



Loving God

Loving People

Reaching the World

**TIDEWATER
CENTRAL**

**WE WANT
YOU!**

A stylized black and white illustration of a clenched fist, with the words "WE WANT" above it and "YOU!" below it. The fist is rendered in a bold, graphic style with thick black outlines. The fingers are curled inward, and the thumb is tucked. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font, with the words "WE WANT" arched over the top of the fist and "YOU!" positioned below the bottom of the fist. The entire graphic is centered on a white background.



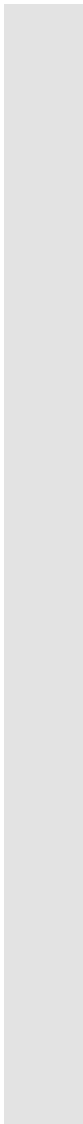
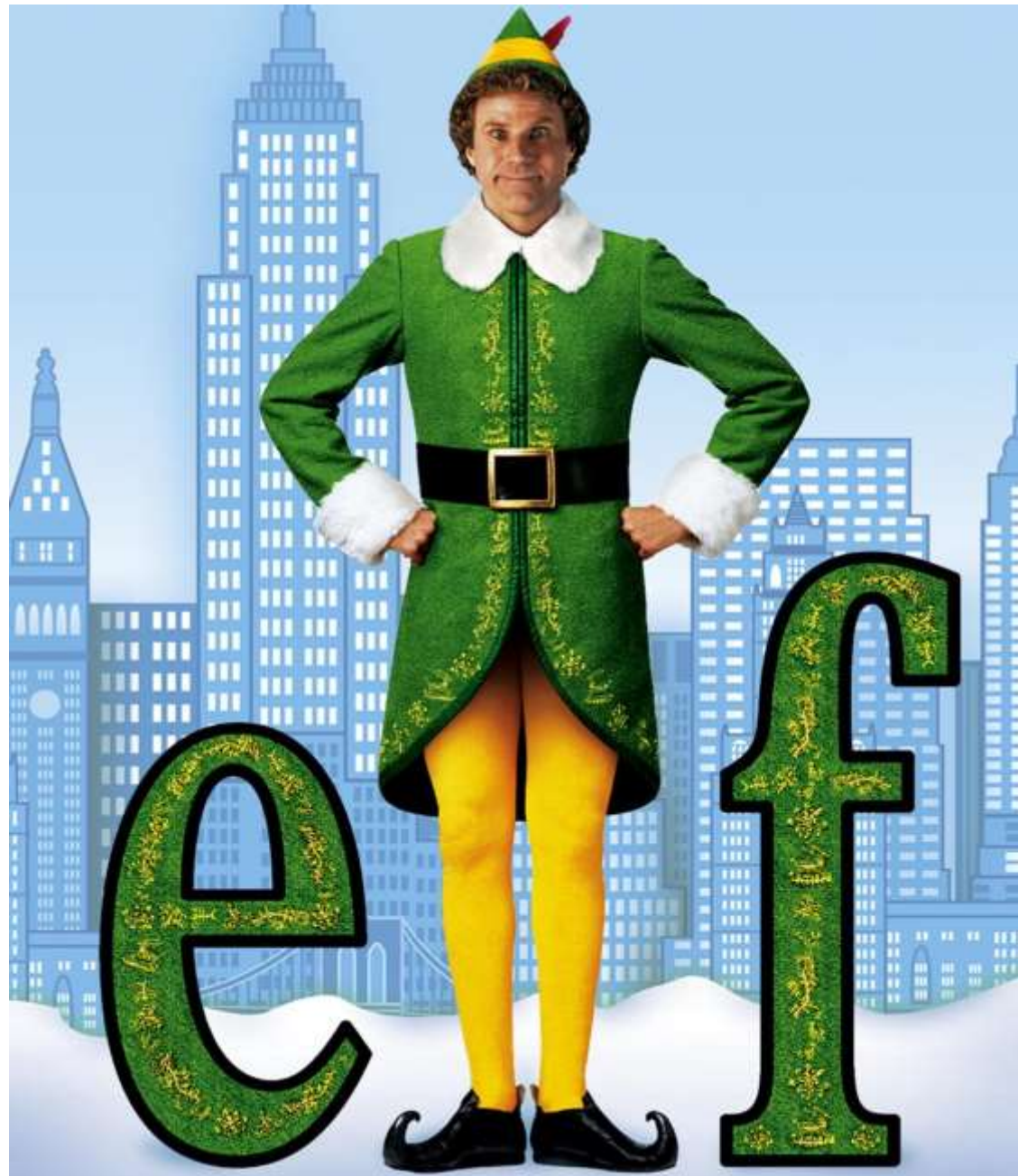
To join the Pastor's Prayer Posse

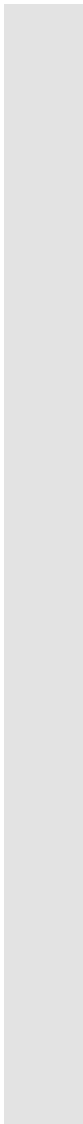
As prayer requests are identified during the week, you will receive a text message on your phone with the prayer need. To join:

Text: **@8279g64** to this number: **81010**

Leave The Confusion Behind in **2018**

John 7:25-36 (CSB)





“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

John 14:6

The Identity of the Messiah

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don't know him; ²⁹ I know him because I am from him, and he sent me."

