

Dear Families,

It is with great joy and excitement that we are writing this letter to you. God has been moving in mighty ways here at Grace Point Church, and one of those areas where we have seen God's leading is with our Children's Ministry Wednesday Night program. So please take the time to hear about where God is leading us in this coming year!

God has laid a burden on our hearts to find ways to best minister to our families as well as our children. As a church, we are convinced that our role is to equip people for the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:12). With this in mind, it is our understanding from Scripture that one of the primary roles of parenting is to train their children in the ways of the Lord. It is our desire to come alongside parents to equip them to be the primary disciple makers of their kids.

In order to do this, we saw God leading us to do something brand new! We are going to be doing a new Wednesday night program we are calling "Family JAM (Jesus and Me)!" The goal of this is to have the church and families partner together in a fun environment for the growth of the parents and children alike. Here is what Family JAM is going to look like on a weekly basis:

- **1st Wednesday Night of the Month: Family JAM Experience Night.**
 - Children and Parents through 6th grade meet in the Sanctuary.
 - A fun high energy interactive night including skits, music, videos, and games.
 - A night to inform the parents what their kids will be learning in Sunday School classes for the entire month.
- **2nd and 4th Wednesday Nights of the Month: Club Nights/Small Groups.**
 - Children 4 year olds through 4th graders will meet in KidsPoint where they will have a club night which will include games and Bible curriculum.
 - 5th and 6th graders will meet in Ignite.
 - The Nursery will be open for younger children.
 - Parents will join in a small group which will be meeting on campus that Wednesday night.
- **3rd Wednesday Night of the Month: Community Outreach Night.**
 - The goal of this night is to provide opportunities to invite your non-saved neighbors and friends to hear and learn about a relevant topic: Parenting, Internet safety for their kids, communication in marriage, and more.
 - The kids will come and have a fun night in KidsPoint supervised by our awesome Children's Ministry Staff.

What excites us, is we see Family Jam as being a very intentional means to be able to inform, educate, and minister to our families. We understand that families are busy with other time commitments and so we are asking you to carve out one night a week for your personal growth and the growth of your kids. We will be meeting at 6:00-7:30 PM. Family JAM begins on September 6th!

This is a major change for our church and we know that there may be some questions. We will have a parent meeting in Room 1A this Sunday after our second service. This meeting will cover more of the vision and answer any questions you may have. While our new program is no longer a "drop off" event, the Lord is calling us to be much more intentional about ministering to our families who call Grace Point Church their home. If you don't have a church home we would love to have the opportunity to invest in you and your family! We look forward to having you join Family JAM in just a couple of weeks!

Blessings,

Dave Nichols and Gaby Knox