



C.O.R.E. Men's Bible Study Groups

CORE: Christ Centered • Obedience to God's Word • Relational • Enriching Conversation

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Are you looking for a men's Bible study that is 6 weeks long, has a start and stop date and focuses on a set of scriptures for an hour? C.O.R.E. Men's Bible Study is your opportunity to do just that and designed for any guy at any stage in their understanding of the scriptures. These 6 weeks will be focused on breaking down the book of Malachi—the last time we hear from God for 400 years before the birth of Christ. This is a great opportunity to set yourself up for a meaningful Christmas season. **Check out all the groups starting soon!**

Sunday Evening Prayer

Tonight | 6:00 pm | Great Room

Join us in prayer over the requests of our church family. Fill out a yellow prayer card and drop it in the offering plate or submit your request online.

Women's Gratitude Night

November 10 | 6:00-7:30 pm | Patio

Come join us for a night of gratitude! We will be worshipping together, sharing testimonies, and creating a prayer/gratitude journal. We will have pie and cider to enjoy as well. Bring a friend and join us in giving thanks for all God has done. RSVP so we can plan for you!

[Click to sign up!](#)

Wednesday Night Meals

November 12 | 5:00-6:00 pm | Hall

Come for a meal together before Wednesday night activities! We will be serving walking tacos. Please RSVP!

[Click to sign up!](#)[Click to volunteer](#)

Cookies for Jail Ministry

Be a blessing and share the gospel with inmates this Thanksgiving by baking cookies! Please label and keep cookies nuts and peanut butter-free. Bring cookies to the downstairs freezer by November 23. Questions? MaryAnn Barsness, 320.808.0228.

Prepare Him Room: Women's Event

November 14 | 6:15-9:00 pm

(Meet in-person, virtual teaching) Calling all ladies and teen girls! Do not let the true meaning of the Christmas season pass you by. This Advent teaching and event is designed to set your hearts on Christ as you enter this busy season. We will also have an opportunity to sign up for upcoming Advent studies at the end of the night along with dessert and time for conversation. With Christmas-inspired worship and biblical teaching this is sure to be a night you do not want to miss. Open to the community!



[Click to sign up!](#)

LEAD THE WAY 2025: Men's Conference

November 22

Hey men! We have an opportunity to travel together to be forged as leaders with keynote speaker Vince Miller as well as many breakout sessions. We would leave the church at 7:15 am and travel in a church van to Sartell for the conference. A light breakfast will be available when we get there. Then we can eat lunch together before we head back. The conference is free and the church is providing the van so your only cost is lunch. Sign up with the church so we make sure to know how many are going and then sign up through the conference registration so they know you are coming. Questions? Chad Ferguson, 320.760.8981



[Click to sign up!](#)

Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 26 | 6:30 pm

Please join us for a special service of Thanksgiving and praise! An offering will be taken to support Covenant World Relief and our Benevolence Fund. Following the service, we will have a pie and ice cream fellowship time together in the gym. Please bring a pie to share down in the kitchen prior to the service.

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Advent. What is it and why does it matter? Advent, by definition, is the arrival of something long awaited (especially something momentous). For Christians it is the 'Advent of the Promised One'—Jesus. The church celebrates this season before Christmas to recenter our hearts and minds. As we live between two Advents—Christ's birth and when He comes again, we are challenged to understand the HOPE, JOY, PEACE, and LOVE that only Jesus brings. This edition of *Next Steps Quarterly* will focus on resources to help you do just that—as an individual or as a family.



All-Church Advent Devotional: Darkness, Then Light

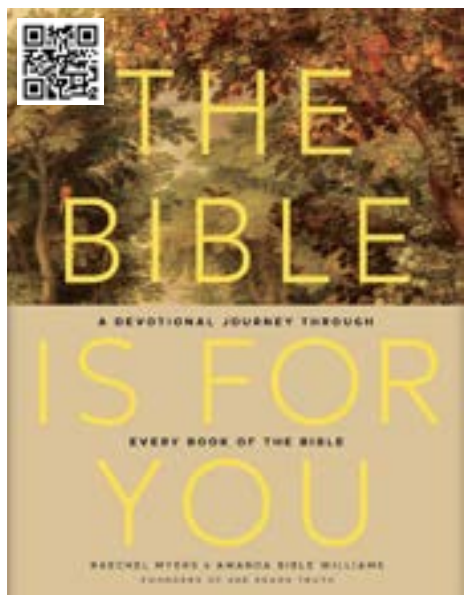
Head to the Welcome Desk for a free devotional to use with your family. The theme is about the Light of Christ coming into a dark world. Be intentional and encouraged this Christmas Season. Please take one devotional per family.



The Church Calendar: Focusing on Christ Through Liturgical Living

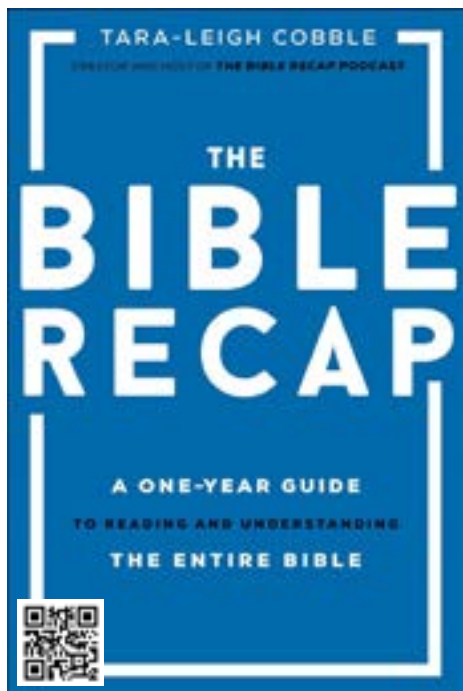
Why Advent? Why Lent? Have you ever wondered about the purpose of having a church calendar, where it came from and how it should reframe your year? This book answers all of those questions and helps you appreciate and lean into the beauty of what the church calendar is trying to impart. This book is available at the Resource Wall for you to look through!

