

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Hearing Assists are available at the Sound Booth.

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today as part of our worship service. We encourage you to participate at home with any bread and juice that you have available.

Special Business Meeting: The Board of Elders has scheduled a special church business meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2020 to consider the Board and Search Committee's presentation of Andrew Johnson to serve as Associate Pastor. The meeting will begin 10 minutes after the conclusion of the worship service, and online participation via Zoom will be available for those participating from home.

We will be hosting Atlantic Chamber Ambassadors on Thursday, November 12 at 10 am to share about Operation Christmas Child Collection Week. We would love to have some members join us and welcome the Ambassadors. Anyone is welcome, just show up.

Lost & Found—If you are missing items, please check the Lost & Found in the Fellowship Hall. The table is full! Anything left after November 8 will be donated.

Oil Change Ministry—Saturday, November 7 from 8 am—noon.

Needed:

—Women who feel led to welcome those coming to the oil change or provide childcare. Call Donna at 243-3370 for information.

—Men who would like to help shuttle cars, inspect or detail cars, change oil. Call Joe Hoyer at 249-2076 for information.

This is a great opportunity to reach out to those in our community!

Associate Pastor Candidate—See insert

Honoring God 2020—See insert

Please see insert for additional Announcements and Upcoming Events ➡



The Great Purpose of the Church
Ephesians 3:1-7

Sunday, November 1st, 2020

WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

Sunday School	Worship Service
9:15 a.m.	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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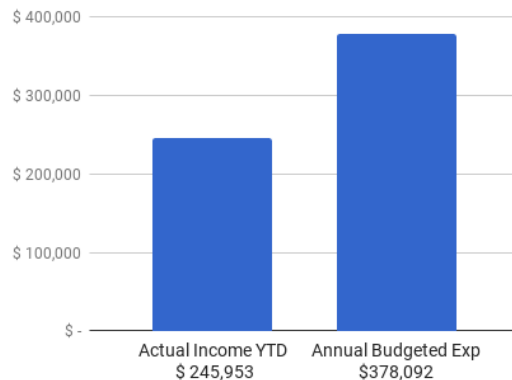
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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, please observe the following social distancing guidelines while in the church building:

2020 General Fund Finances (Through September)



Looking for a place to serve?
You can volunteer in music, children's and many more ministries. Email us at **serve@atlanticfreechurch.com** to get involved.



- 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.

Series: TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORIOUS GRACE
Sermon: *The Great Purpose of the Church*
Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-7
Speaker: Pastor Don McLean
Sunday: November 1, 2020

The Great Purpose of the Church is
to _____

(1) A Mindset of _____

(2) A Mindset of _____

(3) A Mindset of _____

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Operation Christmas Child collection is coming on November 16-23. Now is the time to start filling your shoeboxes! We will be following a Curbside Collection model, or you may Build a Box Online at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>. Empty shoe boxes, information and volunteer sign up sheets are at the fellowship hall table. Also seeking flat shelf utility carts, open sided canopy tent, and two-wheeled dollies to use during collection week.

Please join us in blessing Karissa and John Lorenzen and their TWIN BABY GIRLS at a baby shower on Saturday, November 7th at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Food, fun, and fellowship along with social distancing will be enjoyed. Karissa and the girls are registered at Wal-Mart. Karissa's care team (Christy Cunningham 249-4718) and friends are hosting this shower.

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.

MEET OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR CANDIDATE

The Search Committee and the Board of Elders are pleased to present **Andrew Johnson** as our candidate to serve as **Pastor of Student & Worship Discipleship**. Andrew and his wife, Heidi, will be with us on the weekend of **November 6-8**.



Andrew has lived most of his life in the Houston, TX area, where they average 2600 times less snowfall than Iowa! Andrew loves Jesus, student ministry, and music, and according to Heidi, he plays approximately 17 musical instruments! He has over 20 years of musical education and experience and enjoys playing everything from a Penny

Whistle to assorted saxophones to a trap set to the bass guitar, as well as singing tenor in various choirs and bands. He also plays the piano but often leaves that to his wife of two years, Heidi, a gifted musician and singer in her own right.

