



The Pastor's Corner

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR BROOK DRIES UP?

Winkie Pratney

The Lord provides Elijah with a brook named Cherith, that keeps flowing and sends birds (ravens) that fly down to bring him meat each morning and evening. So for three years, while other prophets were existing on smuggled bread and water, Elijah sits out the judgment of God with his own private spring and special-delivery meals!

Everything was great!

Then one day... the brook dried up. You have been there before – You have had a good job, good health, great friendships, great marriage, everyone is healthy – things couldn't be going better and then all of a sudden it's gone. The brook dries up.

Suddenly everything Elijah had relied on or found security in was gone! Now when this happened the Lord said to him, "*Arise, go to Zarephath.... I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.*" (1Kin. 17:9) And it was at this critical point that the Lord began to minister to me, revealing the amazing truths that abound in this story of Elijah.

Nobody Has All They Need!

In the 1930s, Henry Sloane Coffin wrote an insightful message called *Inspirations That Fail*. The major theme of that message went something like this: God has a course for His children. Everyone's curriculum is different. The only thing that remains the same is His aim, and that is to keep you confident in depending on resources outside yourself.

No one has in himself all the wisdom, all the ability, or all the means to meet the needs of the hour. You were never made to be wholly and fully independent. Each one of you has a friend, teacher, church, ministry, book, or idea that has ministered to you.

A friend? Have you got close friends, people that stimulate your heart, soul, and mind people that you enjoy just being around?

Maybe a teacher awakened your appreciation and pushed the door open to new realms of learning for you. Maybe one day you read a certain book and it blew your mind and gave you a whole new perspective on life.

Maybe your security has been in a home some sanctuary that, when you crawl home at midnight looking like Clark Kent, can still send you out the next morning looking like Superman! (Maybe your special place has a phone booth where you can get a new cloak from time to time!)

Maybe your "Cherith" is a church where there are people of like mind and heart. You really feel a part of something vibrant and alive there, like you're going places for God.

Maybe your "river of God" is an idea, something that lights up your whole world with vision.

Maybe it's a job, a business, or a ministry - and your "flowing stream" is the one thing you enjoy doing most in this world.

But One Day... The Brook Will Run Dry!

Has it happened to you? What happened to that one special friend? It wasn't like you had a fight - as a matter of fact, you may still be on the best of terms. But something

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



has changed, and for some reason you just aren't that close anymore. You may see them just as much, but somehow it means less. And that's a really scary thing. Or perhaps your paths have moved in different directions and, slowly but surely, you have grown apart.

Maybe for you it's a teacher, somebody you've outgrown. A man or woman at whose feet you used to sit when you were 20, but now you're 30 or 40 and you may be viewing them a bit more critically.

Or maybe there's a book that 20 years ago blew your mind, but you read it again now and it's merely amusing. Perhaps it really was good, but like an old song full of nostalgia - it's just a sweet memory in unrepeatable history.

Maybe it's a place. How many times have you shifted houses? Is the place where you grew up, or spent the best years of your life, now gone? Maybe somebody else lives there now. Maybe it burned down or a developer ripped it up and it's no more. The brook dried up and you had to move on.

And even in ministry it's the same. Sometimes the work is done, or you can't do what you did before and somebody else comes in to take over. Or maybe the church that you are in has lost its spiritual appeal. People have moved or changed. Maybe you have changed and the water that used to be a fountain of heaven for you has diverted into side channels. And the ideas that changed the world for you then may not satisfy anymore. No one person, place, or thing throws light on all the mystery.

The brook has run dry.

[Cherith Cannot Always Satisfy!](#)

How easy it could have been for Elijah to stay by his brook! It was his ongoing testimony of the supernatural protection and provision of God. Cherith proved that he was watched over and cared for and loved by God. And herein lies the danger of our Cheriths. Hang around them too long, and you get attached to the situation. Stay by the brook too long and you may fall in love with the brook and forget the God who gave it to you.

