

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

All evening activities are cancelled in light of Mother's Day. Our normal schedule will resume next Sunday.

APC Budget Year End is approaching. As you may recall, APC recently switched to a new fiscal year. Our Fiscal Year will end on June 30, 2018. As you can see from the numbers below, we are short in reaching our budgeted congregational giving for FY17/18. Please prayerfully consider helping APC meet the budgeted giving amount. If you would like to donate stock to APC please contact Vicki Wolfe at vicki.wolfe@alexandriapres.org and she can give you the information needed to make a transfer to our stock account. Thank you for considering your part in helping APC meet the budget goal for Congregation Giving.

33 Series for Men Begins May 14. A six-week video and discussion series, which aims to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in his 33 years on earth. The first installment of this series is titled: 'A man and his design'. Authentic men are leaders by God's calling, whether it's with their families, their vocation, or their church. But, many men are unclear about what it truly means to be a man and, as a result, are confused and disappointed -- perhaps finding themselves lonely and drifting. God has a very clear purpose and vision for us as men and He lays it out for us in His Word. This series will be led by Elder Ed Culbreath on Monday nights, starting May 14, from 7-8:30pm at the West Braddock Road Campus Sanctuary. Please sign up at either campus after worship.

Koinonia, our 20s-30s ministry, meets Tuesday, May 15, at 7pm at WBRC. We will gather for dinner, enjoy fellowship with each other, and study God's Word together.

Dads. Daughters. Dancing. Party. Sign up now, dads! APC's father-daughter dance is Friday, May 18 from 7-9pm at the West Braddock Road campus. Sign up at the info booth. \$10 per person covers pizza, snacks, photo booth, and the DJ. Grandfathers or uncles etc are welcome, too, if dad is unavailable. To help out or ask questions, email Justin Prather: justin.prather+apc@gmail.com AND, be sure to email Mike Olree at olree@verizon.net a photo of you and your daughter NLT May 14, for the slideshow.

Newcomers' Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, May 19, 6-8pm. If you've been attending APC for one week or several months, Christian and Christine Brittle invite you to their home, 2707 2nd St. S., Arlington, VA 22204, for food and fellowship. You'll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to Office Manager Sue Edwards at sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org or sign-up after worship.

Rwanda Missions Team Fundraiser on Saturday, May 19, 5-9pm, RRC Fellowship Hall. The Rwanda Missions team will be heading to Rwanda for the first two weeks of August, and are offering babysitting date nights as one of their fundraisers! They will offer dinner and snacks, along with lots of fun games and a movie. If the weather is nice, they will go outside to play. Please bring anything that your children will need to be comfortable. RSVP to Tracy Powell at tracynpowell@yahoo.com, and indicate your children's names and ages. All donations are accepted and appreciated. Future Date Nights: June 23, and July 14 from 5-9pm.

VBS meeting for all volunteers on May 20 from 10:50-11:30am at RRC in Room 104. We will be talking about the final touches for VBS week. If you are considering volunteering, it is not too late, please join us. Everyone does one job the whole time. If you can only help for part of the week, that is fine too.

Congregational Care and Safety Class, May 27, 10:45am (RRC, Room 104). This one-hour class satisfies the training requirement for all those planning to serve in the Children, Youth, and Seniors ministries at APC, including Nursery, Children's Sunday School, Children's Church, VBS, Explorers, PROTAS, Youth Choir, and Seniors ministries. Current volunteers must renew training every three years. If it has been more than three years since your last training, this class will meet the renewal training requirement. Minors, ages 14-17, must attend a group training course with a parent or guardian. Please make other childcare arrangements for children under the age of 14, due to the sensitive nature of the class material.

Inquirer's Class June 1-2 (WBRC). If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, you should attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. The Friday night session is from 6:30-9pm starting with a dinner, and the Saturday session is from 9am-3pm at the West Braddock Road Campus. Please RSVP to Office Manager Sue Edwards at sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org or sign-up on Sunday if you wish to attend, and indicate if you have childcare needs.

Next Baptism is June 17. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please contact Sue Edwards, Office Manager, at sue.edwards@alexandriapres.org.

Giving at a Glance	YTD Giving (July-April)	\$1,462,686
	YTD Budget (July-April)	\$1,570,982
	Difference	\$108,296 (93%)

UPCOMING DATES

Explorers End of Year Water Party	June 3
Prayer Meeting	June 9
Congregational Meeting	June 24
VBS	June 25-29

CORPORATE PRAYER IN 2018

Every Sunday, 8:30am—Chapel (RRC). Praying for our Worship Service.

