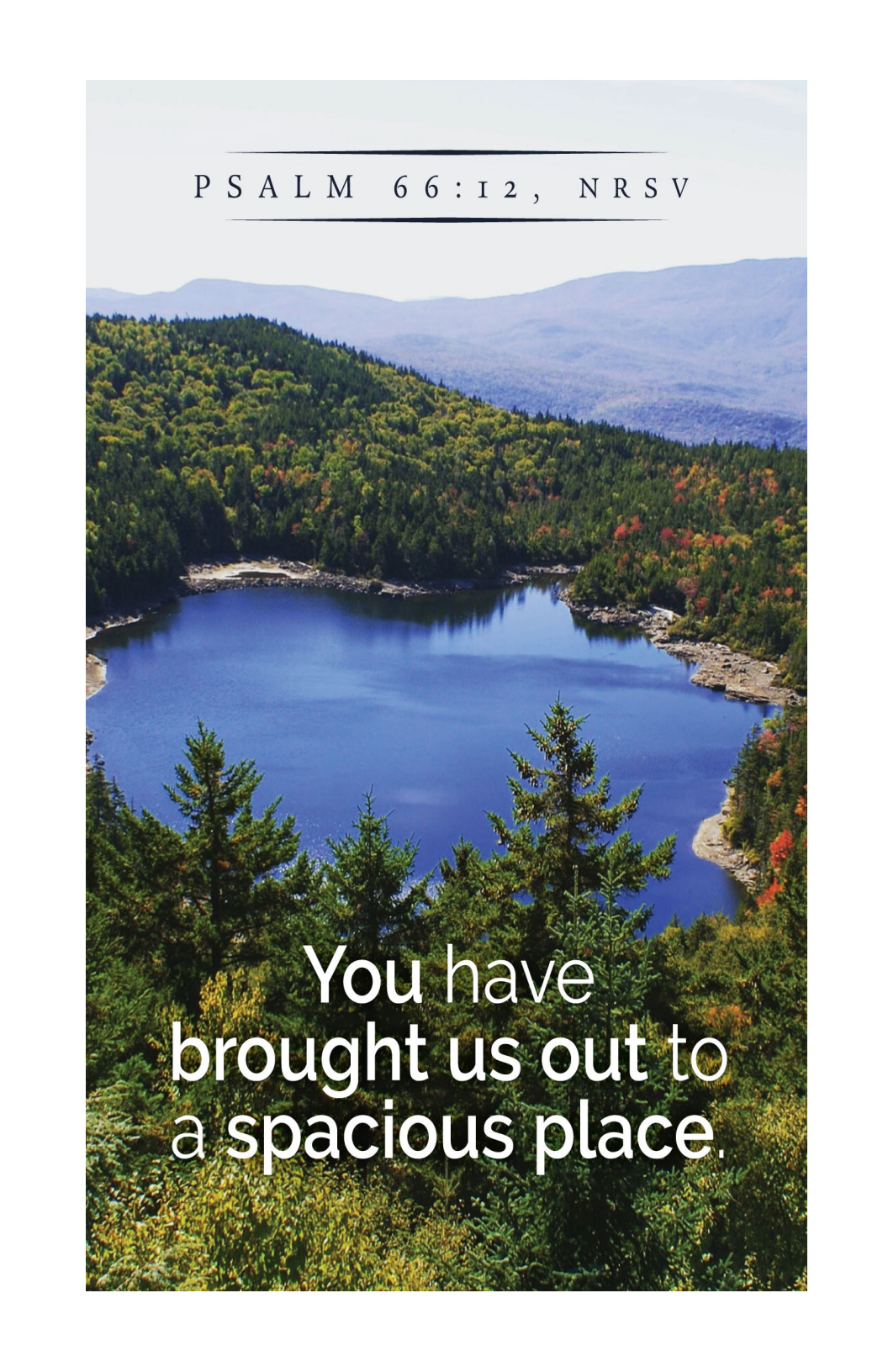


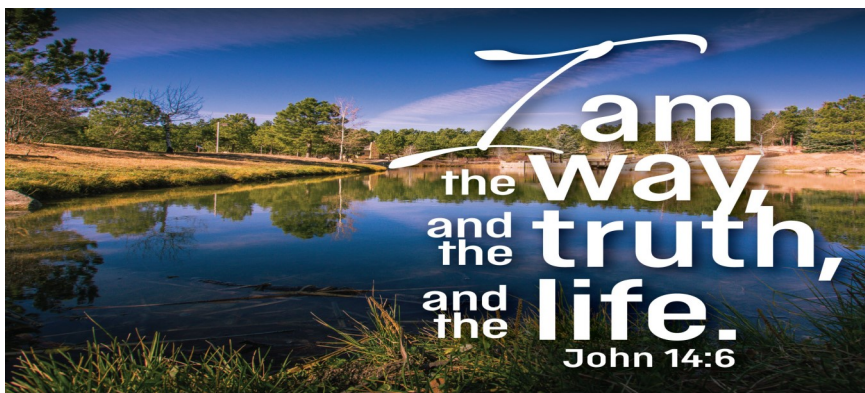
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A scenic landscape photograph showing a large, calm lake in the center, surrounded by dense forests of evergreen and deciduous trees. In the background, there are rolling mountains under a clear sky. The foreground is filled with tall evergreen trees, some with yellowing leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The overall scene is peaceful and expansive.

You have  
brought us out to  
a spacious place.



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Sunday Worship

March 26, 2017

**Prelude**

**Invocation**

**Call to Worship - Psalm 40:5-10**

**Hymn #**

**Scripture Reading - Hebrews 10:1-10**

**Hymn #**

**Chorus #**

**Chorus #**

**Elder Prayer**

**Offering & Offertory**

**Hymn #**

**Sermon: Why Did Jesus Come To Die? (Pt. 2)**

**Hymn #**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**



**prayer requests**

**up & coming**

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\* If you have any particular prayer requests that you want remembered at Prayer Meeting - please see to it that you fill out the prayer card (cards on the desk in the back) and get it in the offering plate so that we can update the cards for the coming meeting this week.

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# *Easter*



**Today:**

- 9:15 AM - Sunday School
- 10:30 AM - Morning Worship - Continuing our study of "Why Jesus Came to Die".

**Thursday:**

- 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting

**Saturday:**

- All Day - April Fool's Day

**Next Sunday:**

- 9:15 AM - Sunday School
- 10:30 AM - Morning Worship Remembering the Lord's Death together.



# MARCH MADNESS



## IT'S HERE!!!

Basketball dominates in the USA in March but here at WOL Poland we are dominated by an **OCCUPANCY PERMIT!** It's a mad rush to get beds, closets, fire extinguishers and emergency escape signs, soap dispensers, paper towel holders, approved lights, temporary electric hook-up, and loads and