[Privilege Can Turn To Pride](#)

Cheriths loved too long can make you proud. They can make you forget that you are a stranger and a pilgrim passing through - that this world is not your home and that beyond the brook there still lies a hurting world under the dealings of God.

Elijah could have enshrined his special secret spring. When the birds delivered breakfast each morning and Elijah contentedly dipped a jug into his private Perrier, he was probably tempted to think: *"It shows how special I am. God's provided the brook and the ravens - what other prophets ever got this kind of treatment?"*

[Cherith Is For Rest... Not Recluse](#)

Perhaps you've been tempted to rest from the quest for others - to become reclusive, quit the battle, and stay near a free-flowing stream. So God arranges the end of Cherith. The brook dries up. It is time to move on, and the drying up of the brook is the gentle nudge of God back into the work which the Father has called you to do.

When Cherith stopped flowing, Elijah **had** to follow God's command to go to Zarephath. Here is a man who once destroyed false prophets, and now God is sending him to the home of a widow and her son who are about to share one last meal before they starve to death!

What kind of God is this who sends Elijah from a place of miraculous provision to this kind of scene? The same kind of God who loves all people as much as He loves His prophets! Sometimes constant provision and protection can insulate us from the sadness of our world until we no longer understand what it means to be outside of His care. We forget what it feels like to be lost.

[Blessings Can Become Barriers](#)

If the brook had kept on flowing, Elijah might have counted on it and forgotten the God who gave it. The blessings of God for our shelter and sustenance can sometimes become the very barriers that keep us from Him - and God will not allow



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that. Cheriths **cannot** be permanent.

We dwellers in the latter half of the 20th century live in a future-shock world where nothing seems to last. It is one of the single most frightening characteristics of our time. What lasts? What remains? What will always be there?

When we consider "created things" like people, ministries, places, or ideas, our experience tells us that little or nothing of what we know will stay the same. Best-selling books of years past are now in bargain bins, ideas change as fast as rock stars, and you are not the same as you were ten years ago.

As Thomas Hardy once said: *"It is the ongoing of the world that makes it sad. If the world stood still at a happy moment there would be no sadness in it. The sun and the moon standing still at Aijalon was not a catastrophe for Israel, but a type of paradise."* Yet even a stationary heaven and earth would become dull at last.

Child of God, don't cry too long over your brook. Lift up your eyes again to the God who gave these blessings - there is something better to come. Though you may miss your brook, you will not miss God! A brook and birds don't show you as much of God as a mother and child do. Your new course will move you from the valley to Bethlehem, and He will again hold your heart with the only thing that lasts forever, changeless and secure - Himself.

