

Welcome, Guests!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

Best time to call _____

Today's date _____ 1st 2nd Service

Email address _____

Your age group:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> 23-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school | <input type="checkbox"/> 30-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> Single |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school | <input type="checkbox"/> 40-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> Married |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College/Career | <input type="checkbox"/> 50-59 | |

Names and ages of children living at home:

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How did you hear about our church?

I am interested in ...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Knowing God personally | <input type="checkbox"/> Small group information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning more about us | <input type="checkbox"/> Being baptized |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a member | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting with a Pastor |

OTHER _____

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Women's Bible Study ~ James...Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore,
7 p.m., MC Great Room

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (Colossians), 7-8:30 p.m., MC Great Room

WEDNESDAY

- **Women's Bible Studies, 9:30 a.m.** (Childcare available)
~ *Romans* (Beth Ferrell) MC Great Room
~ *Daniel* (Beth Moore) MC Upstairs
- **Women's "Sweet Hour of Prayer,"** 6:00 p.m., MC 205
- **High School 2W2,** 7-8:45 p.m.

THURSDAY

- **Men's Prayer Group,** 6:00 a.m., MC Great Room
- **Job Networking Group.** Contact Jim Wilson if you have interest (Jim@gracepointfamily.com).
- **Middle School Danger Zone,** 7-8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Sister Striders (12 week women's walk/run club for physical, social and spiritual wellness) meets at 8:30 a.m. at Fowler Middle School. Questions? Contact Trisha Swanson or Kacy Erickson or go to www.ReasonToRun.com

COMING EVENTS

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| Feb. 12 | Church Lunch |
| Feb. 14 | Moms Connection |
| Feb. 17 | HS Progressive Dinner |
| Feb. 24 | Women's Craft Night |
| Feb. 24-26 | MS Discipleship Camp |
| Feb. 26 | Getting to Know Grace Point
(Discovering Membership) |

March 3 **Women's Spice 'n' Dice Cooking Challenge**

April 28 **Men's Fishing Derby**
(Questions? Contact Jim Wilson.)



Welcome to Grace Point!



**Walking Well?
Don't Expect Applause! ***
1 Peter 4:1-6
Pastor Steve McCracken

♪ Song lyrics are available at the Welcome Center. ♪

Feb. 5, 2012

9 & 11 a.m.

Worship &
Children's
Programs

10 a.m.

- Grace Point Café
- Converge.
Mid & High School
(Youth Ctr.)
- Women's Care Group
(MC 203)
- Sojourners
(55+) (MC 205)

News, Notes, Opportunities



Walking in Wisdom
2012 Church Family
Reading Plan:

Read one chapter of
Proverbs every day!



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Walking Well? Don't Expect Applause! *

1 Peter 4:1-6

Most people get praised when they overcome obstacles and make improvements in their lives. Stop smoking, lose weight, quit drinking, and you can expect plenty of pats on the back. But ... that's not always the case. Sometimes the people you once "partied" with look at you differently. At first they're suspicious. Eventually, in some cases, their suspicion can turn to resentment. Have you ever wondered why? And, if you've had that happen to you, what should you do about it?

Loving God ... Loving others to God.

Questions for Discussion

1. Quick ... Think of something you do well that you learned by watching someone else. Are you thinking of something positive or negative? How would you explain the enormous power of example? (See Eph. 5:1, Phil. 4:9, and 1 Cor. 11:1.)
2. Based on 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 1 Peter 1:23-25, why is the claim *God has spoken* so important? To you?
3. One look at the cross and our minds recall Jesus' suffering (Isaiah 53). What would you suppose gave Him the perseverance to endure such suffering? (See Heb. 12:2-3.)
4. Look at 1 Peter 2:23, 3:14, 4:12-14. In what ways do these verses help you?
5. Read 4:1 again. Compare it to Romans 6:6-7. Practically and personally, are you "done with sin"? How so?
6. Jesus talked about how light came into the world and people who did evil *hate* the light (John 3:19-20). In what ways have you been *abused* for coming into the light? (See 4:4.)

Additional Scriptures

2 Tim. 2:24-26, 3:16-17	1 Pet. 1:23-25	James 1:21-25
Rom. 6:6-7	Jn. 15:18	Mt. 10:22
Heb. 12:2-3; 9:27	1 Cor. 6:9-11	Lk. 15:13
Jn. 3:19-21	Ps. 1:5-6	Gal. 5:16-26
Eph. 5:1	1 Pet. 2:11-12, 21	Mt. 11:28-30, 5:11
1 Jn. 2:1-2	2 Cor. 6:14-18, 5:17	

* Fifteenth message in a series on 1 Peter entitled *Strong in the Face of Struggle* by Pastor Steve McCracken, 2/1/12. CD's of this message are available. Order forms are near the Welcome Center.

Messages are also accessible at www.gracepointfamily.com.

FINDING GRACE THROUGH PRAYER "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Women, join us for intercessory prayer on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., by appointment in the Ministry Center upstairs. You're invited to come meet with two women who will join you in taking your concerns to the throne of God, depending on Him for all wisdom, guidance, and healing. Kathy Vonada and Mary Davis are available to meet with individual women to pray together. For more information, or to make an appointment, call Kathy or Mary.



SPICE 'N' DICE WOMEN'S COOKING CHALLENGE, March 3. Teams of women will compete to create 2 dishes using 1 secret ingredient. Be a cook or judge! Signs ups are Feb. 19 & 26. Cost: \$7. For more details, contact Karen Meininger or Wendy Thornburg.

ZIP STRIP
Prayer, Praise, Comment

- CONFIDENTIAL (Staff/Overseers only)
- For the Prayer Groups

NAME _____

PHONE _____ DATE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Pray this week

Pray for Paul and Kim Johnson and family and their outreach to the Middle East.



Praise for new believers; pray they will remain strong.

Pray for

- guidance about living there again in a few years.
- financial needs.

Financial Update

As of 2/1/2012	Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings Received	\$ 47,771
Less Spending	40,437
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 7,334
YTD Budget	\$ 62,999
Annual Budget Needs	\$ 667,792