

Learning the ways of Jesus in our context is a lifetime journey. At GracePoint our mission is to equip believers to "follow Jesus Christ everywhere". This requires thinking and acting as a whole-life disciple. This simply means we live the whole of our lives for Jesus Christ wherever we are, in everything we do, and every day. This happens both in the gathered church on Sunday and the scattered church (Monday-Saturday). Our desire and goal is to equip you on a Sunday for Monday-Saturday living. Join us for our next 5-week series in the book of 1 Peter.

- All the difference in the world (Sept. 8) 1 Peter 1
- Wherever we are (Sept. 15) 1 Peter 2
- Whatever we do (Sept. 22) 1 Peter 3
- Whoever we are (Sept. 29) 1 Peter 4
- Together we grow (Oct. 6) 1 Peter 5

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Church Office hours: Mon. – Thu. 8am-2pm

## August 25, 2019



"For I am **not ashamed** of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes – the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, 'It is through faith that a righteous person has life.'" Romans 1:16-17

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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

"Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone"

#### PRELUDE TO WORSHIP

Benji Padgett

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING ONE ANOTHER – LUKE 24:36

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 118:1-4

SONGS OF PRAISE TO OUR CORNERSTONE

\*"Open up the Heavens"

\*"Our God"

\*"Here in Your Presence"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S LESSON

HEAR GOD'S WORD - RICK BATEMAN

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 28:14-16** 

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 PETER 2:4-8** 

SERMON - MARVEL AT THE CORNERSTONE

PSALM 118 - PASTOR ROBERT OLSZEWSKI

OFFERTORY

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

We offer ourselves to God, dedicating all to his service. Visitors, please feel no obligation to give to this ministry.

**SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM:** Esther Jolene Peters

Daughter of Joseph Peters, Granddaughter of Clint and Cindy Cline and Glenda Nagle

#### \*BENEDICTION

Elders will be available for prayer following the Service
\*Stand as Comfort Allows

In Reverence to the Lord and for the courtesy of other worshipers, please turn off or silence your cell phones and other electronics.

## **CURRENT ADULT CLASSES**









Room 21 with Danny Phillips June 9 – September 1

## NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SEPT. 8 – OCT. 6

Join us this fall as we kick-off a 5-week series in learning from Philippians 3 how "dying and rising with Jesus in everyday life" provides a deeper understanding of whole life discipleship. There will be a comprehensive workbook for the class for a suggested donation of \$10

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

We will kick-off our Wednesday Night Semester on September 4th. We invite you to bring your own meal and join us for a time of fellowship at 5:30 pm. (Refreshments will be available.) Classes will begin at 6:30 pm and run through 7:30 pm. The Children and Youth will resume their regular program and the Adults will have a joint Pastor's Notes style class.

## Kids Quest Catechism Club - Children's Church!

Beginning September 8, our children in Children's Church will begin to go through the 36-week Catechism Class called Kids' Quest. The goal of Kids' Quest is not only memorization, but also an initial understanding that will lay a foundation for the children's belief and trust in God through Jesus Christ. Learning First Catechism is excellent preparation for studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

## **SERMON NOTES**

#### MARVEL AT THE CORNERSTONE - PSALM 118

1.	Marvel 1 - timeless		(vs. 1-4)	
	a.	Our history		
	b.	Give thanks		
2.	Marvel 2	2 - timely	(vs. 5-9)	
	a.	Hebrews 13:6		
	b.	Sure refuge		
3.	Marvel 3	B - The victor's		(vs. 19-23)
	a.	The challenge at the gate (vs. 19-20)		
	b.	The chief cornerstone (vs. 21-	-23)	

## **Quotes to Ponder**

"This precious Cornerstone binds God and man together in wondrous amity, for He is both in one! He joins earth and Heaven together, for He participates in each! He joins time and eternity together, for He was a man of few years and yet He is the Ancient of Days!" - C.H. Spurgeon

""Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone," - Job 38:4-6

"One cannot help but be in awe when [one] contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality." - Albert Einstein

"In the original language, 'Fear the Lord' doesn't mean be afraid. It means sustaining a joyful, astonished awe, and wonder before Him." - Timothy Keller

## P2P (PASTOR TO PEOPLE) FOLLOWING JESUS CHRIST IN BAPTISM



Today is an exciting day as Esther Jolene Peters receives the sacrament of baptism. Our Book of Worship 3-1B tells us what a sacrament is:

Sacraments are holy signs and seals of the Covenant of Grace, representing Christ and all His benefits. They confirm our relationship to Him and represent a visible difference between those who belong to the Church and the rest of the world. There is a spiritual or sacramental relationship in the sacraments between the sign (water and bread and wine) and what is signified. The power revealed in the sacraments does not reside in them or in the one administering them but is in the work of the Holy Spirit and in the promise of God who gives benefits to those who worthily receive them. Thus, the sacraments are powerful and effective in the life of the recipient because of God's Word which instituted them. For this reason, the sacraments should not be neglected or omitted.

