

Wednesday, January 9th!

WHEN HELPING HURTS

How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting
the Poor... And Yourself

F.L.O.W. – JANUARY 13TH




Explore with us during the Sunday School hour January 13 - February 24! Join us for the seven-part series, FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD! Christians are always being told to be “in the world but not of it.” But what does that really mean? FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD explores oikonomia: God’s surprisingly beautiful plan for his creation, the world, and us.

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Church Office hours: Mon. – Thu. 8am-3pm



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The Baptism of the Christ, 2017 by Daniel Bonnell

December 30, 2018

SUNDAY WORSHIP

The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, "Look here it is!" or "There!" for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER – LUKE 24:36

CALL TO WORSHIP – PSALM 45:6-7

SONGS OF PRAISE TO OUR REIGNING KING

*"Build Your Kingdom Here"

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"

*"Revelation Song"

*"All Glory Be to Christ"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S LESSON – MATTHEW 3:13-17

HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 14:1-9

New Testament Reading: Matthew 3:1-17

SERMON – MATTHEW 3:13-17 - PASTOR ROBERT OLSZEWSKI

OFFERTORY

Missy Osgood and Joey Gonzalez

*We offer ourselves to God, dedicating all to his service.
Visitors, please feel no obligation to give to this ministry.*

*BENEDICTION

Elders will be available for prayer following the Service

**Stand as Comfort Allows*

SLEEP WARRIORS

Join us on Friday, January 11 from 6 – 7 am for the kick-off of our study in Matthew. Sleep Warriors is a group of multid denominational men gathering together weekly to pray, study, and hold each other accountable.

PRAYER FOCUS

We would like to invite everyone to join Pastor Robert on January 2 at 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm for a time of prayer. We would like to pray for the upcoming year in the life of the church, for our church members and friends, and for God's leading as we move forward in and for His glory!

NOTICE OF CALL

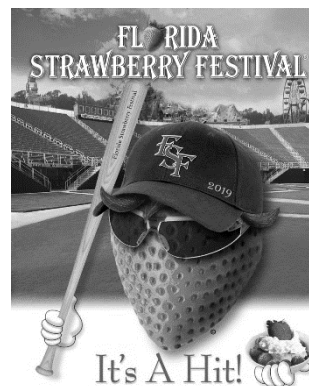
Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 6
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to come together for a time of fellowship, worship, and a review of the upcoming year. Please join us for this covered dish dinner and vision casting.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

PARADE MEETING

On January 6, 2019; following Sunday School, we will have a meeting for the Strawberry Festival Grande Parade in Mason Hall. If you would like to serve as part of the design team, purchasing team, etc. please plan to attend. For more information contact Kerry Beard at Klbeard851@aol.com or Kerry Bergman at kbergman@gracepointpc.org



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PARKING

It is our pleasure to be able to park cars for the 4th year in a row for the Florida Strawberry Festival from February 28 - March 10, 2019. We are asking you, our church members, friends & family to volunteer and sign up for as many shifts as you are able. **All money raised will go directly to our Youth & Children's Ministry.**

To sign up online please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/gp-parking>

SERMON NOTES

Gift of a New Kingdom - Matt. 3:13-17

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him,^[a] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son,^[b] with whom I am well pleased."

1. Jesus _____ is a beautiful picture.
2. Jesus _____ anointing starts a new chapter.

QUOTES TO PONDER

"We may never be martyrs, but we can die to self, to sin, to the world, to our plans and ambitions. That is the significance of baptism; we died with Christ and rose to new life" ~ Vance Haver

"Baptism is faith in action." ~ Watchman Nee

"A man who knows that he is saved by believing in Christ does not, when he is baptized, lift his baptism into a saving ordinance. In fact, he is the very best protester against that mistake, because he holds that he has no right to be baptized until he is saved." ~ Charles Spurgeon

P2P (PASTOR TO PEOPLE) - CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The end of 2018 is right around the corner and we often take time to think about what we might do differently in the coming year. I want to share an article that Kevin DeYoung wrote, "20 New Year's Resolutions You Can Make (and Keep) Right Now". However, I will only share 11 of his 20 with the hopes that you will take some of these challenges in 2019.

