

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 is no Youth Group on December 22 and December 29.

Weather-Related Cancellations Policy—Please see insert.

Awana and Awana store will be held this Wednesday, Dec 22. There will be no meal. Meals resume Jan 5 when Awana starts again.

The nursery will be open Dec 26th and Jan 2. Thanks to four ladies!

"Welcome to the GracePoint Family!" Membership Class: Pastor Don will be offering our membership class as a six week Sunday School option beginning on January 9. The class will meet in the Community Room from 9:15-10:05 am. This class is designed for those who want to join GracePoint as members, but it is also a great way to learn more about the church if you are new to GracePoint. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Don if you have not already done so.

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.

Please see insert for additional Announcements and Upcoming Events ➡

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THE REASONS FOR THE SEASON
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Christmas Freedom
Hebrews 2:14-18

December 19th, 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***

***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!***

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.



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

Children's Discipleship Director—Pam Russell

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GracePoint Church



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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.***

**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 Freedom*
Scripture: Hebrews 2:14-18
Speaker: Pastor Don McLean
Sunday: December 19, 2021

Jesus was born to _____ the _____

"...He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might... **DELIVER** all those who were subject to **LIFELONG SLAVERY**."

-- Hebrew 2:14-15

(1) Jesus frees us from the _____ of _____

(2) Jesus frees us from the _____ of _____

(3) Jesus frees us from the _____ of _____

Additional Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

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).

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.

Weather-Related Cancellations Policy

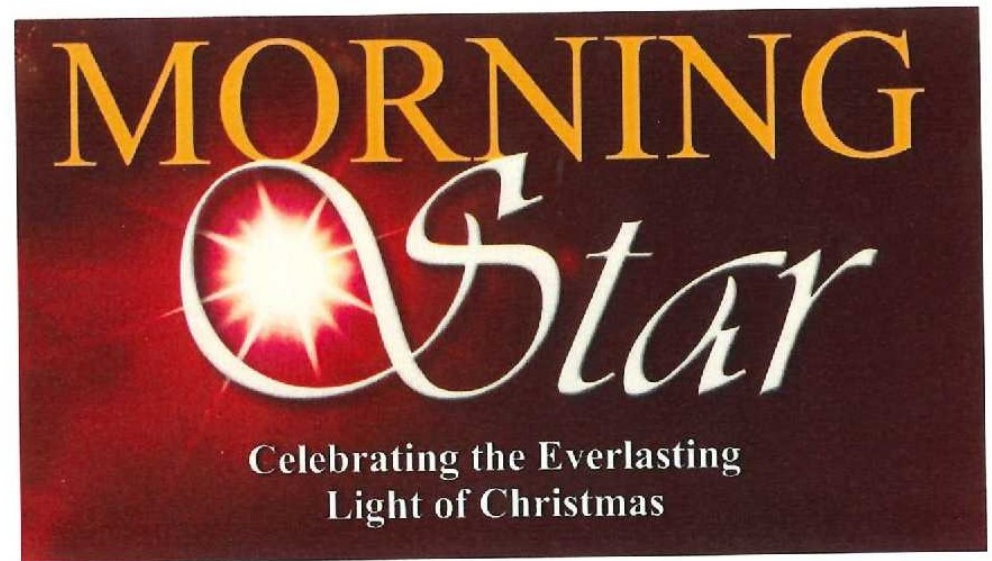
Occasionally it becomes necessary to cancel a church activity or worship service because of inclement weather.

Our policy for weeknight activities such as Awana and youth group is to follow what the Atlantic school district does; if Atlantic schools are closed or dismiss early because of weather, our student activities are also canceled.

For weekend activities, we use our best judgement and take into account any bulletins issued by state and local governments (If the governor says stay off the roads, we probably will!).

When cancellations do become necessary, we post them in the following ways:

- Announcement on KJAN 1220 AM radio and under cancellations on www.kjan.com.
- Our website's home page. Visit www.gracepointatlantic.com on your smartphone or computer.
- Our Facebook page. Search for "GracePoint Church" to find us. Click *Like* and *Follow* to see our posts in your newsfeed.
- Youth-ministry related cancellations will be sent out through the "Remind" app/text message.
- An email sent to our all-church contact list. Please contact the church office if you want to be added to our list for this and other important notices.



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!