Second Saturday of the month, 9am—Room 104 (RRC). Praying with our Elders for our church.

Fourth Sunday of the month, 5pm—Chapel (RRC). Praying with our church community.

Intercessory Prayer Team. Contact Pastor Tom Holliday for details.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality	<i>This Week's Coffee Set Up:</i> Deb Wood <i>Next Week's Coffee Set Up:</i> Katy Browne
Nursery	<i>This Week's Church Service:</i> Erin Furgerson, Sarah Lynch <i>Next Week's Church Service:</i> Trena Johnson, Eleanor Nagy

CHILDREN AND TEENS

Children's Church Room 124, during the sermon for children ages 5-7

Sunday school | 10:45-11:45am | Russell Road Campus

Children	0-4, Nursery Wing; 2-3.5yr olds, Room 129; 3.5-4yr olds, Room 126; 5yr olds, Room 114; Grades 1-2, Room 124; Grades 3-5 Boys, Room 115; Grades 3-5 Girls, Room 113
Teens	Jr High 6th-8th and Sr High 9th-12th, 4th Floor
Sunday evening	5-7pm Russell Road Campus
Explorers	children age 5-5th grade, Fellowship Hall
PROTAS	teens 6th-12th grade, 4th Floor

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday school | 10:45-11:45am | Russell Road Campus

Ecclesiastes and the Search for Meaning, *Led by Elder Aaron Renenger and Jeremy Root, Chapel*
Join us as we engage in a study of Ecclesiastes—a book of profound contemporary relevance. Life under the sun is difficult and can at times feel devoid of meaning. We may seek satisfaction in pleasure, in work, in wisdom, in money, and in people only to find that—apart from God—everything seems futile and meaningless. Ecclesiastes presents an honest reckoning with some of life's biggest questions—What is the meaning of life? Why is there suffering and injustice? How should we live in the face of certain death?—and ultimately points the way to a right relationship with God.

Between the Testaments, *Led by Elder Gary McGee, Room 303*

This class will focus on the 500 year period "Between the Testaments." We will concentrate on the political and economic changes that occurred and which formed the crucible of the period in which Jesus lived. We will begin with the return from the Babylonian exile and wrap up with the final great diaspora that followed the complete destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Our exploration will begin with background on the geography, topography and climate of the Holy Land that made this land inviting to both settlers and invaders. From there we will look at the return from exile, the exploits of Alexander the Great, the struggle between the Ptolemies and the Seleucid, the Maccabean uprising and Hasmonean Dynasty, the Roman conquest, the establishment of King Herod and successors, the revolts against Rome and the destruction of Jerusalem. Along the way, we will learn how the Jewish people lived in first century Palestine and what eventually became of them.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Email Distribution List. Periodic e-announcements keep the APC family informed of ministries, events, prayer requests, and classifieds. To subscribe, please contact the church office at admin@alexandriapres.org.

Submission Deadlines. Requests for bulletin and pulpit announcements are due to the office by Tuesday.

Covenant Fellowship Groups (CFG). APC offers a variety of CFGs which meet for study, prayer, fellowship, accountability and growth. A list of locations, times and contact info can be found online or in the CFG brochure at the Information Booth.

Find Us on Facebook. Please visit the APC Facebook page and hit the "Like" button while you're there!

Bulletin on your iPad or Tablet. To receive a PDF of the weekly bulletin, please e-mail Stacey Diack at stacey.diack@alexandriapres.org.

Listserv for APC moms. This is a secure, confidential listserv for APC women. To join, send an e-mail to apcmoms-subscribe@yahoogroups.com, and you'll receive an e-mail invitation to join.

UNCHANGING TRUTH—CHANGING LIVES

APC is a church of sinners. It's that simple. But we are bound together by the Gospel that saves us and transforms us. The transformation is, however, a process. God isn't through with us yet. Everyone in this church is struggling with something. If you are currently struggling with greed, gossip, drugs, alcohol, sexual brokenness, eating disorders, anger, pride, etc—you are not alone. More importantly, God does not intend for you to struggle alone. That's why He made the Church. If you would like to learn how your brothers and sisters at APC might be able to encourage you, pray with you and struggle alongside you, contact Tom Holliday at the church office.