³⁰ Then they tried to seize him. Yet no one laid a hand on him because his hour had not yet come. ³¹ However, many from the crowd believed in him and said, "When the Messiah comes, he won't perform more signs than this man has done, will he?" ³² The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things about him, and so the chief priests and the Pharisees sent servants to arrest him.

33 Then Jesus said, “I am only with you for a short time. Then I’m going to the one who sent me. **34** You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.”

35 Then the Jews said to one another, “Where does he intend to go so we won’t find him? He doesn’t intend to go to the Jewish people dispersed among the Greeks and teach the Greeks, does he? **36** What is this remark he made: ‘You will look for me, and you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come’?”

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“See, I am going to send my messenger, and He will clear the way before me. Then the Lord you seek will suddenly come to His temple, the Messenger of the covenant you delight in—see, He is coming,” says the Lord of Armies.

Malachi 3:1 (CSB)

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To avoid the confusion...

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John 7:28-29 (CSB)

²³ This is what the LORD says:

“Don’t let the wise boast in their wisdom,
or the powerful boast in their power,
or the rich boast in their riches.

²⁴ But those who wish to boast
should boast in this alone:

that they truly know me and understand that I am the LORD
who demonstrates unfailing love
and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth,
and that I delight in these things.

I, the LORD, have spoken!

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NLT)

...we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness.

Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23 (CSB)

...you have tasted that the Lord is good.

1 Peter 2:3 (CSB)

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...declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)



