faithful witness as he brings divine appointment into your life? Are you being faithful and sharing Christ with them. Are these the things listed on your list? Is it possible that even though you know your purpose you have gotten distracted?

What would happen if you were sold out to God's purpose? You would see your marriage flourish. You would see your dysfunctional family functioning as God intended. You would see the word of God changing your life, workplace and community. You would experience revival in your heart that would awaken a new thirst, hunger and burden to see people know Christ.

Our conference on February 24th is geared to getting everyone on the same page and calling our people to fulfill our purpose. I'm believing God to speak to each one of us in a life changing way. I pray you will make plans to attend February 24th at 6:30pm.

One more question: Will you bring your entire family to the GracePoint conference on February 24th at 6:30pm?

Weekly Worship Services

Sunday

Sunday School
9:00 AM | Various

Worship Service
10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Tuesday

Celebrate Recovery
6:15 PM | Various

Wednesday

AWANA
6:15 PM | Children's Church

Bible Study
6:30 PM | Sanctuary

Thursday

Ignite Youth
6:30 PM | Sanctuary



START THE NEW YEAR OUT RIGHT BY ATTENDING CELEBRATE RECOVERY AT GRACEPOINT

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is based on God's word. The 8 Principles (based on the Beatitudes) and the 12 Steps help lead to recovery. God offers recovery, healing, growth, and spiritual maturity. CR is not just for alcoholics and people with Chemical Dependency. CR helps you with the hurts, habits and hang-ups that cripple your life. Some of the issues that are helped by CR are:

Forgiveness of Ourselves and Others
Depression
Grief Recovery
Nicotine Addiction
Financial Recovery
Gambling Addiction
Eating Disorders
Self-Image
Divorce Recovery
Sexual Impurity
Co-Dependency

Love and Relationship Addiction
Sexual Addiction for Men and Women
Alcohol Addiction
Chemical Dependency, both prescription and non-prescription drugs
Enabling - Co-addiction of the Family and Friends of Addicts
Anger
Frustration
Guilt
and more . . .

We meet at 6:00 PM for Cafe' every Tuesday evening.

Praise & Worship and Large Group is from 6:30 - 7:15 PM

Small Group is from 7:20 - 8:10 PM

Coffee & Dessert "Serving Grace Fellowship" is from 8:10 - 8:30 PM

Please come to visit with us soon. In Large group, we have lessons that focus on the Steps and Principles every 1st and 3rd Tuesday presented by our Pastor (Adam) and we have testimonies every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Every week we have 3 different small groups for women (Life Issues, Addictions, and Grief Recovery) and 2 different small groups for men (Life Issues and Addictions).

During the month of February, Debbie Woodard will be sharing her testimony of how God has delivered her from a life of love and relationship addiction. This will be on "Valentine's Day", February 14, 2012.

We are growing and need additional volunteers for serving opportunities. Please pray for Celebrate Recovery ministry and please come check it out soon. We promise you will receive a blessing! For more info contact Gwin Greathouse 398-3113.

Littlest Lambs and God's Graces

John 16:21 New International Version (NIV) ²¹ **A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.**

Strategies for Separation Anxiety at Church by Kristin Charles

Included here are tips for nursery workers and parents dealing with this very real early childhood fear. Hopefully they will provide the support needed to get through this tough phase.

Strategies for Parents to Utilize:

1. Schedule brief periods of separation with a trusted family member or close friend to allow your child to develop ease in your absence and trust that you will return.
2. Ensure that your child is well rested, healthy, and fed prior to the church service.
3. Stay calm and assured during the separation. Since children naturally absorb insecurities, remain confident in your child and in the nursery workers' care.
4. Do not sneak out of the room, but do leave in a timely manner. Belaboring the process accentuates emotions.
5. Develop a special goodbye routine. It could be a silly tickle, a high five, a hug, kisses in the hand to keep, kisses thrown in the air to catch, or a favorite phrase such as "Goodbye Crocodile" and "See you later Alligator." Say goodbye in this way on a regular basis.
6. Realize that this is a natural developmental phase.
7. Pray for your child before the separation and throughout the church service.
8. Celebrate small victories and encourage your child in love.

