

# Alexandria Covenant Church

August 20, 2023

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## Ministry Highlight

### Student Ministry

We are blessed to serve over 200 middle and high school students with the help of our amazing team of volunteers. From weekly programming, to retreats and missions trips, our desire is always to be pointing students to Jesus and helping them navigate the world around them through the lens of the gospel. We know that the work of discipling our students is always done best through meaningful relationships and want to provide an environment where they hear clear biblical teaching, know they're cared for, and are able to ask open and honest questions as they learn to make their faith their own.



## Women's Picnic

August 22 | 6:00 pm

### Curt Felt Memorial Park

Come for a meal, fellowship, lawn games, and prizes! Connect with other women at Alexandria Covenant and hear more about what women's ministry has planned for the year. Bring a lawn chair and a friend!

*"Preach the gospel to yourself every day."* - Jerry Bridges (The Pursuit of Holiness)

Check out this book and many others downstairs in our church library!

**LOVING JESUS. BECOMING LIKE JESUS. SHARING JESUS.**

# Questions about faith?

Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space **where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life, and God.**

*Thursdays starting September 14 • 6:00 - 8:00 pm*

## Who is Alpha for?

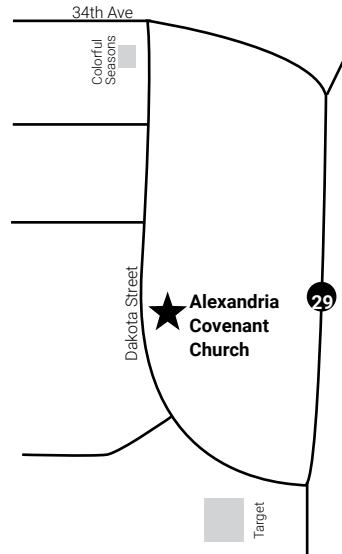
- Anyone interested in spiritual growth
- Families looking to grow together
- New and longtime Christians
- Newcomers to the church
- People interested in a renewed understanding of faith foundations

## What happens at Alpha?

- A mealtime and community
- Video teachings about faith foundations
- Small group discussions

## When & Where?

The Alpha Course meets once a week for 11 weeks, **starting Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 pm** at Alexandria Covenant Church. Dinner is included each evening. Childcare for infant - 10 years old is available upon request.



## Scan to Sign Up

Starting September 14 at 6:00 pm  
Alexandria Covenant Church  
Free supper & childcare!





## Men's Boundary Waters Canoe Adventure

**August 21-26 | \$350**

Join an incredible group of men on a Boundary Waters adventure! The BWCA features pristine wilderness and water to explore, camp in, and fish. This trip is for any skill level and experience. No camping gear? No problem. Rent anything needed from our outfitter or borrow it from a friend. Food and transportation (including the canoe rental) are included in the price. What's not included: your food on the road there and back, camping gear (you can rent/borrow this), and fishing gear. Questions? Matt DeBoer, 218.310.3602.

## Women's Bible Study Nite

**August 27 | 7:00 pm | Patio**

Did you know Bible literacy can be fun and not intimidating? Did you know the pastors are preaching on the book of Ephesians this fall? Join us for a ladies night out as we navigate the book of Ephesians while learning new tools to strengthen your Bible literacy skills. Sign up to ensure we have enough journals for everyone. Questions? Holly Crowser, 715.577.8401.



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## Weekly Attendance & Giving

Sunday, August 13, 2023

<b>Total In-person</b> 743	<b>Total Online</b> 202	<b>Weekly Giving (General Fund)</b> \$25,478.59	<b>Weekly Need</b> \$38,000.00	<b>Campaign Giving YTD</b> \$133,901.30
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# Student Ministry Prayer List

We cannot express how grateful we are that you all have committed to holding our students and leaders up in prayer. We have about 200 students regularly involved in our programming here at church and we have about 40 faithful leaders who serve in our student ministry between Sundays and Wednesdays. Our students vary from those whose families regularly attend church to those whose only experience with church is what they've experienced in youth group. One of the best parts about working with students is that they are not afraid to let you know what they're thinking or ask real questions. They are already wrestling with deep questions like "Who am I?", "Am I enough?" and "Where do I fit in?". These questions are the perfect opportunity for us to help them process their identity, and their lives, through the lens of a relationship with Christ. Below you'll find some prayer prompts that may help as you lift them, and our student ministry, up in prayer. Thank you again for committing to pray for our students and our leaders!

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian and Sarah

## Pray that...

- Leaders would be encouraged, equipped, and engaged as they build relationships with students and pour into their lives and that their own personal relationship with the Lord would be strengthened as they minister to them.
- Students would experience the presence of God in their lives and come to put their trust in Him
- Students would be equipped and encouraged to live set apart lives that reflect Christ to those around Him
- Students would develop a love of God's Word and a desire to be shaped by it
- Students would learn to share Jesus with friends and family
- Students would be able to find godly friends and adult role models who genuinely care for and encourage them
- Students would begin to live out their faith in real and tangible ways day to day
- Students would understand their identity is found in Christ and not in what the world or others say about who they are or what their value is.
- Students would begin to discover the unique gifts and passions that God has given them and use them to serve others and glorify Him.
- Protection and safety from immoral people and activities; both in person and online
- Students who are being bullied by others. Bullying and Cyberbullying are rampant and often have a deep effect on students' perception of themselves.
- As they wrestle with deep questions, God would reveal His truth to them and help them to understand.
- Students would be able to hold firmly to their faith and not be swayed by ever changing cultural norms.

