

**Hearing Assists** are available at the Sound Booth.

**Youth Groups** are starting up this week, **Wednesday, Sept 13**. Middle school (grades 6-8) will meet in the youth room downstairs from 6:00-7:30. Senior high (grades 9-12) will meet from 7:45 - 9:15.

**Please join us for a Fellowship Coffee** on Sunday, September 24, after the worship service. This is a time to visit, make friends and meet new people. Care Team 1 is hosting.

**Do you have your own RightNow Media account?** It is easy to sign up! Please see the insert.

**Sunday School starts today!** Pre-k—1st grade in “Cubbies” room, 2nd—5th grade in blue room downstairs, 6th—10th grade in youth room, 11th & 12th grade in auditorium with adult class.

**The Wednesday Night Family meals** organizers thank donors for their generous response to the 1st semester meat needs! We have what we need!

**Go & Tell about Jesus!** GracePoint Church is hosting a free *Go & Tell* evangelism training seminar on Saturday, September 23 from 9 am to noon. See the bulletin insert for more information and sign up TODAY at the table in the Fellowship Hall!

**Fall 2023 Small Group Line-up:** Please see the insert.

***Week at a Glance:***

**Sunday, Sept. 10**—Sunday School/ABF 9:15 am, Worship Service 10:30 am

**Tuesday, Sept. 12**—Warriors of Grace Women’s Prayer Team 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, Sept. 13**—Youth Group: MS 6-7:30 pm HS 7:45-9:15 pm

**Saturday, Sept. 16**—Praise Team Practice 9 am

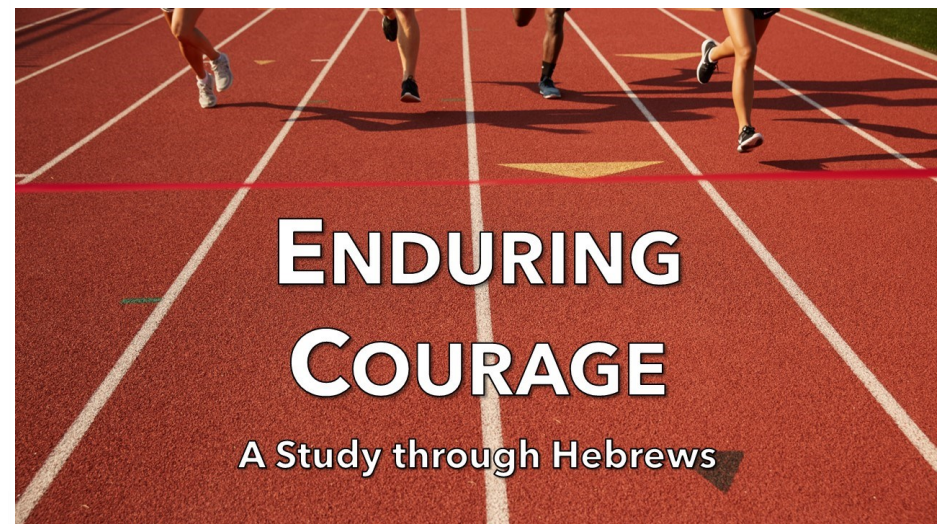
**Sunday, Sept. 17**—Sunday School/ABF 9:15 am, Worship Service 10:30 am, Prime Time 12 pm

**\*Please see insert for additional Announcements and Upcoming events.** ➔

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## *The Better Mediator*

*Hebrews 9:15-28*

September 10, 2023

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# WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

**Youth Sunday  
School & Adult Bible  
Classes**

9:15 a.m.

**Worship  
Service**

10:30 a.m.

*Your children are welcome in the worship service.  
The following ministries are also available:*

## **Nursery**

Available during the Worship Service for little ones from Infant—Age 2.

## **Children's Church**

Available for children 3 years old through 5th grade during the sermon.  
Children are dismissed at the end of Worship in Singing.

