



#### What's New

GPS Family the season of fall is here even if the weather is saying we are still in summer. The month of October is a great time to connect/reconnect with your faith community as we grow together. During the month we continue to connect through learning, serving and worship opportunities. On October 25 we have our annual Trunk or Treat event that sees over 400 neighbors connecting with us. This year we will hand out candy from 12-2 as we connect with our community. This is a great opportunity to show what we are about as well as get to know some of our neighbors. If you are around we would love for you to decorate a trunk and hand out some candy. Sign up by filling out the form HERE.

# **Pastors Message**

GPS Family (God's People Serving),

The story that God gives us; of love, forgiveness, hope and mercy/justice is the story God has given to us to share. One of the best parts about our faith is that it is by design made to be given away. We find this profound reality when Jesus fed the multitudes. The people came to the moment with not enough food, then they all eat their fill and in fact there are leftovers for all to take to their neighbors. This reality happens every Sunday as we gather for worship hungry, God feeds us and we get sent out with the overflow for the rest of the week. I wonder who/where in your life God is longing for the overflow to go? The thing about our faith is that we are meant to share it. God's love is best handed out, God's forgiveness is best extended to others, God's hope brightens up any moment and God's justice/mercy helps to create a better world. And guess what; God loves using us to do just that. What an awesome privilege and what an awesome call.

In God's Love.

Pastor Brandon Nelson

"We're not keeping secrets, we're telling them" (Mark 4:22)



#### **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**

**Canned Goods:** Till October 5 we are gathering cans of corn and peach for our local pantry(Helping Hands). This time of year resources begin to spread thin so any help is appreciated.

**Trunk or Treat:** On October, 25 we will welcome the community over for our Trunk or Treat event. It will be from 12-2 and volunteers should arrive around 11:15. If you need help supplying candy or decorating your car please indicate. Please sign up <u>HERE</u> to take a spot and decorate your car/hand out treats. There will be around 400 kids.

**Outdoor:** Thank you to all who helped with our outdoor worship September 28. It was a great day of worship and fellowship together.

**August Giving Numbers** 

Expenses: \$20,766 Giving: \$20,629

**Year to date Giving: \$166,200 Expenses: \$169,700** 

### 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

Second Sunday: Are you interested in studying a book together after service? We will be starting a new book study that will meet every second Sunday after 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

#### How to contact us...

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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**

Our educational year started back up this year and we have had a great time getting back together. We are also looking forward to our Trunk or Treat event on October 25 which is a great way to reach out and connect with our community. We would love as many of our families to be involved as possible. If you are able please fill out the sign up form <u>HERE</u>.

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

Sunday School began on September 14 and we have had a great time getting back together to learn about Jesus.

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

Confirmation is a 3 year program of faith formation at GPS. We meet directly after service on the 1st and 3rd 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**

**Every Sunday at 9:15** 

Trunk or Treat
October 25 (12-2)

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Classes Oct. 5 and 19

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Trunk or Treat
October 25

**Get together Oct. 26**