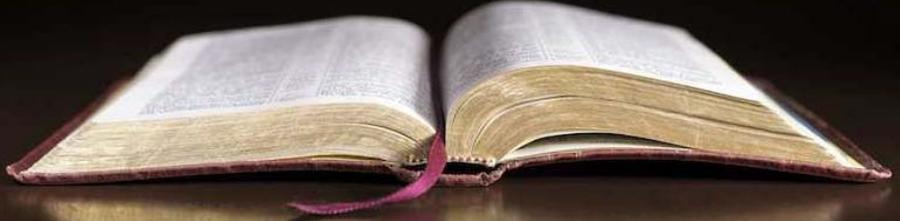




2019 Ordination and Installation of Officers



Congratulations to Our Incoming Officers for 2019!

Elders:

David Furlong*
Rand Huntzinger
Gabor Karafiath
Calvin Troup*
Tom Scibek
Bob Rice

Deacons:

Adam Braun*
Karen DeHaven*
Charles Gettys*
Sandra Huntzinger
Karen Lees
Nils Miller*
Banafsheh Nikpour*
Corey Paterson*

Trustees:

Teri Centner
Mike Parent
Lloyd Rasmussen
Tom Scibek

Treasurer:

Mike Hanlon

*To be ordained

Mark Your Calendars!

TODAY: 11:00 AM—New Sunday School Semester Begins
Jan. 8: 7:15 PM—Session Meeting
Jan. 11: 7:00 PM—Floor Hockey
Jan. 15: 7:00 PM—Deacons Meeting
Feb. 7: 8:30 AM—Men’s Breakfast

New Adult Sunday School Classes Start Today!

The Books of the Hebrew Prophets (Joe Harford) Rankin Hall
Read Through the New Testament Room 204/205
Compass: Hebrews/Comparative Religions (Mike Hanlon) ... Conf. Rm.

See the insert for class descriptions.



TODAY!

As you entered the sanctuary, the ushers handed you an adhesive name tag with the bulletin. We ask that once you’re seated, take a minute to write your name. Then proudly wear your name tag throughout the morning.

If you see someone without a tag, encourage them to participate! Say something like, “What are you hiding?” We’ll have extra tags on the Welcome Table.



Don’t Forget Your 2019 Offering Envelopes!

The offering envelopes for 2019 are available in the Narthex near the elevator. If you do not see a box for you and would like one, please contact our Business Manager, Laura LeBoeuf at busmgr@atonementlife.org.

Dear Atonement Family!

As your church staff, we are so grateful to serve Christ by serving you, his church. The opportunity to serve in itself is a gift as well as a responsibility. It is humbling.

Now, again this past Christmas, you blessed us with Christmas bonuses. How kind of you, and how generous! Thank you so much.

Sincerely, *The Atonement Staff*

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

January 6th through March 10th

11:00 AM

The Books of the Hebrew Prophets Rankin Hall

Taught by Joe Harford

Augustine defined a prophet as “nothing else but the enunciator of the words of God to men”. The history of Israel was intimately tied to the missions of God’s prophets through whom He revealed Himself. Some prophets (e.g., Nathan, Elijah, Elisha, etc.) are mentioned in the Bible, but these men do not have writings as part of our canon. However, between the 8th and 5th centuries before Christ, 16 individuals produced the books of the Hebrew prophets that comprise over 20% of God’s entire written revelation to us. Palmer Robertson in his book *The Christ of the Prophets* describes this body of literature as being “unparalleled in human history.” Similarly, R.E. Clements notes that “...nowhere else from antiquity has there been preserved such a literary collection.” But these books are much more than a unique collection of ancient writings. The seventeen books of the Hebrew prophets are the very words of God written by men “carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet. 1:21). These books were relevant to their contemporary audiences and are also relevant to the Church today. Jesus explicitly taught that the writings of the prophets were about Him (Lk. 24:27). The books of the Old Testament prophets were considered instrumental in composition of the New Testament with Isaiah alone referenced more than 50 times by New Testament writers. In just 11 weeks, we will survey the 17 books of the Hebrew prophets using Robertson’s *Christ of the Prophets* as a primary reference. It will be a whirlwind tour. The goal of the course will be to enhance our appreciation for this portion of the Bible. We will explore how individual books and the collective writings point us to Christ. As someone might have said to the prophet Elijah just before he himself was taken up in a whirlwind, “You may want to hold on to that hat.