Strategies for Nursery Workers to Utilize:

1. Be familiar with early childhood separation anxiety.
2. Create an aesthetically pleasing environment that welcomes babies and toddlers. Within the room, provide a quiet corner that is calm and inviting for children who prefer to observe rather than participate.
3. Greet the parents and children warmly. Crouch down and speak to children on their level.
4. Establish predictability in the nursery and a regular schedule of events.
5. Prepare for transitions with songs, picture cards, finger plays, clear directions, prayer, etc.
6. Allow children to assert independence and control with small choices.
7. Ensure that the parent can be contacted during the service if necessary. Establish a limit to the crying that the parent is in agreement with.
8. Support parents with prayer, encouragement, and sensitivity. Above all, be a voice of compassion.



Happy Birthday to:

Harlee Scroggins - Dec 2

Eli Cole - Dec 8

Lexi Smith - Jan 7

Allie White - Jan 8

Shep Grier - Jan 14

Keith Roberts Jr - Jan 15

It's a Boy!

Name: Noah Colton Cole

Date: November 17, 2011

Weight: 8.0 pounds

Length: 20.5 In

Child of: Jamie and Jenni Cole

Proud Brothers are: Evan and Eli



Please see our coordinator Melissa Greathouse, or co-coordinators Cathy Callins and Diana Howard for nursery issues. Contact Wendy Garner for scheduling.



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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Children's program is excited about the new Generations of Grace curriculum we use during Children's Church. From ages 3 to 6th grade, we will be going through the Bible every 3 years. That's right, if your child starts in our program at age 3 and stays in until 6th grade, he/she will have gone through the Bible 3 times! How awesome is that. Parents, you better keep up or our little scholars will know more about God's Word than you! We want you to know that you are not dropping your children off to a babysitter, we are worshipping God and studying His Word. "... they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." Acts 17:11b

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

We're going to take a break from our verse by verse study in "The Gospel According to Mark" and begin a 4-week series called, "RENEW" on Wednesday nights! We'll look at some basic theology as it pertains to salvation (how to be born again) and sanctification (the process of becoming more like Jesus after salvation until we get our glorified bodies), eschatology (we'll look at the Millennial Kingdom) and revival (being renewed in your heart and mind with an elevated awareness of God in Christ). Have you ever went through a spiritually dry spell? The odds are, many among us feel like we're going through the desert with the Israelites right now...its common to all Christians at some point for many reasons. Serving becomes draining, the intimate relationship with Jesus becomes dry, witnessing becomes a drag and those sweet doctrines and theological teachings become as dead orthodoxy in your heart.

Come be "renewed" in the Gospel and your faith!



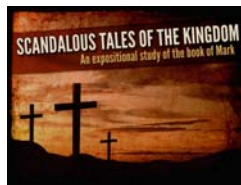
SOUL FIRE STUDENT MINISTRY MISSION: *To know Christ and to make Christ known (Jer. 20:9). We do this by making a great commitment to the Great Commandment (Deut 6) and the Great.*

SOULFIRE STUDENT MINISTRY VISION FOR 2012

Our 2012 emphasis is on the **FAMILY**, which we are calling, **"ALL IN!"** With the attrition rate (approx. 8 in 10 teens graduate from high school and their faith at the same time), breakdown of the family, extreme busyness of families and disconnect between 'church' and 'home', we desire to connect to parents and help them disciple their students and families (Deut. 6:4-9). We desire to see the Biblical model and roles of the family (Eph. 5-6) lived out and to see students who do not have a Biblical family to change that with their generation. It is our soul's passion to see the **Gospel restored as central in families** (including single parent homes). **Christ's family (the church) and your family together should shine His glory!**

IGNITE YOUTH WORSHIP—FALL SERIES

Fall Series: "SCANDALOUS TALES OF THE KINGDOM"



Everywhere Jesus went, He was a scandal. His family thought he was crazy. The religious leaders called him blasphemous and wanted to kill him. His own disciples even had trouble understanding Him. God becoming man to take on the sins of the world on a cross, an instrument of torture: that's **SCANDALOUS!** We're going to study verse by verse through the Book of Mark.

