

Alexandria Covenant Church

August 10, 2025 | 8:00 am - Traditional, 9:30 & 11:00 am - Contemporary

Sunday Evening Prayer

Tonight | 6:30 pm | Great Room

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

Small Group & Bible Study Leader Training

Today | 11:00 am | S100

August 13 | 6:30 pm | S100

Are you planning to lead an adult small group or Bible study in any capacity this year? Or maybe you've felt a nudge to step into leadership but aren't quite sure yet? We want to set you up for success! That's why we're offering a required training for anyone planning to lead a group at Alexandria Covenant Church. This training is a prerequisite for leading any group or study—whether you're stepping in for the first time or have been leading for years. There will be two opportunities to attend, and we're happy to schedule a time by appointment if needed. If you're even considering leading a group in the next year, we encourage you to come. It's also a great opportunity to connect with other leaders and be encouraged for what's ahead! Questions? Holly Crowser, hollyc@alexandriacovenant.org

Thessalonians 1 & 2 Women's Bible Study

August 13 | Noon | Library

Paul's letters to the church at Thessalonica are filled with rich theology and reliable counsel for living the Christian life. But each letter is also marked by words of deep affection from the apostle for his brothers and sisters in Christ. Paul wrote to encourage the Thessalonians to remain firm in their commitment to the gospel despite present persecution, remembering the work of Christ in the past and His promises for the future. Join us as we spend three weeks reading these letters, finding renewed hope in the Spirit's work to sustain us in every season as we eagerly await Christ's return. Questions? Kerri Mattson, 320.815.0982 and Michaela Olson, 651.283.2369



[Click to sign up!](#)

Men's Summit

**August 13 | 6:30 pm | Dan Miller's
7020 CR 8 NW, Alexandria**

Join us for an evening of great food and fellowship as we gather outdoors around a campfire to discuss God's Word. Gentlemen, bring your own chair and Bible as we examine scripture, enjoy meaningful discussions, and relish some delicious grill food and snacks provided.



[Click to sign up!](#)

LOVING JESUS. BECOMING LIKE JESUS. SHARING JESUS.

Bible Literacy 101: The Book of Jonah

August 17 | 6:30 pm | Patio

Did you know there are helpful tools to help you read the Bible in a way to not only help with understanding, but accuracy? Have you wanted a basic set of teaching to help you engage the scriptures responsibly? Join us the first hour to learn these skills and the second hour we will apply them to the book of Jonah—which is our next sermon series. We will have scripture journals available for a suggested donation. At the end of the night we will have small groups to sign up for this fall focusing on the book of Jonah. Open to all teens and adults. Sign up so we can plan for you. Childcare available.



[Click to sign up!](#)

Women's Picnic

August 20 | 6:00 pm

Curt Felt Memorial Park

Come enjoy a meal and hear about what the women's ministry team has planned for the year. Feel free to bring a friend and a lawn chair. Please RSVP so we can plan food accordingly.



[Click to sign up!](#)

GriefShare

**Mondays starting September 8
5:30 pm | GR200**

Are you grieving the death of a spouse or a loved one? Find hope and healing in a weekly grief support group. Contact Mary Glanzer at 320.760.0258 to register. For more information pick up a brochure at the Welcome Desk.



[Click to sign up!](#)

The Barnabas Book Club Society

September 9 | Noon | GR204

Join us for September 9th's book club meet, where we'll discuss *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Pete Scazzero. Pick up the book at the Welcome Desk. Open to both men and women.



[Click to sign up!](#)

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.

Church Library

Our library downstairs is a cozy space designed to grab a book and read or meet with a friend. You can also check out books! While our kids' selection of books is in the Covenant Kids space, our library has resources for young adult readers all the way up to adult readers. So take a moment to check out what is available! There will be a fresh batch of books from the Resource Wall added as well!

