

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.

Parents of elementary age and younger children: Make sure your child picks up an Easter gift bag after the church service!

THANK YOU kids and families for the fun Celebrate Kids event! Kids did a fantastic job showing their God-given interests and talents! And our church family babies are, of course, beautiful treasures!

Outreach Opportunity—Please join us Saturday morning, April 17, to bless some of our church family that have not been able to join us in person for worship over the past year. We will be gathering in the fellowship hall at 9:00am to write notes of encouragement, pray, and pack gift bags. At 10:00 those interested will take a name or two and deliver the bags and notes. We will gather back at the church for pizza afterwards. Feel free to participate in as little or as much as you wish. If you would like to donate items for the gift bags, suggested items include: seed packets, journals, pens, individual hand sanitizer, small bottles of lotion, pocket packages of Kleenex, packs of greeting cards, wrapped tea bags, hard candies, sticky note pads, etc. Please place your donations in the fellowship hall in the box marked "April Showers of Blessings" that will be located on the north wall. Thank you for serving!

By-Law Changes Info Session: There will be an information session following the worship service on Sunday April 11. The purpose of this meeting is to answer any questions you may have about the proposed change to article 9 of our statement of faith (replacing the word "premillennial" with the word "glorious") and the Board's recommendation that our church name change to *GracePoint Church: An Evangelical Free Church*. Both of these items will be voted on at the quarterly business meeting on Sunday, April 25.

Please see insert for additional Announcements and Upcoming Events 



*The Potent Power
of the Resurrection
Matthew 28:1-15*

Sunday, April 4th, 2021

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.

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

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.



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Atlantic E Free Church

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.

Series: THE GREATER KINGDOM'S GREATER KING
Sermon: *The Potent Power of the Resurrection*
Scripture: Matthew 28:1-15
Speaker: Pastor Don McLean
Sunday: April 4, 2021 + Easter Sunday

God's Resurrection Power changes everything!

POWER UNLEASHED – THE EVIDENCE OF GOD'S POWER

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

POWER APPLIED – THE EFFECT OF GOD'S POWER

1. It _____ from our past
2. It _____ for our present
3. It _____ for our future

A FORK IN THE ROAD

- We can _____
- ...or we can _____

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

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Have you been baptized? We will do believer's baptisms during the worship service on Sunday, April 18. If you think you would like to be baptized, please get in touch with Pastor Don this week.

Oil Change Ministry on April 10—See insert.

Oil Change Ministry Volunteers—Saturday, April 10 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 Hoyt at 249-2076 for information.

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

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.

A very heartfelt "Thank You" to the brave souls that ventured out in the weather Tuesday to help with my yard work. Bless you all! Sincerely, Jack Wagner



KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM KNOWN
At the Corner of 22nd and Chestnut

Oil Change Service for Single Moms & Widows

Is Basic Car Maintenance not even a blip on your radar due to challenging circumstances?

A little time is all you will need to have a complete 5,000 mile service performed. Childcare provided while you wait.

Saturday, April 10th, between 8:00 and Noon

Call to schedule an appointment—**Priority will be given to women who's names are on the list from November 2020 that did not get an oil change then because the schedule was full.**

By Thursday, April 8th

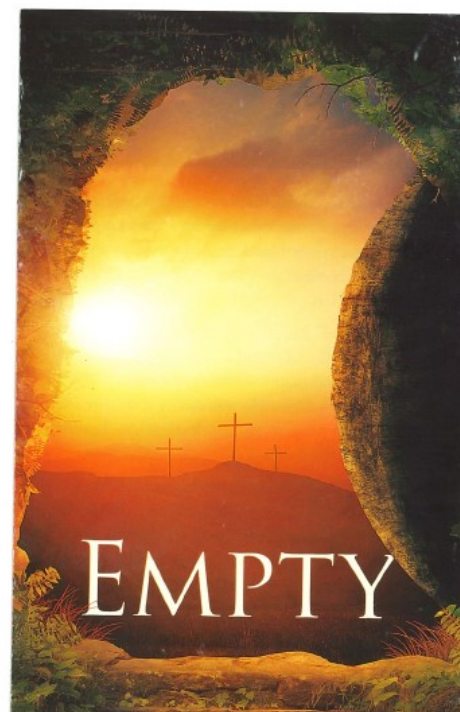
712-243-3370—Donna

At the Atlantic E-Free Church

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And do not forget to do good and to share
with others, for with such sacrifices God is
pleased.

Hebrews 13:16



YOUR RESPONSE?

Jesus took our sins upon Himself—suffered and died in our place—so we can be forgiven. There on the cross, He cried out, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). The empty cross tells us that the work is done, the price has been paid, and the door to Heaven stands open.

The empty tomb demonstrates that Jesus won the victory over sin and death. Listen to His words: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25).

Jesus now offers salvation to all mankind. If we reject Him, we must stand before God and be judged for our sins—"cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15).

But if we admit that we are sinners, turn to God, and put our trust in Jesus Christ, we will find forgiveness and eternal life. "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved ... For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved'" (Romans 10:9,13).

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If you have questions or want to talk to someone about what it means to follow Jesus Christ, visit SeekLife.net

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Arriving at Golgotha that evening, I was overcome with a sense of emptiness. The area was completely deserted, but three blood-stained crosses at the top of the hill served as solemn reminders of the events of the day.

Less than a week earlier, Jesus of Nazareth entered the city with His disciples and many others proclaiming Him as Messiah, our long-awaited Savior. We were full of hope, because He was clearly a teacher sent by God with the power to work miracles—healing, feeding, and even raising people from the grave!

But then, the one who we thought would bring salvation was dead. It all happened so quickly; one day He was teaching His followers, and the next He was on trial and condemned to death by crucifixion. Even the execution was rushed, as the soldiers used a spear to ensure that He was dead before the day was over.

The empty cross, and the emptiness in my heart, both testified to one fact—Jesus died.

Three days later, some of His followers went to the tomb, found it empty, and returned with amazing news—He was alive! For the next forty days, He continued to teach and encourage His disciples, appearing first to one, then two, then eleven—and eventually more than five hundred of us at once!

Jesus had predicted that He would suffer, die, and rise again, but we just couldn't comprehend the beauty of God's divine plan to redeem our souls. When He said, "I lay down My life that I may take it again," we didn't realize what He meant at the time.

But now, looking back on these events, I see how the empty cross testifies of His love, and the empty tomb declares His mighty power. God's Word says:

- "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us" (1 John 3:16).
- "[Jesus was] declared to be the Son of God with power ... by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4).

This narrative was compiled using Biblical testimony found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, and 1 Corinthians.