1. Schedule a date night with your husband or wife for some time in the next six weeks. Take Valentine's Day if you have to.
2. Sign up for a 5k race.
3. Plan a special one-on-one outing with one or more of your kids.
4. Put a date on the calendar when you and your friend will recite the Bible verses you're memorizing.
5. Invite over the new family from church and get it down on your calendar.
6. Set up a time to talk on the phone with that old friend you've about lost touch with.
7. Make a written commitment to give an extra financial gift in 2019 to your church, your school, your missionaries, or some other gospel-centered cause.
8. Plan for a week-long digital fast and get the dates on your calendar.
9. Buy tickets to a ball game, a concert, or a special show. If you can, buy extra tickets so you can invite someone who needs a night out.
10. Call up a hurting person and ask for the best time to bring over a meal or take them out to dinner. Don't take no for an answer.
11. Clear off a work day sometime in the next year. Surprise your family by staying home.

As you end 2018 may you give thanks to God for all of his grace he has shown you this past year. I will be praying for you as you carve out time in 2019 to do a resolution that you can keep.

Much grace,
Pastor Robert

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 30

8:45 a.m. Prayer Group in Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
 10:45 a.m. Sip 'n Chat
 11:10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Monday, December 31

Tuesday, January 1

Office closed



Wednesday, January 2

9:30 a.m. Cherup LifeGroup

Thursday, January 3

10:30 a.m. Exercise & Praise

Friday, January 4

Office closed

Saturday, January 5

Sunday, January 6

8:45 a.m. Prayer Group in Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
 10:45 a.m. Sip 'n Chat
 11:10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

THE WEEK THAT WAS — FINANCE

Weekly Income Budget	\$	9,616
Offering 12/23	\$	10,443

GRACEPOINT PRAYER LIST

If you have a prayer request or would like to be added to our email prayer chain, please email:
kbergman@gracepointpc.org.

... Olszewski Family - A huge thank you and praise to God and our church family for getting us moved into our new home. Continue to pray for transitions around a busy time of year and for God's working in us to bless our new neighborhood.

... Clint and Cindy Cline – for their son Austin, for continued healing regarding the ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm that nearly took his life. Please continue to lift up his family also.

... Andrea Simmons - That God would provide a place for the Simmons family to live. They are struggling to find a new place to park.

... Joel Switch - Friend Jeff's brain cancer has returned. Pray that the cancer will once again go into remission, for healing and comfort. God's hands on him.

... Vicky Kennedy - Please continue to pray for the leveling out of her blood pressure.

... Church Leadership – for wisdom and knowledge, for God's guidance, for seeking His will in the life of the church as we move into 2019. For their continued willingness to lead and direct.

SERVING LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY



January 6, Ed and Nan McCallum will give a brief update in the service and prayer. During the Sunday School all classes will meet in the Sanctuary to hear a full report on God's work in EPC World Outreach for Theological Education.

Ed McCallum has served the Evangelical Presbyterian Church for 19 years as the Assistant Stated Clerk. In his new role as ITEN's Associate for Site and Program Development, Ed will serve on the executive leadership team helping to cast vision while supporting the development, management and implementation of site goals. Nan McCallum currently serves as the Child Safety Officer for EPC World Outreach. She has been a regular coordinator for Perspectives on the World Christian Movement classes and has taught English as a second language. A lifelong educator, Nan has taught in public schools and serves ITEN with her husband.

ELDER OF THE DAY

Jeff Jackson

DEACON OF THE DAY

Ann Rushing

ACOLYTES

Grace Burris
 Tavyst Harnage

TODAY'S WORSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

Special Needs Class

9:30 a.m.

Debbie Schreffler

11:00 a.m.

Shari Sun

Sip n' Chat Cleanup

Sytsma/Kennedy
 LifeGroup

SERVING LOCALLY

Here are several ways to serve at GracePoint! Contact the Church office to serve.

- Support the Deacon's Fund
- Join us for prayer on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. or on Sunday at 8:45 a.m.
- Usher & Greeter
- Making Coffee/Tea on Sundays
- Connect with the Dorcas Circle making scarves and much more.
- Lydia Guild, who make dresses for the Guatemala Mission Trip.
- Join Sleep Warriors
- 5th/6th Graders serve as Acolytes
- Volunteer for Children's Church or the Special Needs Classroom