

BELIEVERS TOGETHER

with glad and sincere hearts
from ACTS 2:44 & 46 NIV

September 24, 2017

8:45 & 11:15 am • Pastor Ryan Boes • Acts 19:1-41

Loving God, Serving People

We welcome you into our community and our lives. Following this morning's worship, we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

Babies & Young Children

A nursery for children 2 years and younger is next to the kitchen off of the Fellowship Hall. Children, 3, 4, and 5 years old who have not started Kindergarten will be dismissed before the sermon to room 27 for Preschool Church Hour.

Aids to Worship

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex. Please ask our greeters for assistance.



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Church: Becoming and Remaining Human

In Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, he declares that Jesus is the savior of the world and has launched God's kingdom in his life, death, resurrection and ascension. Jesus has made it possible for us to be a part of that kingdom as the Church. Paul takes this truth and draws out the most startling and affirming conviction: We are the people of God. All of us. When we are the Church, we are God's people. God has drawn us from all places of life and backgrounds and created a people. The implication then is that we are fully human when we live into this identity. To be the Church is to be truly human.

After Paul declares we are the Church, he shows us then how to live as church. It is like he is saying, "now that you see what it is like to be human because you've seen Jesus, be that person! You are human! To be in Christ is what human means! Now live as a human!"

In our lives there are many things, activities, behaviors, relationships, mindsets, that rob us of our humanity. Oppressive cultures or ideologies can rob of us of our humanity. Paul writes to the Church that once we are in Christ there is nothing that can take our humanity. Rather, we live as the people of God! We are free from the humanity robbing ways of life! This fall, we invite you to consider all the things that try to rob us of our humanity, and how God is inviting us to be everything God has called us to be in Christ. We are the people of God! Now it's time to go live that truth!

Pastor John

Pastor Ryan

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8:45 worship

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

*We Sing the Mighty Power of God
God Himself Is with Us*

Dale Wood
Michael Burkhardt

Gathering Song: *Be Still, for the Presence*

Red Hymnal 532

Welcome and Call to Worship (responsive)

*In holy splendor, we worship the Lord.
In God is glory and strength.
The Lord is mighty. God is with us.
The people in the temple rejoice.
It is certain. God is with us.*

***Hymn:** *Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures* Red Hymnal 114:1,5

***We Receive God's Greeting and Greet One Another**

Children's Time

(Children in the Preschool Church Hour Class dismissed to Room 27.)

Responsive Reading based on Psalm 115

*Not to us, Lord, but to you be the glory.
Not to our nations, Lord, who ask where you are
while mistreating the poor and shutting out the refugee.
Not to our iPhone idols and dollar bill deities,
which cloud our vision and divide our attention.
Not to our stuff, our possessions, our things;
they clutter and collect dust.*

They cannot help us! They cannot save!

Soon we will be like them—callous, unfeeling, heartless.

Soon we will be just like those in whom we put our trust.

*Not to us, Lord, but to you be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.*

Come on people. Remember our God!

It is God who blesses us!

It is God who is powerful!

God crafted the world!

It is the domain of the Almighty!

Can our phones cause the sun to rise?

Can our money raise the dead?

**It is the power of God that saves!
It is the Maker of heaven and earth who has the power!**

God has given us Christ Jesus!

God has given us the Holy Spirit!

**Not to us, not to anything, Lord,
but to you be the Glory!
Hallelujah!**

***Hymn:** *Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven*

Red Hymnal 573

Prayers of the People

We Present our Gifts & Offerings for: The Lord's work through AACRC

Offertory Song: *My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)*

Andrae Crouch

Solo

*How can I say thanks
for the things you have done for me?
Things so undeserved,
yet you gave to prove your love for me;
the voices of a million angels
could not express my gratitude.
All that I am, and ever hope to be;
I owe it all to Thee.*

All

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me;
with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory
for the things he has done.**

Solo

*Just let me live my life—
let it be pleasing, Lord, to thee;
and if I gain any praise,
let it go to Calvary.*

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Listening for the Word

Scripture: Acts 19:1-41

Message: "Whose Power Is It?"

Responding to the Word

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Institution and Invitation

This morning we celebrate communion. All who love Jesus Christ, trust in him alone for their salvation, and agree to be his disciple are invited to join with us in this celebration.

With thanks and joy, take the bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to proceed to the front of the sanctuary to partake of communion, remain seated and the elements will be brought to you.

Communion Song (Duet)

There Is Power in the Blood

arr. Fernando Ortega

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing the Word into the World

*We Receive God's Parting Blessing

*Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Red Hymnal 601:1,4

*Postlude: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Flor Peeters

Pastor: Ryan Boes

Piano/Organ: Jan Musch

Vocalists: Ron Reimink, Dawn Zinsser, Joanne Adams

11:15 worship

We Praise the Lord, Maker of Heaven and Earth (Psalm 115:15, 18)

Prelude

Welcome

***Song for Gathering:** *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

Red Hymnal 510

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

(from Psalm 113:1-4)

*The Lord our God is exalted over all the nations;
his glory is above the heavens.
Who is like the Lord our God?*

**Our God rescued us from sin's destruction
and gave us seats of honor in his kingdom.
People of God, praise the name of the Lord!
We will praise God's name both now and forevermore!**

***Song:** *O Worship the King*

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Song of Acclamation: *Be Still, for the Presence

Red Hymnal 532

Prayers of the People

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Offertory: *Everlasting God*

Scripture: Acts 19:1-41

Message: "Whose Power Is It?"

