### **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**Hearing Assists** are available at the Sound Booth.

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today as part of the worship service using the cups handed out today when you arrived.

**Easter Sunday Worship:** This year we will be offering two worship services on Easter Sunday, April 4. The services will be at **8:30 am** and **10:30 am.** Masks and social distancing will be **REQUIRED** at the **8:30 service**, while the 10:30 service will follow our current practice of recommending but not requiring face masks. The two services will be otherwise the same, and we will be disinfecting surfaces and rest-rooms between the two services.

Women's Ministry Team Newsletter & Care Team List—Please see the insert.

**Spring Forward!** Just a reminder that Daylight Saving Time starts next Sunday. Set your clocks forward 1 hour.

**Women's Bible Study** - We will be starting *Truthfilled, a study of Colossians* by Ruth Chou Simons. Linda Nichols will be leading it at her home on Wednesday nights at 6:30 starting on Wednesday March 31. Women can contact Linda (249-7705) if interested in joining.

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 Cross and the Character of God Matthew 27:27-44

Sunday, March 7th, 2021

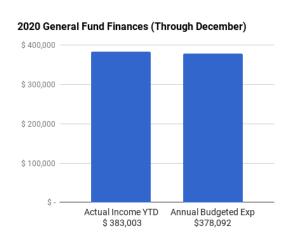
#### **WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!**

Sunday Worship School 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.

If you would like to give to the Lord's work, there is an offering box near the entrance to the auditorium. You may also give online on our website or by mailing your offering to the church office. Thank you



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





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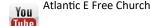
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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, please observe the following social distancing guidelines while in the church building:

- The use of a face covering or mask is encouraged but not required at our service.
- Maintain a minimum distance of two arm lengths (six feet) between yourself and 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.

There will be two songs at the end of the service. If you would like to leave after the first song for the sake of social distancing, you are welcome to do so.

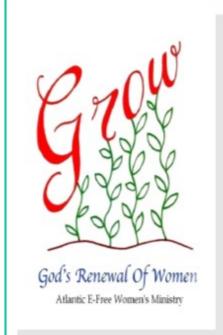
Scripture: Matthew 27:27-44 Speaker: Pastor Don McLean Sunday: March 7, 2021 The cross \_\_\_\_\_\_ the character of God 1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ 2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ 3. God is \_\_\_\_\_

THE GREATER KINGDOM'S GREATER KING

Sermon: The Cross and the Character of God

Series:

We encourage you to think about who you may miss seeing at church, as so many are still social distancing and worshipping from home. It only takes a few minutes to reach out with a text, a phone call, or a quick card to someone who is on your mind. Let's not forsake being the body of Christ!



## Spring 2021

Women's Ministry Update

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

Be Watching for Upcoming Information on Summer Study for Women.

Yes! We are planning a Summer Study for Women in 2021. Watch the bulletin for more details.

# 2021 Women's Ministry Team

Coordinator: Linda Nichols
Co-coordinator: Vacant

Spiritual Growth: Peggy Perkins Apprentice: Jan Myers

Service & Outreach: Donna Wood Apprentice: Cindy Nichols

Congregational Care: Tina Olson Apprentice: Carrie Clemsen The purpose of Women's Ministry in the body of the church is to facilitate connection of women with one another, provide opportunities for spiritual growth for women and opportunities to minister to others.

### Women Doing Life Together Titus 2 Style

Over the course of the past 18 months, the Women's Ministry Team has been working on cultivating a culture where women take seriously the instruction Paul gives us as women - to teach each other - to mentor younger women and to be mentored by someone more mature.

Being a mentor. That can sound a little daunting. Self talk begins; Where would I even start? I am not really qualified to do that. I still have so much to learn. What if I end up in some stuffy "program" forced to meet with someone I don't "click" with. I just don't have time.

In the book Organic Mentoring, authors Sue Edwards and Barbara Neumann share ways to make mentoring more organic in nature and less of a program. They show us how to "do life together" and move away from formal programs into a more natural mentoring mind-set. In this new mind-set, we aren't looking for mentors who are perfect examples of Biblical womanhood, rather women who are open and transparent about their struggles and willing to share what God has taught them in the context of an authentic relationship with someone else. This looks a lot more like a long walk or coffee on the porch together than a formal weekly meeting.

To date, about 2 dozen women in our body have read Organic Mentoring. Many have met to discuss and dream about what it could look like to cultivate that culture in our local church body. We found out that many of us are already doing just that, and just didn't know it.

If you are interested in finding out more, please reach out to one of the women on the ministry team. We would be happy to share our vision for an authentic and passionate community that is committed to doing life together. We also have multiple copies of the book available if you are interested in reading it.

## Bible Study Opportunities

Looking for a bible study to join? Here are a list of women's bible studies that are currently in session:

- Elijah Bible Study by Priscilla Shirer led by Linda Nichols in her home Wednesday evenings 6:30–8:30.
   They will be starting Truthfilled, a study of Colossians by Ruth Chou Simons beginning March 31
- Epic of Eden Understanding the Old Testament by Sandra Richter led by Jan Myers.
   Thursday evenings at the church from 6:30-8:30
   Start date is Feb. 25 and will run for 12
   weeks.
- This same study will be held at Donna Woods's house on Friday mornings at 9:00 AM, also led by Jan Myers. The start date for this study is: Feb. 26th.
- Titus Thursday mornings at 9:00 at Galynn Hoye's home and is being led by Galynn.



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