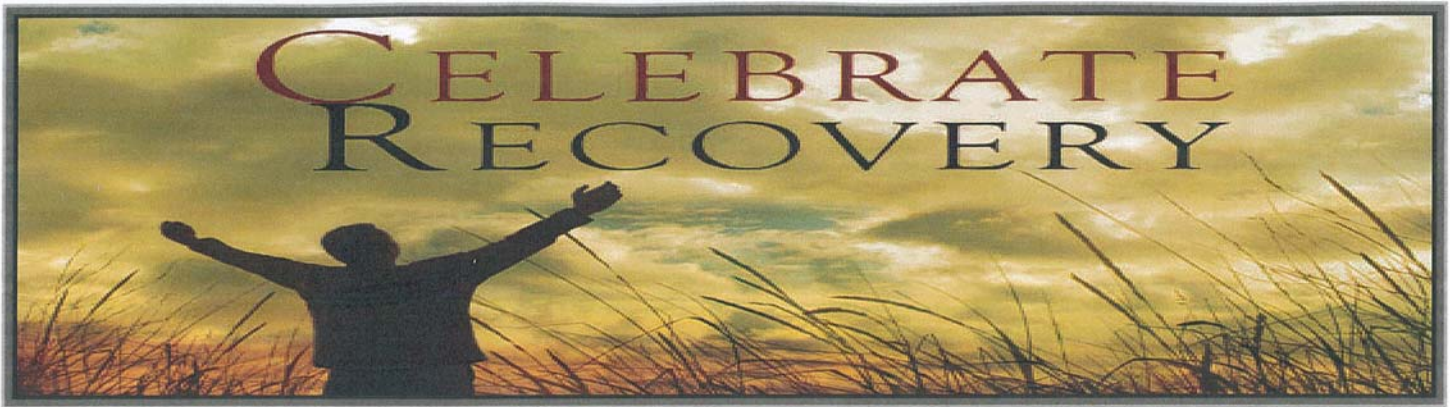
BAPTISMS

Kylie Cox
Addi Ray
Karis Busby
Brandon Thurmond
Thad Henley
Wendy Henley
Morgan Granger

NEW MEMBERS

Thad and Wendy Henley
Martin and Anita Silva
Steve and Anita Patterson
Taron Jordan

The annual MEN'S CONFERENCE is Fri, Feb 10 - Sat, Feb 11 in Woodstock, GA at First Baptist Church Woodstock. If you've attended before, then you know how much incredible fellowship is experienced as we study God's Word together through Pastor Johnny's sermons, worship, and build relationships. If you have never gone, then we're asking you to come out of your comfort zone and step up as a man to join us! All of us will come back better fathers, sons, husbands, and men for the glory of God! See Ray Scroggins (312-7480 or rayscrog@gmail.com) for more details & to reserve your spot while they last. *We all agreed last year to challenge every GPCC man to see Ray to purchase a hotel room and tickets and be responsible for filling his room by taking other men who haven't been before.* Instead of relying on announcing the conference every Sunday morning, we are simply going to rely on every man who has been to bring other men to fill his room. Who are you going reach out to bring to the men's weekend with you?



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

Every Tuesday Night!

Dinner 6:00 pm

Large Group Meeting 6:30 pm

Small Share Groups 7:30 pm

Serving Grace Fellowship Café 8:15 pm

The Next Right Thing...That is what Celebrate Recovery is all about. Men, women, young and old have made decisions to follow through with doing 'The Next Right Thing' in their lives, in an effort to uncover the joy of a life of transformation that God has created them to live. Lives previously unmanageable because of an inability to control ones temper, households destroyed due to the excesses of alcohol, drugs or other habits, relationships dysfunctional because of the intrusion of codependency. These and so many more human conditions have been resolved for the sake and glory of God, in those who have chosen to do 'The Next Right Thing.'

The spectacular aspect of this journey is that 'The Next Right Thing' is an individual discovery. God has provided The Way for each of us to travel, yet presented conditions in the lives of everyone that are distinct and unique. Pain, hardship, and seemingly impassable challenges are often the things that God uses to encourage you to another path, another approach. In discovering this approach, you will find that awaiting you is a celebration of the way your life can change, a celebration of the purposes for your past and a celebration of discovering or recovering the relationship with God that He has always desired for you.

If, through life's struggles, you have come to the end of your rope, become exhausted by the constant draining of your own willpower and resources, and crave a new way of life filled with forgiveness, joy, hope and love, please join us at Celebrate Recovery. This is NOT a ministry set aside only for "those people." We believe that there is Hope for all of us, and this Hope continues to be realized in the lives of those who have been drawn to CR by the Love of Jesus Christ. Choose today to take part in doing 'The Next Right Thing!'

GPCC CR Leadership Team

For more information please contact Gwin Greathouse at 334-398-3113

OUR VISION - Celebrate Recovery at Grace Point provides a safe and loving environment for individuals seeking to conquer their hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Our mission is for the lives of men and women to be transformed by the Truth of Jesus Christ. Success will be defined by seeing people develop a relationship with God, their family, their church and others.

NURSERY NEWS

Ephesians 6:11-18 take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Reliable volunteers are needed!



