

Happy New Year

***“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord.
“Plans to prosper you and not to harm you.
Plans to give you hope and a future.”***

Andover Christian Church

December 30, 2018

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *by Jim Conner*

WORSHIP

COMMUNION *by Joe Schmidt*

OFFERING

“WILL 2019 BE BETTER THAN 2018?”

Message by Dr. Jim Conner, Senior Minister

CLOSING *by David Miller*

GUESTS

To find out more about ACC, stop by the information center in the foyer or fill out a Connections Card in the bulletin and we will contact you.

NURSERY

We have a Nursery, staffed by adults to care for your baby or help you with any needs you might have. Kids' programs run concurrently with Adult worship. See the Kids' section for more details.

COMMUNION

Anyone who has claimed Jesus as their Savior is welcome to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. You may partake immediately or take the bread and juice and, after passing the tray, partake when you are ready.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 Offices will be closed
- Jan. 1
- Jan. 7 Fishing Rod Class Starts
- Jan. 9 Supper & Study Resumes
An Evening of Prayer
- Jan. 13 Liberia Trip Update
- Jan. 15 Ladies/White Gloves Event
Bloodmobile Here
- Jan. 18 Family Movie Night
- Jan. 20 Small Groups Begin

SUNDAY MORNING

- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 10:30 AM Preschool Worship
- 10:30 AM Grade School Worship

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

We will resume Supper
& Study again on
Wednesday, January 9.

CONNECT WITH ACC

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iCONNECT

ACC's Online Community
(Calendar / Register for Events /
Directory & Donations)
<https://andovercc.ccbchurch.com>

ANDOVERCC.ORG

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO ON ALL EVENTS



YOUTH

Mark Your Calendars

SNOFEAST is coming! The dates are **February 8—9**, in Kimball. This event is for all Jr. & Sr. Highers. The speaker for the weekend is Brent Stromme and Crown College's Keldon Ellis will be leading worship with his band. More details will come soon! For now, reserve the dates on your calendar for this fun, fun weekend!



Offices Closed

In order for our staff to celebrate the New Year with their families, our church offices will be closed Monday & Tuesday this week.

End of the Year Giving

To be considered a charitable donation for 2018, **your contribution must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2018.** If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Howe in the church office.

Electronic Sermon Notes

Through the YouVersion BIBLE app (Apple or Android) the sermon notes are available along with links, images, surveys.

“Will 2019 Be Better Than 2018?”



KIDS

Sunday Morning Kids

These programs run concurrently with Adult Worship:

NURSERY: Our nursery is available for infants up through age 2. A loving, caring staff can help you with your baby's needs.

JAM: Age appropriate worship & Bible teaching for 3 yrs. old through Kindergarten. Meets in room 108.

ROCK SOLID: 1st—5th Graders will begin their program in the fellowship hall immediately following Sunday School.

Parents be sure to pick up your children from our programs immediately following the worship hour.

Wednesday Night Kids

We'll be taking a break from our Wednesday Night programs for the Holiday season. We will resume on January 9.

Family Movie Night

Families are invited to join us for Family Movie Night on **Friday, January 18 at 6:30 PM.** We'll be up in the youth room watching the movie “The Good Dinosaur.” Free admission, popcorn and lemonade! Invite friends. Wear your warmest jammies and bring your favorite blankets. Snuggle up for a fun family night at the movies!



Online Giving Is Available Using iCONNECT

Cookie Reception for Madi

Madi Fiebranz has let us know that due to her school load, she will not be able to continue as our Assistant Youth Minister next semester. We will be hosting a cookie reception for her in the café following worship today. Everyone is invited to stay.

Check Your Mailbox

The mailboxes outside of the office are getting filled with a lot of notes and greetings. Be sure to check your mailbox each week.

A Week of Prayer

We have designated January 6—13 as a week of prayer here at ACC. Joe Schmidt, our Associate Minister, will be preaching two sermons on prayer and we will have an evening devoted to prayer and worship for adults on Wednesday, January 9. Plan to join us!

Build Your Own Fishing Rod Class

Beginning January 7 (and every Monday night through March), John Nordquist will be offering a “Build Your Own Fishing Rod” class here at ACC. If you are interested, please talk to John or mark your Connections Card and we’ll get you in touch with him. Materials need to be purchased ahead of time, so it’s important for us to know you plan on attending.

Liberia Trip Report

Adolphus, Jerry & Marilyn will give us a report on their recent mission trip to Lighthouse Orphanage in Liberia on Sunday, January 13 during the Sunday School hour.

Small Groups to Begin

Good news! Small group home Bible studies will begin the week of January 20. More information to come!

Christmas Eve Offering

For our Christmas Eve offering this year, we collected money to give to Compassion International. The funds we donated will buy animals for villages where just finding enough food to eat is a daily struggle.

