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BIBLES BY THE BEDSIDE



Begins January 1

This Bible reading incentive program encourages 1st-9th grade students to spend time **daily** in God's Word. Register your student at alexandriacovenant.org and pick up a calendar packet at the Information Center.

Questions? Karyn Clare, 320.554.7095

ALPHA



Mondays beginning January 8, 6:00 pm

All are invited to explore the basics of the Christian faith through video teaching and small group discussion. A meal is served before each session. Register at alexandriacovenant.org.

Location: Fellowship Center

Questions? Craig Bjerke, 320.219.8159

FOOTBALL, FOOD & FUN

Today, Noon

Men, watch football with the guys and cheer on the Vikings as they play the Cincinnati Bengals. Lunch provided.

Location: The Boat House (behind church)

CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 20 & 27

There will be NO Awana Middle School

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

CHOIR ANTHEMS

Gotta Whisper, Gotta Shout
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Emmanuel
Peace, Peace

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VIDEO

4 yrs-2nd grade

TASTE & SEE

IF:TABLE CELEBRATION

January 11, 6:00-8:00 pm

Members of current and past If:Tables and women interested in learning more about If:Tables are invited to this celebration. Come for a catered meal and testimonies from current If:Table participants. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available in the church office.

There will be NO Awana, Middle School Youth Group or High School Youth Group due to the Christmas holiday.

December 24 & 31

There will be NO children youth or adult Sunday School due to the Christmas holiday.

YEAR-END GIVING

For those interested in making a year-end gift to the church, please bring to the church office by Friday, December 29 or postmark by Saturday, December 30. Contributions received after this date will be recorded for 2018. Thank you for supporting the on-going ministry of Alexandria Covenant Church.

EVANGELISM OUTREACH

This ministry provides clear Gospel messages through the FREE distribution of Gospel tracts, quizzes, CD/DVDs and online media. We pray that God uses these resources to lead people to Jesus and/or grow their relationship with God.

Questions? Greg Nathe, 320.815.7554

8:00 & 10:45 am
Room 108 (lower level)

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Gift of Peace

Pastor John LeVahn

FEATURED ON THE WEBSITE

alexandriacovenant.org

Visit the **Media** tab to view the weekly bulletin and watch past sermon messages.

ONLINE COMMUNITY

alexandriacovenant.ccbchurch.com

You can have access to our church database 24/7! Log in to Church Community Builder (CCB) from any computer or mobile device connected to the internet.

Questions? Call the church office, 320.763.5659

Questions? Laura Nelson, 320.760.5151 or Bobbi Jo Crouse, 320.766.2233

WINTER MINISTRY BROCHURE

Pick up a copy of the Winter Ministry Brochure at the Information Center for a complete list of Sunday morning & weekly classes for 3 year olds - adults.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING


With Christmas Eve on Sunday, December 24, we will be receiving our regular offering at our Christmas Eve worship services.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Are you or someone you know in financial need? There are resources available to regular attendees of Alexandria Covenant Church through the Benevolence Fund.

Questions? Pastor Trinity, 320.763.5659

WELCOME!

Find us on
Facebook 

It's our sincere desire that you are welcome and at home here at Alexandria Covenant Church. Please stop by the Information Center and ask for a **Guest Guide** to help you become familiar with the life of our church.

- Nursery is available for infants - 3 years old.
- Assisted listening devices available at the Information Center

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Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Online giving available by texting *alexcov* to 77977
or by visiting alexandriacovenant.org/give.

Message & Data rates may apply

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Denise Farr
- Lori Homberger

Names remain on this list for four week increments. If you would like the name to remain on the list for an additional four weeks, please contact the church office. If you would like to communicate with the Prayer Team directly, contact Sylvia at edsyic@charter.net or 320.763.4425. To request a visit contact the church office, 320.763.5659.

A GIFT FOR THE AGES

Gift of Peace • Pastor John LeVahn

It's a peace that takes the...

1. _____ out of _____
relationships.

2. _____ out of _____
stressful circumstances.

3. _____ out of _____
an uncertain future.

4. _____ from _____
our guilty conscience.

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

The Greatest Gift of All
Pastor John LeVahn

STAFF

John LeVahn - Senior Pastor
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ALEXANDRIA COVENANT CHURCH APP



events this week

Details at alexandriacovenant.org/calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:00 am Children's Church Video
- Room 108

9:15 am Contemporary Worship

9:15 am Jungle (3 years-Kindergarten)
- Preschool Zone

9:15 am Promiseland (1st-5th grade)
- Ministry Center

9:15 am Journey/Confirmation
(6-8th grade) - Room 130

9:15 am Guys Sunday School
(9-12th grade) - Tool Shed

9:15 am Girls Sunday School
(9-12th grade) - The Boat House

9:15 am Believe Adult Class
- Fellowship Center

9:15 am Divine Encounters in the Old Testament - Gym

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

10:45 am Children's Church Video
- Room 108

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Noon Men's Bible Study - Room 115

6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery - Gym

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 am Sew to Share - Room 114

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 am Koffee & Kare - Room 114

9:15 am Lakes Area Moms
- Ministry Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:30 am Mighty Women of Prayer
- Room 116

4:00 pm Blankets of Love
- Fellowship Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
- Room 116

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 am Mighty Men of Prayer
- Room 116



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- RSVP for Christmas • Sign up for Bible Studies

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OR ANDROID GOOGLE PLAY!