February 17 & 18, we will have an area-wide retreat/service weekend with a total of 15 churches from around Elmore County. See the next page for more information. Parents and any adults please see Brandon as we need a lot of leaders and helpers. See Mrs. Kristy to pay (**\$40 each**, \$30 for additional siblings) and turn in a notarized permission slip for 2012 for you and any friends you bring no later than **Wed, Feb 1** (you can sign up later, but will not be guaranteed a shirt and Bible study book).

Parents of Youth! GPCC is hosting a Leadership Conference (more information can be found in this newsletter) on **Friday, February 24th** at 6:30 p.m. The



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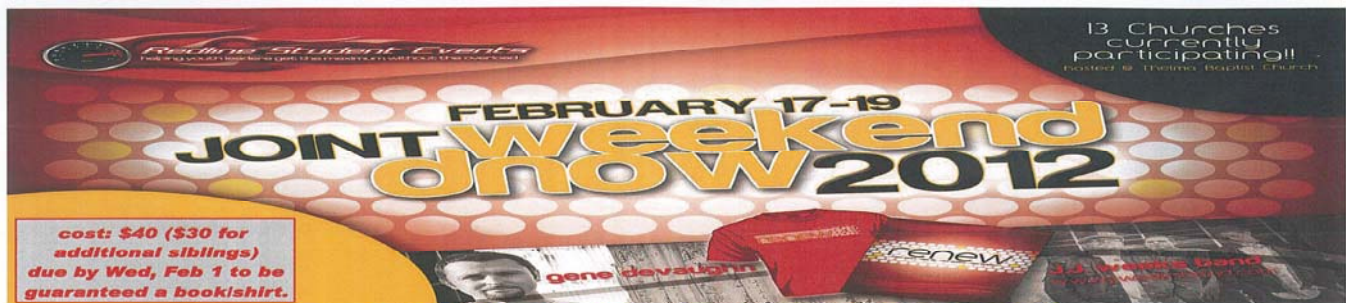
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UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- February 10-11—Men's Conference/Women's Retreat
- February 17-18—Area Wide Discipleship NOW Retreat
- February 24th—GPCC Leadership Conference
- February 26th—FPP at Santuck Baptist Church
- March 30th—Family Outdoor Movie— 'Courageous'

Youth Leaders will be encouraging your teens to attend as we want our Youth to become 'active members' of the Church as a whole (not just at youth events). Parents, please plan to attend this conference and bring your teen with you.

Sunday, February 26th First Priority Praise will be held at Santuck Baptist Church. We will meet at GPCC at 7:00 p.m. and should return around 9:30 p.m.



cost: \$40 (\$30 for additional siblings) due by Wed, Feb 1 to be guaranteed a bookshirt.

In order to get in the door, you will need to bring canned food donations for the Elmore County Food Pantry!

Friday night:

- Meet at GPCC with all of your stuff at 5:45pm (eat before you come), then we'll leave together for Thelma. Everyone will receive their Bible study book before we leave for Thelma...keep up with your own all weekend!
- Doors open at Thelma Baptist at 6pm, and the joint service (with all participating churches) begins at 7pm. The JJ Weeks Band will lead us in worship, then Renew Bible Study Session #1 with Gene.
- We will meet back at GPCC around 9pm with Mountain View and Redland youth groups so that all adults and teens can sign up for Saturday's mission projects. We will then announce who is in what host home so everyone can get their luggage to separate out to their host homes.

HOST HOMES and HOST HOME LEADERS NOTE: Students will stay in GPCC adult homes w/only GPCC students. Host home leaders are responsible for transporting teens for all aspects of the weekend beginning with our trip to Thelma. Once we get back to GPCC, host home leaders will be responsible for transporting teens in their homes to where they need to be. Host home leaders will also need to provide a light breakfast for Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday:

- Breakfast & Renew Bible Study Session #2 host homes. Make your sack lunches for Saturday in host homes before you leave. Drinks will be provided, but you must make your own lunch (sandwich materials provided).
- **9am:** Meet at a GPCC with Redland and Mountain View youth groups to pray and depart for mission projects.
- **3pm:** All 3 churches meet back at a GPCC to ride to your host home with your host home leaders.
- **5pm:** Everyone will meet at Thelma Baptist for dinner at 5pm, then our joint service at 7pm. The JJ Weeks Band will lead us in worship, then Renew Bible Study Session #3 with Gene.
- Everyone will return to their host home for mission project testimonies and Renew Bible Study Session #4 with your host home leaders.