Christianity and Halloween

Christians have long been staunchly divided on whether or not to celebrate Halloween. Hallowed Eve is the eve of all Saints Day, a festival to remember all Christian saints, usually celebrated on November 1. Most people view Halloween as a day for candy, costumes, and parties, without any religious connotation. It still however, remains a touchy subject in the Christian community, due to pagan roots.

- If you do celebrate keep these things in mind:
- Shield small children from gory or gruesome images.
 - Be respectful of those who do not celebrate.
 - Keep your children safe, and stay with them at all times. Evil things lurk, and not just on Halloween.
 - Celebrate for the good, clean family memories you will pass on to your children.

For those of you who don't celebrate a typical Halloween, you may want to check out these family fun activities to celebrate the beginning of fall.

- Host a Pumpkin Patch. A small group could use this as a fund raiser. Or get a group of friends together and go to the many in this area.
- Fall Festival. Let the children dress up in not so scary costumes and have activities such as pumpkin decorating, and goodies like caramel apples.
- Decorate for fall at home as a family, or bake a pumpkin pie.
- Plan an outdoor crusade. So many people are out it's a great time to reach the community.

A Lil Punkin Trivia

1. Who is the avid believer on, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown", cartoon?
 - a. Lucy
 - b. Charlie Brown
 - c. Linus
2. Pumpkins are grown on how many continents?
 - a. 2
 - b. 5
 - c. 6
3. Pumpkins were once recommended for
 - a. Removing freckles and curing snake bites
 - b. Reducing swelling & removing wrinkles
 - c. Curing chicken pox
(answers 1. C. 2.C. 3. A)

GRACEPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH HEALTH POLICY

Children with any of the following symptoms should not be brought to the nursery:

- 1) Fever of 100 or above within the last 24 hours.
 - 2) Diarrhea within the last 24 hours.
 - 3) Nausea or repeat vomiting within the last 12 hours.
 - 4) Persistent cough.
 - 5) Undiagnosed or untreated rashes.
 - 6) Dark yellow or green mucus discharge from the nose.
 - 7) Pinkeye and not on antibiotics for at least 24 hours.
 - 8) Head lice
 - 9) Physical or emotional state preventing them from participating in normal activities.
- If your child is being treated with antibiotics, they should be on the medicine for at least 24 hours before coming to the nursery.

Please see our coordinator **Melissa Greathouse**, or co-coordinators **Cathy Callins** or **Diana Howard** for nursery issues.

Happy Birthday to:
Catherine Garner Oct 8



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Children's program is excited about the new curriculum (Generations of Grace) that we are using 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

If you have any questions or would like to serve in Children's Church, please contact Jennifer Boyd @ 430-1535 or Jennifer@gracepoint.info or Jason Lavigne @ 221-4390 or Jason@gracepoint.info



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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.*

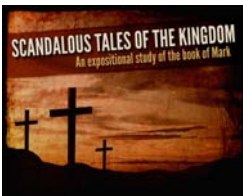
SOULFIRE STUDENT MINISTRY VISION FOR 2011

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—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.

We have several events coming up that we need Youth and Parents involvement. I encourage both Youth and Parents who do not typically attend Wednesday night service to come out on **October 5th**. The Adullam House children's choir will lead us in worship. Pete and Angie Spackman (founders) will also share what God has been doing in their ministry. GPCC supports the Adullam House with your tithes and our Youth group works at the Adullam House during our annual spring break missions. Please come meet the children YOU support with your offerings.

We have scheduled a couple of Community Outreaches to benefit two of our local schools. On **Saturday, October 8th**,

we will be at Holtville High School painting a room for the First Priority Christian Club to meet. This is a huge opportunity. We hear so often schools that are kicking God out and at Holtville High School they are allowing him in!!!! Please come help us further God's Kingdom in HHS. On **Friday, October 21st**, we will serve the pregame meal to the WHS football team and directing parking for the game that night as well. It is important that we stay in front of our community athletes with God's word. This is great opportunity to reinforce the message these athletes heard at GPCC during the FCA Banquet in September. Please come help us serve these young men!