***On major holiday weekends there will be NO Sunday School,  
NO Children's Church, NO Nursery, and NO Adult Bible Fellowship***

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## **Financial Update**

- 2023 General Fund Income (Jan 1 - August 31)= \$214,452.00
- 2022 General Fund Income (Jan 1 - August 31)= \$245,347.00
- 2023 Budgeted General Fund Income = \$415,000.00.

We are running around \$30,895.00 short from last year. Please continue to give prayerful consideration to your financial giving to GracePoint Church.

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**Do you have your own RightNow Media account? It is easy to sign up! Just text GRACEPOINTIA to 49775. You will receive a link on your phone to sign up for a free account through our church's subscription.**

**If you use a smart phone or tablet, you can find notes for today's sermon under the "Events" section of the Bible app.**



## **Church Office**

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## **Senior Pastor—Don McLean**

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## **Children's Discipleship Director—Pam Russell**

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## **Senior Ministries Director—Dick Nichols**

## **Worship Ministries Director—Cindy Nichols**

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***Thank you for financially supporting the ministries of our church! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the donations box immediately to the right when you enter the auditorium. They can also be mailed to the church by check, or you can give through our website via PayPal using a credit or debit card. Thank you!***

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***To our guests—Thank you for joining us! We're delighted you chose to worship with us! We'd love to meet you, answer any questions and give you a welcome gift at our Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall.***



Series: ENDURING COURAGE (PART 2)  
Sermon: *The Better Mediator*  
Scripture: Hebrews 9:15-28  
Speaker: Pastor Don McLean  
Sunday: September 10, 2023

Jesus is worth any sacrifice because He \_\_\_\_\_ us  
to God and gives us an \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for us (vv. 15-22)

2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us (vv. 23-26)

3. Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ for us (vv. 27-28)

**Next Week = Hebrews 10:1-18 + The Better Sacrifice**



## Additional Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Wednesday Night Family Meals** is currently looking for several individuals (8-10) or couples to help out the experienced weekly cooks. These jobs include assisting with meal prep and serving the meal. It is a fun, fast-paced, 2-3 hour commitment, 1 time per month...or more if you like!! Please contact Sara Altman 641-521-9136, Sonja Smith 402-214-8512, or Christy Cunningham 249-4718 if you can help.

**PRIME TIME for our seniors** is scheduled to take place here at the church, Sunday, September 17, after the morning worship service. We will have a potluck meal. Questions or need a ride? Call or text Dick Nichols at 712-249-2023.

**Thank you** to all who have blessed many with a frozen meal. This ministry helps when members of our church family have a sudden or unexpected need. Would you like to help refill our church freezer? You can purchase a frozen entree from the grocery store or make your own. Please put in a disposable container and label what it is. Include baking/heating instructions and place in the large upright freezer in our church freezer marked freezer meals. Please contact Diane Martens 712-249-2823 or Michelle Behrends 712-254-1097 with any questions.

**Theology for the Rest of Us:** Have you ever wished you had a more systematic understanding of your faith but have felt intimidated by theology textbooks or taking a seminary class? Many of us feel this way, and so we are continuing with Part 4 of a multiple-part systematic theology class during the adult Sunday School hour. Elders and others will be leading us through additional topics from Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology, Second Edition* as our basic text. All are welcome to join us for an exploration of the core doctrines of Christianity. This class started today - **join us!**

**AWANA flyer:** There are flyers on the table in the Fellowship Hall to take to hand out to friends and family.

**More Announcements and Upcoming Events on other side.-->**

**Church Directory:** It's been a while since we did any updates, so we're putting out a call for people to log in to their *Instant Church Directory* account to see if updates need to be made. There are still quite a few families without a picture, so if you haven't already done so, you can snap a quick picture on your phone, log in to your account and submit it. If you have started attending GracePoint since spring of 2022 and consider us your church home, we'd like to include you, so please call or e-mail the church office for instructions.

**Awana Leaders Needed!** Awana Clubs will start up again on September 27th (with leader orientation on September 20th), and will run through the month of April. *If you have been a leader in the past, please reach out to Ron or Pam Russell to let us know if you are planning to be part Awana this year - we hope you are! If you have not been involved in Awana, would you prayerfully consider serving this year as a leader?* Working with our youth is rewarding and fun. With clubs increasing in size over the past several years, we anticipate needing additional leaders in all age groups (Cubbies - preschool; Sparks - Grades K-2; Truth & Training - Grades 3-5). Ask us about Awana and consider being a part of it!



