

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Hearing Assists are available at the Sound Booth.

Baptism Sunday: Please get in touch with Pastor Don if you would like to be baptized. We are planning a baptism as part of our worship service on September 13, and we would love to include you!

Youth Group Update: Our youth groups will begin meeting again on Wednesday evenings on September 9. Here's what you need to know:

- Time: Middle school 6-7:30 and High school 7:30-9:00
- Location: In the church building during September
- Social Distancing: Basic recommendations will be followed
- Masks/Face-coverings: Required while in the building practiced for students and leaders

Unshakable Hope Intergenerational (Grades 4 through Adults) Class and PreK -3rd Sunday School Class Begins Sunday, September 13th at 9:30 AM

We are excited to announce that the Sunday after Labor Day weekend, we will begin a 12 week Sunday morning study, based on materials by Max Lucado, and his book, Unshakable Hope. This study will equip children and adults with the promises God made to his people throughout Scripture. Adults will meet in the auditorium, and will use a short video teaching from Max Lucado each Sunday, followed by group discussion and learning. Young Children (Preschool through Grade 3) will meet together and learn from an aligned children's curriculum on God's promises. Children will meet in the "old youth group room" adjacent to the auditorium, and arrangements will be made to allow social distancing.

Youth/Worship Pastor Search Update! The Search Committee for the Youth and Worship Ministry position wants to make sure everyone is aware of the progress being made in our efforts. As of today, the committee has met on 4 occasions. We have spent numerous hours reviewing dozens of resumes and a half dozen applications. We are now conducting interviews at this time and hope to have a final list of candidates in the near future. Please join us for a Day of Prayer this Monday, August 31. Pray for the Lord's presence in our ongoing search for this very important position for our church.

John & Jo Beth Lee update—Please see the insert.

Please see insert for additional Announcements and Upcoming Events ➡



Two Kinds of People
Matthew 25: 31-46

Sunday, August 30th, 2020

WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Your children are welcome in the worship service.

Children's Church/Lil' Praisers and Nursery will not be offered for the time being, but you are welcome to use the Fellowship Hall area as a place to take your child if he/she becomes restless during the service.



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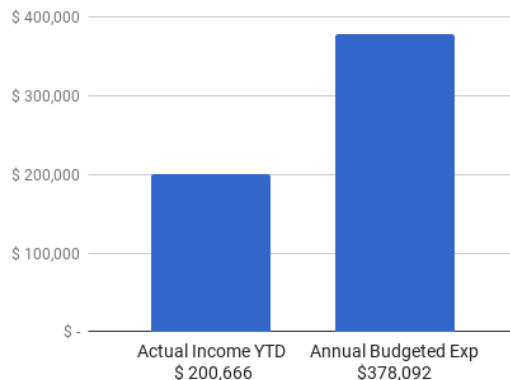


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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, please observe the following social distancing guidelines while in the church building:

- Maintain a minimum distance of two arm lengths (six feet) between other people who are not members of your household.
- Do not shake hands or hug people outside of your family.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth, and face while at church.
- 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.
- Consider using hand sanitizer and/or wearing a face covering or mask.
- Facility access is limited to the Auditorium, Fellowship Hall and Restrooms for the time being.

2020 General Fund Finances (Through July)



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serve@atlanticfreechurch.com
to get involved.



Series: THE GREATER KINGDOM'S GREATER KING
Sermon: *Two Kinds of People*
Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46
Speaker: Pastor Don McLean
Sunday: August 30, 2020

**When Jesus returns, all humanity will face
the _____**

Four Things We Need to Know:

1. _____ will be the _____
2. _____ will be _____
3. This will be based on how we respond to _____
4. We will all receive _____ of _____

Three Necessary Responses:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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

Marriage Night is a one-night event for married and engaged couples to laugh and learn as they hear from marriage experts and discover how to honor God through their relationship. The speaker lineup includes Matt and Lauren Chandler, Conway and Jada Edwards, Les and Leslie Parrott, and comedian Michael Jr. Mark your calendar (Saturday evening September 19th) and plan to attend—it'll be worth your time. Stay tuned for more details.