First Priority Praise is **Sunday, October 16th**. We will meet at GPCC at 7:00 p.m. (eat before you come) and will travel to Mountain View Church. We should return to GPCC around 9:30.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- October 5th—Adullam House leading worship
- October 6th—No Youth
- October 8th—Holtville High School Community Outreach
- October 9th—15th—Be in prayer for the Guatemalan Mission Team
- October 16th—First Priority Praise at Mountain View
- October 21st—Community Outreach
- November 2nd—Secret Church

SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING CLASS

Jennifer Boyd and Andrea Hodges will hold the next Sexual Abuse Prevention Training Class on Sunday, **October 16th** immediately following worship service (11:45—12:45). This class is required for anyone wishing to work in our nursery, children's church or with our Youth Group. If you have not previously attended one of our classes, please plan to stay a little late on the 16th.

Thank you.



GET PLUGGED IN AND GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

MISSIONS TRIP TO GUATEMALA

Please be in prayer for our team leaving for Guatemala on **Sunday, October 9th**. Also be in prayer for the leaders of Casa on the Rock and the multitude of children who call the Rock home. We are taking up donations for the Rock and will continue to until Wednesday, **October 5th**. A partial list of needed items is below and a complete list is located on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your prayers and support of this life altering mission's trip!

Toothpaste	Bibs	Baby Wipes
Kids toys	Kids Shoes, Crocs	Baby Cream
Band Aids	Crayons, Markers	Soap
Pampers	Pens, Pencils	Brushes/Combs

SASSY SINGLES OCTOBER GIRLS-NIGHT-OUT PUMPKIN STYLE

The Sassy Singles next get-together will be on **October 15th** at 6:00 PM at Debbie Woodard's house. We will be discussing the importance of living an abundant life!

Bring your sense of humor and come "costumed" as one of your other sassy single friends. This will be a "pumpkin-themed" night. You will need to bring your own pumpkin for pumpkin carving! This is the perfect time to bring a friend with you! The main course will be pumpkin soup, so everyone just bring simple appetizers, possibly a few sweets and something to drink. For more info: call 233-3553 or email me at deborahswoodard@gmail.com.

HAPPY HEARTS

Our "young at heart adults" will be going to Bill and Nancy House's home for a pot-luck supper on **Oct. 24th**. I would like to encourage anyone over the age of 50 to join our group. If you are new to our church this will give you a chance to get "plugged in." We always have a great time with a lot of laughter, fellowship and most of the time food. If you would like to join or have any questions, please feel free to call me, Larry Howard, at 567-8033 or email me at ladihow@aol.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 2

Friend Day

10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 5

Adullam House/Pete and Angie Spackman

6:30 PM | Sanctuary

Thursday, October 6

CR Women's Step Study Group

6:30 PM | Children's Church Classroom

Sunday, October 9

Mission to Guatemala

4:00 AM | Meet at GPCC

Thursday, October 13

CR Women's Step Study Group

6:30 PM | Children's Church Classroom

Saturday, October 15

Sassy Singles

6:00 PM | Debbie Woodard's Home

Thursday, October 20

CR Women's Step Study Group

6:30 PM | Children's Church Classroom

Monday, October 24

Happy Hearts Pot Luck Dinner

TBD | Bill and Nancy's Home

Thursday, October 27

CR Women's Step Study Group

6:30 PM | Children's Church Classroom

Sunday, October 30

Men's Breakfast

7:30 AM | Sanctuary

Friday, November 4

Secret Church

6:00PM | Sanctuary

Sunday, November 13

Chest of Blessing

10:00 AM | Sanctuary



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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, October 30th**.

