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Touching hearts. Touching the world.

“When you touch Washington D.C.,
you touch the world.”

-The Reverend Richard C. Halverson



Our Story

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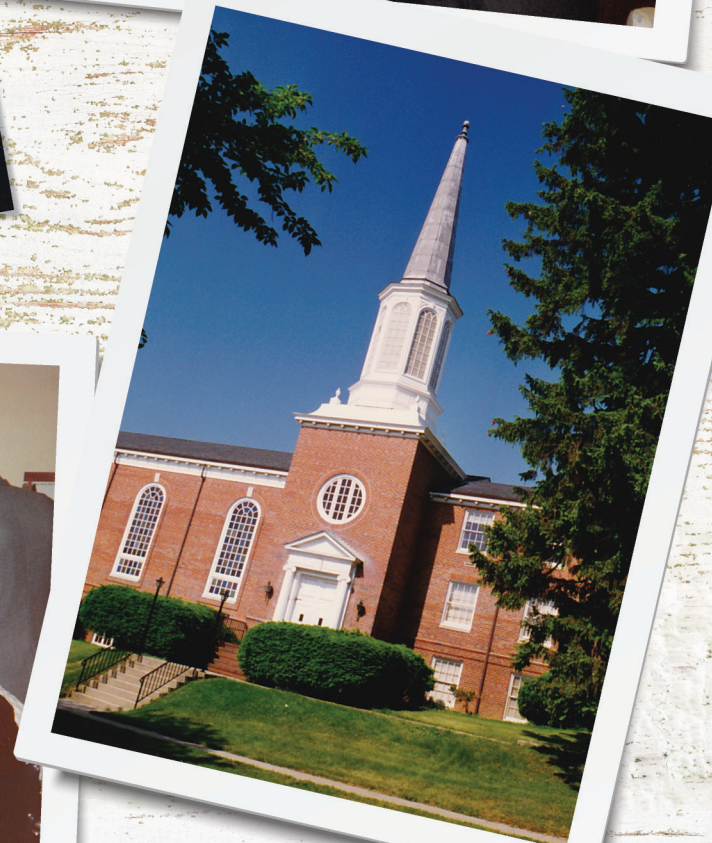
God's purpose for Alexandria Presbyterian Church (APC) sharpens and strengthens with each passing year. For over three decades, He has used our ministry to transform lives through the beauty and truth of His gospel.

This gospel growth and fruit is nourished as we open ourselves in new ways to the Savior who purchased us with His blood and covers us with His love. It thrives for the world to see as we discover – and rediscover – the joy that comes from a God who sings over us with delight.

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Gospel transformation often begins in the tabernacle.

Over the years, God has faithfully provided temporary homes for APC. Our first worship services took place at the Campagna Center in Old Town Alexandria. After seasons of intense prayer, fasting and waiting, God then led us to the Community Praise Church, a Seventh-day Adventist Congregation on Russell Road. Five years later, the cloud moved us to Del Ray Baptist Church, where we have worshipped for the past 21 years. We marveled then, as we do now, at the miraculous hand of God opening doors that seemed not only closed, but bolted shut, time after time.



Shown are the three founders of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Alexandria. From left to right are Robert E. Morrison, Rev. Robert Schoof, and Richard Hills. The church, which currently holds Sunday services in the Alexandria Community YMCA, was established in April.



A New Chapter

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The cloud is moving again. Four years ago, the leaders of Alexandria Bible Church reached out with an invitation to purchase their building and property on West Braddock Road at a considerable discount – about 10% of market value.

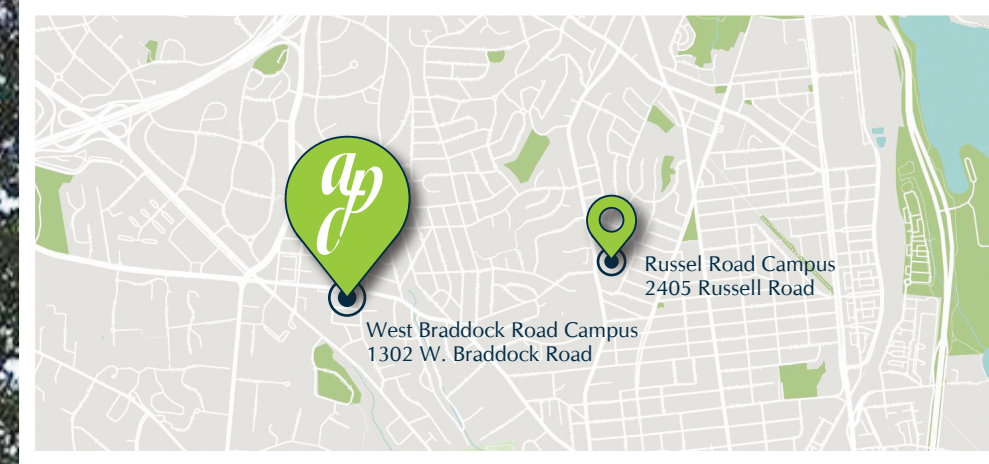
Pastors and elders from both churches began to meet, pray and discuss the possibilities. Soon after, our congregations voted overwhelmingly to proceed, and we moved forward to complete the real estate transaction.

