



The Pastor's Corner

Imagine.....you stopped coming to Church....you know how it happens. You attended Church regularly for months, even years; then one Sunday you wake up and just don't feel like going. That one Sunday turns into two; two turns into three, etc and the next thing you know, you haven't been to Church in a year. When you realize how much time has passed, you feel guilty, you hate you missed Church for so long....then you begin thinking, 'How can I face walking through the door again after missing so long.' Finally (after several more weeks), you get up the courage and YOU GO.

As you walk through the door, old friends hug you, love you, tell you how much they missed you, how happy they are that you are back. You sit through the sermon realizing just how much you missed Church, how glad you are that you came. Then, as you are leaving, a Church member says, 'Guess we will see you again next year.' When we use words and speech flippantly, trying to be funny, without consideration of how the enemy can use those words on an already sensitive issue, we are as disobedient as the person who doesn't come to church.

God gives us so many warnings on the right and wrong use of our tongue; let me share just a couple with you:

Proverbs 18:21 - The tongue has the power of life and death.

Honestly, think of those words, "See you again next year." Does that statement bring life or death? Many times our negative tones and words are the perfect seed for Satan to grow bitterness and anger in a babe in Christ or unbeliever. Our mouth can bring the word of God from it which produces life, or our mouth can speak words that are rude and careless which produce seeds of destruction.

Hebrews 10:24 - Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...

There are two key words in this verse. First, there is Consider - Kataneo (Gk) - to consider attentively, fix one's eyes or mind upon - Can we honestly say we are carefully

praying and thinking out the right way to approach our brothers and sisters to a right walk with Jesus when we make rude statements. We make excuses for our rudeness by stating, "well it is true." The Bible makes it clear we are to speak the truth in love. In other words, we speak the truth to individuals because we are genuinely concerned for them. Do you say what you say to others because you genuinely have their best interest at heart? The second key word is spur - Paraxusmos (Gk)- to irritate - to incite. We get our word Peroxide from the root. While peroxide is good for us it does irritate the infected area. You see even when we speak the truth in love it will irritate and incite others in their sensitive area. We don't have to be rude to do that!!! Remember - Love is not rude!!!

Are your words producing seeds of death?

Has anyone been rude to you, have they cut you to pieces with their words? Then you know how debilitating that can make you feel. Have you been the source of that to others? Have you given others the hollow feeling of being cutting and rude!!!

Are your words producing seeds of life?

We have the power of life and death when we open our mouths. Think about the words you say, are they full of grace, seasoned with salt spurring others on toward love and good deeds?

When everyone was turning their backs on Jesus, Jesus turned to his disciples and asked, "Will you also leave?" And Peter said, "Where else are we to go? You alone have the words of eternal life."

Let's follow our master making sure our words bring the Word of God which brings eternal life!!



GRACE POINTS THE WAY

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Every Tuesday Night!

Large Group Meeting – 6:15 p.m.

Small Share Groups – 7:15 p.m.

Serving Grace Fellowship Café – 8:15 p.m.

There are many ways to get involved in Celebrate Recovery by serving in the following ways. 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 at 334-398-0457.

Sound Booth/Worship Team – please see Waylon Callins

Furnishing Food or Assisting with Café – please see Cathie Callins

Writing and Giving Your Testimony – please see Terri Farley

Set Up/Greeting Team – please see Melissa Greathouse

Prayer Warrior Team – please see Linda Martin

Nursery Team – please see Amy Oliver or Linda Miller



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

The Mission Camp is Monday, May 30 through Saturday, June 4.

We'll have a CAR WASH to raise money to rent a van on Sat, May 7th at WalGreen's! The car wash will be from 9:30am – 2:30pm, but youth need to be there by 8:30 to set up. Everyone needs to bring a sack lunch which we'll put in a cooler. *We will not leave to purchase anything for lunch.* We'll have a spaghetti dinner at Stephen Perdue's house the night before at 7pm to prepare for the car wash.

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 7:00 p.m. (no games this month; eat before coming). Re-



turn time is around 9:15 p.m. at the church building. The host for this month is Mt. Hebron West (Holtville).

SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS (listed below)! **Sunday, May 22** is Senior Recognition Day. Our



graduates will have tables set up in back of sanctuary displaying pictures, life milestones, etc. Please stop at each table and write a word of encouragement to them. After service we'll have a tea in the youth room for them and for pictures.

