

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Hearing Assists are available at the Sound Booth.

Welcome to our Associate Pastor Candidate Andrew Johnson and his wife, Heidi. Please see the insert for their information.

THANK YOU to ALL who helped make Trunk and Treat a **fun outreach!** **55 children** smiled as they received **candy** from **8 creative trunk-ers** -- complete with a **gospel tract!** **75 grilled burgers** fed families in the **beautiful outdoors** the Lord provided!

All are welcome to come join a Christmas Decorating Party on Saturday November 28th at 2pm. We would love to have lots of hands on deck for putting up the tree, decorating and getting the wreaths up in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy getting the church ready for the Advent season! We will have cookies and hot drinks. Social Distancing and Masks appreciated.

Special Business Meeting: The Board of Elders has scheduled a special church business meeting for next 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 **TODAY** will be donated.

It's Shoe-Box Time! We are once again participating in Operation Christmas Child, sharing the love of Christ with children all around the world by sending shoeboxes packed with both practical & fun items and accompanied by the Gospel. **Please sign up to help with Curbside Collection Week (November 16th-23rd) using the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall TODAY.** Grab a shoebox and a label from and pack one (or more!) with your family & friends. Or Build a Box Online at <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>.

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.



The Ministry of Mysteries
Ephesians 3:8-13

Sunday, November 8th, 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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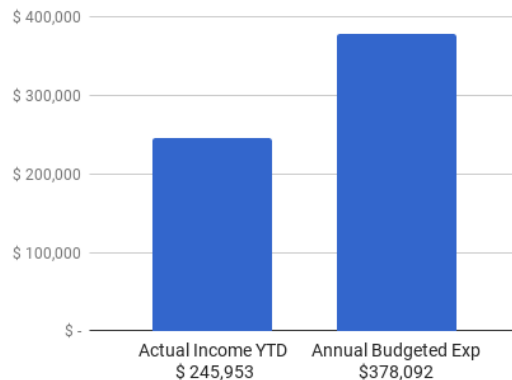
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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, please observe the following social distancing guidelines while in the church building:

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 Ministry of Mysteries*
Scripture: Ephesians 3:8-13
Speaker: Pastor Don McLean
Sunday: November 8, 2020

Jesus sends His people to Proclaim the Good News!

1) Proclaiming the Gospel _____

2) Proclaiming the Gospel _____

3) Proclaiming the Gospel _____

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 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 his wife, 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



SHARING GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY!

DEAR FRIEND,

Each shoebox you pack helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. Many of them will grow in their faith and learn how to tell friends and family about Him through our discipleship program called The Greatest Journey.

In a new initiative, we are going island to island in the Pacific to take the Gospel to a half a million children over the next few years, as part of our commitment to "proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15, ESV).



In sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to-reach places to make His Name known.

This has resulted in more than 2 million children making decisions for Christ and over 1,000 churches being started in one year! For example, there's now a church in a remote village in Namibia among the Himba unreached people group.

"Before we had never heard of Jesus," said Pastor Kuyelia, leader of the new church. "Now, we have abandoned witch doctors and seek God alone in prayer and worship."

We're thankful for all those who have faithfully prayed for Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse project. You can join us in packing shoeboxes so that more children in the remote corners of the world can hear the Good News of the Gospel. May God bless you.

—Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse



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THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU



PACKING, COLLECTING, & SHIPPING

People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Churches and groups collect these boxes the third week of November. Then, thousands of volunteers inspect and prepare the shoeboxes for international shipping.



INTERNATIONAL

DISTRIBUTION

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who are eager to share the Gospel and bless children.



INTERNATIONAL

OUTREACH EVENTS

Churches around the world hand out shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Good News is clearly presented. Along with the gifts, we offer Gospel booklets called The Greatest Gift to help shoebox recipients learn about God's Greatest Gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.



INTERNATIONAL

DISCIPLESHIP & MULTIPLICATION

After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enroll in our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.



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