



alexandria
covenant
church

JANUARY 13 2019

LOVING JESUS. BECOMING LIKE JESUS. SHARING JESUS.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP



Today, 6:00-8:00 pm

Pastor John shares the mission, vision and values of our church. This is a requirement for membership. Sign up at alexandriacovenant.org or on the Alexandria Covenant Church App.

Location: Hall 102

Questions? Church office, 320.763.5659

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER



Today, 6:30 pm

Begin your week refreshed with prayer! The second Sunday of the month, come for prayer and worship. There will be three segments of guided prayer; praise, kingdom prayers, personal requests.

Location: Great Room

"My house shall be a house of prayer." Mark 11:17

SENIOR ADULT GAME EVENT



January 22, 1:00-4:30 pm

Come enjoy an afternoon with friends while playing your favorite games. Bring a game and a snack to share. Coffee provided.

Location: Patio

Questions? Phyllis Schoonhoven, 320.766.5310

AWANA MINI CONFERENCE

January 14, 6:00 pm

The Awana Ministry Conference is an evening event for Awana leaders and volunteers to be equipped and encouraged in their ministry role. Connect, learn and be refreshed. Sign up at alexandriacovenant.org or on the Alexandria Covenant Church App.

Location: Great Room

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

HYMNS OF PRAISE (8:00 am)

#359 All My Sins

#348 Take the World and Give Me Jesus

#524 Thy Word

#342 Marvelous Grace of our Loving God

#363 Shine on Me

CHOIR ANTHEM (8:00 am)

Canon of Praise

MEALS MINISTRY

Attention Expectant Parents! Alexandria Covenant Church would like to bless you with meals after your baby is born. Please call the church office, 320.763.5659, to let us know of your new addition.

HIDE IT PROJECT

This week's scripture memory verse is:

Questions? Pastor Chanda,
320.763.5659

COVENANT KIDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Covenant Kids has opportunities for you to serve the children of our church.

- Sundays**
- Welcome Desk
 - Awana Sparks Leader (noater)
 - Awana Special Needs Buddy

- Wednesdays**
- Welcome Desk

Sign up at alexandriacovenant.org or on the Alexandria Covenant Church App.

Questions? Pastor Chanda,
320.763.5659

NURSERY STAFF POSITION

Love infants and toddlers? As a Nursery Staff member, you have an opportunity to care for the youngest members of our church family while sharing God's love with them. This is a paid position for 5-10 hours/week. Sunday morning and/or weeknight hours available. A role description is available in the nursery.

Questions? Jessica Thompson,
320.760.2196

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VIDEO

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Running from God
Pastor John LeVahn

WHITE ROSE

The white rose at the front of the Worship Center represents a 6th grade girl who recently gave her life to Christ. Praise God for the seed He has planted.

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.

2 Peter 3:9. Text HIDEIT to 55222 to receive a weekly text message of the scripture.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Looking for Bible studies or resources to help you grow in your faith? As an attendee of Alexandria Covenant Church, you have **FREE ACCESS** to a huge, streaming, online access-on-any device library of over 10,000 Bible Studies, leadership videos and kids shows!

Claim your free gift by visiting
alexandriacovenant.org/rightnow-media

LIFE CONNECTIONS


Life Connections provides a confidential, compassionate setting for anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy. We offer a listening ear along with practical support, education, and community referrals. Life Connections is looking for volunteers to assist with working with clients. No experience necessary. Just the ability to listen and share God's love with the families we serve. Training is provided.

Questions? Tammy Lenz, 320.335.1197

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

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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

- Brock Shriver

Tom & Bill Siira's brother, Dan Siira, passed away January 4.
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

Running from God

Jonah 1

Series: Jonah: The Reluctant Missionary

Pastor John LeVahn

1. When we run from God, our _____ don't turn out like we think they will.

2. When we run from God and things don't work out, our _____ to the crisis is not God's solution.

STAFF

John LeVahn Senior Pastor	Sue Davids Facility Assistant
Trinity Opp Executive Pastor	Wayne Long Part-time Facility Assistant
Dave Mergens Pastor of Adult Formation	Lance Randall Part-time Facility Assistant
Erin Farra Pastor of Student Ministry	Jason Klimak Facility Assistant (Grade 7)
Chad Nelson Pastor of Middle School Ministry	Cheri Thum Administrative Secretary
Nancy Helm Director of Worship Ministry	Jeanette Meyers Financial Secretary
Chanda Whiteks Pastor of Bernerday Children's Ministry	Nelsey Langager Graphic Design & Communications Director
Lile Barnes Director of Preschool Children's Ministry	Gregg Barnes Part-time Sound Technician
Jessica Thompson Director of Nursery Ministry	Craig Horinger Part-time Sound Technician
Dave Englund Facility specialist	

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

Praying to God

Pastor John LeVahn

events this week

Details at alexandriacovenant.org/calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

- 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
- 9:15 am Explore Your Calling - Patio
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship
- Worship Center
- 10:45 am Children's Church Video
- CK107
- 6:00 pm Exploring Membership
- H102
- 6:30 pm Sunday Evening Prayer
- Great Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

- Noon Men's Bible Study - S101B
- Noon Fully Alive Women's Bible Study
- GR200
- 6:00 pm Awana Mini Conference
- Great Room
- 6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery - Hall
- 6:30 pm Love and Respect Marriage Class - 2290 Co Rd 82, Alexandria
- 8:00 pm Attributes of a Man - Patio