loads of documents needed from the plumber, electrician, fireman and building manager. We've had to make special changes to get our electric hook-up and for a fire truck turn around and extra things for bathrooms and a small kitchen. It's **added time and unexpected costs** and we'd really appreciate your prayers for grace in the eyes of the **building commission** which we hope to get here by the **end of April**. At half-time

the coach adjusts the game plan and we've had to do that as well. Our desire was to get a pool in for this summer but we literally do not have the time due to the challenges in getting our permit. Please pray with us! Time is of the essence because we need to officially register our camps by the beginning of June.

## MINISTRY MADNESS!



**Winter Camp 2017** was a wonderful time with 42 people where we saw 3 young people make professions of faith in the Savior. It was nice to see one girl telling her Mom all about it and her desire to see her Mom saved as well! There were **13 dedication decisions** and the weather was perfect! **NEW YEAR'S EVE** was spent with a group of teens and we studied the power of the

tongue and were challenged to use it for His glory throughout this entire year!

**WINTER ESCAPE IN FEBRUARY** was our first ever winter retreat here and we played some interesting games with people chained up deep in the woods. Tim, Seth, Matthew & Marcin opened up the book of Galatians and clearly explained every aspect of the book.

**EVANGELISTIC BEACH PARTIES** got started this last week! A **very small church** really went to work and invited people out and we **had 27 people there** all together! 4 were unsaved and a few who had never been in church and we praise the Lord for **one young girl who made a profession of faith**. Please pray for the others who heard and may still be thinking about it.



