

Hearing Assists are available at the Sound Booth.

Because of the Labor Day Holiday, there is no ABF, Sunday School or Children's Church TODAY.

The Lord's Table: Our Communion bread is free from both gluten and soy. It is not dairy-free because there is butter in the recipe.

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.

The Wednesday Night Family meals is needing 100 pounds of ground beef for both the fall and spring semesters (total 200 pounds). We have a fall "matching beef grant" currently in place up to 50 pounds if donated before the first meal on 9/27. Don't miss this opportunity to have your beef donation doubled!! Thanks to the anonymous beef donor!! Please contact Christy Cunningham to arrange your ground beef donation today!! We would like to have all 100 pounds in the freezer before the first meal.

Hold the Date! GracePoint Church is hosting a *Go & Tell* evangelism training seminar on Saturday, September 23. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information. Registration opens next Sunday!

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

Week at a Glance:

Sunday, Sept. 3—No Sunday School/ABF, Worship Service with Communion 10:30 am

Saturday, Sept. 9—Praise Team Practice 9 am

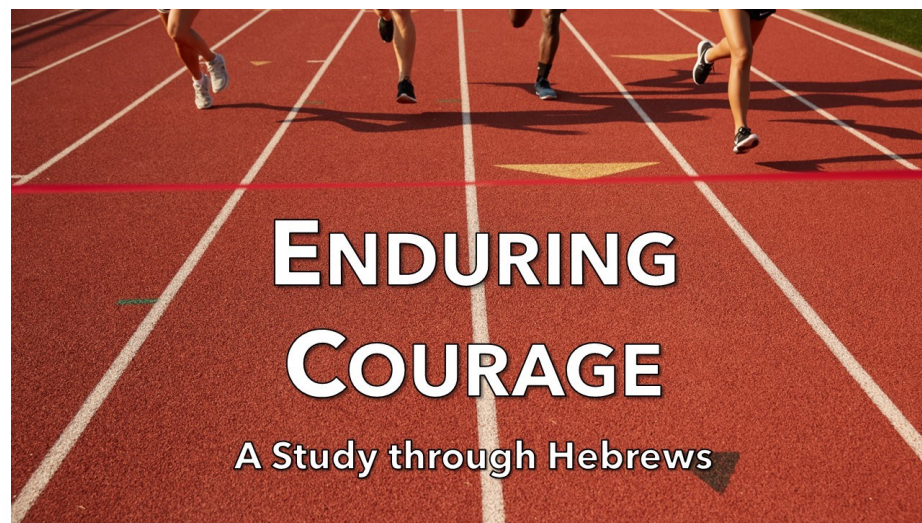
Sunday, Sept. 10—Sunday School/ABF 9:15 am, Worship Service 10:30 am

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

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The Better Redemption

Hebrews 9:1-14

September 3, 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***

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.

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.



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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!

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 Redemption*
Scripture: Hebrews 9:1-14
Speaker: Pastor Don McLean
Sunday: September 3, 2023

Jesus is worth any sacrifice because He
_____ from the power of sin.

Why is the Redemption of Jesus better? (1-10)

_____ vs.

Two Short-Comings of Old Covenant Redemption:

1. _____
2. _____

How is the Redemption of Jesus better? (11-14)

1. It is _____
2. It is _____

Next Week = Hebrews 9:15-28 + The Better Mediator

Additional Announcements and Upcoming Events

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.

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.

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 will start September 10th - **join us!**

Food Pantry request: The Atlantic Food Pantry is in need of plastic grocery sacks to package up food to put into people's cars. Please drop off bags at the Food Pantry at 704 W. 7th St. on Thursday mornings or at the United Church of Christ at 1607 Hazel St. if you can't get to the Food Pantry.

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

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!



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

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 Ikel. 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 **2nd and 4th Monday nights of each month at 6:30, beginning September 11th**. 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, 6:00 pm, a 12 week women's Bible study, titled *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby. Each week we will gather at 6:00 at the Ministry House for a meal with study beginning at 6:30. If you plan to attend this study, please contact Jan Myers 712-249-8615, and if you are interested in attending but would also need childcare, please let Jan know so that childcare can try to be arranged. **Starts on October 12.**
- 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 —>



Go & Tell Ministries

GO & TELL is an easy and practical way to equip you to become a fisher of men (Matthew 4:19). This seminar will provide you with the tools to be “active in sharing your faith” (Philemon 1:6) with others.

This ministry was founded by **Pastor Jim Halstead** in 2013 to equip believers to share the gospel with the lost. He analyzed the best evangelism materials out there, incorporated his 35+ years of evangelism experience, then produced a step-by-step, easy-to-follow evangelism approach.

The Go and Tell Ministries equips the body of Christ to delight in God, declare the gospel and *make disciples who make disciples*.

www.goandtellministries.org

Go and Tell WORKSHOP

The **3-Hour Workshop** will infuse evangelism into the DNA of your church, inspiring them to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

**Join us Saturday
September 23
9:00am-Noon**

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“The Go & Tell workshop was one of the best evangelism training sessions I've ever gone through. Jim walked us through why and how to initiate Gospel conversations, what makes evangelism presentations effective, and next steps we can take with a new convert to help them get their new life in Christ off to a great start. The three-hour session was full of practical application, opportunities to practice what we were learning, and compelling encouragement from Jim to be faithful to our Lord's commandment to go and tell others about the Good News of Jesus Christ. I am very thankful for his ministry and the time he spent with our church!”

Nathan Rice EFCA Pastor

Many are concerned about the future of Christianity in America, and with good reason. The most important cure for what ails the Church is a renewed appreciation for the *heart of the Gospel message* and the ability to *communicate that to others*. The kind of training in evangelism offered by Go and Tell will not only enable people to effectively witness to Jesus Christ, it will deepen the faith of those trained and encourage them in their walk of faith.

Steven Van Zanen, CRCNA Resonate Global Mission

“This training is Biblical. It is based on Scripture and points people to Word of God as the tool of conversion. This training is personal. The format makes it easy to incorporate your own stories into a strategy for sharing. This training is practical. It is simple and very adaptable for anyone who wants to share the good news of Jesus.”

Lance Stiver, C&MA Pastor

“It is the most profoundly simple approach to sharing the gospel I have ever seen or heard.”

Pastor Dan, Grabil, IN