

Hearing Assists are available at the Sound Booth.

Because of the Christmas and New Year holiday weekends there will be NO Sunday School, NO Adult Bible Study and NO Children's Church on December 26th and January 2nd. There are no Wednesday activities on December 22nd or 29th.

**"Welcome to the GracePoint Family!" Class:** We are planning to offer our membership class early in the new year. This class is designed for those who want to join GracePoint as members, but its is also a great way to learn more about the church if you are new to GracePoint. The date and time are in the works, so please keep an eye on your bulletins for specifics. In the meantime, if you have not talked to Pastor Don already about attending this class, please get in touch with him so you can be included.

**Youth Group Christmas Party:** On Wednesday, Dec. 15th, Pastor Andrew and Heidi Johnson are hosting a combined Middle & High School Christmas Party from 7-9 PM at their house. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift (\$10 max). Snacks will be provided. Feel free to wear an ugly Christmas sweater. Bring any games you may want to play. High schoolers involved in AWANA can come when it's finished.

**No Prime Time in December.**

**No Game Night in December**

**Christmas Eve Service:** Join us at 5:00 PM on Christmas Eve for a service celebrating Christ's incarnation and looking deeper into the fact that yes, Mary did know.

**New women's small group:** Wednesday evening, 6:00-8:00 PM, studying "Trustworthy" by Lysa TerKeurst. Hosted by Peggy Perkins at the ministry house during AWANA. Contact Peggy at 592-0604 if interested. Starts on January 5, 2022.

**Morning Star:** Celebrating the Everlasting Light of Christmas music program—Please see the insert.

*Please see insert for additional Announcements and Upcoming Events* ➡

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**THE REASONS FOR THE SEASON**  
**ADVENT 2021**

*Christmas Victory*

1 John 3:4-8

December 12th, 2021

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## WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

**Youth Sunday  
School & Adult Bible  
Classes**

9:15 a.m.

**Worship  
Service**

10:30 a.m.

*Your children are welcome in the worship service.  
The following ministries are also available:*

### **Nursery**

Available during the Worship Service for little ones from Infant—Age 2.

### **Children's Church**

Available for children 3 years old through 3rd grade during the sermon.  
Children are dismissed at the end of Worship in Singing.

***On major holiday weekends there will be NO Sunday School,  
NO Children's Church, NO Nursery, and NO Adult Bible Fellowship***

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***Thank you for financially supporting the ministries of our church!  
Tithes and offerings may be placed in the donations box  
immediately to the right when you enter the auditorium. They can  
also be mailed to the church by check, or you can give through our  
website via PayPal using a credit or debit card. Thank you!***

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Looking for a place to serve? You can volunteer in music,  
children's and many more ministries. Email us at  
**serve@GracePointAtlantic.com** to get involved.



### **Church Office**

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### **Senior Pastor—Don McLean**

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[Remind for Youth Updates—>Contact Pastor Andrew](#)

### **Children's Discipleship Director—Pam Russell**

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***To our guests—Thank you for joining us! We're delighted  
you chose to worship with us! We'd love to meet you,  
answer any questions and give you a welcome gift at our  
Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall.***

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**Please be sensitive to other worshippers. We are all in  
different places in terms of our health needs and comfort  
levels. Please keep the following in mind:**

- The use of a face covering or mask is welcome but not required at our service.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Cough or sneeze into your elbow rather than your hands.
- Practice regular washing of hands with soap and water.
- Overflow seating is available in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to watch the service on the monitor there.
- There will be two songs at the end of the service. If you would like to leave after the first song for the sake of social distancing, you are welcome to do so.



Series: THE REASONS FOR THE SEASON  
Sermon: Christmas Victory  
Scripture: 1 John 3:4-8 (and other texts)  
Speaker: Pastor Don McLean  
Sunday: December 12, 2021

Jesus was born to \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 3:8b = "The reason the Son of God appeared was to  
\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_"

Where the Bible Says It:

Why It Matters Today:

1. Jesus helps us \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus helps us \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jesus helps us \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus helps us \_\_\_\_\_

*Smart Device Users:* Notes for today's sermon are available in the "Events" section of The Bible App™

## Additional Announcements and Upcoming Events

If you have **extra Christmas gift bags**, we can use them for Awana store night, Dec. 15.