The Lord, Who Remembers Us, Will Bless Us

(Psalm 115:12)

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Communion Song: *What the Lord Has Done in Me*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***We Receive God's Parting Blessing**

***Song for Departure:** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Red Hymnal 965

***Postlude**

Pastor: Ryan Boes

Worship Team: Victor Chen, Veena Kulkarni, Chase Lancaster, Don Streng,
Teresa Streng, Mike Wilson, Carolyn Wurster, Joe Yunkman

today

Sunday Morning • 8:45 & 11:15 am

- Preacher: Ryan Boes
- Scripture: Acts 19:1-41

Youth Ministry

- Preschool Church Hour class will meet during this morning's worship services in Room 27 for children 3-5 years of age who have not started Kindergarten. The children will be dismissed to their class during the worship service.
- 9:55–Sunday School (pre-K through 1st grade) in Room 28
- 9:55–Sunday School (2nd – 5th grade) in Room 23
- 9:55–Savior Servant Singers in Room 19
- 10:15–Middle School Sunday School in Rooms 12 & 13
- 10:15–REACH in Youth Room

Adult Sunday School

- In Rm. 24, Madelyn Beltz will talk about how translating God's Word helps preserve cultures, how digital technology helps distribute the Gospel, being aware of what oral learners need, and what she does.
- At 10:10 am, downstairs in Room 17, BESEL Sunday School, studying the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages. Teachers: Mark and Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson..

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- Guest Preacher: Ruth Padilla DeBorst
- Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

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Adult Sunday School

- Adult Ed in Room 24, TBA.
- At 11:30 am, downstairs in Room 17, BESEL Sunday School, studying the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages. Teachers: Mark and Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson..

announcements & reminders

Your Pastoral Team

- Pastor John will be on vacation beginning September 21. He will return to his study on October 9.
- Pastor Ryan will be gone September 28–October 1. He will return to his study on October 2.

Christian School Tuition Assistance

AACRC offers Christian School tuition assistance in the form of the Christian School Tuition Fund. This fund is raised through an annual special offering. To receive assistance, a written letter requesting assistance must be delivered to your service deacon or the service deacon chair. Assistance is provided on a first come first served basis and is limited to \$500 per student / \$1,000 per family, until funds are exhausted. Please submit request for the current school year by September 30th.

Reverse Offering

On September 10 in both morning worship services there was a reverse offering of the names of students in our community. Over the next year we commit to pray for them and encourage them. If you did not receive a name there are some in a basket in the church office.

Youth & Family Ministry News

Did you know there is a weekly update that features news on our youth and family ministry programming? If you'd like to receive it, please contact Ross Weener (rweener@aacrc.org)

Tuesday Night Dinners

Tuesday night Dinners are starting at the Lindquist House at 315 Orchard Hills Drive. We welcome all young college and older adults for a relaxing dinner after your busy days of school or work. Dinner is at 7 pm. Call 734-663-4851 for directions.

Soup Group

The Soup Group will gather this morning after 11:15 worship (approximately at 12:30). If you are 20-something (post-high school, single or married, student, working or just trying to figure it all out) and interested in a free meal and fellowship, please come and join us. Where? In a classroom past the church kitchen—we'll have signage up. Why? Because you need to eat, and why not enjoy some fellowship at the same time? Questions? Contact Norma @ normamaverhey@hotmail.com or Kelly @ kvzve@comast.net. We'd love to see you there!

Calendar of Worship Discussion Opportunities

October 11—Pastor Ryan will join Gray Matters to discuss the content covered in the special session of Council that was held on September 9th.

October 22—A town hall opportunity to share the vision for this year of focus on vital worship. Council will also share thoughts about how going to one service for a year will create more space for this conversation. 3:30-5 pm.

November 12—A congregational meeting with small group breakout sessions to discuss what our hopes and dreams are for worship. 3:30–5 pm.

Church Directory

The first draft of the 2017-2018 AACRC Church Directory is on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Please check your entry and make corrections as needed. Also, if you would like to be included, there are forms on the table for you to complete.

Hospitality Opportunities

The Fall Tutoring program for internationals will end after October but our outreach will continue on a more personal level. Volunteers are needed to: (1) invite an international for one dinner in an American home; and (2) serve as a Conversation Partner. Visit the International Connections table in Fellowship Hall to volunteer for one or both of these post-October opportunities to serve internationals. Or send an email to normanfichtenberg@hotmail.com.

Pray for the Persecuted Church

In Myanmar (Burma) hundreds of thousands have fled violence to neighboring Burma. Christians experience intimidations and are coerced conversions to Buddhism. Thousands live in refugee camps.

