



DECEMBER 9

CHRISTIAN HOPE PART 1:
PRESENT SUFFERING < FUTURE GLORY
ROMANS 8:18-27

Sunday Services Times: 8:45 am & 10:30 am

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WELCOME TO FRESHWATER

Welcome to Freshwater! We're so glad you're here! We know it can be intimidating to come to church as a visitor, so we hope you've received a warm welcome. One of our pastors will be stationed at the Welcome Desk after service with a gift for you and to answer any questions you may have.

To help us get to know you better, please fill out the attached Connection Card and place it in the offering. We hope you enjoy your visit!

Scott Brooks,
Senior Pastor

TODAY AT FRESHWATER

- **There are two kiosks in the Foyer today:** Senegal Ornament Sale (near the Missions Wall) and Offering Envelopes Pick Up

- **Freshwater Kids Classroom Locations:**

105 - Nursery	106 - Toddlers	107 - 1st & 2nd Grades	108 - 5s & Kindergarten
109 - 4 year olds	110 - 3 year olds	the HUB - 3rd & 4th Grades	

(Please do not drop children off until 10 minutes before service times. Also, be sure to have your pick up tag ready before entering the Children's Wing.)

- **Family restrooms are located in the hallway to the right of the Multi-Purpose Room. Enter the hallway off the MPR, and the restrooms will be at the end on the right.**

- **Reality 139 (7th-12th Grades) meets TONIGHT from 6-8 pm in the MPR. We will continue the Alpha series for teens.**

- **The Men's Sunday School Class meets in Room 102A at 8:45 am. All men are welcome.**

- **The Women's Heart to Heart Class meets in Room 102B at 8:45 am. Heart to Heart offers opportunities for sharing, praising, mentoring, praying, and much more. All women are welcome.**



The Christian and Missionary Alliance

Freshwater Community Church is a church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. Rather than thinking of ourselves as a denomination, we consider ourselves to be part of an "alliance" of some 2,000 churches in the U.S. committed to knowing and exalting Jesus Christ and to completing His Great Commission. For more information, visit: www.cmalliance.org.

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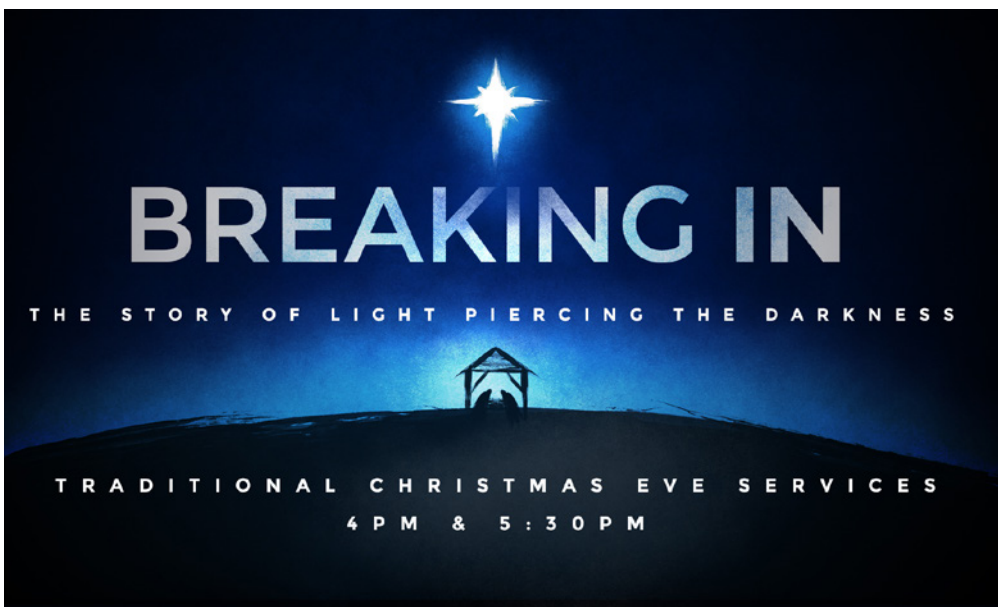
OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER If you received offering envelopes in the past or if you signed up to receive them for 2019, stop by the table in the Foyer to pick yours up TODAY. There is a list of names and corresponding numbers to make finding your envelopes easy.

YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY / Sat., Dec. 15, 7-9 pm, at the Homan's It's time to bust out your ugly Christmas sweaters for our annual Christmas party. Bring an appetizer or dessert and a white elephant gift from the 5 Below store. Contact Pastor Sean to RSVP at shoman@thefreshwater.church.

