WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 974! 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.

For more information and events happening at GracePoint visit or follow us at: www.gracepointpc.org

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



GRACEPOINT PLANT CITY

January 6, 2019

WELCOME TO GRACEPOINT – Where Grace is the reason we gather! We worship together to be reminded of the Grace of the Lord Jesus and to share it with one another! Visitors, we welcome you and sincerely hope you connect with Christ's Body here and find a place to belong.

First time visitors, we invite you to stop by our Welcome Center for more information and a gift from the GracePoint family following the service.

Again, welcome to GracePoint, Plant City!

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 5:7-8

SONGS OF PRAISE TO OUR SENDING GOD

*"The Table"

*"Psalm 98 (Sing Unto the Lord)"

*"The Creed"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S LESSON - MATTHEW 28:19

HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:26-31

New Testament Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON – MATTHEW 28:18-19 - PASTOR ED MCCALLUM

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY - "Crown Him"

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 multidenominational 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 <u>Klbeard851@aol.com</u> or Kerry Bergman at <u>kbergman@gracepointpc.org</u>

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. <u>All money raised will go</u> <u>directly to our Youth & Children's Ministry.</u>

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

SERMON NOTES

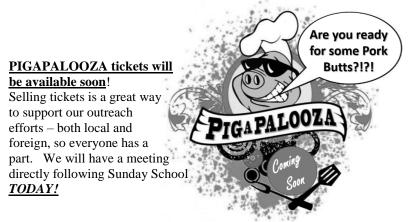
P2P (PASTOR TO PEOPLE) – GREAT AND GREAT



There are three themes in Scripture that help to synchronize God's plan on earth. It is the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20), Great Commandment (Matt. 22:34-40), and the Cultural Mandate (Gen. 1:26-30). The last one emphasizes God's plan to glorify himself in all that we do by exercising dominion over the earth, subduing it, and develop its latent potential. The Great Commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself. The Great Commission implores us to send followers of Christ into the world to make disciples by teaching and preaching God's word. As we begin 2019 at GracePoint we will be blessed by Pastor Ed McCallum as he delivers the Word to us focusing on the Great Commission. Gracepoint (GP) exists to make disciples and to do it locally (Plant City), regionally (FL, Southeast), and globally (internationally). We partner with our denomination (Evangelical Presbyterian Church) by supporting the work of Pastor Ed and his wife Nan with EPC World Outreach's ITEN (International Theological Education Network). This group trains leaders globally to help them train and send their own missionaries to unreached people groups, especially among Muslims. This is exactly fulfilling the Great Commission for the global work that is so desperately needed. Our goal at GP is to strength this relationship and to effectively use our resources to fulfill the Great Commission. Please be praving for Ed and Nan and for Sunday's presentations.

Much joy, Pastor Robert

<u>2018 Contribution Envelopes</u> -- The 2019 contribution envelopes are now available in the church office. If you would like a box for the upcoming year, please contact Libby, <u>llibretti@gracepointpc.org</u>.



Ordination Service for Elders and Deacons – January 13

Come be a part of God's work to equip its leaders for serving one another and the world with Christ's love and grace.

THIS WEEK

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
6:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting &
	Covered Dish

Monday, January 7

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Tuesday, January 8

5:00 p.m. Exercise & Praise

Wednesday, January 9

9:30 a.m.	Cherup LifeGroup	
5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner	
6:15 p.m.	Classes for all ages	
7:30 p.m.	Prayer Focus	

Thursday, January 10

10:30 a.m. Exercise & Praise

Friday, January 11 - Office closed 6:00 a.m. Sleep Warriors

Saturday, January 12

Sunday, January 13

8:45 a.m. Prayer Group in Chapel9:30 a.m. Worship Service10:45 a.m. Sip 'n Chat11:10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

THE WEEK THAT WAS - FINANCE

Weekly Income Budget		\$ 9,616
Offering	12/30	\$ 23,381

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*.



...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.

...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.

...Gibbs Family after the loss of their son, Ken Gibbs

...Denis Weiffenbach - personal

...Ken Young, a friend of Kerry Bergman's who lost his mother over the holidays.

...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



TODAY, 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

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Allen Bell

ACOLYTES

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Special Needs Class 9:30 a.m. Debbie Schreffler 11:00 a.m. Shari Sun

Children's Church Leslie Doepke

Sip n' Chat Cleanup College & Career

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