

GRACE POINT

ESTABLISHED AS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF POWELL ON JULY 10, 1910

Over the following weeks . . .

The LT talked about it with each other and others outside our church family and learned that many people don't really know what Baptist means and many perceive it to be legalistic and judgmental. It seemed like our Baptist name didn't clearly communicate our identity and mission as a church. And we prayed some more.

In August, the Elder Board appointed a Task Force to consider the feasibility of changing our name . . .

The Task Force prayed, researched, prayed, considered, discussed and prayed. In October, they unanimously recommended that FBC change its name to clearly reflect our mission and identity.

Over the next several weeks . . .

The Task Force poured over dozens of ideas submitted by our church family and they prayed a lot. In January 2017, they sent their recommendations to the Elders who unanimously chose **GRACE POINT**. The name was then affirmed unanimously by members on 1/29/17.

Early in 2016, Pastor David asked the FBC Leadership Team . . .

"Does our name help us or hinder us in fulfilling our mission to reach people far from God?" The LT discussed the question and prayed.

During April's Quarterly Business Meeting, Pastor David brought his question to the entire congregation . . .

We discussed the question at length and then continued conversations with each other and others outside our church family over the summer. And we prayed.

During October's Quarterly Business Meeting . . .

FBC members voted overwhelmingly in favor of changing the name of FBC to something that clearly reflects our mission and identity. The Elder Board then asked the congregation to submit name ideas to the Task Force who would consider them all and make recommendations. And we continued to pray.

GRACE

. . . is the very center of our life in Jesus and our reconciliation to God, marking the unmerited favor and love that God freely bestows on sinners such that any and all guilt and shame is wiped away and we are made whole and stand 'in Christ.'

POINT

. . . is a place described by grace, acceptance, and God's love. As God's people, we are a point of grace for all. Point is also the direction of our lives as we stand on truth, seeking Christ above all, and bring hope to the world by pointing people to Jesus Christ.

CHANGING OUR NAME WILL NOT CHANGE . . .

Our Doctrinal Statement

The way we function as a church

Our Bylaws, with the exception of adding/clarifying our Grace Point identity

Church Membership - FBC members will automatically be recognized as Grace Point members

Our rich history - we will continue to cherish and be faithful to our wonderful heritage

"HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS WHEN BROTHERS DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY"

PSALM 133:1