

# GRACEPOINTE NEWS

October 30, 2024

GracePointe Family,

**We had one of our best ReFocus Men's Conferences this past weekend.** Thank you to everyone who prayed, helped, and participated. We had 54 men participate this year. Pray for the seeds that have been planted to grow and bring forth much fruit for the glory of God.

**Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal for foreign missions is \$20,500.** Begin praying and setting aside a special offering for this important giving opportunity. This annual offering is critical for supporting over 3,500 foreign missionaries. We will be highlighting some of those missionaries each Sunday between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**As a church family, we will begin observing Advent this year on December 1<sup>st</sup> and encouraging each household to have Advent Devotionals each evening.** We will conclude Advent with a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 PM. Each Sunday we will have a family read Scripture, share a devotion, light an Advent candle, and pray. We will also provide Advent Devotionals to be used at home. Let's make this Advent Season truly Christ-centered.

**Remember to get your Operation Christmas Child boxes in.** We will have a packing party this Friday at 6:30 PM. Come out and enjoy the fun and support this eternally impacting ministry. Thank you Alice Cotton and Lindsay Chancery for your leadership!

**This Sunday we will ask the spiritual health checkup question, "Are You a Quicker Forgiver?"** Forgiveness is at the core of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus offers to forgive us and empowers us to forgive others. Do you struggle to forgive? Does it take you a long time to forgive? Do you have a building resentment or possibly bitterness toward anyone? Pray and come expecting God to soften our hearts and help us grow in this important character quality. Pray for me as I continue to prepare.

Pastor Bobby

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Fri 12:00 noon Camp MACOBA

Fri 6:30 p.m. OCC Packing Event

Sat 2:00 p.m. Baby Shower for Andrea Prewitt and Baby Emma

Mon 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Mon 6:00 p.m. Faith Bible Institute

Wed 6:15 p.m. Men's Gathering

Wed 6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Practice, Combined Youth and Adult Group, Ladies Bible Study

## **MEN'S GATHERING**

All men are encouraged to attend for a monthly dose of encouragement as we seek to help each other become the men God has designed us to be and to do the work God has called us to do.



**Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15 p.m.**

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Nov 9**

**Book Club**

**Nov 13**

**Building Discipling Relationships**

**Nov 16**

**Children's Service Project**

**Nov 17**

**Jamaica Information Meeting**

**Nov 20**

**Lunches of Love Packing Event**

**Nov 20**

**Belong 101 Membership Class**

**Dec 4**

**Celebrate- Women's Event**



Join us July 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
as we serve at  
Spicy Grove Youth Center  
in Oracabessa, Jamaica

**INFORMATION MEETING**  
Sunday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>  
following worship service



## Growth Path Class – Belong 101



Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.  
RSVP by texting "Belong" to 256-859-8575 and click on the link  
Childcare Available upon Request