COLLEGE AND TWENTY SOMETHINGS MINISTRY

Be sure to join our facebook group "GPCC Young Adults," and see Brandon to get on the group text list for details and events. We will go one Sunday afternoon to serve the homeless again and schedule future fellowship events. Also, if you haven't already, mark your calendars for Jan 2-5, 2012 for the Passion Conference in Atlanta and save money!

SECRET CHURCH

What: Secret Church with Dr. David Platt

Who: Anyone ready for intense prayer and study of God's Word with little to no entertainment value.

When: **Fri, Nov 4** from 6pm-midnight (*childcare not available*)

You can sign up anytime or even just pay at the door, but the much-needed study book will only be guaranteed to those who sign up by **October 23rd**

Where: GPCC

Why: To give to and pray for the underground church and persecuted believers abroad, and to study intensely what God's Word says about **"Marriage, Family, Sex, and the Gospel"**

How: \$5 per person...snacks will be available during breaks for sale and an offering for the persecuted "secret church" will be taken as well in order to minister to them and translate the secret church messages in other languages to make disciples in persecuted countries.

When you are ready to purchase tickets for your church, see Jessica Sanford **ASAP** at 657-4583 or email jynks3@gmail.com

FAMILY NIGHT AT GPCC

Wednesday, Oct 5, the Adullam House will lead our Wednesday night service. - Be sure to make plans to join us for worship. The Adullam House is a Christian children's home which our church supports that takes in children of incarcerated parents. Their children's choir is coming to lead us in worship along with Pete and Angie Spackman to share about what God has been doing in their ministry. This will be a big deal for their children and for our church...come support them! We will not take an offering, but they will have shirts and cds for sale afterwards to help their ministry.

SEPTEMBER PRAYER REQUESTS

Ongoing:

Chloe Whaley
Amanda Ward
Jean Higdon (Niki Treadaway)
Tim Wellman

Members:

Michelle and Dan Bradshaw
Stacy Hudgens
Juanita Wellman

Family of Members:

Jim and Nancy (Judy Stultz parents)
Madison Elmore (Sue Stanfield)
Ed and Dorothy (Judy Stultz)
Patti Holiday (Jessica Sanford)
Jacob Johnson (Cathie Callins)
Leigh (Niki Treadaway)

Friends of Members:

Rich Ryan and Family (Crystal Rucker)
Donna Baker & Family (Frankie Martin)
Raney Family (Kim Whitfield)
Smith Family (Danine Bruner)
Lisa Smith (Sybil Redmon)
Boss (Tim Robinson)
Ryals Family (Laura Maddox)
Nathaniel Jones (Michelle Lamkin)
Paige Sanders (Sybil Redmon)
Ann Cronin (Temple and Louise Adams)



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 will begin on August 14 and will be lead by Luke Garner. It will be held in the Journey classroom, across from the copier.

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 if you decide to join the class. 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

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 starting in Genesis and going through Revelation.

"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 upstairs behind the sound booth. We are currently studying the book Radical. If you have been considering joining a Sunday school class, please come check us out!

NEW BUILDING FUNDRAISERS: What a blessing it is to know so many people want to hear God's Word preached that we have run out of space!! We have Sunday School classes meeting in every nook and cranny; including the kitchen. The Youth group has long outgrown their classroom. Can we possibly fit another row of chairs in the sanctuary?!?! Therefore, it is time to expand! Our Church Leaders have made the wise and Godly decision to build in phases and construction will not begin until we have the funds to pay each Phase. In order for Phase I to begin, we need to raise \$70,000. And how are we going to raise \$70,000? Well, we have two ways to start. First is a **BBQ PLATE SALE**. The plates will include bbq, baked beans, cole slaw and bread. Tickets are available for purchase **now** until **Wednesday, November 2nd** and cost \$8 each. See Ronnie Edwards or Andrea Hodges to purchase your tickets. Your BBQ plate will be ready for pick up after service on Sunday, November 6th. **Thank you Dan and Michelle Bradshaw for preparing these plates!** The second scheduled fundraiser is **CHEST OF BLESSING DAY**. On **Sunday, November 13th**, we will have a Chest of Blessing located at the front of the sanctuary. We encourage you to prayerfully and sacrificially give (above and beyond your tithe) to the building fund. Our prayer is by the end of the service on November 13th, Phase 1 will be underway!!!!!!