Andrew graduated from Baylor University in 2012 with a B.A. in Music. He served as the **Director of Music for Youth Ministries** at a church in Texas for 6.5 years and was closely involved in the church's youth ministry. Andrew's heart is to use his musical skills and his spiritual gifts of loving the Word, the Whole Counsel of God, to educate and lead young people to a life transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. From there he desires to help them integrate into active roles in the local church and prepare them to evangelize the world. He once described himself as a youth pastor camouflaged as a professional musician. As a couple, Andrew and Heidi are seeking the Lord's direction and are ready to follow His lead . . . even if there's snow!

Check out **[www.Youtube.com/DizzySaxophone](https://www.youtube.com/DizzySaxophone)** for a variety of samples of Andrew & Heidi leading worship.

CANDIDATING SCHEDULE

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are planning fewer public gatherings than we normally would for a pastoral candidating weekend. Instead of large gatherings spread out over several days, we are planning smaller meetings with our youth leaders and the worship leadership team, and we are concentrating the public parts of the weekend on **Sunday, November 8**.

Meet-the-Candidate Q&A Forum ☞ 9:15–10:05 a.m.

This Sunday School hour forum is for everyone of all ages. Andrew will share his testimony and talk about his call to ministry, and there will be time for questions from the audience. There will also be a Zoom option that people at home can use to participate over the web.

Worship Service ☞ 10:30 a.m.

Andrew will be leading worship with one of our praise teams, and we will introduce him & Heidi to the congregation.

Socially-Distanced Meet & Greet

Andrew & Heidi will be available after the Worship Service for anyone who would like to meet them. Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

Special Youth Group Meeting ☞ 6:00–7:45 p.m.

Our Middle School and High School youth groups will be meeting together at the church. We encourage your students to attend so they can hear Andrew teach and start to get to know him and Heidi. The Johnsons will also be available after Youth Group for any youth parents who would like to connect with them.

Sunday, November 15 ~ After the Worship Service

There will be a Special Business Meeting to vote on the recommendation from the Search Committee and Elder Board that we extend a pastoral call to Andrew Johnson to serve as Associate Pastor of Student & Worship Discipleship

HONORING GOD | 2020

Will you honor God with your vote this election day?

AS A CHRISTIAN, 5 REASONS WHY I SHOULD CARE ABOUT GOVERNMENT AND ABOUT VOTING

1 GOVERNMENT WAS INSTITUTED BY GOD

Romans 13 and 1 Peter 2 show us that government was instituted by God, **created with a purpose and responsibility**: to punish evil and reward those who do good. Government is God's social institution of justice, a value so important to God, His Son was killed on the Cross to satisfy its requirements.

2 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE MINISTERS OF GOD

Romans 13 calls government officials "ministers" of God, meaning they are, in effect, servants of the Lord. **Just as pastors are ministers of the Church, elected officials are ministers of God in government**, and they have a job to do for Him. This should change the way we view our elected officials. This is why the Bible calls us to pray, submit, and honor those in authority (1 Timothy 2, Romans 13, 1 Peter 2).

3 GOVERNMENT CANNOT PROPERLY DO ITS JOB WITHOUT THE CHURCH

Government carries the incredible burdens of our communities. Whether foster care, health care, mental health, poverty, addictions, or matters of justice – government was not designed to face these needs on its own. **Government needs moral guidance to implement true justice**, and it requires partnership with the Church to meet the deeper, physical and spiritual needs of our communities.

4 LAW MATTERS

The law has never been able to save, and we are free from the penalty of sin. But the moral law comes from the character and nature of God, standing as a teacher and shaper of culture. Godly leaders pass laws that help guide society to see what is right and to protect people by making it more difficult to sin.

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5 YOU GET TO CHOOSE

As Americans, we get to choose our ministers of government. As Christians we know what God expects of government. He also expects us to be good stewards of this opportunity and select righteous, qualified individuals to serve as ministers in government. **Our right to vote is a gift God has given us to use to honor Him** (Matthew 25:14-30).

VOTING PROCESS

Find everything you need to know about your city elections online at the Iowa Secretary of State website: sos.iowa.gov or call 1-888-SOS-VOTE (1-888-767-8683)

VOTING INFORMATION

Find your polling place online at:
<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx>



Early voting begins October 5
Election Day is November 3

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