Free Acappella Concert Featuring the Yale University Whiffenpoofs

The world-renowned Yale University Whiffenpoofs, the nation's oldest all-male acappella group (active since 1909), will be returning to Ann Arbor Christian School and performing on Monday, Oct 16 at 2 pm–3 pm. Ann Arbor Christian is thrilled to be able to arrange this performance of this world-class group during their brief stop in Ann Arbor. The Whiffenpoofs have performed for President Bush and President Obama, appeared on the TV shows *Glee*, *The Sing-Off*, and *Jeopardy*, and have sung on every continent, including Antarctica. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Brad Vredeveld Update

Brad Vredeveld has returned home from the hospital. The pathology report indicates that cancer was found only in the appendix tumor (mucocele) and that was removed. The cancer that was found was very low grade, so chemotherapy would not be effective nor needed. Follow-up will be some periodic CT scans. Thanks for your prayers and concerns.

CROP Hunger Walk

With three weeks to go before the CROP Hunger Walk on October 15, our church has 18 walkers signed up. Will you join the walk to fight hunger here and throughout the world? You can get more information and pick up a Walker envelope at the CROP table in the Fellowship Hall. To date, we have only eight sponsors, so we definitely need more of you who are unable to join the Walk to sponsor one of our walkers. Stop by the CROP table if you can help in this way. Thank you for your support!

Care Packages

Once again, we have the privilege to remember our Post-High members (18-22 yo) that we may not see very often. We do this by sending them a care package. FYI—this was formerly called the College Care Packages. The packages are full of small items that they need; some baked goods, maybe a fun item, snacks and a note of encouragement from AACRC (that would be you). We will be assembling the care packages on the night of October 18 so mark that date on your calendar. Watch your e-mail for opportunities to sign up. Please contact Arnie & Dawn Geldermans to find out more information. geldermans@comcast.net or 734-995-5463.

AACRC Weekly Calendar

Today, September 24

8:45 AM Morning Worship
9:55 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Morning Worship

Monday, September 25

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
7:30 PM Stephen Ministers

Tuesday, September 26

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
9:30 AM & 1:15 PM Coffee Break
7:00 PM Tuesday Night Dinner
at Lindquist's home
7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 PM Tuesday Tutoring

Wednesday, September 27

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
6:30 & 8:00 AM Men's Prayer & Study
7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, September 28

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
10:00 AM Prayer Group
10:00 AM Crafters

Friday, September 29

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

Saturday, September 30

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 1

8:45 AM Morning Worship
9:55 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Morning Worship

Assisting This Week 9/24

Coffee Servers

8:45 Roger & Barbara Buiten
Jim & Lillian Kuiper
11:15 Jon & Rebecca Cooper
Katrina Brehob

Nursery

8:45 Andrea Bennink
Mary Admiraal
11:15 Megan Boes, Yang Liu
Nicole Michmerhuizen

Preschool Church Hour

8:45 Debbie Cuffle
Kellie Steen, Dré Hubers
11:15 Lyndsey Chisholm
TBA

Assisting Next Week 10/1

Coffee Servers

8:45 Jim & Priscilla Carlson
Phil & Laura Boonstra
11:15 Matt & Mary Admiraal
Brian & Amber Diemer

Nursery

8:45 Kerry De Kraker
Dré Hubers
11:15 Sue De Zeeuw
Bob & Melanie Bolhuis

Preschool Church Hour

8:45 De Anna Stephenson
Barb Buiten, Dane Hubers
11:15 Mary Admiraal
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WISH, West Indies Self Help, Inc. – La Gonave, Haiti
Robin & Beth Churchill

From a recent newsletter:

GOOD TO BE BACK - It was great to be back in Haiti after our time away. As soon as we stepped upon the WISH property, we sensed that things had gone well in our absence. There was pride from the staff as they showed off what had been accomplished during our absence. There have been improvements to some of the WISH facilities, like the icehouse as the staff has worked to increase ice production, improve accountability, and update the structure.



In addition, the senior staff of WISH dealt with some issues over the summer and performed admirably. We thank you all for your prayers, as we know there are many challenges for our staff as they lead a team and live in the community.

LOOKING AHEAD - The WISH and Wesleyan Compounds are fairly quiet right now but we are looking forward to the coming weeks as the missionaries return and the fall programs start back up. There has been so much work done on the library and youth center over the past two years and now we are anxious to see the buildings filled with programs and local groups. We have been encouraged by all of the groups that have already used these facilities but we know there is much more Kingdom building to be done and we want to be a part of that.

Please join us in praying for local churches and ministries to join us in reaching our communities with the Good News.

Praise

- Family time in Canada and the US, including celebrating the marriage of our niece.
- Feeling refreshed and ready to begin another year in Haiti.
- WISH leaders navigated the demands of work and all went smoothly.
- Ice Plant is producing plenty of ice to fill the summer demand.
- There has been lots of rain so the waterline is working well.

Prayer

- Pray for Brittany, the MK teacher who arrives August 31, as she transitions into life in Haiti.
- Pray for families who are sacrificing financially to send their children to school this September.
- Pray for the challenges of staffing positions.
- Pray for members of our Haiti Missionary team who are out of country doing partnership development..