Our Book of Worship (3-2) teaches us further with these words: Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ. By the act of Baptism, a person becomes a part of the Visible Church, for it is a sign and a seal of the Covenant of Grace for believers and their children. As a sign it proclaims God's forgiveness and our redemption in Jesus Christ. As a seal, God marks us as adopted children of our heavenly Father. It indicates our engrafting into Christ, our rebirth, the remission of sins, and our ability by the power of the Spirit to walk in newness of life. This sacrament is to be continued by God's people until the end of the world.

Finally, BoW 3-2C reminds us of the effectiveness of baptism: God's grace and salvation are not inseparably connected to this sacrament. Some who are baptized will be lost and some not baptized will be saved. Nevertheless, it is a great sin to make light of or to neglect this sacrament. A great benefit is lost when Baptism is neglected, for God promises to bless His people through this sacrament. The effectiveness of Baptism is not tied to the moment it is administered, yet God who keeps His promises confers His grace according to His own will and in His appointed time.

So today as you join us in supporting Esther in her call to follow Jesus Christ in baptism, would you do likewise by your continued Christian nurture of Esther, promising to set a godly example by your own life, and to pray for her in this new life of faith?

Much Joy,

Pastor Robert

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, August 25

8:45 a.m. Prayer in the Chapel 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Sip n' Chat

11:15 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)

#### Monday, August 26

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

#### Tuesday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Classical Conversations Homeschool Group

10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle

5:00 p.m. Exercise & Praise

#### Wednesday, August 28

9:30 a.m. Cherup LifeGroup7:00 p.m. Summer Prayer Focus

#### Thursday, August 29

11:00 a.m. Exercise & Praise7:00 p.m. Bateman LifeGroup

Call Smiths or Batemans

for location

#### Friday, August 30

#### Saturday, August 31

#### Sunday, September 1

8:45 a.m. Prayer in the Chapel 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Sip n' Chat

11:15 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)

For Prayer Requests or to be added to the email prayer chain, contact: kbergman@gracepointpc.org.

## PRAYER/PRAISE REQUESTS

- ...for Ruth Cherup, healing from pain in her right knee.
- ...for Kathy Hubschmitt for healing following a seizure.
- ...for Danny Phillips to replace his job with something that is not so physically demanding.
- ...for Rose Naugler to open her heart to Christ and to center her life on him.
- ...Erin, Sandy Burnett's niece, that her breathing issues be resolved.
- ...for Rayburn Perry, health concerns.
- ...for Barbara Hendrix, healing for severe back pain.
- ...for Debbie Hamilton, healing following a procedure.
- ...for Jennifer Harnage and family as she begins Chemotherapy treatment at Moffit.
- ...for Stefan Mandigo, prayer for peace and continued success with the Air Force and job with them.
- ...for Brian, Alan & Cindy Lindsey's son, that God would touch his heart.
- ...for Amber McGuire's brother, Chris and family. That they would be able to find a new home to lease that is close by and affordable.
- ...for Denise, Ruth Cherup's daughter, pray doctors can find a solution to the issues she is encountering with her dialysis.
- ...for John Baker, dear friend of the Dusse family, who was injured on the job. Please pray for his family, his health, and those affected by this accident.
- ...for Marie Paige, for job assurance, protection over Marline while attending college and for Mozart to have a good school year.

### **SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

#### ELDER OF THE DAY

Rick Bateman

#### **DEACON OF THE MONTH**

Leslie Doepke

Weekly Income Budget

Offering

THE WEEK THAT WAS — FINANCE

08/19

#### TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Special Needs Class

9:30 am Kathy Grant

11:15 am Donna Howard

Children's Church

Diane Reed

Sip n' Chat Cleanup

Bateman LifeGroup



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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

GracePoint Church will be hosting See You at the Party (SYATP) planning and worship night (Sept. 18) for the national See You at the Pole (Sept. 25) prayer event on student campus across the Plant City schools. Over 12 church youth ministries and 400 students will be visiting and using our campus. Please pray how you can help in the following areas:

- Greeter
- Server
- Liaison to guests
- Parking Team
- Security

Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer

#### EXPECTING – PLEASE PRAY OVER THESE FAMILIES

Ryan and Ginger Blackmon, son-in-law and daughter of Jim and Robyn Jeffries, are expecting a baby girl in October.

Joshua & Cassandra Watson, son and daughter-in-law of Robert and Kathleen Watson are expecting their first child, a son in December.