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 6:15 pm Mothering on Purpose - Patio
- 6:30 pm A Man and His Fatherhood
- GR200

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 9:00 am Coffee & Kare - 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, JANUARY 17

- 8:30 am Mighty Women of Prayer
- H102
- 10:00 am Bible Study Fellowship esh
- Great Room
- 6:00 pm Alpha - Hall
- 6:30 pm James Bible Study - GR200
- 7:00 pm Crus - Alexandria Technical & Community College

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

- 8:00 am Mighty Men of Prayer - H102
- 9:00 am Creative Connection Women's Event - Lower Level



Creative connection

January 19 • 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

9:00 - 9:30 am

Coffee & Conversation

9:30 - Noon

Open Crafting *scrapbooking, knitting, quilting, etc...*
String Art Experience
*20 - pay at event, see design options at alexandriacovenant.org/women

Noon - 12:30 pm

Lunch Provided

12:30 - 3:00 pm

Open Crafting



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UPCOMING ADULT CLASSES

OPEN YOUR BIBLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays beginning January 22
10:00 am - Noon or 6:00-8:00 pm
Are you longing to hear from God and to encounter Him through the pages of His Word? Through this study, we will find an appreciation for the authority, power and relevance of God's Word. Book available at the first class for \$10 suggested donation. Childcare available at evening class for infant-age 10 upon request.
Location: Great Rooms 206
Questions? Ardyce Harris,
320.766.2019

IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
January 23 - March 6
or
Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
January 24 - March 7
Life often looks so very different than we hoped or expected. Some catch us off guard for a moment, but others shatter us completely. We feel disappointed and disillusioned, and we quietly start to wonder about the reality of God's goodness. In this study, author Lysa Terkeurst invites women to discover how to radically encounter God in the midst of disappointment. Book available at first class for \$10 suggested donation. Childcare available on Thursday for infant - age 10 upon request.
Location: Study 100 & 101A
Questions? Marcia Silra,
320.766.4684

DEFEATING REPETITIVE SIN MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
January 23 - February 20
Every Christian man at some point asks themselves this question, "Why do I keep repeating the same sin, and yet I try new tactics with limited results?" Stop the insanity and join this five-lesson study that will help you tackle that destructive sin and build a battle plan for increased spiritual results. Book available at first class for \$10 suggested donation.
Location: Study 102
Questions? Pastor Dave,
320.763.5659

DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS

Sundays, 9:15 - 10:15 am
January 27 - March 3
Have you ever wondered about your spiritual gifts and your role in the Body of Christ? Are you willing to discover and use your God-given gifts?

Join us for a 6-week interactive course that will help you uncover a Biblical understanding of your unique gifts and practically apply those gifts.
Location: Patio
Questions? Pastor Dave,
320.763.5659

SAVING TRUTH

Sundays, 9:15 - 10:15 am
January 27 - March 24
This study provides arguments from a Christian perspective for the foundations of truth and how those foundations apply to sexuality, identity, morality, and spirituality. This study offers a way to untangle oneself from culture and find hope in the clarity that Christ offers. Book available at first class for \$10 suggested donation.
Location: Gym
Questions? Larry and Dee Novotny,
320.762.5154

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hide it project 2019 SCRIPTURE MEMORY

God's Word is living and active
and is our guidebook of how to
live a life that is pleasing to God.

We encourage attendees to join us as we
hide God's Word in our heart throughout 2019.
Each Monday, the scripture passage to memorize
will be sent via text message.

Text **HIDEIT** to **55222** to receive these messages.

ADULT MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES



ETHIOPIA MISSION TRIP

May 9 - 22

Project Mercy has a school of 1200 students, a hospital (with 2 dental areas), clinic and college for midwives. We need a variety of adults with medical and dental skills, tradesmen who can help train Ethiopian staff, teachers that can bring creative best practices to local Ethiopian teachers, and many others. Cost is approx. \$3,000 with \$100 due at registration. Registration deadline is January 27.

Questions? Pastor Brian, 320.808.4357

ALASKA MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

January 27, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Are you interested in a summer mission trip for adults? Come hear about this opportunity to serve at Alaska Christian College in Soldotna, Alaska. The dates are June 8-15. Bring any questions you may have.

Volunteers with construction, maintenance, and sewing talents are especially helpful to our team, but any skill-level is welcome. Registration is limited to 25 individuals. Cost is approx. \$1,500. \$300 deposit due at registration.

Questions? Roger Rosegren, 320.815.3861 and Pastor Dave,
320.763.5659

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welcome NEW MEMBERS!



**Troy & Brenda
Andreasen**



**Gene
Bak**



**Cahil & Michele
Collins**



**Jon & Elizabeth
Dahlheimer**



**Matt & Jamie
DeBoer**



**Brandon & Kari
Haggerty**



**Karen
Hildebrandt**



**Shaun & Nichole
Kolar**



**Mark & Heather
Lovrien**



**Ben & Janina
Nesbitt**



**Wayne & Leah
Schreck**



**Betty
Vantries-Ramey**



**Larry & LaVonne
Via**

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‘JUST AS A BODY, THOUGH ONE, HAS MANY PARTS,
BUT ALL ITS MANY PARTS FORM ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST.
NOW YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND EACH ONE OF YOU IS A PART OF IT.’

1 Corin1ians 12:12,27