

Alexandria Covenant Church

October 22, 2023

Text **ACCNEWS** to **77222** to receive the bulletin Saturdays

Couples Study

Starts tonight (16-week study)

6:30 - 8:30 pm | S100

***Room for two more couples**

Deepen and enhance your relationship with your dating, engaged, or married partner. Based on biblical principles and facilitated by John and Marie Johnson, this group will help you grow a solid foundation to navigate the many aspects of your relationship. We will use materials from the Love & Respect workbook and Timothy Keller's marriage series.



[Click to sign up!](#)



Women's Study: Ephesians (Bible Project Classroom)

Starting October 30 (11-week study) | 9:00 am | GR200

Join like-minded women eager to dive into the book of Ephesians. Starting October 30th we will journey through Ephesians using the Bible Project's Classroom experience. Learn in-depth study methods and participate in related discussions. Starts October 30th, 9:00 am and runs 11 weeks. Questions? Amber Bugher, 320.815.2797.



[Click to sign up!](#)



Worship Night

October 29 | 6:00 pm | Patio

Join us for a night of joyful worship and fellowship with our church family! Our student ministry has volunteered to host by greeting and serving desserts and coffee afterwards. All are welcome, childcare available.

"It is utterly impossible for any man to come to Jesus Christ, unless he be drawn unto him by the special and mighty power of God."

- John Flavel

(The Method of Grace)

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

LOVING JESUS. BECOMING LIKE JESUS. SHARING JESUS.



Middle School Fall Retreat Recap *by Sarah Erickson*



Last weekend 48 of us loaded up the bus for our Fall Retreat at Trout Lake Camps. Our time together included impactful teaching and worship, lumberjack challenges, a giant bonfire and more!

The theme passage was 2 Timothy 2:20-22 which says "In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep

yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts."

The speaker's messages focused on God's desire for a relationship with us, what it looks like for us to flee from sin and pursue God, and how we can live set apart so that we are ready and able to be used by God.



Weekly Attendance & Giving

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Total In-person	Total Online
726	266

Weekly Giving (General Fund)	Weekly Need
\$35,890.19	\$38,000.00

YTD Giving	YTD Need
\$596,722.19	\$608,000

Campaign Giving YTD	No. of Pledges Received
\$218,246.87	37

Pledged Amount	Pledges Received
\$440,280	\$32,433.30

Children & Youth Programs

Sundays	9:30 am
Pre-K-5th Grade.....	Lower Level
Middle School.....	Great Room
High School Boys	H101
High School Girls	Boathouse

Wednesdays	6:30 pm
Pre-K-5th Grade.....	Lower Level
Middle School.....	Great Room
High School	Patio

Groups & Studies

Sunday, Oct. 22

Adult Sunday School

9:30 am | S100

Young Adult Bible Study

11:00 am | S100

Monday, Oct. 23

Men's Inductive Bible Study

Noon | GR200

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Men's Bible Study Fellowship

7:00 pm | Great Room

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Koffee & Kare

9:00 am | Family Room

Thursday, Oct. 26

Seniors Bible Study

1:30 pm | Patio

Alpha

6:00 pm | Hall

Friday, Oct. 27

Men's Friday Bible Study

6:15 am | GR200

Veterans Bible Study

6:30 am | GR204

Saturday, Oct. 28

Men of Mighty Prayer

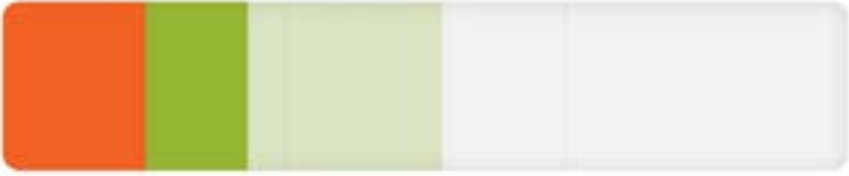
8:00 am | GR200

As of October 2023



Growing God's Kingdom
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL
\$1,750,000



\$300,000.00

FROM CASH
BALANCE

\$218,246.87

FUNDS
RECEIVED

\$407,846.00

OUTSTANDING
PLEGGED

No. of Pledges Received:

37

No. of Giving Units contributed:

62

How to Give Online to the Capital Campaign



Learn more
about Growing
God's Kingdom

1. Scan the QR code and click "Give" or go to our giving page on our app and website.
2. Enter desired amount to give.
3. Select "Growing God's Kingdom Capital Campaign" from the fund dropdown.
4. There are options for your giving to be set as a recurring gift or as a one-time contribution.

Learn more about our mission and ways to give at:
alexandriacovenant.org/growing-gods-kingdom

Questions? Office, 320.763.5659



Growing God's Kingdom COMMITMENT

PLEASE RETURN THIS
CARD TO ALEXANDRIA
COVENANT CHURCH

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

**It is my/our intent to commit \$_____ in total to the
Growing God's Kingdom campaign over the next 3 years as follows:**

\$_____ Initial gift between now and December 31, 2023

\$_____ 2024 Calendar Year

\$_____ 2025 Calendar Year

\$_____ January 1, 2026 - April 30, 2026

With this commitment I/we fully understand:

- that this commitment is made before God and is not to be entered into lightly.
- that this commitment covers the next 3 years and can be given weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly.
- that this is not a bill and I/we will not be invoiced.
- that our commitment will remain confidential.
- that this gift does not replace my/our regular giving to Alexandria Covenant Church.

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Growing God's Kingdom **COMMITMENT**

WHEN Starting June 25, 2023

WHY To free up financial resources to maximize our ministry impact

HOW Eliminate debt of \$1.152 million and raise money for large capital needs

GOAL \$1.75 million, after applying \$300,000 from cash reserves

TIMELINE 3 years: Year 1 goal \$900,000; Years 2 & 3 \$425,000/year

WHY NOW

- Balloon payment due May 10, 2026
- Monthly payments of \$6,100 @ 2.34% interest
- Giving has been good
- We raised more in our previous capital campaign in 2016
- The sooner we pay off our debt, the quicker we can do more to Grow God's Kingdom

FUTURE FOCUS

- Rural Ministry Development
- Strengthen Mission Partnerships
- Expand Technology Ministry

DESIRED OUTCOME

Growing closer together and deeper in Christ as we go further on mission to the glory of God.



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 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.

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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