THANK YOU for your very generous donations of...

\$6,513.02

That buys a LOT of chickens, cows, pigs and goats for those in need!



Donations for Schools

We’re accepting donations of warm, sturdy gloves and knit stocking caps for kids at Madison & Adams Elementary Schools. We also have a bin for donations of granola bars, or other snack bars, new or used snow pants (children’s size 6-12) and snow boots (size 12 children’s—6 adults). Donations can be left in the bins across from the office.

LADIES

Ladies Who Wore White Gloves

If you are a lady that remembers wearing white gloves to weddings, church and other fancy events, this this group is for you. We’ll meet on **January 15, at 10:00 - 11:30 AM** in the cafe at church. We will have time to socialize, enjoy treats, think on devotional thoughts and pray. We meet every other Tuesday throughout the year.

Connect & Grow in 2019

Sunday Mornings — 9:30 AM

Standard Lesson Class

This course systematically covers the entire Bible in a six-year cycle. If you would like to get a good grasp on the story of the Bible and how it applies to your life, then this class is for you. Our focus this quarter will be looking at what Jesus called “the first and greatest commandment,” — to love God. We’ll draw from both the Old and New Testaments to learn what it is about God that makes Him worthy of our love.

George Cornell, David Bruess & Jerry Wacker, Teachers

Journeys Class

Heaven — what is it? Where is it? And why should I want to think about it? This quarter, the Journeys class will take a look at heaven. Although heaven cannot adequately be described using earthly words, we will do our best to answer your questions. We’ll look at questions like: Will heaven last forever? Who will be there? What about purgatory? Will I be bored in heaven? What kind of body will I have in heaven? Will I be able to recognize my loved ones in heaven? Will my dog be in heaven? Okay — maybe we won’t answer that last one, but we’ll answer enough of your questions and hopefully give you a good enough vision of heaven that you will actually get excited about the prospect of going there when this life is over.

Mark LaPlaca & Brent Adams, Teachers

Women’s Study: *Job* by Lisa Harper

Pain and hardship are inevitable and we can’t avoid it, but as we look at Job and his plight, we will see in the midst of his darkness that light peeled through, hope stayed the course and unlikely joy emerged. We will see that God sees you in your hardships and welcomes your difficult questions. This is a DVD driven study with study guides available at your favorite on-line retailer.

Cathy Groen, Teacher

Foundations Class

Foundations is a brand new Sunday school class that teaches the basics of what the Bible says about what a Christian should believe and how a Christian should act. For fifteen weeks, we will consider questions like:

- Who is God & how can I get to know Him?
- Does God really care about me?
- What does God expect from me?
- What should I do about the poor and injustice in the world?
- What happens after this world ends?

You might ask: Is this class for me? If you are new to ACC or just wondering what Christianity is all about, this class is for you. If you’ve been a Christian for a while and you want to grow deeper in your understanding of the Bible, this class is for you. We will meet in Room #103 **beginning January 20.**

Joe Schmidt, Teacher

Connect & Grow in 2019

Wednesday Nights — 6:30 PM

Revelation

For many of us, when we look at the New Testament, we start with the Gospels. They're like old familiar friends. We also know the stories of Jesus along with Acts and the Epistles. But when we look at the book of Revelation it's like the spooky house down the street that no one wants to get near. We don't know who lives there and it scares us. In this class, we will knock on the door of the book of Revelation and get to know the people who live there. We won't do an in depth verse-by-verse study, but after this class is over, you will no longer fear this book.

David Miller, Teacher

Women's Study: Elijah — Spiritual Stamina in Every Season

Life is like a roller coaster. One day everything seems good and the next day everything can be falling apart. We need spiritual stamina in order to keep going through all the ups and downs. Elijah did too. In this DVD led study by Melissa Spoelstra, we'll learn some of the spiritual stamina secrets that helped Elijah to hold on and persevere in faith, including habits related to prayer, choices, soul care, surrender, mentoring and leaving a lasting legacy.

Rhonda Jensen, Teacher

Men's Group: Following Jesus in the Mess of Life

We will continue our study from Knights of the 21st Century. The group will look at the practical situations we, as men, face in life -- and how to handle them. Most of life doesn't feel very "spiritual." So how do we live in ways that Jesus would applaud while we are still living in this crazy world?

Joe Schmidt, Randy Lewis & Rick Lund, Teachers

Being Salt & Light in Our Post-Christian Culture

More and more people around us today have a negative impression of Christians. They no longer see church as a good thing. What do we do? Jesus told us to GO to these very people with the Gospel!

This class is going to use several books as the basis for a discussion about how we as Christians can relate to our world when the world seems less than interested. The course will begin with a look at what it means to live in a Post-Christian Culture. Then we'll talk about how we respond. First book: Meet Generation Z, by James Emery White.

Jim Conner, Teacher