An outdoor Christian concert is in the works for Atlantic this fall. This concert of praise & worship & prayer is being planned for Sunday night, October 11. Praise & worship teams from area churches have been invited to participate in this evening of encouragement for our community. Please talk to Chad Williams, our Elder of Worship, if you are interested in participating in this event.

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@atlanticfreechurch.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@atlanticfreechurch.com and request the link to sign up.

John and Jo Beth Lee – Missionaries in Tokyo, Japan

August Update

John's Dad's Heart Surgery: We've been staying in Des Moines since July 25th to help with John's dad's recovery from heart surgery. Poong underwent heart surgery on July 27th. He made a slow recovery, but the day before his discharge he began battling a series of life-threatening infections. Thankfully, he has been receiving excellent care and, by God's grace, has been rescued from that threat for now. Nearly every day, John has been able to visit his dad in the hospital to encourage him in a very difficult season. In between the many quiet hours that pass, God has provided numerous opportunities to share the gospel and present devotional messages from the Scriptures. Our ongoing prayer request is for Poong to make Jesus his greatest treasure, knowing him more and more each day. Please pray that the Lees would speak boldly and lovingly all the words given to them by the Lord.

Team: John continues to co-lead the Tokyo City Team by overseeing recruitment and team care. Six of our nine team members are currently in the US on home assignment. Three continue to serve in Tokyo, seeing God provide new growth and opportunities for ministry. John and Jo Beth connect with each teammate regularly to encourage and resource them for the next step in ministry. Thankfully, our team seems to be doing well despite being spread out in the midst of the pandemic. On top of that, God continues to raise up workers for his harvest field. John has had the privilege of watching God raise up a new generation of young workers who may be part of new church planting teams in different areas of Tokyo. Please pray for God's enablement to care well for our team members. Also, we ask for wisdom, discernment and courage to welcome new team members and follow the Lord into new areas of ministry.

Church Planting: We are a church planting team that focuses on multiplying missional small groups we call Small Churches. The three churches planted in 2017-2018 continue to meet virtually over Zoom. After founding a church with our Japanese teammate and partner Michiyo, we have seen her flourish as a leader under the eldership of our teammate Shige. You might remember one of our church members, Han. In short, he has seemed to grow by leaps and bounds, recently expressing a call to full-time ministry! This was not (Over—>)

our suggestion, but his own idea (or the Lord's)! Alongside Han's interest in ministry, other lay members are showing spiritual maturity and growing confidence to lead. We dream of and work toward the day when one of today's lay members is commissioned to plant a new Small Church. Your prayers for the Small Church Network continue to bear fruit. Thank you! When the time comes for us to return to Japan, please pray for wisdom for us to know the best way to transition back into the Small Church community.

Outreach: Until John's dad went into the hospital, we've been watching God work in our neighborhood in Atlantic. We've been taking a small group of boys fishing, each time sharing from the scriptures and praying for one another. This has also given us opportunities to deepen our relationships with their parents and share about the Lord. If the Lord wills, we would love to see a bible study form out of us ragtag group of families. In general, God has opened several doors to new and old relationships in the community despite social distancing.

Support Raising: The lockdown this Spring put on hold our plans to visit our remaining church partners. We are beginning to schedule visits for the end of this month into September. With each visit, we want to give and receive mutual encouragement. Pray that the Lord would enable us to strengthen each church we visit to the end that they might treasure Jesus more than the day before. Please pray for healthy partnerships that bear fruit for God's kingdom. Lastly, God has recently provided some new prayer and financial partners. Thank you for praying for his provision! We continue to ask for God to provide the remaining \$1000 of monthly support.

Family Health: By God's grace, we have stayed physically healthy. Baby Bella is now four months old and growing fast. Brooke (4) and Bonnie (2) continue to grow in wisdom and stature. We pray that they would become strong women of God, loving Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. John's regular commute to the hospital in addition to our ongoing work routine has made this a physically demanding season for our family. Please pray for us to communicate well in order to adapt to frequently changing circumstances and lead our family well.

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