



## *The Pastor's Corner*

### NEED A DATE?

There are plenty of dates coming up that that you will want to take part in!!!

### How about a SMALL GROUP DATE?

Our small groups will be kicking off this next week. Small groups are a great way for you to get connected to other folks and enjoy fellowship that God intended for you to enjoy as a member of His body. Are you connected to other believers who will help keep your feet to the fire? Why don't you call Adam today @ 315-1204 today and get plugged into one of our small groups?

### How about a MEN'S BREAKFAST DATE?

The last Sunday of every month the men of our church meet @ 7:30am for breakfast. What an amazing opportunity for the men to meet together for breakfast, fellowship and the word!!! I have witnessed the men growing in their friendships with one another and their relationship with the Lord. Mark it on your Calendar for this coming men's breakfast.

### How about a bowling date with HAPPY HEARTS???

If you are over 50 and are looking to get connected with other folks from the church then why don't you go bowling with our Happy hearts ministry **March 19<sup>th</sup>**. Call Larry Howard for details at 567-8033.

### How about a date with other SINGLE LADIES? (single ladies only!)

March 12 at 6pm single ladies will be having a party and Bible study at Debbie Woodard's house. 230 North College Ave., Eclectic, Al. Call Debbie Woodard for more info. 834-7483 ext 229

### How about a GOLF TOURNAMENT DATE?

We will host our GracePoint Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, May 14, 2011 at Quail Walk Country Club. Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m. Proceeds will be used to pay off the turning lane of our church.

There are ways you can help us make this tourney a success.

You can make a cash donation straight to the tournament.

You can recruit a foursome to play in the tournament @ \$280.00 a team

You can recruit a sponsor to promote their business by signs with their businesses name on it for \$100-\$400 dollars on one of the t-boxes

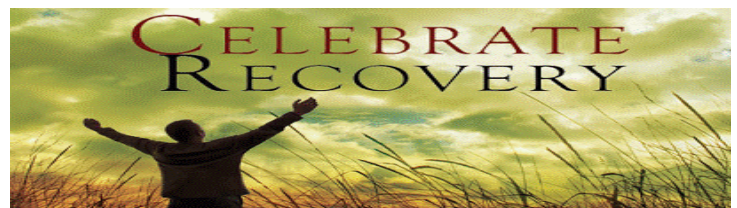
You can get businesses to give away gifts for prizes

You can play in the tournament for a single fee of \$75.00

You can begin praying that God will make it a success!

### How about a PASSOVER DATE with Jewish Rabbi Dr. Ben Alpert?

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00p.m. our church will turn our sanctuary into a full blown Passover dinner accommodating 300 people. I am so excited about this! Every part of the Passover dinner points directly to the ministry and work of Jesus our King. Dr. Ben Alpert will direct us through this dinner and teach us from the word of God. Everyone who has ever taken part in a Passover dinner hosted by a messianic Jew has said it has awakened them to the importance of communion. They in fact promise after this dinner your communion experience will never be the same!!!



Celebrate Recovery offers a welcoming, Christ-centered fellowship where you will find others who are dealing with hurts, habits, or hang-ups similar to your own. By working through The Eight Recovery Principals along with the 12 Steps, in time, we begin to enjoy peace through a stronger personal relationship with God and others. No



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matter what your hurts, habits, or hang-ups may be, there is HOPE!!

Every Tuesday Night!

Large Group Meeting 6:15

Small Share Groups 7:15

Serving Grace Fellowship Café 8:15

There are many ways to get involved in Celebrate Recovery by serving in the following ways.

Sound Booth/Worship Team - please see Waylon Callins

Furnishing food or helping with Café - please see Cathie Callins

Writing & giving your testimony - please see Terri Farley

Set Up/Greeting Team - please see Renee Spivey

Prayer Warrior Team - please see Linda Martin

Nursery Team - please see Melissa Greathouse

If interested, please take a form from the 'CR' bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary to complete and place in the offering plate on Sundays. You can also speak to any member of the CR Team or for more information please call Melissa Greathouse 398-0457.