Staff

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Michelle Heem
Finance & HR
Administrator

David Englund
Facility Manager

Mike Fugleberg
Facility Setup
Coordinator

Angela Allex
Facility Cleaning
Coordinator

Weekly Attendance & Giving

Sunday, August 3, 2025

**Total
In-person**
799

**Total
Online**
316

**Weekly Giving
(General Fund)**
\$41,398.57

**Weekly
Need**
\$43,601.00

**YTD
Giving**
\$202,218.76

**YTD
Need**
\$218,005.00

**Total Campaign
Contributions**
\$1,214,666.03

**Total Pledged
Outstanding**
\$114,929.09

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

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Live Sermon Translation

Live sermon translation is now
available! Join us at the 11:00 am
service and listen in your preferred
language through your phone. Visit
the Welcome Desk to learn more!



Scan to listen



Watch last week's sermon





Welcome to the eleventh edition of Next Steps Quarterly. As a church we long for people to read and engage scripture on their own. We are hoping this and the Resource Wall, located by the Patio, will allow you to explore different ways to grow in your engagement with the Bible and grow as a follower of Jesus.

Book of Jonah: Bible Project Overview Video and Study Guide

This digital guide will help you walk through Jonah with helpful background, video word teaching and an outline for deeper understanding. This guide works well with the scripture journals for personal study.

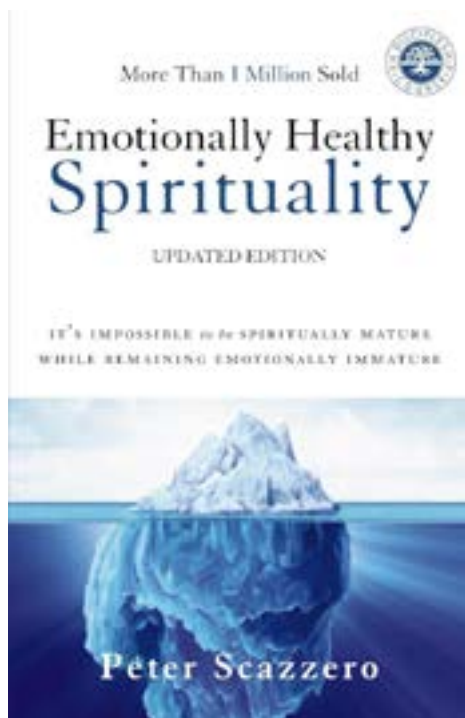


[Check it out!](#)



Scripture Journals

These books of the Bible have room to take notes and are a great resource to use during the sermon series. We have them at the Welcome Desk for a suggested donation of \$5. They will also be available at the Bible Literacy 101: Jonah class.



Barnabas Book Club

Peter Scazzero learned the hard way: you can't be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. Even though he was the pastor of a growing church, he did what most people do--avoid conflict in the name of Christianity; ignore his anger, sadness, and fear; use God to run from God; and live without boundaries.



CHECK OUT THE RESOURCE WALL FOR MORE OPTIONS!

Eventually God awakened him to a biblical integration of emotional health and the spiritual practice of slowing down and quieting your life to experience a firsthand relationship with Jesus. This group will meet Tuesday September 9th from noon to 1:00 pm at church. Sign up online and the Welcome Desk has a limited number of books available.

RightNow Media: The Book of Jonah by David Platt

When God's Purpose Isn't in Your Plans

The book of Jonah is best known for Jonah's run-in with a large fish. But there's much more to the story than Jonah's three-day stay in a fish's belly. It's about God's grace, compassion, and love—even toward wayward people—and his commitment to spreading his message around the world. In this six-session series, pastor David Platt shows us that God is determined to spread His Word to all the nations of the earth and use His people to do it.



