



#### What's New

GPS Family we hope you have had a great summer. As we finish up the season and move toward a new season we hope you have found God's story throughout. With a new school year upon us we would love to bring a blessing to you as you head back whether you are a student or some form of school staff. We will offer a blessing for back to school on August 24 during worship. We are also compiling LWR School kits for the month as we not only prepare for local students going back to school but also sending God's blessing in the basic school supplies to students across the world. As always thank you GPS family for how you are God's People together spreading God's love in tangible ways to our closest neighbors as well as those far away.

# **Pastors Message**

GPS Family (God's People Serving),

It is a joy to be God's people together. At times i think we don't fully realize all the ways we are living out God's story together and the many ways we are embodying God's love to others. At GPS we live into our call in many ways and through the diversity found among us. It is a beautiful thing to be a part of as well as being fully life giving as we use our gifts and find our place in this expression of community. As we continue to hear the story of the early church on Sunday's I am encouraged to find that our mission here at GPS lines up so clearly. The connection to God and our call to serve are 2 sides to the same coin and they call us deeper into our faith. Our call also sends us into our communities representing God's love in a real way. So thank you GPS for using your gifts, serving so lovingly and simply being your unique selves in this community of God together.

In God's Love,

Pastor Brandon Nelson

"Each person is given something to do that shows who God is" (1Corinthians 12:7)



#### **OUR COMMUNITY**

**Senior Center:** The Senior Center at GPS meets every week on Tuesday's. They would love for you to join them for some games and time together. It is a great way to connect with others and have some fun. They meet every Tuesday from 10 am -2 pm.

**Serving Opportunity:** The neighborhood bordering GPS is in need of some yard/house work. From time to time we will get small jobs that need doing like weed pulling, house painting, small handy jobs and more. If available and/or interested please email info@gpsfaith.com or fill out the online form HERE

#### **OUR CHURCH**

**August Mission:** Throughout the month of August we will be gathering supplies for LWR Backpacks. These school kits help to make God's love come alive in kids all across the world. Each School kit includes: 4 college ruled notebooks, 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons, 1 pencil sharpener, 1 2 ½ in eraser, 5 black or blue pens, 1 ruler, 1 pair of blunt scissors and 5 unsharpened pencils.

**Back to School Blessing:** At GPS we want to send students and school staff of all ages back to school with a blessing. Join us on August 24 during worship to receive a blessing and a gift to take with you for the school year.

**Team Meeting:** Join us August 19 at 6:30 for our Ministry Team Meeting night as we gather to plan the next few months of ministry at GPS.

**June Giving Numbers** 

**Expenses: \$19,709 Giving: \$12,849** 

**Year to date Giving: \$112,240 Expenses: \$127,012** 

# Ways to Connect

#### **SMALL GROUPS & BOOK STUDY GROUPS**

(HERE ARE OUR GROUPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY MEETING)

**Wednesday Morning:** Are you interested in digging deeper into the Sunday reading before we get to Sunday? This group meets weekly at 10:00 am on Wednesday to go through the readings for Sunday spending time digging deeper into God's word. If interested send an email to pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com

Faithful Readers Book Club: Interested in joining? email info@gpsfaith.com

**Water Walkers**: Currently meeting at GPS after Sunday service. Interested email info@gpsfaith.com

**GPS Families**: Are you a family here at GPS or know of a family that is longing for connection? We have a group of families where they take time connecting through a meal, having fun with each other and activities. Children are welcome. Interested? Please email Pastor Brandon at pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com

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**Worship Every Sunday** 

Online and In-Person at 9:30 am.

Prayer: In need of prayer please email us at prayer@gpsfaith.com or call us at the church office and leave a message at (779) 221-8491

Hospitalized: If you are in the hospital and would like to be on our prayer chain or have a pastoral visit, please call the church office at (779) 221-8491. Also, please notify the hospital of your affiliation with GPS Faith Community when you check in.

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## **Coming Up**

Summer is coming to an end and we are excited to get back to our educational year here at GPS. On August 24 during worship we will have a back to school blessing. Then on September 14 we will start back to Sunday school and confirmation.

#### Sunday School (Pre-K-5th grade)

Sunday School will start back in on September 14 and we are excited to bet back to our educational year at GPS.

### Pathwayz (6th grade-8th grade)

Confirmation is a 3 year program of faith formation at GPS. We meet directly after service on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. If your student is entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade next school year check in about the upcoming year.

## Compass (High School) Youth

At GPS we love growing in our faith together. This is a lifelong process and is important at every age. We will gather on the Last Sunday of every month directly after worship.

#### **Upcoming dates**

August 24 back to school blessing

September 14 first day back

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September 14 first class back

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