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**Your eternal destiny depends
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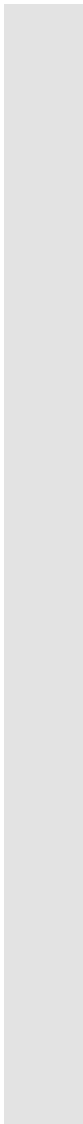
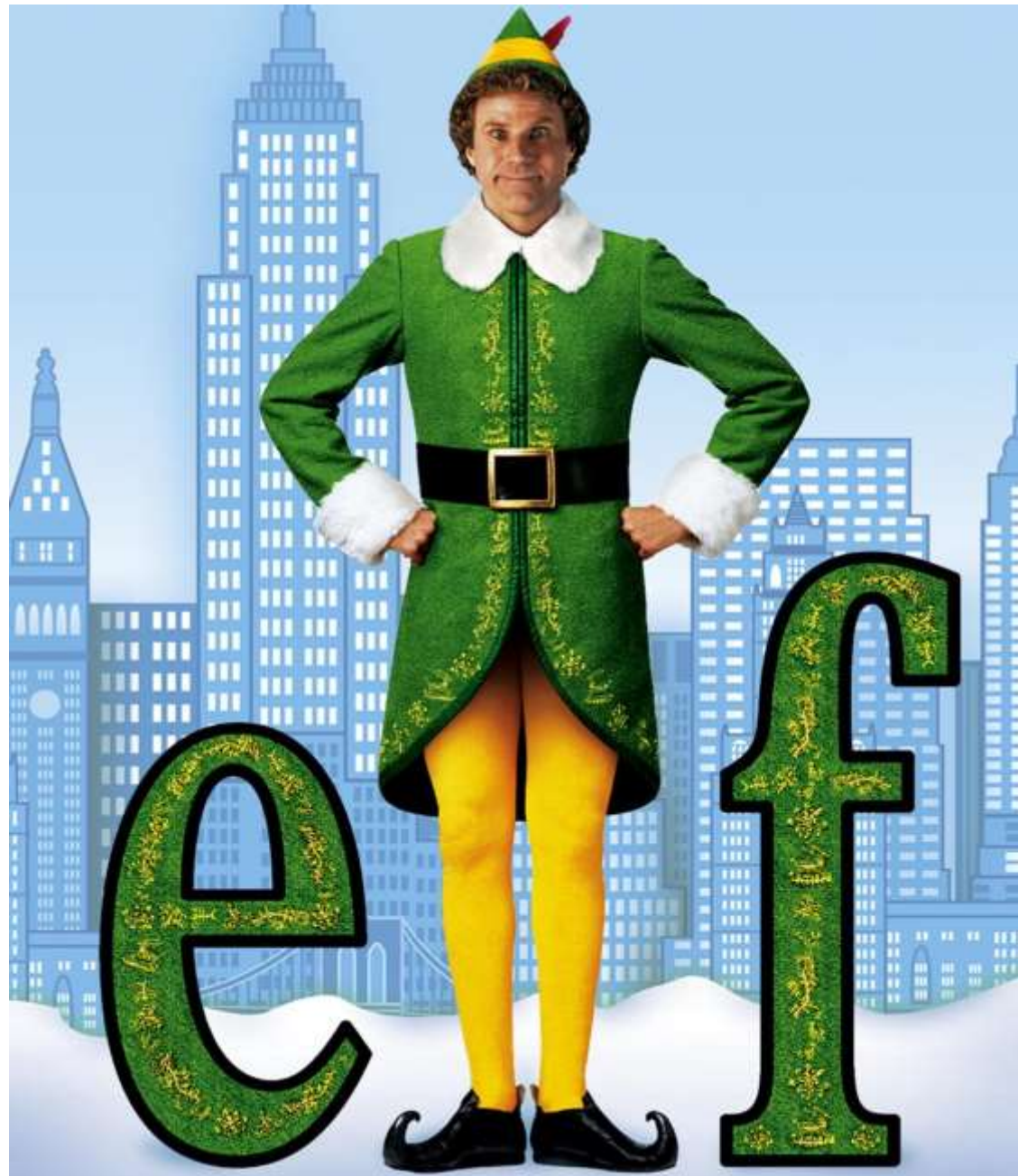
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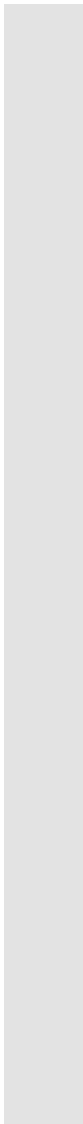
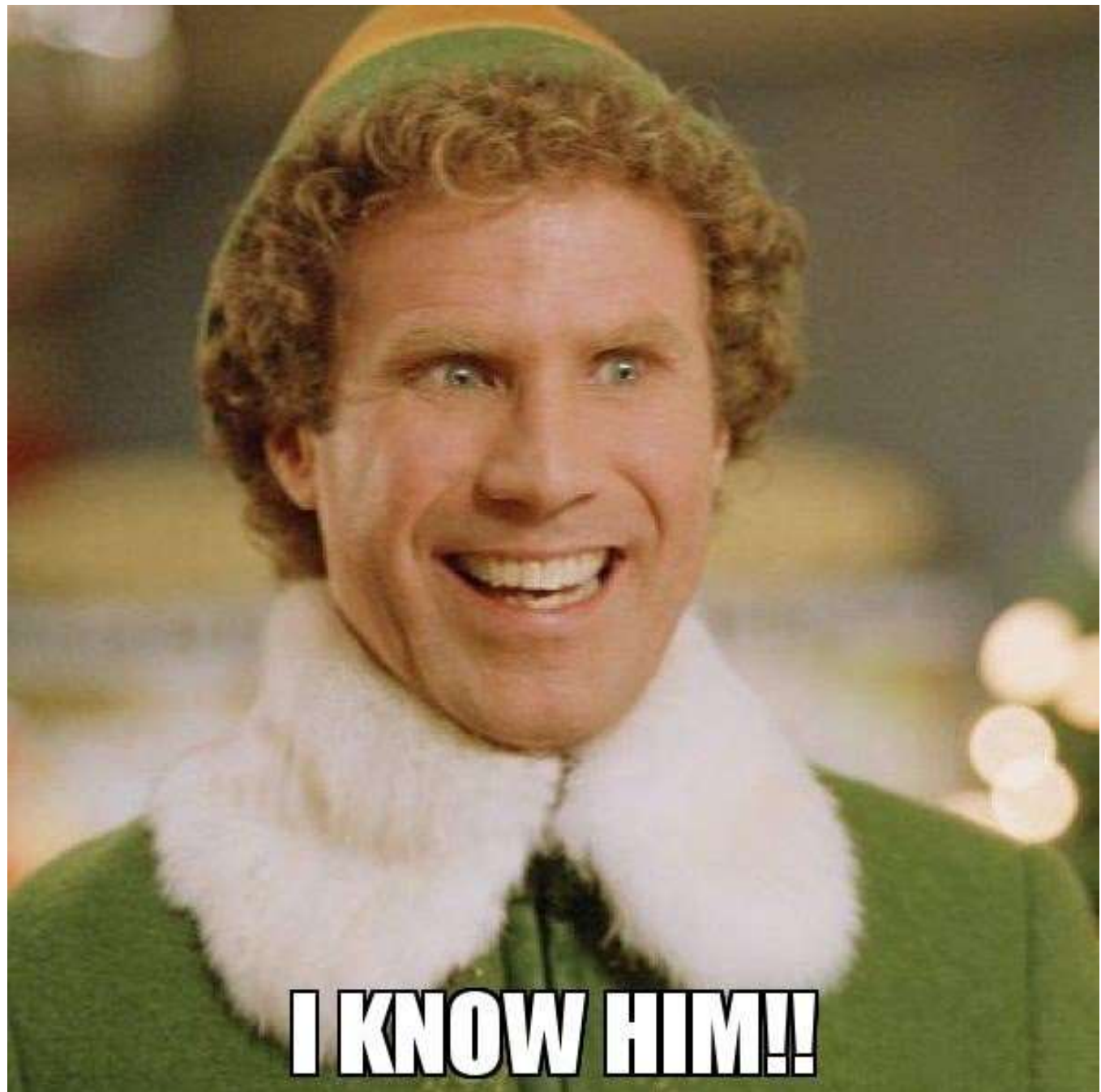
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