

GRACEPOINTE NEWS

November 30, 2023



GracePointe Family,

This is the time of year we begin receiving our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to support our foreign missionaries. Our goal is \$20,000. We will be highlighting some of the mission work during our December worship gatherings. I want to challenge you to prayerfully

give a generous offering. You can use a regular offering envelope and designate to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. You can also go to our website gracepointebc.org, click on the donate link, and designate. Or you can text "MISSIONS" to 256-859-8575 and follow the link to give. Join me in praying we will reach and exceed our goal.

In January we will encourage 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting. We plan to begin on January 7th and go through January 27th. The purpose of fasting is to both express our dependence upon God and focus our attention on God. There are many ways to fast and things to fast from. Related to food, you can fast one meal a day, one meal a week, one day a week, or from a specific food/drink, caffeine, sugar, etc. Other ideas are fasting from social media, television, a hobby, spending/shopping, sexual relations, etc. You want to make sure you carve out extra time to read your Bible, pray, journal, and other spiritual disciplines that help your faith and strengthen your obedience to Jesus.

This Sunday we will study Matthew 5:17-20 where Jesus said he did not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfill them. He also said that if our righteousness does not exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, we will never enter the kingdom of heaven. We have a lot to talk about! Pray for me as I continue to prepare.

I Love You!

Pastor Bobby

Adopt-a-Stocking

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 10

We will have handmade Christmas stockings available for adoption on the mantle and Christmas tree in the Legacy sitting area. Please fill stockings with goodies (approx. \$55) for our Lunches of Love children, ages Pre-K thru 3rd grade, and return by **SUNDAY DEC 10**.

Grammy Award-Winning Gospel & Contemporary Christian Music Singer
MANDISA

12.06.23

Join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner
Hosted by Willowbrook Women
6-9 pm
Von Braun Center 1 North Hall

After experiencing intense grief from the loss of a close friend, Mandisa withdrew, wrestled with God and fell into a deep depression. Now Mandisa is back with a renewed passion and a willingness to be totally transparent and vulnerable about her journey.

GracePointe has a limited number of tickets available at \$37.00 each. (Includes dinner)
Text "Celebrate" to 256-859-8575 to register

UPcoming EVENTS

- Dec. 4 - Prepare Him Room Virtual Event 10 am-12 pm
- Dec. 6 - Women's Event at VBC with Mandisa
Men's Gathering
- Dec. 13 - Annual Meeting 6:30
- Dec. 17 - Cookies, Cocoa, and Caroling 5:30
- Dec. 24 - Birthday Party for Jesus @ 10:00 (Grades 1 - 6)
- Dec. 27 - No Wednesday Night Activities
- Dec. 30 - Ladies Brunch @ the Gordon's 10:00 am
- Dec. 31 - No Children's Church

Annual Meeting

December 13th
6:30 p.m.

Childcare Available upon Request
Contact Angie: 256-714-6533

CAROLING COOKIES & COCOA

A Family Christmas Event

Sunday
December 17th

- ★ 5:30 at GracePointe
- ★ 5:45 Caroling
- ★ 6:30 Cookies & Cocoa

Prepare Him Room

VIRTUAL EVENT

This streaming event will include worship and teaching by Kristi McLelland on the historic and cultural context of Christmas

Monday, December 4th **10:00-12:00**
Bring a brunch food item to share **Childcare is provided**
Please sign up at the information table in the rear of Worship Center

For more information, contact Julie Russell 832-605-8814