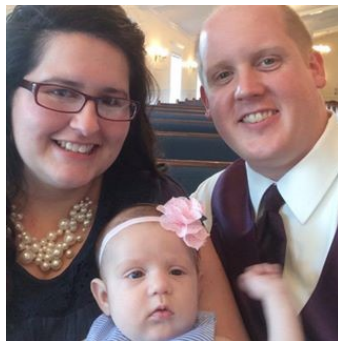
## **FUTURE MADNESS!**

**EUROPEAN BIBLE QUIZ** will be held on April 1 at WOL Czech and we are studying Galatians and Poland is planning on winning. Matthew was inspired this year and set up a preparation competition. There are points and teams and daily registering and this has inspired some **teens to read Galatians over 100 times!** They are memorizing verses as well and asking each other questions and probably have never studied a book of the Bible any deeper! There are over 30 teens involved and we are sure **they will never forget this book!**

**SUMMER CAMPS** are planned at the property and we need your fervent prayers for our Occupancy Permit as well as \$25,000 to cover extra costs that are related to this.

## **PRAYERS**

1. **Dan & Katie Vanderkooi:** A wonderful godly couple who have over 70% of their support and are **needed for the summer!** They have both served in WOL Europe as interns, have seen the needs in Poland and greatly desire to help as they raise their family. They are looking for any and every contact to get here and we'd really ask you to pray for God to make it happen! **If you could help in any way.... Please let us know!**



2. European Quiz April 1: safe travel & encouragement for all as well as for the teens as they study and prepare that God's Word will get into their hearts as well as their heads.
3. [Immediate need of \\$25,000 for Occupancy costs](#)
4. **Brother Ted with broken neck:** Bones have not healed after 6 weeks. Please pray for God to grow this back together so no operation will be necessary. Also for family struggles and overall health.
5. Attic: \$15,000 needed to insulate before next winter.
6. Skype discipleship: It's going on all the time --- 4 girls groups every week and individual guy meetings
7. **Evangelistic Beach Parties:** Will be happening almost every weekend all over Poland. Pray for many unsaved to come out and hear how they need not to build on the sandy land but the Rock of Ages!
8. Summer Camp Scholarships: We have received funds for some but we'd love to do a lot more. If you could help please let me know. One week per camper costs \$100.

Thanks once again for your every input and prayer for God's ministry in Poland. Your every prayer and note of encouragement are so much appreciated! We continue to be amazed to watch God work expanding this ministry and allowing us to see teens changing their lives. They have their whole life ahead of them and when they give it to Him now, they will be able to do great things for Him. Thanks for serving together with us as you pray.