WOMEN'S WINTER STUDY / starts Tues., Jan. 8 at 9:15 am at Freshwater Beginning Tuesday, January 8, and lasting through Tuesday, February 12, we will be offering a 6-week study of the book "Calm My Anxious Heart" by Linda Dillow. Cost: \$11. This morning-only session will meet from 9:15-10:45 am. Childcare is available free of charge. Sign up online TODAY at thefreshwater.church/women or in the Foyer on January 6. We are encouraging early sign ups for this study because a portion of the book should be read before the first meeting. You will receive your book early if you sign up early! Childcare is available.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING / Sun., Dec. 16, 12:15 pm All members are urged to attend the next Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 16, right after Second Service. We will be reviewing and approving the 2019 budget, adopting by-law changes and electing officers at this meeting.

GIVING TO FRESHWATER Did you know there are several ways to give to the work God is doing at and through Freshwater? Visit thefreshwater.church/give for more info on giving in service, online, and via text. Your gifts are used for outreach, church operations, missions and more!



CHRISTMAS AT FRESHWATER On Sunday, December 23, both services will be Family Services. These will be kid-friendly services with childcare for infants and toddlers through age 3. On Christmas Eve, we will have our traditional Christmas Eve services. There will not be childcare that evening so that our volunteers can participate in the service with their families. We are asking that each family drive one car to church to alleviate parking issues, especially for first-time guests.

THIS WEEK

Kids' Choir

Wed. 6 pm

N2Y, Relevant

Will not meet until January 9.

The River Church-Wide Prayer Mtg. (Room 110)

Wed. 6:30 pm

Women's Prayer Meeting (Room 104)

Thurs. 9:15 am

Women's Christmas Gathering (at the Galaxy Restaurant, Wadsworth)

Thurs. 7 pm

Men's Prayer Meeting (in the Foyer)

Fri. 6 am

Young Adults Christmas Party (at the Homan's, 8491 Yoder Rd., Wadsworth)

Sat. 7 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational Meeting 12/16

Family Service (no Kids' Min) 12/23

Christmas Eve Svcs (4 & 5:30 pm)

..... 12/24

Women's Book Study Begins 1/8

SR High 13-Hour Fest 1/20-1/21

Father/Son Hockey Night 2/9

JR High Believe Conference 2/15-2/16

SR High White Out 2/15-2/17

IF: Wadsworth 3/15 & 3/16

A/V HELP NEEDED

Our Worship & Arts Team is looking for several tech-savvy people to serve once per month on our A/V team.

We have a fun team that loves one another! We are looking for faithful servants, but we also value the spiritual balance of needing to rest in service. The time commitment is approximately 15-20 Sundays per year. Anyone 16 or older is encouraged to volunteer.

Contact Pastor Jake for details at jakepoole@thefreshwater.church.

PASTORAL STAFF

Scott Brooks, **Senior Pastor**

Beth Falkenberg,

Children's Director

Sean Homan, **Discipleship Pastor**

Len Maher, **Youth Pastor**

Jake Poole, **Worship Pastor**

Jerry Morris, **Visitation Pastor**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship information for the week of December 2:

2018 Budget Req. YTD \$ 1,080,048.00

Giving YTD \$ 1,036,412.95

Giving YTD +/- \$ -43,635.05

Missions Giving YTD \$ 105,878.83

Attendance for December 2: 583

Did you know you can give to Freshwater online? If your bank offers online bill pay, you can add Freshwater as a vendor and give through your account with no additional cost to you or the church.

You can also access our online giving page at thefreshwater.church/give/, or download the My Freshwater App on GooglePlay or the App Store.

To receive our weekly newsletter, updates, prayer requests, and other communications from Freshwater, make sure you're on our mailing list! Contact the church office at office@thefreshwater.church.

Our office/ mailing address is:
560 Hartman Rd.
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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9 am-4 pm
Closed Friday

NEWS FOR YOU

- Prayer is a top priority here at Freshwater. Our weekly church-wide prayer meeting, **The River**, is held on **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 110**. We've seen God move in amazing ways through this gathering. We also have a weekly **Ladies' Prayer Meeting** on Thursdays at **9:15 am in Room 104**. On the last Thursday of each month, the women pray specifically for missionary prayer requests. The **Men's Prayer Meeting** is held on **Fridays at 6 am in the Foyer**.
- Do you remember Sears, Roebuck & Co. Christmas Catalogs? Walt Mueller reminisces in **The Lie of Christmas**. Also, TL;DR is making it into Merriam-Webster Dictionary. Do you know what it means? Checkout this month's Parent Page for this article, the meaning of the letters, and much more now available in the Wall Organizer next to the Welcome Desk.
- To stay up to date on our Youth and Kids' Ministries, email student_ministry@thefreshwater.church or freshwaterkids@thefreshwater.church.