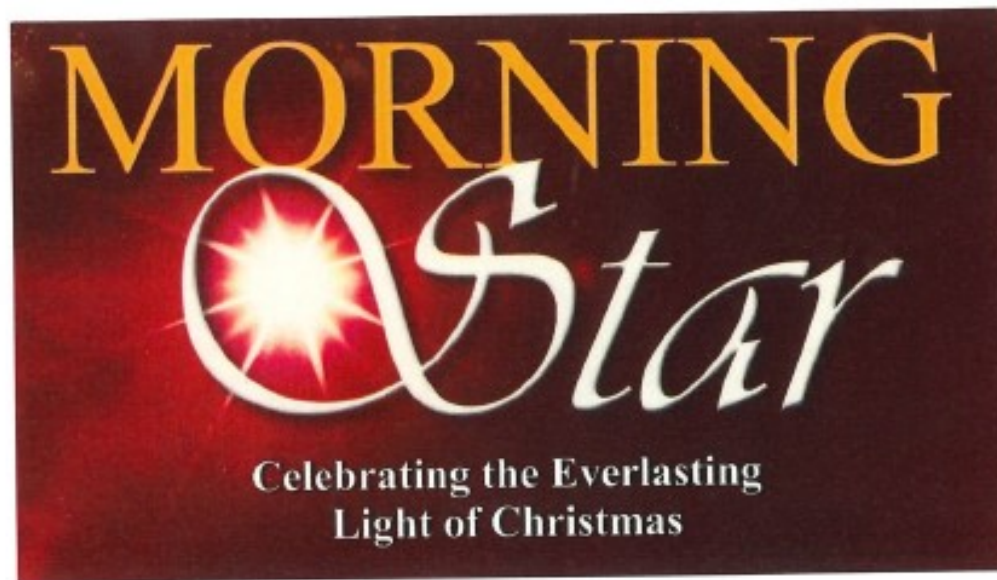
**You may have noticed the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall.** The local Gideons are providing an opportunity for you to celebrate Jesus's birthday by providing funds to place God's Word around the world. Their objectives for this special program are: • To honor our Lord at Christmas by giving God's Word in honor of Christ's birth • To facilitate a joyful and meaningful Christmas experience for the church and individuals of all ages • To provide much needed Scripture that will be distributed free of charge by Gideons to people in some 200 countries around the world! Please visit the tree and take a card, then pray about how you can participate. Thank you!

**Giving Tree:** If you would like to bless a family in need this Christmas, please visit the Giving Tree in the fellowship hall. Take an ornament or a few and purchase the item(s). Return the item(s), wrapped or unwrapped, with the original ornaments to the fellowship hall before December 20. If you have questions, contact Brielle Cerven (712-621-3060) or Cindy Nichols (712-789-0411).

**Nursery coverage** during church service for Dec. 26, and Jan. 2 is needed. If you can help, let Pam R. know.

**Please check** your email and the church Facebook page regularly for updates from the church about programs, etc. If you have subscribed to our all-church e-mail list, but aren't receiving our e-mails, please check your spam/junk folder and verify that church@gracepointatlantic.com is in your address book/contacts. If you are not subscribed and would like to be, please e-mail the church office at church@gracepointatlantic.com and request the link to sign up.





*The Cass County Choral Society Presents*

## Morning Star: Celebrating the Everlasting Light of Christmas

and other Christmas music

Tuesday, 12/21, and  
Wednesday, 12/22  
7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church  
800 Poplar Street, Atlantic

We will receive a free-will offering which will support future work of the CCCS as well as the Atlantic Food Pantry. Find us on Facebook!