We ask everyone to be in prayer for our Seniors as they prepare for the next chapter in their life. I am sure many of you have read or heard the research results shows that 8 in 10 teens who are seemingly solid in their faith in high school will graduate from their faith when they graduate high school and most never come back to church or the Lord. Please parents encourage your teens to stay rooted in Christ and God's word. Church members we encourage you to pray for and support both the teens and their parents.

YOUTH EVENTS

- May 6—Spaghetti Dinner at Lynn Mallows
- May 7—Car Wash at Wal Greens
- May 15—First Priority Praise
- May 30-June 4—SnowBird Missions Camp

GPCC MISSION TRIP

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 get it.

We will be providing more information about this Missions Trip in the coming months. If you have questions regarding this mission's trip, please see Cuyler Murphy.

CLASS OF 2011 !!!!!

Brandi Chung

Chris Swaney

Katelyn Abrams

Kelsey Coggins

Kyle Lewis

Robin Chinaris



MESSAGE FROM A MEMBER'S HEART

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Riding home from church Sunday I was deep in thought when my husband turned to me and asked, "What are you thinking"? It had just occurred to me that out of the seven parents between us (steps included, of course) only one of them was what I consider to be a practicing Christian. As I think of it now, only one aunt/uncle on his side of the family goes to church, and my grandparents go every now and then. Don't get me wrong; all of them *believe* in God, but they don't go to church, or witness to anyone, and I'm not sure they even pray on a daily basis. It was a disheartening moment for both of us.

When we've asked them to come to church or about God in general, the usual answer is "I believe, I just don't have to go to church", or "so and so got saved 10 years ago so you don't have to worry about him." Was that true salvation if you don't have the yearning to know God, worship with other believers, or have the desire to read your Bible and learn as much as you can? Or was it that good feeling you get inside that some people mistake for being saved, before returning to their normal sinning lives? Should we as their children and Christians keep asking them to come to church with us to the point they will get a rotten feeling about it as though we are nagging, or do we give up and not ask with the hope they will come on their own? What is the correct thing to do? And how do we honor the mother and father if the mother and father do not honor God?

During our Sunday School discussion, different religious backgrounds were discussed and the ways they are perceived. Methodist are known as the reserved, quiet, don't clap in church kind. The Pentecostal members are perceived as singing loudly, speaking in tongues, etc. Does it really matter what background you come from, as long as you presently worship in Spirit and truth. A favorite quote from Steel Magnolias "Oh, honey, God don't care which church you go to, long as you show up!" We know God wants us to go to churches that teach the truth, but we are all different and worship in different ways. GracePoint takes any and all people without judging the outward appearance as a result some churches may look at GracePoint as the misfit church. That's where all the misfits go. Look at Jesus disciples - they were all misfits, but God used them to turn the world upside down. When you think about how sinful we all are - we are all really just a bunch of misfits. In light of that I like to call our church the misfit church. I'm proud to be part of the misfit church.

I remember when I started coming to GracePoint there was a man with stringy, long blond hair who wore leather from head to toe; I don't even know his name, but many of you will remember him. He came to worship the Lord and sat right in front. He was no back row Baptist. Do you think he would have been welcomed into one of the suit wearing churches around here? Probably not, and I'm not trying to stereotype. But I do love the fact that he could come here, just as he was, be accepted and praise God.

For those of you like us, with family members who JUST DON'T GET IT, you are not alone. Don't give up on them, and pray for them. We could almost start a support group called Gods' Anonymous. I wonder if we could get our parents, children, etc. to live the Christian life with a 12-step program.



GOLF ANYONE?????

The GPCC Annual Golf Tournament is Saturday, May 14th at **Emerald Mountain**. 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:

Emerald Mountain Golf Course
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

GPCC FOOD PANTRY



The GPCC Food Pantry is open to any church member who needs assistance. Please continue to support this ministry by donating food and other dry-goods. A blue bin located in the back of the sanctuary for donations.

Bill and Cinda Walton operate the GPCC Food Pantry. If you need assistance, do not hesitate to call the Walton's at 514-0294.

Teaching Your Toddler to Pray

One of the most important skills parents can teach their children is how to pray. It is our job not only to teach our children about God, but also how to talk to Him. And the reward we get when we hear those tiny prayers can be pretty awesome!