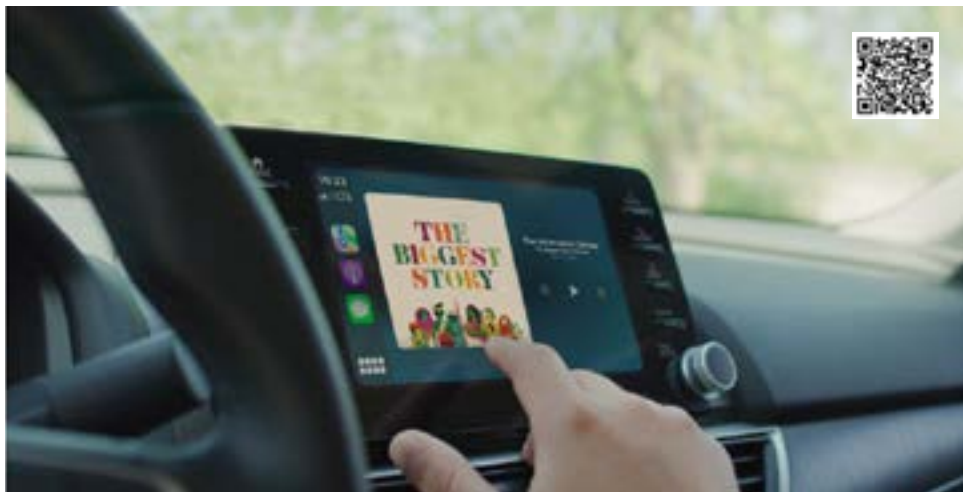
The book of Jonah shows us that God desires to transform the hearts of His followers, making them more like Him as they carry out His purposes in the world. Join David and get a renewed sense of what it means to orient your life around the mission of God.



Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan

There are some resources that stand the test of time and continue to build up the body of believers.

Reading The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan can be challenging even for the best of readers but not so with this new, easy-to-read version that translates the original archaic language into simple conversational English allowing readers of all ages to easily navigate the most popular Christian allegory of all time. The story chronicles the epic adventure of a man named Christian who leaves his home in the City of Destruction and begins a lifelong quest to the Celestial City. Set against the backdrop of a hazardous journey, this powerful drama unfolds as Christian's adventures lead him into fascinating lands and encounters with interesting people who either help or hinder his progress along a narrow way. With a gallery of memorable characters and visits to colorful places, Bunyan's allegorical narrative describes one man's extraordinary adventure on his journey to faith. Consider reading with your teens! There will be small groups forming around this book starting soon!



The Biggest Story Bible Kids Podcast Resource

Every Wednesday join us as we walk through a new Bible story adapted from Kevin DeYoung's bestselling book *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook*. Each episode also includes teaching content designed to help kids go deeper in their understanding adapted from *The Biggest Story Curriculum*. During each 10-15 minute episode, kids will encounter each Bible story through the voice of Michael Reeves, learn how every story connects to the gospel of Jesus Christ, recite a weekly memory verse, and more. Designed for families to enjoy on the way to school, after dinner, before bedtime, or anytime, *The Biggest Story Podcast* will introduce kids to 104 Bible stories and explain how they all connect to the gospel of Jesus Christ. What is extra awesome is this resource is also used at Awana!



The Benefit of Doubt by Craig Groeschel

God can handle your most difficult questions and use them to deepen your relationship with him. Am I

the only one who has these doubts? What if my friends, family, or others find out I'm doubting my faith in God? What is really true? Does it make me a bad Christian if I have doubts? In *The Benefit of Doubt*, bestselling author and pastor Craig Groeschel shows us how asking questions, seeking answers, and wrestling with doubt can actually draw us closer to God.

**These resources are to help you walk with the Jesus of the Bible.
So, don't forget to open your Bible!**

ENTER THE MONTHLY DRAWING AT THE RESOURCE WALL!



1 JONAH AND THE SHIP



3 JONAH AND THE NINETEENTHS



4 JONAH'S 2ND PRAYER



2 JONAH'S 1ST PRAYER



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.



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.

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 Desk 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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