Reading Through the New Testament..... Room 204/205

You are cordially invited to attend a new Sunday School course “Reading Through the New Testament” beginning January 6th sponsored by the Atonement Youth Ministry. The goal of this combined youth and adult class is to foster regular habits of Bible reading and prayer with the students. In particular, we would urge parents of Middle School and High School students to join with us and commit to reading scripture throughout the



Adult Sunday School Class Descriptions, continued

Reading Through the New Testament (continued)

the week. The goal is to assist families in engaging with the Word and discussing what they learn. However, this is not just for youth and their parents! If you are an adult and want to begin new Bible study habits or encourage and be encouraged by youth in your Bible reading, you are more than welcome to attend as well. The more people devoting themselves to the Word together the more enriching the outcome. During the class time we will discuss the readings from the week, and hear a short devotional lesson on a passage facilitated by a class leader or student. We will also read that day's scripture and share thoughts on that as well. At the end of every meeting we will take time to pray together and for one another. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bruce Robison, Seth Philbrick, or James Key and we will be happy to give you more detail.

Compass: Hebrews and Comparative Religions Conference Room

Taught by Mike Hanlon

Compass is geared towards young adults (18 – 36), single or married, kids or no kids, but we frequently have folks from all age ranges and **all are welcome**. Classes are geared to be highly interactive, with lots of participation, questions, and pursuit of the implications of what we are studying from the group. We are exploring the challenges of being a Christian in a time when much of our country is hostile to anything beyond superficial faith. Currently, we are spending a last few weeks finishing up a study in **Hebrews**, exploring how the new covenant is superior to the old covenant, how Jesus is the ultimate High Priest and how all of this was foreshadowed in the Old Testament. Hebrews is a powerful look at how to understand the Old Testament in light of the New Testament and vice versa. After that, we will begin a new study, exploring the **Major Religions of the World**, how they differ from Christianity, and how to have fruitful interactions with those of other faiths.

Campus Revitalization 2020



Campus Revitalization 2020 Update!

In September 2018, the Renovation Task Force (RTF) presented the Campus Revitalization 2020 plan and budget to the congregation and the members of Atonement voted to approve the launching of the Campus Revitalization 2020 Fund to collect \$400,000 to be used over the next several years to remodel, refresh, and update our campus.

To date, \$127,000 in pledges/donations have been received from 33 people/families at Atonement! If you have not already submitted your donation or pledge, please prayerfully consider what your financial commitment will be for this project. We cannot proceed with the revitalization of our campus without the prayers and financial support of the members of Atonement...that's YOU!

More information and pledge cards are available in the narthex. Questions? Ask or email Alta Wallington, altawallington@gmail.com

UPDATED ATONEMENT DIRECTORY AVAILABLE TODAY!

In this updated version of the Atonement Directory, we have retained the photos taken two years ago (in smaller form), and made all the additions, subtractions, and changes necessary and now it is ready for you to pick up.

Jim Rohrer will be at a table in the Narthex this Sunday after church. There you can get your copy (one per family, please). More copies will be available on Sunday, January 6th.

Thank you to everyone who filled out forms (online and in person), emailed, called, and otherwise let us know their current contact information.

Happy New Year!

*"Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day."*

—Psalm 96:1-2

Nursery Schedule for January 6: 9:30 AM

Infants: Josh Bascom, Jean Bascom, Karen DeHaven, Sandra Huntzinger
2 - 4's: Randall Spadoni, Janet Hackman, Kristin Rundell, Evan Wearne

Nursery Schedule for January 13: 9:30 AM

Infants: David Furlong, Nate & Amy Kenney, Adam/Leah Braun
2 - 4's: Anita Lipscomb, Banafshe Nikpour, Jaleh Anissi, Volunteer Needed

Children & Families

The Children's Library is Open!



Here are the hours when librarians are available to help you:

- ★ Sundays 8:30-9:20 a.m.; noon-12:30 p.m.
- ★ 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Atonement members, you are welcome to use the library outside these hours. Please ring the doorbell at the new main entrance (lower narthex) to be let into the building between 11 and 4:30 Monday through Friday. Then sign in on the clipboard in the library. Enjoy!



Atonement Baby/Tots Club (ABC)! ABC meets on the first and third THURSDAYS of each month at 10:00 AM. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, January 17th. You and your baby/tot don't want to miss this fun time.

Upcoming Youth Events

TODAY: 4-8 PM—Youth Christmas Party (see Seth's email for details)

Jan. 13: 5 PM—Hang Time

Jan. 18-20: Ski Retreat

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