We have seen 293 come to Christ through our ministry.

The new building has allowed us to accommodate our growing needs with the addition of a second Sunday morning service. God's blessing has been evident in the two years we have worshiped at the West Braddock

Road Campus. Situated near a heavily trafficked intersection, the church has already attracted numerous spiritual seekers who have come to Christ and are now part of the APC flock.

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A Call To Give

Our new church will not only be designed to reflect the history and character of Alexandria, it will also be uniquely customized for APC’s ministries, providing a worship sanctuary, rooms to support our Sunday education activities, facilities for our robust youth programs and offices for our staff – a true home for APC.

592 people have taken Sonship since 2012.

We are trusting God to meet our needs for start-up construction expenses. To break ground, we will require substantial gifts and pledges representing a significant

percentage of the building’s projected \$10.5 million cost.

We support 24 missionary families in 11 different countries.

As you consider ways to support this important and exciting endeavor, we ask you to first and foremost pray for God to continue His blessing over our church, particularly as we enter this new chapter in our history. Second, please pray for direction in how to contribute financially.

APC has given over \$5 million to benevolences outside of the Deacon’s Fund.

As you prayerfully consider your gift, we offer the following guidelines:

1 Respond generously, in proportion to God’s blessing and provision.

This will look different for each of us. Paul says that gifts are “acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have,” 2 Corinthians 8:12. Always keep in mind that God is interested in our hearts more than the amount we give. He encourages us to have the heart of the widow, whose story of sacrificial giving is recounted in Mark 12:41-44.

2 View your gift as a sacrifice above and beyond your normal tithe offerings.

One reason we encourage a three-year pledge is to allow the benefit of time to make generous giving possible.

3 Seek a commitment pleasing to God.

To do this, our faith will likely need to be stretched through prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

A few helpful questions to ask:

- Will the amount require me to trust God in new ways? 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
- Does the value reflect my hope of eternal reward more than material things on earth? 1 Timothy 6:19

- Is my offering genuinely sacrificial? 2 Samuel 24:24
- Does my gift mirror my level of thanksgiving for the ways Christ and APC’s ministry have blessed my life and family? Psalms 54:6

4 After making a prayerful commitment, look for and anticipate peace from God that surpasses all understanding.

This can be experienced in a variety of ways – from a confirming word or circumstance, to a general calm sensing of God’s perfect will – as you continue to walk with Him.

We have sponsored and supported more than 60 refugees and asylum seekers, and have been able to reunite five families.

Arise Commitment

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Arise Gift \$ _____

3 year pledge total

I/we plan to give accordingly:

☐ [1] One-time gift of: \$ _____

☐ [3] Annual gifts of: \$ _____

☐ [12] Quarterly gifts of: \$ _____

☐ [36] Monthly gifts of: \$ _____

☐ [156] Weekly gifts of: \$ _____

☐ Other: _____

☐ I/we plan to give 10% or more of our total commitment on First Fruits Sunday

Arise commitments are a statement of intent to give above and beyond our regular tithes/offerings. This commitment can be revised by contacting the Church Office. First Fruits gifts are a part of the 3-year total. If giving by check, please mark “Arise Campaign” in memo field.

The Story Continues...

Our ultimate vision is not for a building, as valuable as that will be. No, the real purpose resides in what our mighty God will accomplish through a church falling more deeply in love with Jesus and the truth of His gospel each day.

Our gospel adventure is far from over. As God's love permeates,

goes deeper within and flows out from us, it shapes not only us, but our friendships, marriages, families, city and world. We wait in eager expectation, knowing God will be faithful to bring more multitudes to our tabernacle who will be equipped and sent forth tomorrow, and in the generations to come.

“In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.”

-Colossians 1:6





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