TOUCHING YOUR TOES

DID YOU KNOW???????????

Colorectal cancer is the #2 cause of cancer death in the U.S. But if everybody aged 50 or older had regular screening tests, many deaths could be prevented.

How often do you sit down with your kids and eat a homemade meal? Kids who eat with their families most nights are less likely to be obese or to smoke, drink or use drugs. They have lower rates of depression and eating disorders. And they're much more apt to get the nutrients they need when the meal is made from scratch.

Exercising your brain helps build 'cognitive reserve' that can keep you sharp as you age. Doing anything that requires brainpower, from crosswords to a mentally stimulating job, helps. But after you've gotten really good at it, your brain needs a different challenge to grow new nerve cells and connections. People who learn new things in middle age have lower rates of Alzheimer's disease later. So take a class and learn a new language, skill, subject area, or practice, like tai chi or meditation. Start a volunteer job. Join a book club. Stimulating your brain may delay or prevent symptoms of dementia.

If you diet a lot, you may be more likely to overeat in times of stress. People tend to gorge on high-calorie, high-fat junk foods when eating under stress. For example, nearly all of the stress overeaters said they preferred to eat chocolate, candy, or other sweets when stressed out, compared with about 60% of stress under-eaters. On the other hand, about 40% of stress under-eaters preferred fruits, vegetables, and cheese during times of stress vs. only about 2% of stress overeaters.

What's wrong with Grace Point Community Church? *Nothing but the name!* GracePoint is one word. Please be mindful of this when you are advertising Church events on the GPCC Facebook page, your personal page, etc.

MARRIAGE MISSIONS

WWW.MARRIAGEMISSIONS.COM is a Christian based website for married couples. On this site, you will find topics ranging from Marriage and Finance, Romantic Ideas, Military Marriage, Children's Effects on Marriage, etc. You can sign up and on Monday they send an article with scripture and things. It's written by a husband and wife team and is a great resource.



Chicken Quesadillas:

Saute frozen Tyson chicken fajita strips with sliced onions (no need to add oil) until done. On one half of a flour tortilla place the chicken and onion mixture, add shredded colby jack cheese and Pace Picante Sauce. Fold tortilla in half and grill on a cast iron griddle on both sides until browned. (you can cook two at a time on the griddle) Serve with sour cream and guacamole if desired.

Homemade tortilla chips

Cut corn tortillas into fourths. Fry in hot canola oil until lightly browned on both sides. (I use a cast iron skillet) Drain on paper towels and add salt.

"Grandma's Mexican food"

Cook a pound of hamburger and drain. Add a can of tomato sauce, a can of Ranch Style Beans, and chili powder to taste. Fry whole corn tortillas or purchase premade tostadas. Place fried tortillas on a cookie sheet and top with the hamburger mixture. Cover in cheddar cheese and onions. Place a second fried tortilla on top and add more hamburger mixture and more cheese and onions. Place under broiler in oven until cheese is melted.

Submitted by: Eric Anderson



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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.

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 gpccinfo@gmail.com to be added to the list.

HAVE AN IDEA FOR THE NEWLETTER?

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.

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 6:30 am – 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

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.

ADAMS MOTORSPORTS (Terry and Lynn Adams), we sell motorcycles, jet skis, scooters, ATV (four wheelers), utility vehicles (Kawasaki Mules and Rangers), and generators. We sell fun for the whole family so you can **get out and enjoy God’s creation!** Come see us at 528 N Eastern Bypass, Montgomery, Al 36117, call us at 334-271-5500 or check us out on the web www.adamsmotorsports.com.

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Looking for summer fun for the kids? Bring them by the shop for fun making and painting ceramics!

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