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- Our students' families, that they would experience peace and wholeness. Our students often times feel the weight of family dynamics, so pray also that they would be able to lay that burden at the feet of Christ and not carry it as their responsibility.
- Our student's mental health. Depression and Anxiety are common struggles for our students and they often don't know how to process them or seek out help or guidance for them. Pray that they would have trusted adults in their life that can recognize and help them navigate these issues.
- Our students would be able to let go of the pressure they feel to be enough (to have good enough grades, be good enough at sports, be pretty enough, or popular enough). Pray that they would recognize the grace that comes with knowing that in the eyes of Christ we are loved because we are His, not because of what we have to offer.
- Our students would be able to balance all the expectations that are placed on them and learn to prioritize their personal relationships with both God and others amidst a culture that places such a high value on being 'busy'.
- In a world where information and opinions are so easily accessible, and moral relativism is prevalent, they would be able to discern what is true and right.
- Continued wisdom for the parents and leaders that have influence in our students lives. That they would be able to help guide, encourage and support them.
- Pastor Trinity as he talks with candidates for the next Pastor of Student Ministry
- A smooth transition for staff, parents, students and volunteers.
- A warm welcome to the new pastor and their family, whoever that may end up being. That they would feel at home and integrate quickly in church, housing, and schools.
- Brian and Joyce; for wisdom in their retirement from youth ministry and their next adventure in life

**Join us in praying Ephesians 3:16-19 over our students daily:**

"I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God."



**Alexandria Covenant Church is gifting access to Ramsey+ for all attendees!**

**Access using link:**

<https://www.ramseysolutions.com/ramseypus/hosts/alexandriacovmnn>

**Passcode: 34183096**

**Ramsey+ gives families access to:**

- *Financial Peace University*
- The premium version of the EveryDollar budgeting app
- Free audiobooks
- 20+ hours of additional courses
- A free one-on-one coaching call
- Exclusive access to event livestreams
- Discounts on products from our partners
- And we're always adding more!

Debt, investing, stewardship, money stress...it's all right there in the Bible. Financial Peace University is a course that teaches you how to save for emergencies, pay off debt fast, spend wisely, and invest for your future. Commonsense, biblical money principles that work. **Our access code will expire August 31, but you will receive all access for a full year after using the code.** Take advantage of this offer now and start off the fall season on the right financial foot!

## Vegetable Stand

If you have extra fruits and veggies from your bountiful garden and would like to bless others with your abundance, please bring your harvest to the Patio. A table will be set up for people to drop off their excess, as well as for others to freely take what they would like or need for their family.

## Groups & Bible Studies

Looking to get connected? Find a group or study here to join in at Alexandria Covenant Church!

### Sunday, August 20

#### Kids Church

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am | CK107

Check in at kiosk in Nursery or by the Welcome Desk.

#### Adult Sunday School

9:30 am | S100

#### High School Boys

#### Sunday School

9:30 am | H101

#### Young Adult Bible Study

11:00 am | S100

### Monday, August 21

#### Men's Inductive Bible Study

Noon | GR200

### Thursday, August 24

#### Seniors Bible Study

1:30 pm | Patio

### Friday, August 25

#### Men's Friday Bible Study

6:15 am | GR200

#### Veterans Bible Study

6:30 am | GR204

### Saturday, August 26

#### Men of Mighty Prayer

8:00 am | GR200

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## Connect with Us

We have many areas for you and your family to get plugged in! Between Sunday school classes, Wednesday night youth activities, small groups, care groups, and prayer nights, there is something for everyone no matter who you are.

Listen to past sermons, check out upcoming events, sign up for small groups and studies, and look at what all our ministries have to offer on our website at [alexandriacovenant.org](http://alexandriacovenant.org) or on our church app available for free on both the Google Play Store and App Store.

Get connected into the life of the church and join us in our walk with God. Life is better together.



## Give

Support the ongoing ministry of Alexandria Covenant Church by giving at the end of the service or through our website or app.

## Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request or something you would like prayer over? After the service our Prayer Team will come up and be there to pray with you over any requests.

We also have prayer request cards in the pew that you can fill out and drop in the offering plate to be prayed over on our Sunday Evening Prayer services. You can also submit requests online on our website or church app.

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## New to Alexandria Covenant Church?

**Welcome!** It's our sincere desire that you are welcome and at home here at Alexandria Covenant Church. Stop by the Welcome Center for a **Visitor Bag** to help you become familiar with our church family.

Let us know who you are! Fill out a Connect Card in the pew or online and drop it in the offering plate.



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