

# SERMON NOTES

“Staying Connected” – Ephesians 1:15-23  
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Alton Reformed Church

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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**Live Stream**

- Go to church website, click Worship tab, click Live Stream

**Local channels to view service :**

- See Prayer Line for Local Channel listings

## WELCOME to ALTON REFORMED CHURCH

We are glad you have joined us for worship today!

Please help yourself to some coffee before or after worship.  
Nursery is available on our lower level for children ages 3 and younger. Children worship bags and bulletins are available outside the sanctuary.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*"This Is Our God"*

**Welcome**

*"Freedom"*

*"Who You Say I Am"*

**Prayer**

*"His Glory And My Good"*

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:15-23

**Sermon:** "Staying Connected"

*Special Music: "The Truth"*

**Benediction**

*Doxology*

### GIVING

- Place your offering in the wooden boxes by the doors as you exit the sanctuary.
- Text: 712-248-4898 - First time givers text the word 'give' to get started.  
Type the dollar amount you wish to give.
- Online at [www.altonreformedchurch.com/give](http://www.altonreformedchurch.com/give)
- Scan the provided QR code



## THIS WEEK AT ARC

### Sunday, January 11

- 9:30 a.m. - Worship
- 10:45 a.m. - Cross Training
- 5:00 p.m. - MSYG
- 6:30 p.m. - HSYG

### Wednesday, January 14

- 5:45 p.m. - LOGOS
- 7:20 p.m. - Praise Team Practice

### Saturday, January 17

- 9:00 a.m. - AA Meetings

## CONNECT WITH US

Visit our website [www.altonreformedchurch.com](http://www.altonreformedchurch.com) or find us on Facebook! If you are a visiting guest or have new contact information, please use the provided QR code to let us know how to keep in touch!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sermon Series - Identity

There are many things in life that shape and identify us. Facial features, fingerprints, family, life experiences, and unexpected events help provide our identity. However, they don't tell the whole story. As we travel through the book of Ephesians, we will examine what the Bible says about our identity in Christ, in the church, and in the world.



### Church Directory

We are preparing our 2026 Church Directory. Please check the sample directory by the mailboxes to make sure we have your contact information correct, as well as spelling for all family members. If you do not see your name listed but would like to be included in the directory, please add your information on the blank sheet at the back of the directory. If you would like to submit a new picture, please send it to Pastor Scott at [scottarc@midlands.net](mailto:scottarc@midlands.net).

### Why We Need the Bible?

The Bible is a wonderful book filled with poetry, historical events, exciting narratives, and stories from the life of Jesus. But because it is an ancient text, it can also be intimidating and confusing. Its complexity makes many people wonder if we even need the Bible—can't we experience God without it? Join our Adult Cross Training beginning next *Sunday, January 18*, for a six week series that unpacks the value and importance of the Bible for everyday believers. In this series, we will learn about what the Bible is, how God communicates with us through it, and why we should read it.

### Easter Sunday Morning Choir + Musicians

It was just Christmas, you say? You are correct, but in the world of worship planning, Easter is just around the corner. If you have interest in singing with the Easter Choir or playing an instrument, talk to or email Cara Visser at [altonreformedworship@gmail.com](mailto:altonreformedworship@gmail.com).