**Dear Church Family,** please consider helping in any of these areas:

1. Serve in the **nursery during Sunday School (immediate need).**
2. **Teach older children's (gr. 2-5) Sunday School** for at least a semester, **starting September.**
3. **Substitute** teach children's Sunday School as needed.
4. Join the rotation for teaching **Children's Church.**

**Please contact Pam Russell or Paul Iekel. Thank you!**

## GracePoint Church Fall 2023 Small Group Line-up

- **Warriors of Grace, a women's prayer ministry** will begin meeting again. Whether you consider yourself a prayer warrior or you feel like you don't even know where to begin, we invite you to join us. We will gather for prayer on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday nights of each month at 6:30, beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet in the Community Room of the church. Women are welcome to join us at any time during the year. For questions, contact Jan Myers at 712-249-8615.
- Tuesday morning, 6:30 am, men's group hosted by Chad Williams at his home outside of Atlantic. This group is reading through the book of Acts.
- Tuesday morning, 8:00 am, women walk at Schildberg Park. Meet at the park in the parking lot off Buck Creek Road. Get to know other women while you walk.
- Tuesday evening, 6:30 pm, studying "Abide" by Jen Wilkin, at Linda Nichols' home. Please contact Linda if interested. **Starts on September 19.**
- Wednesday afternoon, 1:30—3:30, studying "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer. Women's group hosted by Joanne DeArment in the church Community Room. Contact Joanne at 249-6836 if interested or with questions. **Starts on September 13.**
- Wednesday evening, time TBD, *GriefShare* led by Heidi Hinman at the Ministry House in the living room. Open to anyone, each session stands on its own, so you don't need to start on that date, and can join at any time. Please contact Heidi at Roland Funeral Service if interested. **Starts in early October.**
- Wednesday evening, 6:45 pm, men's study hosted by Dick Nichols the church Community Room. Aimed at dads, but all men are welcome. They will finish the study they started in the spring. **Starts in late September.**
- Thursday evening, 6:30—8:00 pm in the church Community Room, **Book of Job - Men's Small Group Study**. We will be starting a new study on the Book of Job. Each week, we will use a short video teaching by Francis Chan, and have time to dig deeper into the text, have discussions and spend time in prayer. In the book of Job, God asserts his preeminence and displays his power. Join Francis Chan in this eight-session series on Job as he explores the overriding truth that we exist not for ourselves but to glorify the God who deserves all worship and praise. All men are welcome! Join us! **Starts on September 14.**
- Friday morning, time TBD, studying 1 Corinthians in the church Community Room. Contact Pam Russell if interested. **Starts on September 15.**

**More Small Groups on other side —>**





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**Saturday, September 23 + 9:00 am to Noon**

**No Cost to Attend but Pre-Registration is Requested**  
(A Free-Will Offering Will Be Taken)  
**SIGN UP TODAY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!**

**Go and Tell** is an easy and practical way to equip you to become a fisher of men (Matthew 4:19). This **three hour interactive seminar** will provide you with the tools to *“be active in sharing your faith so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ”* (Philemon 6).

**Introduction: Go**

The Lord has commanded us to go (Matthew 28:18-20) and make disciples. Learn how to initiate gospel conversations (Acts 11:14).

**Session 1: Tell**

Learn how to use the Word of God as a mirror to help others see their need for a Savior (Romans 3:19-23).

**Session 2: Tell**

Learn how to present the gospel with others (Ephesians 2:8-9).

**Session 3: Tell**

Learn what it means to follow Jesus and how to encourage others to walk with Him (Matthew 4:19, 7:21-23).

[www.goandtellministries.org](http://www.goandtellministries.org)

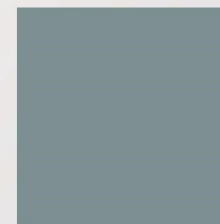
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