

Exploring Membership

Today | 12:15-2:30 pm

Great Room

Enjoy lunch and hear Pastor Mitch share the mission, vision and values of our church. This is a requirement for membership. Childcare available for infant – age 10.



[Click to sign up!](#)

The Patio: Young Adult Ministry

Tuesdays | 7:00-9:00 pm | Patio

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18-29 looking for community, worship, relevant teaching, and great conversation? *The Patio*, a young adult ministry, will meet each Tuesday night for the year.

Bread to the Nations Women's Fundraiser

September 24 | 6:00 pm | Patio

Join us for an evening of fellowship and encouragement as we support a Bread to the Nations team traveling to the Dominican Republic to come alongside Haitian women at a special retreat filled with hope, rest, encouragement, and the love of Christ.



[Click to sign up!](#)

'I Am' study (Women's)

Wednesdays starting September 30

Noon-1:00 pm | H103

I Am is a 4-week, in depth study on the seven "I Am" statements of Jesus. As you study Jesus's words, you will grow in your knowledge of who Jesus is and learn how who Jesus is truly changes everything. Pick up your book and complete the first week of study before we meet on September 30th. Questions? Kerri Mattson, 320.815.0982



[Click to sign up!](#)

The Good and Beautiful Life: Book Club

Thursdays: October 1, November

12, December 3, January 7,

February 11, March 4

7:00-8:30 pm | Fireside Room

The Good and Beautiful Life by James Bryan Smith argues that we've bought into false ideas of happiness and success, pushing us toward self-centered decisions that fuel destructive vices like anger, lying, and judging. This book discussion is for men and women and meets to discuss 2 chapters at a time. Pick up your book at the Welcome Desk ahead of time to be ready for the first gathering! Questions?

Eric & Kirsten Nelson, 320.760.5434



[Click to sign up!](#)

Finding I Am (Women's)

Sundays starting October 4
5:00-6:30 pm | Fireside Room

Join Lysa TerKeurst on the streets of Israel to explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John.



[Click to sign up!](#)

Men's Ministry Shotgun Shindig

October 8 | 5:30 pm | \$20

Alexandria Shooting Park
6533 County Rd 87, Alexandria

Food, fun, and fellowship kicks off at 5:30 pm with food and open trap shooting and games for all skill levels beginning at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person plus ammo. You can either bring your own ammo or it will be available for purchase at the shooting park. Eric Peterson, 320.219.9678.



[Click to sign up!](#)

Young Adult Bonfire

Saturday, October 10 | 5:00 pm

Erik & Lissy Waage's House

Join the Young Adult group (ages 18-29) for a night of yard games, bonfire, s'mores, and snacks. Saturday, October 10th from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Waage's home. Bring a chair and a friend! Scan the QR code for location details.



[Click for details](#)

Weekly Attendance & Giving

Sunday, September 13, 2026

**Total
In-person**
880

**Total
Online**
276

**Weekly Giving
(General Fund)**
\$48,033.22

**Weekly
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\$48,857.00

**YTD
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\$448,686.02

**YTD
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\$537,442.00

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

Financial Assistance

Are you in financial need? There are resources available to regular attendees of Alexandria Covenant Church through the Benevolence Fund. Call Trinity Opp, 320.763.5659, with requests.

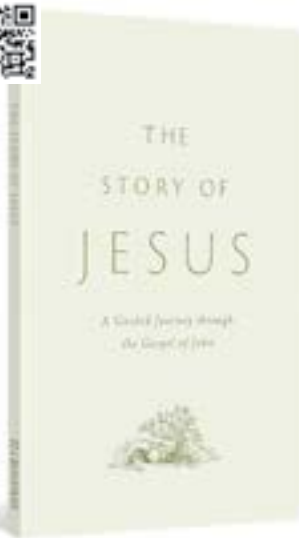
Give to the Benevolence Fund through our app, website, or designated check.



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This edition of the *Next Steps Quarterly* will focus on the book of John and the seven "I AM" statements of Jesus. It will also focus on the importance of your identity in Christ. These resources will give you a strong biblical foundation to go deeper into these ideas.



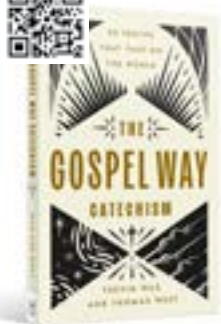
The Story of Jesus

The New Testament book of John beautifully captures the gospel, explaining the eternal Word of God, Jesus' ministry and miracles, and the sacrificial love of the Savior. The Story of Jesus shares this message in an inviting, book-like format that's accessible for nonbelievers and new Christians. Each section of Scripture opens with a gospel-rich devotion that summarizes the passage and helps readers take to heart its truth. Short reflection questions invite readers to engage further with the text.



