

# TheWill

*January 2017*

Monthly Newsletter of  
God's Will Christian Church

## Mark Your Calendar

**January 2017**  
**12th Church and Pastoral**  
**Anniversary**

**Community Clothing**  
**Pantry**  
**TBD**

**1.1**  
New Year's Day Service

**1.22**  
New Member's Orientation

**1.29**  
New Member's Class

## Weekly Activities

<b>Corporate Prayer Call</b>	Daily 7:00AM
<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	Tuesday 7-8:00pm
<b>GWCC Bible Study</b>	Wednesday 7-8:00pm
712-775-7031 Access Code 443268839	

**The Sister Network's Women's Bible Study**  
Monday 7:30-8:30pm  
857-232-0158 Access Code 262390

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App Store.

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Text EZVJS97696 to 313131.



**SIGHT & SOUND**  
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# JONAH

**Sight and Sound Theater  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania**

**Saturday, June 3, 2017**

**Lunch-12PM Show-3PM**

**Adults (13+) \$127      Children (3-12) \$77**  
**(price includes transportation, lunch and show)**

**Please contact Jeania Anderson for more information at  
(240) 244-7974 or email [info@godswillchristianchurch.org](mailto:info@godswillchristianchurch.org).**

**For info about the show, please visit [www.sight-sound.com](http://www.sight-sound.com)**





## **IT IS FINISHED!**

**So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.**

**John 19:30**

Imagine looking at Leonardo da Vinci's famous Mona Lisa painting in the Louvre museum. Would you think of adding more brush strokes to it? Of course not! It was done by a master, so what could you possibly add to the painting to improve it?

In the same way, that is how we are to look at Jesus' work on the cross. He cried out, “It is finished!” You cannot complete a completed work. You cannot finish a finished work. Our salvation is won. Our sins are all forgiven. We are made forever righteous by His blood. Christ paid completely and perfectly for our total forgiveness, righteousness and every blessing!

In fact, these three words, “It is finished”, come from one Greek word *teleo*. In the days of Jesus, a servant would use it when reporting to his master: “I have completed the work assigned to me.” (John 17:4) The word means, “It is finished, it stands finished and it will always be finished!” Perhaps the most significant meaning of *teleo* is how it is used by merchants: “The debt is paid in full!” When Jesus gave Himself on the cross, He met fully the righteous demands of the law. He paid our debts in full!

Today, it is not our works that will bring us the blessings. It is Christ's finished work. Christian living is not about doing, but believing in His finished work. Under the law, we must do. Under grace, it is done!

Maybe you are faced with overwhelming odds today. Jesus promises, “It is finished!” You are not going to be delivered because you have already been delivered. You are not going to be healed because you are already the healed! God healed you 2,000 years ago! Isaiah 53:5 declares, “By His stripes you are healed!” You are already pregnant with healing. Keep resting in His finished work and it will manifest!

My friend, the work is finished. The victory is won. Our blessings have been bought by His blood! Live life knowing that there is nothing for you to do—only believe! It is finished!





**This is my body  
given for you; do  
this in  
remembrance of  
me.**

– Luke 22:19

## **Pastoral Thought**

As I sat with a blank sheet of paper in front of me, I tried to find the best way to explain what the Father wants us to do concerning the Lord's Supper. Let me begin with a quote from Jesus. Jesus said, "this cup is the new covenant in my blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

We are folk that are prone to forget. Sometimes, it works to our good when we forget things. Some of the stupid things we have done need to be forgotten, as well as some crazy decisions we have made. Forgetting things is needed from time to time. But there are things that should never be forgotten. The Lord's sacrificial and substitutionary death is one.

Making the Lord's Supper a priority is an act of love and faith. Jesus told his disciples, "I longed to share this

supper with you." Why? Because this was the ushering in of the Gospel. The completion of His mission here on earth. This supper was important to Him and it should be important to us, the children of God. Why is it important to make this a priority? It's designed to keep us humble, holy, and faithful. When Paul said he had fought the good fight of faith, he was speaking concerning the forces that were coming against his faith.

The Devil is after your faith because he knows that without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith in God results in obedience to Christ. As pastor of this fine church, I say to everyone among you, make 1st Sundays a priority so that our local body (GWCC) may remember what the Lord has done for us together. This is the Will of God.