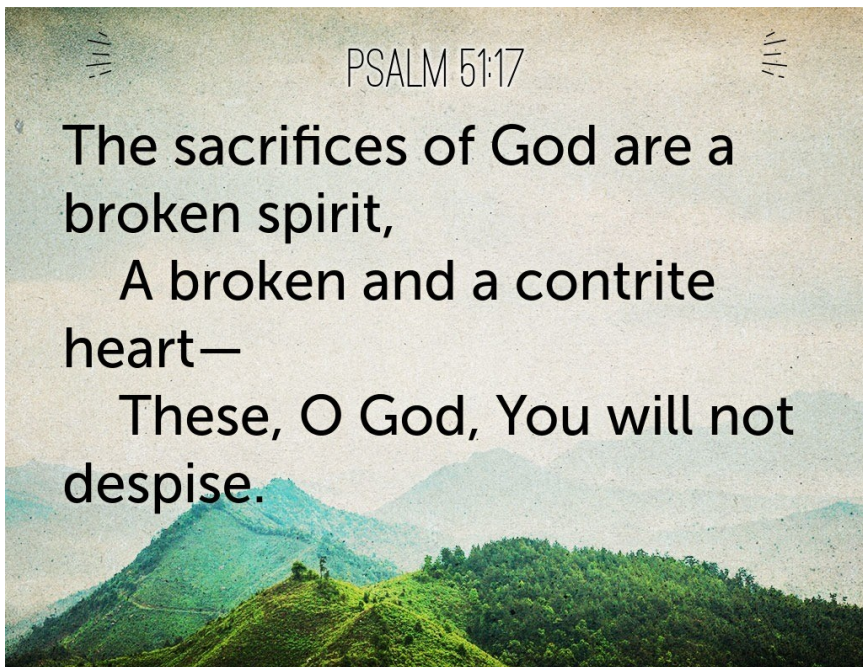
Serving Christ,  
The Goods

PSALM 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a  
broken spirit,

A broken and a contrite  
heart—

These, O God, You will not  
despise.



# *The Humility of Jesus' Self-Emptying*

## *Philippians 2:7*

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*“But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.”*

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***As part of His humble descent from Heaven to earth, Jesus set aside the exercise of His divine privileges.***

The next step in Jesus' pattern of humility as He came to earth and lived among mankind was His emptying of Himself. But Scripture is clear that while on earth our Lord claimed to be God: “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). At no time did He stop being God.

The Greek word for “emptied” gives us the theological term *kenosis*, the doctrine of Christ's self-emptying. The *kenosis* basically reminds us of what we saw in yesterday's lesson: Jesus' humble refusal to cling to His advantages and privileges in Heaven. The Son of God, who has a right to everything and is fully satisfied within Himself, voluntarily emptied Himself.

We have already noted that Jesus did not empty Himself of His deity, but He did lay aside certain prerogatives. For one thing, He gave up His heavenly glory. That's why, in anticipation of His return to the Father, Christ prayed, “Glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I ever had with Thee before the world was” (John 17:5).

Jesus also relinquished His independent authority and completely submitted Himself to the Father's will: “Not as I will, but as Thou wilt” (Matt. 26:39).

During His time on earth, Christ also voluntarily limited the use and display of His divine attributes. One good illustration of this concerned His omniscience, His knowledge of all things. In teaching about the end-times and His second coming, Jesus said, “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone” (Matt. 24:36).

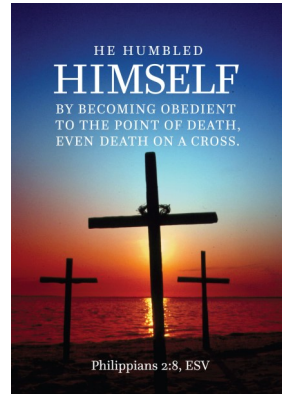
Jesus' self-emptying demonstrates a wonderful aspect of the gospel. Unlike man-centered, works-oriented religions, the biblical gospel has God's Son willingly yielding His privileges to sacrifice Himself for sinners like us.

### **Suggestions for Prayer:**

Pray that you would become more appreciative of the sacrificial humility Jesus Christ exercised on your behalf.

### **For Further Study:**

Scripture does not record a lot about Jesus' boyhood. But the account we do have verifies His emptying. Read Luke 2:39–52. What does verse 47 imply about Jesus' nature? ✧ How do verses 51–52 exemplify His emptying?



## *Salt, Light, and Social Justice*

### *Multiple Passage*

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*What does it mean for twenty-first century believers to be salt and light in the world?*

Is it a call to promote social justice—to stand up for the oppressed and the outcast? Or is it a mandate for activism and lobbying—to reshape society through the political process? Does the church need to champion a moral agenda at home and abroad? Is it a call to redeem the culture?

### **Or is it something more?**

We recently asked John MacArthur to help us understand how each of us is to function as salt and light in this sin-ruined world. Here's what he had to say:

Serving as salt and light is not about our social agenda—it's about God's spiritual agenda. Those vivid metaphors of salt and light apply to the work of the gospel alone—not the social justice issue du jour.

This world is sprinting to hell. As Christians, we ought

to have a moral and social influence in our communities. We ought to use the rights granted to us to promote morality and decency in the public arena.

But that's not the sum total of our responsibility to this world. We can't settle for mere social change and behavior modification. We must bring the light of the truth to bear in a world blinded by sin. And we must do what we can to halt society's decay—not through protests and political action, but through the bold proclamation of the gospel.

