MY SERMON NOTES SERMON: Protecting The Grace God's Given You

SPEAKER: Pastor Craig Campbell

SERIES: Tales of Christmas

Titus 2:11 | For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people...

Matthew 2:13-23 | 13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: 18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." 19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." 21 And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. 23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

John 1:14, 16 | And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

1. There is nothing <u>easy</u> about grace.

- ______ The difficulty of discomfort.
- _____ The difficulty of persecution.
- _____ The difficulty of the unknown.

2 Corinthians 12:9 | But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2. Grace does not give permission for ______.

2 Corinthians 6:1 | Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

3. A reverence for God's grace reveals the _____ of God's truth.

2 Corinthians 9:8 | And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

A GRACE THAT'S BEEN GIVEN MUST BE A GRACE THAT'S NOW ______.

2 Corinthians 8:9 | For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

what's happening

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR | 12/23 6PM & 12/24 6PM

If you would like to be part of the Christmas Eve Choir, signups are live. If you are signing up a child, please make sure they are in 1st grade or older and will be able to stand on stage for 30 minutes, following directions of the worship director. Before signing up, please note that there will be a mandatory practice on Sunday night, December 21st | 6:30pm. If you cannot be at this practice please do not sign up for the choir.



Christmas Eve Services is Calm ALL IS BRIGHT

LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!



Tuesday, December 23rd 6-7PM Full Candle-lighting Service

Wednesday, December 24th 3-4PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service Wednesday, December 24th 6-7PM

Full Candle-lighting Service



FREEDOM CONFERENCE 2026 | JANUARY 13TH & 14TH | 6-9PM

If you have been participating in a Freedom Group or you completed a Freedom Group and have never attended the conference, then this is for you! This scripture led curriculum highlights the truths of God's word which has been designed for us to walk in the freedom of Christ! This year's Freedom Conference will be held January 13th & 14th 6:00pm-9:00pm, Register today and get ready to experience the eternal freedom offered to you through Jesus!

*END OF YEAR GIVING MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12/31/2025

If you are looking to do an end-of-year donation for the 2025 tax year, it needs to be received in the church office no later than 12/31/2025. Also, online donations must be processed no later than 12/31/2025.

Please Stay tuned for changes coming to the church app, website & giving platform 2026.



Ways to GIVE

- Drop Envelopes in the back black boxes in the back of the sanctuary
- ➡ Mobile app "MinistryOne" from the App Text "GIVE" to Store! 716-714-4480



Give by check Give Online Credit





Business Plan

Next Steps for the Hope Center 2. DONE Create a New Non Profit Entity

Give by cash, check -note

"Building Fund" or OR







Give to the Building Project here (QR)

welcome.

Sunday, December 14th, 2025 | Freedom Church

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CHURCH ELDERS:

Ron (Doris) Campbell Jim (Ann) Hood

Mark (Linda) Rathke

Jim (Debbie) Randle

Matt (Kerith) McDonald

Adam (Steph) Schifferle

For the Kids:

*New: Age Groupings & starting locations

Treasures: 12 weeks - 18 months - Nurserv Builders: 19-35 months (up to age 3) - TOTS Finders: 3 years - Kindergarten - Youth Room Seekers: 1st – 3rd Grade - Youth Room

Momentum: 4th – 6th Grade - Upstairs Lounge Nexus: 7-8th Grade - Lower level Classroom A

Check-In Procedures: Begins at 10:30am

- · Treasures will receive printed name tags.
- Builders will receive printed name tags.
- · Finders & Seekers will use their permanent weekly name tags and go to the Youth Room.
- · Momentum attendance taken in the lounge.

Pick-Up Locations

- Treasures: Nursery (Freedom Nursery Room)
- Builders: Freedom TOTS Room
- Finders: Youth Room
- · Seekers: Loft
- Momentum: Upstairs Lounge

NEW FAMILIES PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE NURSERY STATION

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor Craig Campbell | Lead Pastor Peggy Belfield | Seniors Pastor | Ext. 100 Jennie Campbell | Worship Director | Ext. 100 Kerith McDonald | Office Administrator | Ext 100 Lou Mead | Youth Director | Ext. 201 Michael Peacock | Ministry Assistant | Ext 206 Curt Waugaman | Ministry Assistant | Ext 205

Dominique Wroten | Children's Director | Ext. 200

*If you'd like to contact an Elder, please call the church office.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN Mon-Thurs FROM 9AM – 4PM 716-434-5451 *please ring doorbell or call the church office to be admitted into the building.

Reach the Lost. Disciple the Found. See Lives Set Free and Stay Free in Jesus Christ.

Service Times

North Campus | 8:45AM

South Campus Times | 9:15AM & 10:45AM

*Child care will only be available during the 10:45AM service.

Worship

In The Name of Jesus All About You Worth the Wait Holy Forever Trust In God

This Week

Nexus:

Nexus Youth Group 6th-12th | Wednesday | 7pm

Adventure Kids:

No Adventure Kids | BREAK until February 2026

Lifegroups:

See website | Life-groups

Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Teams for Silent Night | Wednesday 6pm

Emily Darnell Team: Shepherds | Wednesday 6pm Drama Rehearsals | Wednesday 6:30pm

