

Hearing Assists are available at the Sound Booth.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend there will be no Sunday School, no adult Bible class, no Nursery and no Children's Church on November 27th.

There is no family meal, AWANA or Youth Group this Wednesday, November 23. Happy Thanksgiving!

Please join us for a Fellowship Coffee next Sunday, November 27, after the worship service. This is a time to visit, make friends and meet new people. Care Team 7 is hosting.

GracePoint Family, a huge thank you for your generous donations for our Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing parties this year! During our Women's Ministry September Connection event, we packed 93 boxes. Our Middle School youth group packed 27 boxes this week, and our High School packed 71 boxes! That's a total of 191 gospel opportunities going into the world this Christmas! Praise God and thanks again! - Pastor Andrew and Heidi Johnson

PRIME TIME for our seniors is scheduled to take place here at the church TODAY after the morning worship service. If you forgot to bring something, come anyway!

Nursery Volunteers needed for Thanksgiving Sunday, November 27. Contact Pam Russell

Benevolent Fund: As we get closer to the holidays, we often have extra opportunities to share the love of Jesus financially with the community and the GracePoint family. If you would like to make a donation to share in this ministry, please write "Benevolent Fund" on the memo portion of your check or electronic giving form along with the amount. Thank you!

Week at a Glance:

Sunday, November 20 - Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship Service 10:30 am, Prime Time after the Worship Service, Potluck & Praise 6:00 pm

Monday, November 21—Warriors of Grace Women's Prayer Group at 7:00 am

Tuesday, November 22—Warriors of Grace Women's Prayer Group at 4:00 pm, Christmas decorating 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 23 - No Family meal or AWANA, Youth Group 6-9 pm

Friday, November 25—Church office closed

Saturday, November 26 - Worship Team Rehearsal 9 am,

Sunday, November 27 - Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship Service 10:30 am, Fellowship Coffee after the worship service

*Please see insert for additional Announcements and Upcoming Events.



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The Secret to Gratitude *Philippians 4:10-20*

November 20, 2022

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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 5th 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***

**If you use a smart phone or tablet, you
can find notes for today's sermon under
the "Events" section of the Bible app.**



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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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!

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.



Sermon: *The Secret to Gratitude*
Scripture: Philippians 4:10-20
Speaker: Pastor Don McLean
Sunday: November 20, 2022

The secret to gratitude is learning to be _____

1) It is _____ of our _____

2) It is _____ on the Lord's _____

3) It is _____ in the Lord's _____

Next Week = 1st Sunday of Advent * Matthew 12:9-21

Additional Announcements and Upcoming Events

Giving Tree Outreach:

Throughout the year, the Hands of Grace outreach team comes into contact with people in our community who we can serve in practical ways, pray for, and seek opportunities to share the gospel. As we enter the holiday season, Grace Point once again has the opportunity to support families in need through the Giving Tree Outreach. Here are some ways that you can contribute:

- 1.) Take an ornament or a few from the tree in the fellowship hall and purchase the item(s). Return the item(s) **with original ornaments** to the fellowship hall by December 18. Wrapping the gifts is appreciated.
- 2.) Take an envelope from the tree and donate cash toward the purchase of gifts. You can put the designated envelope in the offering box.
- 3.) Pray for the families that will receive these gifts as we build relationships and share the love of Christ in tangible ways.

If you have questions, please contact Brielle Cerven (712-621-3060) or Laura McLean.

Need in our community: An individual in our community is in need of a washer and dryer. This is a physical need that our community can support to share the gospel. If you are able to fulfill or contribute to this need, please contact Cindy Nichols (712-789-0411).

Dec 10 (1pm-5pm). Volunteers are needed to help with a Single Parent Shopping event! During this outreach, we will be providing free childcare for parents who want to do some Christmas shopping without their kids :). We will need volunteers to help with childcare, activities, games and also volunteers to provide snacks. If you can help (even for part of the afternoon) please contact Hilary Thompson. 319-981-2336

11/20 Potluck Praise - TODAY we'll celebrate the coming of Thanksgiving by enjoying a nice potluck dinner followed by some praise & worship and sharing with each other what you have seen God doing in 2022. Dinner at 6 with Praise & Worship to follow at 7. We will also be taking a free-will offering for the Benevolence Fund so that we can continue to serve those in need in our community.

11/22 Christmas Decorating - Please join us on Tuesday the 22nd from 5:30-7 PM to decorate the church for the coming advent season!

Practice for the Children's Christmas Program is 10 a.m. every Sunday, including Thanksgiving Sunday, November 27.

The **Program** (children up to grade 5) **will be December 11**. Please attend all practices:) Contact Shari Clemens or Pam Russell

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No Table Top Game night on November 26th or December 24th.

Church Family, (Especially children!)

We would like to present a **live nativity** for our community!

Make plans to participate **Saturday afternoon, December 10!**

Needed:

Costumes!

Structure for Baby Jesus and his family.

YOU in costume (or not:) to visit with people who stop

Farm animals.

Hot cider and hot chocolate.

Contact Pam Russell

COOKIES! COOKIES! COOKIES! COOKIES!!!!

Christmas Cookie Swap AND Give-Away. **December 3rd**

The Women's Ministry Team and the Hands of Grace Community Outreach Team are collecting Christmas cookies and sweets for several events, and we need YOU! Please consider baking extra this year and participating in one or all of the following events, which are all on the same day!

1. Cookie Swap: 11 am - 12 pm. Come for cookies and fellowship! Bring some/take some!
2. Elderly/Homebound Visits: 12-2 pm. Package and deliver plates of cookies for the elderly and/or homebound. Contact Joanne DeArment if you would like to help with this.
3. Lighted Christmas Parade: 6 pm. Package cookies after the swap to distribute downtown at the Atlantic parade that night. Contact Christy Cunningham if you want to help with this. Thank you! COOKIES! COOKIES! COOKIES! COOKIES!!!!

The Evangelism and Outreach committee is looking for volunteers to create a float/entry for the lighted Christmas parade on December 3rd. We are also planning to distribute handouts, cookies and hot chocolate during the parade on the corner of 6th and Chestnut. Please give your role in this prayerful consideration. Contact Jon Martens or Christy Cunningham if you are willing to serve in this event.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox drop off location for Atlantic and the surrounding area is at Atlantic Gospel Chapel, 104 East 13th Street. ***If you have not dropped off your packed boxes there yet, please take boxes you've packed directly to the Gospel Chapel TODAY between 1 and 4 PM.***

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.