Sunday: wear "Renew" Dnow t-shirts

- Breakfast in host homes, then Sunday School starts at GPCC at **9am**. Leave luggage in your host home leaders' vehicles until after morning worship.

Wed, Feb 1: Money, shirt size & 2012 GPCC form due (if you want a guaranteed shirt & Bible study book.)

Teenagers are responsible for bringing:

- Your Bible and a pen. Also, work clothes for Saturday.
- All snacks/drinks for the night time at your host home, none will be provided!
- Pray about the lost friend you'll bring!

Parents needed to help with worksites on Sat & other various tasks during weekend...join us!



IT'S FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, March 30th is Family Night at GPCC. Please bring your lawn chair, blanket...whatever you need to be comfortable watching a movie outdoors. We will be showing the movie Courageous. We invite everyone to come out and enjoy an excellent movie and wonderful fellowship.

Concessions will be sold to raise funds for our Youth Group.

GPCC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

GPCC is hosting a Leadership Conference on Friday, February 24th from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Full nursery and children supervision will be provided

WHO NEEDS TO ATTEND:

Anyone (including youth) who serves in any capacity: leadership team, nursery workers, Sunday school teachers, singers, instrument players, media folks, home fellowship groups, children's workers, youth workers, women's groups, men's groups, secretarial volunteer positions, security folks, maintenance folks, greeters, ushers, AWANA workers, cooks, if you set up chairs, if you clean, if you pass out bulletins, if you serve the homeless, if you are a witness for Jesus Christ, if you print bulletins, prayer lists, absentee sheets, if you cook meals for the sick, if you contribute to the Newsletter, if you are a prayer warrior, if you have invited someone to come to church, if you have given any money to the work of the ministry we need you to attend this conference.

See Andrea Hodges at the Welcome Center ASAP to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

Gracepoint will be hosting secret church again on Good Friday (Friday, April 6) as we pray for the persecuted church and study what God's Word says about suffering, why bad things happen to supposedly 'good people' and the suffering of Jesus at the cross.

NEW MEMBERS

Skip and Ellie Taylor
Eric and Robin Fair
Renee Cooper
Tyler Gates
Penny Franklin

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 2

CR Women's Step Study Group
6:30 PM | Children's Church Classroom

Sunday, February 5

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting
8:30 AM | Adam's Office

Thursday, February 9

CR Women's Step Study Group
6:30 PM | Children's Church Classroom

Saturday, February 11

Sassy Singles
6:00 PM | Debbie Woodard's home

Thursday, February 16

CR Women's Step Study Group
6:30 PM | Children's Church Classroom

Thursday, February 23

CR Women's Step Study Group
6:30 PM | Children's Church Classroom

Friday, February 24

GPCC Leadership Conference
6:30 PM | Sanctuary

Saturday, February 25

Camp Stew Pick Up
9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Wednesday, February 29

Pot Luck
6:30 PM | Sanctuary



GENERAL INFORMATION

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The GracePoint Men will meet on Sunday, **February 26th** at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

This past month our Young Adults Group had the opportunity to attend the Passion Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Passion is a gathering of college age students to lift up the name of Christ. This year as we gathered we focused on two main themes. The first was "White Flag", and with this idea in mind as we gathered each of us declared we are in complete surrender to whatever God willed. Secondly, we focused on "Freedom." We learned about the harsh realities of modern day slavery. Over 27 million men, women, and children are in slavery today. That is more than were involved in the entire African Slave Trade. As we learned more each of our hearts broke for those enslaved today, and collectively we were able to raise over 3 million dollars to fight slavery. It is hard to fully explain what a life changing experience Passion was for each of us. We each saw God move in amazing ways during that week. As we have come back, we each have a renewed excitement and desire to both share and study God's word deeper.

Be sure to join our facebook group "GPCC young adults," and see Brandon (799-9942) to get on the group text list for details and events.

HAVE AN IDEA FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

Grace Points The Way 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.

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.

JANUARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Ongoing:

Chloe Whaley
Amanda Ward
Tim Wellman
Jacob Johnson (Cathie Callins)
Sybil Redmon

Members:

Mick Williams
Josie Edwards
Paulette and Ronnie Edwards
Natalie Callins
Tim and Lisa Robinson

Family of Members:

Mike Snowman (Juanita Wellman)
Erika (Juanita Wellman)
Stephanie Callins (Cathie Callins)
Madison Elmore (Sue Stanfield)
T J Mizzell (Brad and Tammy Cope)
Adam Wellman (Juanita Wellman)
Eva Carden (Laura Bryant)
Dorothy Skinner (Lisa White & Paige Smith)
Taylor Manning (Laura Bryant)

Friends of Members:

Wood Family (Brandon Scroggins)
Lindsey B. Richardson (Melissa Greathouse)
Heichelbech Family (Melissa Greathouse)
Terry Parks (Boyd Busby)
Tommy Gorman (Sybil Redmon)
Kineta (Niki Treadaway)



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Dear ladies,

It has been such a pleasure to meet many new faces in the past two weeks since I have taken on this wonderful challenge of heading up Women's ministries. Thank you so much for all your words of encouragement and sharing the excitement that I also feel!

The decision to begin a women's ministry for GracePoint has been almost a year in the making. I felt God calling me very strongly to oversee this ministry even before we joined our new church family. However, doubts and feelings of inadequacy and every other excuse I could think of put my decision on hold. However, when God wants us to do something, many times He will not let you rest until you say "YES." I realized that I was not trusting God and His provision. After all, He continued to remind me that this was "HIS" ministry and not mine and that He would supply all that was needed to make it succeed.

I have always been a part of women's ministry. I was very involved in our church in California. I have led various bible studies and was very active in planning special events. I was also class administer for Bible Study Fellowship for 5 years. God has placed me in various roles working with women and I have loved every minute of it.

As we begin this new adventure, I will be needing lots of help getting this off the ground. I am going to take it very slowly and lean completely on God and His direction. He has placed many ideas on my heart and I want to do every one of them in His perfect timing. I don't want to head in too many directions at once.

Right now I am starting an encouragement team. This team will be for ladies who have a heart of encouragement and prayer. I would like to see a small group of us up front after the service every Sunday to pray and encourage those in need. I feel that this will be one of the most important teams in our ministry. It will be a group of ladies that will be committed to praying for me and every aspect of the ministry. My prayer is that if God has laid this on your heart you will respond.

Another team that I am trying to get off of the ground is fund raising. We have a very small budget right now. But if want to make a great impact on ladies we need to have a bigger budget. My goal is to one day have a weekend retreat of our own!! I know nothing about fund raising, however I know that there are ladies out there whom God is calling to do this. Please pray about this.

We also have a special event coming up in March. Details are to follow.

Thank-you ladies for allowing me this opportunity to serve you in this amazing way. I look forward to working with you side-by-side to make this the best women's ministry that we can. Please introduce yourself to me. I desire to get to know each and every one of you.

In Christ's love,

Debra Krauel

debraanniek@comlinkinc.net



GPCC LADIES

SINGLES CORNER

BY DEBBIE WOODARD

What Lessons Did You Learn Last Year?

Well here we are at the start of another year. That in and of itself is enough to thank God for, but as I reflect back over the last couple of years, there are a few lessons that have been cemented in my mind and I am compelled to put them into practice more effectively this year. There are at least three things that I have intuitively known, but experiences have helped ensure that I now know them for sure. The three lessons I want to share with you are:

1. Marriage is not the goal (Boy! That's a stretch for me! Who would have ever thought I would say that!)
2. Stop settling and start trusting
3. Don't believe the lie

I know the first one may be a shock to most of you, especially considering the fact that I'm still single but rest assured I have not lost my mind (nor my desire for marriage, it is a part of me). However, I have learned over the past couple of years that the incessant focus on trying to achieve marriage is a waste of my time and talent. God's plan for my life is so much bigger than just marriage. **Marriage is not the goal.** No, that statement was not a typo! For far too long, too many of us have made marriage the goal in life when, in fact, **God's will should be our goal.** Do you realize how many people are unhappily married or divorced because they just wanted to be married? No, marriage is not my ultimate goal - it is however a great benefit that I will gladly enjoy when and if the time comes - but first and foremost is accomplishing God's will for my life. I believe my husband will certainly help me achieve this goal, but if he was needed for this part of the journey then I have no doubt that **God** would have provided him by now. One of my greatest desires is to have a husband that loves the Lord with all his heart and soul and has a servant's heart. When the time is right, I will be right here waiting to join him in ministry.