Dust to Dust by Jen Wilkin

In this extended exploration of aging, Jen Wilkin draws poetic parallels between the first half of life and the second. Exploring the changing realities of caregiving, abilities, and potentiality, she helps us to trace God's give-and-take design at every stage. Wilkin offers practical insights on body image, honoring the elderly, the essential value of family, and more. She urges us to trade an anti-aging mindset for the pursuit of biblical wisdom, encouraging believers to lean into—not fight—their place in the true story of the arc of life.



The Gospel Way Catechism and The Gospel Way Catechism for Kids

In a world flooded with competing stories about meaning and identity, how do you hold on to what is true—and pass it on? An ancient practice can train you to do exactly

that. For centuries, Christians have used catechisms—question-and-answer summaries of the faith—to disciple new believers. The Gospel Way Catechism renews that practice for today, explaining 50 essential beliefs in a clear Q&A format while exposing the secular narratives quietly shaping how we think.

After Amen by Tyler Staton

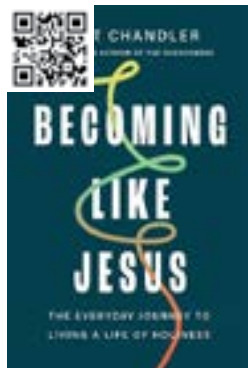


After Amen refocuses our attention on the role of wonder in the Christian life, presenting 50 devotional entries that feature biblical reflection, heartfelt prayer, and original

poetry from Tyler. Through focusing on Jesus's seven signs in the gospel of

John, Tyler shows how all of life is an invitation to be formed into the image of Jesus. This exceptional book is a provocative and beautiful exploration of the way prayer reshapes us long after "amen."

Becoming Like Jesus by Matt Chandler



In Becoming Like Jesus, Matt Chandler explores the Beatitudes in Matthew 5 to reveal exactly what this transformation looks like. These famous verses are not a list of

impossible moral standards you must achieve to earn God's love. Rather, they are a beautiful description of the character Christ is forming in you by His grace. Jesus wasn't describing eight different groups of people but one disciple who is being remade from the inside out.

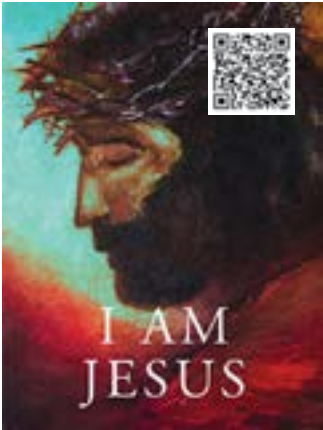
The Hands On Bible



Jesus taught with hands-on lessons and illustrations. The Hands-On Bible uses the same experience-based learning to communicate God's Word in an active, understandable

way. With hundreds of fun, memorable activities, the colorful Hands-On Bible is packed with activities and experiences that invite kids to crawl inside the Scriptures and do God's Word! Exciting

Bible features include 102 Hands-On Bible Experiences, 52 Key Verse Activities, 31 Bible Hero Biographies, 16 Bible Bonanza Experiences, 82 Jesus Connections, 66 Bible Book Intros, 69 Fun Facts, a 'Where to Turn When I'm' . . . index, kid-friendly Q&A, and charts and maps.



**Right
Now
Media:
I AM
Jesus**

Right Now Media: I AM Jesus In the book of John, we read about

Jesus' mission in this world. We are shown the greatness of His power, as well as how He lived and interacted with those around Him. Through the reading and studying of John's Gospel, we get insight into who Jesus is through the statements that He made Himself. He says "I AM the bread of life..." "I AM the light of the world..." "I AM the door..." "I AM the good shepherd..." "I AM the way, the truth, and the life..." "I AM the true vine..." "I AM the resurrection...." These statements of Jesus, found in the book of John, are called the "I AM" statements, and they recall the Lord God's self-identification in Exodus 3:14. In this seven week Life Group series called "I AM Jesus," we will explore these "I AM" statements found in the Gospel of John. We will observe and discuss the power, richness, and depth of each statement. We will also consider how we, as followers of Jesus, can apply these statements in our lives today.



**BIBLE BACKROADS™:
The Gospel of John**

Dave Stotts, host of Drive Thru History®, explores the scripture, history, geography, archaeology, and impact of John's Gospel in the Bible's New Testament. The home base for the series is Dave's Garage™, a state-of-the-art, extended reality lair where almost anything is possible. In addition to teaching with a collection of monitors, maps, animations and artifacts, Dave treks outside his garage for special adventures in Israel. Designed for all ages, BIBLE BACKROADS™ is fun, fast-paced, and educational, encouraging families to dig deeper into the Gospel accounts together.



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13-17 JESUS FINAL MOMENTS

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1. The following table shows the number of people who attended the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, and the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece. The number of people who attended the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, is 14,511,000. The number of people who attended the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, is 10,265,000. The number of people who attended the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, is 14,511,000. The number of people who attended the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, is 10,265,000.

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John, giving background information to enhance your understanding of the "I AM" statements of Jesus.