1. Steps to help you pray with your toddler:
2. Keep it short and simple. *Dear Jesus, Thank you for today, and for my Mommy and Daddy. I love you. Amen.* Once this is memorized, you can expand this to include grandparent, pets, their caretaker, etc.
3. Use an established prayer to say every night.

*Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the lord my soul to keep,
Guide me Jesus through the night,
And wake me with the morning light.*

Or before a meal

*Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you God for everything. Amen*



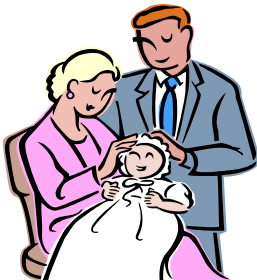
Show them the prayer hands, and how to bow their heads. Even a toddler who isn't old enough to say a prayer can learn how to respect others during a time of prayer, and be able to take part in it themselves. And when your toddler starts getting restless in a restaurant, the people beside you might not get so exasperated at the 'child who blessed his/her food'!

Make bedtime stories a special time for Bible stories. You'll know for sure that each day they are spending time learning about Jesus.

Lead by example. Praying in front of your children will show them that it can be done anytime, and will become routine in their daily lives as well. Toddlers can have a great prayer life, and the foundation you set now will last them a lifetime.

BABY DEDICATIONS

Abbi Berlin
Emma Berlin
Joshua Chung



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

AUSTIN BERLIN



It's expensive to raise these babies!!! There is now a coupon box hanging outside the Toddler Room. Bring any coupons you don't need to share with others, and grab the ones you need before they expire!!

If you are interested in your baby being dedicated, please talk to Melissa Greathouse to make arrangements.

If you are interested in helping out with the nursery or toddlers, please see Melissa to sign up. We are always in need of volunteers!!!



LOOKING TO GET PLUGGED IN?????

THE GAP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The GAP class has gotten off to a great start! We are meeting in the kitchen at **9:00 AM** each Sunday morning and studying the Gospel of John. There's still room if you would like to join in the class. We are studying the 1st chapter of John.

Our first fellowship is **May 13th at 6:00 PM**. We will be having a pot luck supper and watching the movie, "The Gospel of John" on the big screen in the sanctuary. Please come join us if you are thinking about joining the class. It will give you an opportunity to meet the other class members, and also get a good overview of what the John study is all about.

Please RSVP by calling Debbie Woodard at 334-233-3553 or email at deborahswoodard@gmail.com.

We'll see you at The GAP!

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, May 29th**.

RUMMAGE SALE TO BENEFIT THE WALSH/ ORTIZ FAMILY

We are having a rummage sale **Monday, May 9-Friday, May 13** to help the Walsh/Ortiz family who lost everything in the tornado. Location of the rummage sale is 227 Hill Street (downtown Wetumpka, near Rumbling Water Health Club), open from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. each day (if you cannot come by at that time, stop by the gym and Jenni or Jamie Cole will let you in). Prices for the items are not been set; we are asking for donations.

Thanks for your support and continued love for our GPCC family members in need.

Jenni Cole (334-415-9478).

SASSY SINGLES

"No time for a Siesta, it's time to Fiesta! It's Party Time, Senoritas!" There will be a Cinco de Mayo get together on **May 14, 2011 at 6:00 PM** at Debbie Woodard's house in Eclectic. We will have a time of fellowship and sharing something very special focusing on God's word. Call Debbie for more information, [334-233-3553](tel:334-233-3553) or email her at 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 a few slots are still 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 GracePoint 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

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 in upstairs behind the sound booth. We are currently in a short study of 'Crazy Love.' This study just began so if you are looking for a Sunday School class, come check us out.

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.

The Gap - The GAP class has gotten off to a great start! We are meeting in the kitchen at **9:00 AM** each Sunday morning and studying the Gospel of John. There's still room if you would like to join in the class.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

NEW MEMBERS

Kim and Tom Whittfield
Lynn Mallows
Andy and Betsey Patchel

BAPTISMS

Lynn Mallows

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7—Support the Youth by bringing your vehicle to Walgreens to be washed

May 13—The GAP Sunday School Class potluck and movie (feel free to join us)

May 14—GPCC Golf Tournament

May 25—Potluck

May 28—Ladies Inductive Bible Study Class

May 29—Men's Breakfast

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.



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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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