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We took a little break from **SECRET SISTER**. Now it's time to start it up again, if there is enough interested. If you are interested in participating then please zip me an email with YES and your name the subject line. My email address is mlamkin@tgoggans.com (Michelle Lamkin)

SASSY SINGLES ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

February brings the One Year Anniversary of GracePoint Community Church's Sassy Singles Group! There will be a special Valentine Party for all the **Single Women** of the church! Please make your plans to attend on **February 11th**, 6:00 PM at Debbie Woodard's house, 230 N College Ave, Eclectic, AL. Plan for a fun-filled night and expect to receive a blessing! Please RSVP by calling 334-233-3553 or email deborahswoodard@gmail.com.

If you are single and new in the church, or just have never visited the Sassy Singles group, this will be a great night to introduce yourself!



GPCC LADIES

SINGLES CORNER

What Lessons Did You Learn Last Year? (Cont)

Next I must take the necessary step of actually adhering to what I say I want. I have identified a fairly short but complete "requirements list". The Christian man for me must at a minimum demonstrate that God is number 1 in his life and he must be a provider and protector. Sounds like a tall order, huh! That's what God wants for me. However it is pointless to have requirements if I'm not willing to adhere to them. Time and time again I have found myself settling for a man who didn't even meet one of the requirements and all that says about me is that I don't trust God to fully meet my needs. Well no more! I lived most of 2010 single and all of 2011. In 2012, I choose to live a life fully committed to Christ and I refuse to compromise just to be in a relationship. I have replayed that scenario too many times in my life!

Finally, I will **stop believing and acting on the lie**. A singles leader at one of our local churches shared this with me and it has been an eye-opening revelation. Too often we get the tiniest bit of interest in someone and believe we must act on it. We then stay until we have overwhelming evidence that this was actually a bad idea. His advice, which I love, is to do just the opposite. He advises **don't get into a relationship until you have overwhelming evidence that you should proceed**. This is probably the best advice I've received in a long time because I have learned that time is, indeed, my friend. Boy, can you learn a lot in just a little bit of time! For those of you thinking that you're getting older and your biological clock is ticking or you don't have time on your side...don't believe the lie. **Believe God and move forward boldly believing He can do all things!**

Reflect back on what lessons God showed you in 2011 and determine how you're going to live them out in the year to come.

I'm ready to do BIG things for God, are you?

LADIES OF GRACE

MeMe Ratliff saw a need for a new ladies group in our Church. MeMe felt there should be an avenue for the mature ladies to join together in fellowship to get to know ladies in our Church, other than their close friends. The first gathering was held September, 2010, and we decided to meet every other month, January through September. Membership is open to any lady who falls into one or more of these categories: a grandmother, an empty-nester, and/or 45 years of age. Each gathering is hosted by three to four ladies, who pick the date, plan our activity and provide snacks, breakfast or lunch depending on the time of day. We meet in the Children's Church at GPCC. We have had a variety of activities from a pj party on a Saturday morning, enjoying breakfast together, to a rousing game of Bunco, but in everything we do we Praise the Lord for bringing us together with our Christian Sisters.

We have just had our kickoff for the 2012 year and decided on a service project of supporting the Elmore County Food Pantry for this year by bringing plastic bags and/or canned food to each meeting. Our next gathering will be in March. Look for announcements as to date and time in the bulletin and posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to be on our email list please contact MeMeRatliff, paintalot135@alot.com or Nancy House, nchouse61@gmail.com



GRACEPOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Dive IN Sunday School Class is led by Brandon Scroggins and Terry White. We meet in the Children's Church classroom. We are currently going verse by verse through the Book of James.

New Feasts of the Lord Class God's Appointed Times are 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.

The new Feasts of the Lord class began on August 14 and will be lead by Luke Garner. We meet upstairs in the classroom behind the sound booth.

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.