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Alexandria Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of believers, rejoicing in the gospel, transformed by its power, and responding with grateful hearts in service to our God and world. We long to taste the glory of God in such an astonishing way that the city of Alexandria will be drawn to the majesty and mercy of our great God. It is our desire that our worship will serve as an authentic model to our city of the possibilities for transformation of individuals, families and a city encountering the glory and grace of God.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

Parents with young children: a Family Worship Space with video simulcast is available downstairs.

Nursery is available for children ages 5 and under. Please see a greeter or usher for assistance.

Bibles and offering envelopes are available at the Information Booth.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ **prelude** | *Lina Gentry, piano; Chris McGahey, harmonica*

■ **call to worship** | *Elder Ed Culbreath*

Please stand and read responsively. From Isaiah 49:13-16.

Leader: ¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!

**All: For the Lord has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.**

Leader: ¹⁴But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me;
my Lord has forgotten me.”

**All: ¹⁵“Can a woman forget her nursing child,
that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?”**

Leader: Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.

**All: ¹⁶Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.**

■ **song of praise**

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands—Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice—All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord—Who can question any of His words

Who can teach the One who knows all things—Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Behold our God seated on His throne—Come let us adore Him

Behold our King—nothing can compare—Come let us adore Him

Who has felt the nails upon His hand—Bearing all the guilt of sinful man

God eternal humbled to the grave—Jesus Savior risen now to reign

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■ **prayer of adoration** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **scripture reading** | *Pastor Tom and Sharon Holliday*

Psalms 89:1-18

I Will Sing of the Steadfast Love of the Lord

¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

²For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

³You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:

⁴I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.”

⁵Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

⁶For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,

^{7a}a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
and awesome above all who are around him?

⁸O Lord God of hosts,
who is mighty as you are, O Lord,
with your faithfulness all around you?

⁹You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.

¹⁰You crushed Rahab like a carcass;
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

¹¹The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.

¹²The north and the south, you have created them;
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

¹³You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand.

¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

¹⁵Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

¹⁶who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

■ **congregational prayer**

■ **offertory prayer** | *Vicki Wolfe, Operations Manager*

■ **presentation of tithes and offerings** | *Elder Ed and Susan Culbreath*

He’s Always Been Faithful to Me

Morning by morning I wake up to find the power and comfort of God's hand in mine
Season by season I watch Him—amazed—in awe of the mystery of His perfect ways

All I have need of His hand will provide—He's always been faithful to me

I can't remember a trial or a pain—He did not recycle to bring me gain

I can't remember one single regret—in serving God only, and trusting His hand

All I have need of His hand will provide—He's always been faithful to me

Great is Thy faithfulness—Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see—All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy Faithfulness—Lord—unto me

This is my anthem—this is my song—The theme of the stories I've heard for so long

God has been faithful—He will be again—His loving compassion it knows no end

All I have need of His hand will provide

He's always been faithful—He's always been faithful—He's always been faithful to me

*Words and music: Sara Groves, incorporating “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” by Chisholm and Runyan (1923)
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■ **song of worship**

Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts O God—help us to receive

Break the hard and stony ground—help our unbelief

Plant Your Word down deep in us—cause it to bear fruit

Open up our ears to hear—lead us in Your truth

Show us Christ—show us Christ

O God reveal Your glory—Through the preaching of Your Word

Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light—upon our darkened eyes

Guards us through temptations—makes the simple wise

Your Word is food for famished ones—freedom for the slave

Riches for the needy soul—come speak to us today

Where else can we go Lord—Where else can we go

You have the words of eternal life

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*At this time, parents may take their children, ages 2-5, to the Bible class in the toddler room
off of the Fellowship Hall.*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ **sermon scripture reading**

2 Timothy 1:1-7

Greeting

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is
in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Guard the Deposit Entrusted to You

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you
constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I
may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your
grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For
this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying
on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

■ **prayer for illumination**

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“A Mother’s Influence”

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **hymn of response** *(part 1)*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness *verses 1-2*

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TABLE

■ **sacrament of the lord’s supper**

Explanation, Invitation, Participation

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus

Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant

members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders.

The crackers in the dish are gluten free.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ **hymn of response** *(part 2)*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness *verse 3*

■ **benediction**

■ **announcements**