CHECK OUT THE RESOURCE WALL FOR MORE OPTIONS!



The Bible is For You Devotional **GREAT GIFT ALERT!**

This devotional would be a wonderful gift to help someone start their new year with scripture at the heart. This devotional is written as one should be—scripture heavy, cross referencing, context then application of the text. It is 66 days—one book of the Bible per day from Genesis to Revelation. You can look through it at the Resource Wall!



The Bible Recap: A One-Year Guide to Reading & Understanding the Entire Bible **GREAT GIFT ALERT!**

Start your year with Genesis and work your way through the entire Bible with great teaching the whole year through. Check out the Resource Wall for all the resources to help you enhance this teaching including a podcast and chronological Bible version.



RightNow Media: Red Letter Advent

Looking for a video devotional format you can use with your family? This video breaks down Hope, Joy, Peace and Love as gifts from Jesus. This resource is full of ideas to connect as a family during this busy season to focus on the things that matter.



The Biggest Story Advent: 25 Lift-the-Flap Devotions

How can parents build on that excitement and teach kids that Jesus's birth isn't just one story of the Bible but is a central piece of God's glorious plan to redeem his people? Each reading opens with a fun lift-the-flap page, which kids open to reveal a Bible passage and colorful illustration. On the opposite page, DeYoung retells a related Bible story or prophecy that foretold Jesus's coming, and shares a simple prayer to recite. Helping kids understand God's redemption story from Genesis to Jesus's birth, this devotional is a fun, interactive way to center your holiday traditions on Christ and to see how he is the fulfillment of promises God made throughout Scripture. You can take a look at it at the Resource Wall.



Advent Word Study: Bible Project

Advent is an important month in Christian liturgy and religious tradition. It's a time for Christians to remember Jesus' birth and anticipate his second coming. 4 word teachings on Peace, Hope, Joy and Love in its original context. Great for teens and family discussion.



CHECK OUT THESE ADVENT STUDIES STARTING SOON!



Mondays starting
November 17 | GR200
9:30-11:00 am

Women's Study
Amber Bugher,
320.815.2797



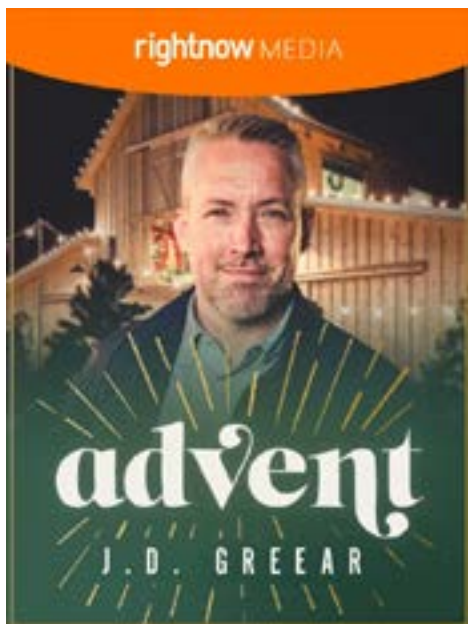
Wednesdays starting
November 26 | GR200
Noon-1:00 pm

Women's Study
Kerri Mattson,
320.815.0982



Sundays starting
November 30 | Library
5:30-7:00 pm

Women's Study
Gretchen Jeseritz,
320.491.8418



This study takes us on a deeper look at Jesus and Emmanuel, our Wonderful Counselor, the Everlasting Father and the great I Am. The Christmas story, or Advent is more than a sentimental myth or a quiet manger scene we use to decorate our living rooms and when you know Jesus, you will realize Christmas is more than a nice story: the arrival of Jesus changes everything!



Open to Men & Women

Sundays starting Nov 30
4:30-6:00 pm | Room S100



Women's Online Studies

Tuesdays starting Nov 18
6:30 – 8:00 pm OR
Saturdays starting Nov 22
8:30 – 10:00 am

ENTER THE MONTHLY DRAWING AT THE RESOURCE WALL!

HELP US REACH 1000 BOXES



Pack a shoebox to drop off at church or build one online at:
<https://tinyurl.com/xcyvc5ej>

Collecting shoeboxes until November 19
4005 Dakota St, Alexandria • 320.763.5659



How to Pack Your Shoebox Gift

As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. In fact, it may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last, **and don't forget to make it FUN!**

1

SHOEBOX

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.



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PRAY

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.



2

"WOW" ITEM

Select a quality **"wow"** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



5

DONATE \$10 PER BOX

A donation of **\$10** per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



3

OTHER GIFTS

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



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DROP OFF

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.



[SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC](https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ)

Weekly Attendance & Giving

Sunday, November 2, 2025

**Total
In-person**
817

**Total
Online**
268

**Weekly Giving
(General Fund)**
\$58,355.60

**Weekly
Need**
\$43,601.00

**YTD
Giving**
\$776,412.67

**YTD
Need**
\$784,818.00

**Total Campaign
Contributions**
\$1,248,178.23

**Total Pledged
Outstanding**
\$95,239.09

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

Join us at the 11:00 am service to listen
to the sermon translated live in your
preferred language through your phone.
Visit the Welcome Desk to learn more!



Scan to listen

Online Bulletin

Text ACCNEWS to 844.415.0031
to receive the digital version of the
bulletin on Saturday nights.

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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