New Beginnings Sunday School Class is led by Hud Abrams and Mark Lewis. We meet in the 2nd classroom on right. Our class offers a complete study of the Bible. We are currently reading through the Book of Psalms.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

The Vine Sunday School Class is led by Paul Thornton and Cuyler Murphy. We meet in the classroom across from the copier. We are currently studying the book Radical. If you have been considering joining a Sunday school class, please come check us out!

FOR LADIES ONLY!!!

THE GAP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!!!

The GAP Sunday School Class is the only all Ladies class at GPCC and is facilitated by Debbie Woodard. We meet in the Kitchen each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. We are currently studying the Gospel of John, and your study guide will be provided for you when you join the class. We are currently studying the 11th chapter of the Gospel of John. Our class encourages open discussion as we take verse by verse from one of the books of the Bible written by the "disciple that Jesus loved." You are welcome to join our class at any time. We are a small group at present, and if you are looking for a class that will help you understand God's word and how to apply it to your everyday life, this is it! For more information about the class, you can call Debbie Woodard at 233-3553 or email her at deborahswoodard@gmail.com. During the month of February we will have a special showing of the movie, "The Gospel of John", so don't miss getting in the class in time to participate in the viewing of this movie.

"NEW CLASS" - There is a new class that meets in the Sanctuary led by Boyd Bussy. We are currently studying the Book of James. This will be a place to be challenged by God's Word in many areas of your life. We plan to be intentional with study, obedience and service.

Attention Sunday School Teachers: With the New Year we have had several changes to our Sunday School classes as well as getting some new ones started. We need the leaders of all the Sunday school classes to let us know the name of their class and give us a 2 or 3 sentence summary of the age group and subject matter of the class so that we can update our announcement slides. Please email this to Mike Langley at Blockhead1974@yahoo.com. Also, please attend a meeting in Adam's office at **8:30 a.m., Sunday, February 5th**. Thanks for all of your help!



TOUCHING YOUR TOES

HEALTHY HUMOR

In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach. Also green, yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy.

Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Krispy Kreme Donuts. And Satan said, "You want chocolate with that?" And Man said, "Yes!" And Woman said, "As long as you're at it, add some sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds. And Satan smiled. And God created the healthy yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 6 to size 14.

So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand-Island dressing, buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.

God then said, "I have sent you heart-healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed it's own platter. And Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof.

God then created a light, fluffy cake, named it "Angel Food Cake" and said, "It is good." Satan then created chocolate cake and named it "Devil's Food."

God then brought forth running shoes so that His children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light and gained pounds.

Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the beautiful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep-fried them. And Man gained pounds. God then gave lean beef so Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99-cent double cheeseburger. Then said, "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And super-size them!" And Satan said, "It is good!" And Man went into cardiac arrest.

God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery.



BAKED PASTA WITH HAM AND CHEESE

- 2-½ cups penne pasta (use a short tubular macaroni-ziti is good too)
- 6 Tablespoons butter
- 3 Tablespoons flour
- 2-½ cups milk
- 2 cups grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper
- ½ pound cooked ham, sliced about ¼ inch thick and cut up in pieces
- Small can of sliced mushrooms, drained
- A sprinkle of green onions is nice
- Paprika

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 and butter casserole dish.

Salt water and cook pasta until slightly tender. Pasta will cook further in oven so it should be slightly underdone.

Heat 4 Tablespoons of butter in a pan and stir in flour. Cook about 3 minutes then stir in milk and cook until thickened a bit. Add in a little of the cheese (3-4 tablespoons) and salt and pepper.

Drain pasta well and mix with ham, mushrooms, cheese and sauce. Dot mixture with remaining butter and add a dash of paprika.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes.

FAVORITE OF CHARLENE AND FRED LOVELACE

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

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.

Nursery—We always need help in the Nursery. If you would like to serve, please see Melissa Greathouse.

Children’s Ministry— We are in need of help on both Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings. Please see Jennifer Boyd or Jason Lavigne if you would like to serve in our kid’s ministry.

If you own your own business and would like it ‘plugged’ in the Church newsletter—please send information to Andrea Hodges at aphodges@elmore.rr.com.

MEMBER OWNED BUSINESSES

Jennifer Boyd owns and operates **WEE ONE’S DAY CARE**.

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GUITAR LESSONS??

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