## **ART OF MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**

The Art of Marriage Conference was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who helped pull this event off. We had 63 couples attend and all feedback has been both positive and constructive. GPCC plans to host this event annually, so if you were unable to attend this time, please know we will present the opportunity again in 2012. If you did attend, please be praying for your family and friends whose marriage will be blessed by attending next year!

Family Life has opened an 'After the Event' site where they have the videos available to watch online and also have additional resources available. There is also a GUEST survey they would appreciate you taking a few minutes filling out. The information below is from Family Life.

The After the Event site (<http://theArtofMarriage.com/AfterTheEvent>) is now fully operational, with the entire set of videos available to watch online. Please reach out to your guests and let them know about this follow-up resource. We will continue to add content over time, and will update you as we do. (The address and details are in the back of the guest workbooks.)

Also on the After the Event site is a GUEST survey. We have gotten a great response already, but would you please encourage your guests to take the survey (and receive a free downloadable pair of prayer cards for their trouble) so that we can get any and all feedback possible? We want to make sure The Art of Marriage experience continues to improve.



**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 ministry. Let's hold each other accountable and encourage one another weekly throughout the year as we persevere through the challenge! See Kristy if you don't have your daily Bible yet.

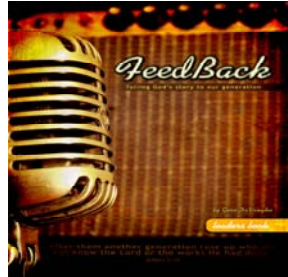


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## SPRING BREAK MISSION DETAILS

March 17-19: Join us to worship, serve, play, and grow together on our local missions retreat. We'll meet at the church building on Thursday morning. We'll serve locally on Thursday and Friday, and hang out at the Trussville Playstation (near Birmingham - laser tag, go-carts, putt putt, skating, etc.) on Saturday. We'll have a host home for the guys and another for the girls. We'll study God's Word in the mornings and nights. Adults are needed to drive, cook meals, and serve with us...please let Brandon know if you're able to help whether just at night or morning, or even during the days. \$40 each covers your food, Bible Study material, and Trussville Playstation (max: \$70 per immediate family). Be sure to see Kristy to sign up and pay by Sun, March 13 in order for us to have an accurate count!



## 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!

## FIRST PRIORITY PRAISE

First Priority Praise is a county-wide youth worship event hosted by a different area church each month from 8-9pm. We'll meet at 6pm for games & leave at 7:30pm (eat before coming, bring a game!). Return time is around 9:15pm at the church building. Coosada Baptist Church is hosting FPP on Sunday, March 27th.

## 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 20 through Sat, June 4. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is due no later than Sun, March 27<sup>th</sup> along with all Snowbird paper work and release forms...see Brandon if you did not receive these in our meeting. Please turn it in to Mrs. Kristy.

## YOUTH EVENTS

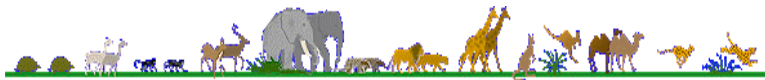
- March 13—\$40 due for Spring Break Missions Trip
- March 17-19— Spring Break Local Mission
- March 27—\$100 deposit due for Snow Bird
- March 27—FPP at Coosada Baptist Church



## JOYS OF SERVING IN THE NURSERY, by Annette Dill.

At some point during your attendance to GracePoint you have heard or seen **Nursery Workers Needed!** At first I was hesitant when asked, but have been blessed by answering, YES!! It has proven to be the opportunity of a life time. I say that because you not only get to love and nourish the children, you also get to fellowship with the parents. As these babies become toddlers and you have gotten to know them, they will come to you for guidance that will fill you with abundant joy.

Matthew 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child the same is greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.



