



alexandria
covenant
church

DECEMBER 16 2018

LOVING JESUS. BECOMING LIKE JESUS. SHARING JESUS.

CHRISTMAS BREAK



December 23 & 30

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

UPDATED MOBILE APP



Check out our updated mobile app! Download the free Alexandria Covenant Church App from your device's app store to watch sermons, read daily devotions, give & much more!

**Questions? Church office,
320.763.5659**

BIBLES BY THE BEDSIDE



Begins January 1

This Bible reading 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 or Covenant Kids desk.

Questions? Karyn Clare, 320.554.7095

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Mondays, 6:00 pm

Through Celebrate Recovery, we become free from our addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy and most importantly; a stronger personal relationship with God and others. As we progress through this program we discover our personal, loving and forgiving Higher Power. Jesus Christ

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

Featuring adult choir, children's choir & orchestra

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed & Burning

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Jesus is Born Tonight!

Christ is Born this Holy Night

The Glory of Christmas

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

EVANGELISM OUTREACH

The Evangelism Outreach ministry provides clear Gospel messages through the FREE distribution of Gospel tracts, quizzes, CD/DVDs and online media. Look for events throughout the year.

Questions? Greg Nathe, 320.815.7554

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

Visit us at alexandriacovenant.org

forgiving Higher Power -Jesus Christ.

Location: Hall

Questions? Dave Berg, 320.250.7912

KOFFEE & KARE

Wednesdays, 9:00 am

Join us for a unique and casual gathering of women who meet to share joys and concerns as well as prayer for each other. All women welcome.

Location: Family Room

Questions? Betty Bjurlin, 320.762.1651

YEAR-END GIVING

For those interested in making a year-end gift to the church, please bring to the church office or postmark by Monday, December 31. Contributions received after this date will be recorded for 2019. Thank you for supporting the on-going ministry of Alexandria Covenant Church.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VIDEO

8:00 & 10:45 am, 4 years-2nd grade
Covenant Kids 107, lower level

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Strengthen My Hope
Pastor John LeVahn

WHITE ROSES

The white roses at the front of the Worship Center represent a 2nd grade girl and a 4th grade girl who recently gave their lives to Christ.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Check out our community bulletin board, located near the lower level elevator, for upcoming community events.

for schedule of events, ministry details, weekly sermon & more!

Download the free **Alexandria Covenant Church App** from your device's app store. Watch or listen to weekly sermons, connect with our church, give & more!


We would love to connect with you through our **Facebook page** - search Alexandria Covenant Church.

Church Community Builder (CCB) is our church database designed to help attendees of our church communicate with each other. Visit **alexandriacovenant.ccbchurch.com** to create a log in.

welcome!

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

Find us on
Facebook 

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

Message & Data rates may apply

prayer requests

- Jake Ferguson

LeAnn Fogelson's mother, Marion Arndt, passed away December 7.
Please remember this family in your prayers.

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.

Sermon notes

Strengthen My Hope
Series - Kindle
Pastor John LeVain

STAFF

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NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

Jesus is the Light of the World
Pastor Trinity Opp

Christmas Worship

December 23, 9:00 & 11:00 am

December 24, 2:00 & 4:00 pm

Join us for a family celebration of Jesus, the Light of the World! Feel free to attend the service of your choice. We ask for an RSVP to help us plan for you.

RSVP at alexandriacovenant.org, on the Alexandria Covenant Church App or by calling church office.

Intentionally Celebrate the Season!

- Follow the **Advent Guide** as an individual or family devotional time.
- Wear a "Jesus is the Light of the World" bracelet during the month of December as a reminder to invite others to Christmas Worship.



events this week

Details at alexandriacovenant.org/calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship - Worship Center
- 8:00 am Children's Church Video - CK107
- 9:15 am Contemporary Worship - Worship Center
- 9:15 am Covenant Kids Sunday School - Covenant Kids Zone
- 9:15 am Journey/Confirmation - Great Room
- 9:15 am High School Girls Sunday School - The Boat House
- 9:15 am High School Guys Sunday School - H101
- 9:15 am Servant and Son of God Adult Class - S100
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship - Worship Center
- 10:45 am Children's Church Video - CK107

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

- Noon Monday Men's Bible Study - S101B
- 6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery - Hall
- 8:00 pm Attributes of a Man Bible Study - GR200

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 9:00 am Sew to Share - H102

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 9:00 am Koffee & Karo - Family Room
- 9:15 am Lakes Area Moms - Patio
- 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - Worship Center
- 6:30 pm Awana - Covenant Kids Zone
- 6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group - Great Room
- 6:30 pm High School Youth Group - Patio
- 6:30 pm Rachel & Leah Women's Bible Study - S100

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 8:30 am Mighty Women of Prayer - H102
- 7:00 pm Cru - Alexandria Technical & Community College

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study - H102
- Noon Faith at Work Lunch - Broadway Ballroom

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 8:00 am Mighty Men of Prayer - H101



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 alexandriacovenant.org or on the Alexandria Covenant Church App.

1 Usher
December 23 & 24
Help to seat guests at Christmas Eve worship.

2 Greeter
December 23 & 24
Welcome guests to Christmas Eve worship.

3 Nursery
December 23 & 24
Serve the littlest people and their families at Christmas Eve worship.

4 Candle Preparation
December 23 & 24
Prepare candles for Christmas Eve worship and replenish during services.

5 Water Poinsettias
December
Water poinsettias throughout the church. 2-3 times per week

6 Invite to church
Invite friends & family to Christmas Eve worship by using the cards available at the lobby table.



7 Blankets of Love
Dec. 18, 8 am - 4 pm
Hall
Package fleece blankets made by inmates at the jail.

8 Christmas Cookies
Now - December 21
Bake cookies that will be delivered to the Douglas County Jail the week of Christmas. No nuts please.

9 Toys for Kids
Now - December 17
Donate new toys for in need kids in our community. Donation baskets located at doors.

10 Love Inc. - Noon
Assist in *Fulfilled* toys for families in the Christmas season.

11 Decoration Clean-up
January 7, Noon - 4 pm
Assist with taking down and putting away Christmas decorations within the church.

12 Year-End Giving
Consider giving a gift to the Property Fund, Covenant World Relief or the ministry of your choice.

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"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