WINTER BIBLE STUDIES

for women

THE QUEST

Sundays, 10:30 am - Noon

January 7 - February 11

Do you want to become more intimate with God? Do you want to learn to engage in dialogue with God? This Bible study by Beth Moore is 6 weeks of independent study with videos and study to draw you into intimacy with God. Group sessions will be held January 7 and February 11. Study journal available for \$15 suggested donation.

Location: Room 115

Questions? Sarah Kranz, 815.985.2510

I KNOW HIS NAME

Tuesdays, January 18 - February 27

10:00 am - Noon or 6:15 - 8:15 pm

This 5-session Bible study is for any woman who wants to move beyond simply knowing about God to really knowing God in a very personal way. Learn how the names of God reveal His character and heart. Book available for \$8 suggested donation. Childcare available during evening class for infant - age 5.

Location: Room 115

Questions? Ardyce Harris, 320.766.2019

STEADFAST LOVE

A Study of Psalm 107

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

January 3 - April 25

Throughout all of life's ups and downs, God shows us His steadfast love. This 7-session Bible study of Psalm 107 will help us to face both storms and deserts with courage and trust in Jesus. Take hold of God's promise that there is no fear for the one who fears the Lord. Book available for \$10 suggested donation. Childcare available for infant-age 5.

Location: Angard, 3711 Iowa St, Alexandria

Questions? Marcia Silra, 320.766.4684

UPCOMING ADULT CLASSES

YOU & ME FOREVER

Marriage in Light of Eternity

Sundays, 10:45 am - Noon

January 7 - March 4

This 8-session Bible study, with video teaching by Francis and Lisa Chan, will challenge you to view your marriage like never before. Come discover how the best way to have a great marriage is to focus on something other than marriage. Workbook available for \$10 suggested donation. Childcare available for infant -age 3.

Location: Room 116

Questions? Bruce & Meredith Range, 320.615.8039

ASSEMBLING THE EVIDENCE

Part 1: Old Testament

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

January 11 - March 22

Skepticism toward the Bible abounds. But how does the evidence stack up? This course examines the evidence for the historical reliability of the Old Testament and of the Bible's claim for itself as the word of God. Creation, the Genesis flood, archeological data, the nature of biblical prophecy and its fulfillment and much more are all considered. The evidence is cumulative, wide-ranging and compelling. Childcare available for infant - age 5.

Location: Room 114

Questions? Jen Philbrick, 320.760.0971

THE AWESOMENESS OF HEBREW

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

January 11 - February 22

Discover the Hebrew language of the Old Testament! In 7 sessions you will discover fascinating things you never knew about the Bible, how God works and the absolute integrity of Scripture. The goal of the class is to intrigue you, get you excited about studying Scripture and help you understand the awesomeness of God on a whole new level. Bring a Bible, your brain and a notebook.

Location: Room 115

Questions? Craig Bjerke, 320.219.8159

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Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship!

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm

Join us for a family celebration of
Jesus, the greatest gift of all.



**INVITE FAMILY,
FRIENDS & CO-WORKERS**
to Christmas Eve Worship by
sending an invite found at
alexandriacovenant.org
or pick up an invitation box at
the table in the lobby.

ONE BOX PER PERSON.

Feel free to attend the service of your choice. We only ask for
an RSVP to help us plan for you. Place the form below in
the offering plate, visit alexandriacovenant.org or
Alexandria Covenant Church App to RSVP.

WORSHIP SERVICE

ATTENDING

in NURSERY
infant-age 3

- 9:00 am
 10:30 am
 2:00 pm
 4:00 pm

Today in the town of David a
Savior has been born to you;
he is the *Messiah*, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a *baby*
wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Luke 2:11-12





12 Ways to *Serve* at *Christmas*

Christmas is a season of giving! We give gifts to our loved ones and celebrate the greatest gift we have received in Jesus Christ. Let's use the gifts and resources God's given us to show His love to those around us this season. Review the 12 ways to serve our congregation and community and sign up to volunteer at the Information Center or on the Alexandria Covenant Church App.

1 Usher

December 24

Help to seat guests at Christmas Eve worship.

2 Nursery

December 24

Serve the littlest people and their families at Christmas Eve worship.

3 Greeter

December 24

Welcome guests to Christmas Eve worship.

4 Candle Preparation

December 24

Prepare candles for Christmas Eve worship and replenish during services.

5 Facility Volunteers

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Fridays, 9:00 am - Noon

Assist in cleaning & set up of facility.

6 Invite to church

Invite friends & family to

Christmas Eve worship by sending the e-vite at alexandriacovenant.org.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10



7 Toys for Kids

Now - December 19

Donate new toys for in need kids in our community. Donation baskets located at doors.

8 Blankets of Love

Dec. 21, 4 - 9 pm

Fellowship Center

Package fleece blankets made by inmates at the jail.

9 Christmas Cookies

Nov. 7

Bake cookies *Fulfilled* delivered to the Douglas County Jail the week of Christmas. No nuts please.

10 Water in attias

Water points *Fulfilled* at the church. 2-3 times per week

11 Decoration Clean-up

January 4, 10 am - 2 pm

Assist with taking down and putting away Christmas decorations within the church.

12 Year-End Giving

Consider giving a gift to the Building Fund, Covenant World Relief or the ministry of your choice.

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