## GOLF ANYONE?????

Have you noticed the crowds at Church lately?!?! Have you noticed how we are running out of space?!?! Well, if we want to have an expansion project in our future.....we have got to pay down our current debt. I trust Adam does not want to preach the same sermon over and over again.....you know the one; it includes the words, 'We have the money to pay off our church building.....unfortunately, it's still in your wallet.' So, we have come up with another way to raise money and have fun at the same time (not to mention—we won't have to listen to Adam).....It is time for our **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT!**



Please get a team together, ask your company to sponsor the tournament, 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!!!

### REGISTRATION FEE:

Single Player \$ 75

Team \$280

Prizes will be given away

4 Person Scramble

Skills contests for prizes

Drawing for prizes if rained out

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

## LOOKING TO GET PLUGGED IN?????

### SINGLE LADIES? (SINGLE LADIES ONLY!)

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### HAPPY HEARTS MINISTRY

We are beginning to enter the time of year when we can start getting back to the great outdoors. Upcoming events include Jasmine Hill Garden tour and picnic, Biscuit's games, cookouts and maybe a trip down the Coosa. A lot of you are now age 50 but you don't want to be considered an "Oldtimer". We may have a little age on us but we're young at heart. We have several people in our group who are not yet 50 but their spouses are. Don't consider us an "Old Folks" group, just consider it another opportunity for some great fun and fellowship.

### LADIES—LOOKING FOR A GIRL'S NIGHT OUT?????

How about Thursday, March 24th to see Mandisa and Anita Renfroe? For one night only, they will be at Vaughn Forest Church in Montgomery. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Individual tickets are \$23 but if we can get a group of 10 or more to commit, the tickets are \$17/each.



Please see or email Jenni Cole (jcool1443@yahoo.com) to signup or for more information.

### LADIES OF GRACE

A new Ladies fellowship group has been formed open to Ladies that are members of Happy Hearts, a grandmother, or an empty-nester. Every two months the Ladies will meet on a Saturday for a group meeting hosted by four or more members. At our initial meeting back last Fall we had a Serving Platter Exchange with breakfast served; at that time we decided to start our regular group meetings in January. A Tea Party Luncheon was the theme for January and the group played bingo and everyone went home with a prize. Our next group meeting will be March 26 and we are all looking for to see what our hostesses have planned for us.

At each meeting the ladies have filled out activity wish lists such as: playing cards; painting; going out to lunch, shopping or the movies as well as other fun things. In between group meetings we are asking our members to reach out to other ladies with similar interests and get together with their Christian Sisters, make new friends, share some good fellowship and have fun! Many of us, during our years of working and raising families, put our own interests at the bottom and now is the time to pursue new interests or pick up old interests that were left behind.

If you would like to join this group, there's always room for more! Contact MeMe Ratliff [paintalot135@aol.com](mailto:paintalot135@aol.com) or Nancy House [nchouse61@gmail.com](mailto:nchouse61@gmail.com) or see us at Church! We would love to have you join the fun.

### 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, March 27th



## 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 in Children's Church (2nd class on the left). 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 upstairs by the sound booth. 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

Brittany (Luke) Rackliffe on the death of her grandfather, Noland Law

#### NEW MEMBERS

Marty and Debra Krauel

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12—Single Ladies Party and Bible Study (Debbie Woodard)

March 19—Happy Hearts Bowling Outing (Larry Howard)

March 26—Ladies of Grace fellowship meeting (Meme Ratliff and Nancy House)

March 27—Men's Breakfast

March 30—Pot Luck

### CHURCH DVD DIRECTORY

Mike and Keisha Ray have completed the dvd directory of everyone who had their picture taken and submitted their family information. It looks great and will be very helpful for us as we continue to grow! The dvds are available at the sermon cd station by the coffee area. We ask you to only take 1 copy per family. Also, please listen out for when we will be updating the dvd. We want all GPC members included on the next production.



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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](mailto: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](mailto:aphodges@elmore.rr.com)) by the 25th of the month.

## 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](mailto:weeones@elmore.rr.com)

### 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.

**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.