



Welcome

Welcome to the Ann Arbor Church of Christ! We are so glad God brought you to us today and it's our prayer that He will use us to bring you even closer to Him.

During our Sunday morning worship hour we offer a Bible-based worship program for children ages 3 through 1st Grade, and 2nd-4th Grade. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper. There is also a cry room for training small children in the back of the auditorium where you and your children can still see and hear the service.

If you would like to know more about us, our services, or our ministries, one of our shepherds or ministers will be happy to talk with you. We would love to help you in any way we can!

Our Shepherds:

Terry Dalrymple 769-7367
 Jon Keith 747-6827
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 Jim Mattocks 433-0217



Upcoming Events

2/22-28	"New Life" Groups
3/4	Feed the Flock

This Week's Church Billboard

**"As a child of God,
 prayer is kind of
 like calling home
 every day."**

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www.AnnArborChurchOfChrist.com

An Interview with Rick Warren

The following is a short interview with Rick Warren, author of 'Purpose Driven Life' and pastor of Saddleback Church in California. In the interview by Paul Bradshaw, Rick said:

People ask me, What is the purpose of life? And I respond: In a nutshell, life is preparation for eternity. We were not made to last forever, and God wants us to be with Him in Heaven. One day my heart is going to stop, and that will be the end of my body-- but not the end of me. I may live 60 to 100 years on earth, but I am going to spend trillions of years in eternity. This is the warm-up act - the dress rehearsal. God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity.

We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life isn't going to make sense. Life is a series of problems: Either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into an other one. The reason for this is that God is more interested in your character than your comfort. God is more interested in making your life holy than He is in making your life happy.

We can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life. The goal is to grow in character, in Christ likeness. This past year has been the greatest year of my life but also the toughest, with my wife, Kay, getting cancer. I used to think that life was hills and valleys - you go through a dark time, then you go to the mountaintop, back and forth. I don't believe that anymore. Rather than life being hills and valleys, I believe that it's kind of like two rails on a railroad track, and at all times you have something good and something bad in your life. No matter how good things are in your life, there is always something bad that needs to be worked on. And no matter how bad things are in your life, there is always something good you can thank God for.

You can focus on your purposes, or you can focus on your problems. If you focus on your problems, you're going into self-centeredness, 'which is my problem, my issues, my pain.' But one of the easiest ways to get rid of pain is to get your focus off yourself and onto God and others. We discovered quickly that in spite of the prayers of hundreds of thousands of people, God was not going to heal Kay or make it easy for her. It has been very difficult for her, and yet God has strengthened her

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News & Notes

Thank You

To our dear church family,

Thank you so much for all the caring support you gave us during the loss of Rich's mom. The calls, cards, flowers, visits and offers of help were such an encouragement to us. It was a beautiful example of Christian love – “ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love” Rom.12:10, and ‘... they may see your good deeds and glorify God” 1Pet.2:12. These are the greatest commandments!

In Christ's Love,
The Straders

Food and Drink Policy

For those of you who enjoy bringing a cup of coffee or hot chocolate into our auditorium, we would like to ask that you please use one of the plastic lids available in the Fellowship room. This will help prevent the inevitable spills and stains that occur when cups are accidentally knocked over. Also, please remember that food is not allowed in the auditorium, so please finish your snacks before you come in and sit down.



Thank You!

English Conversation Night

I wish you all could have been with me on Tuesday night for our English Conversation Night. We used the Shelter 7 room this time, so small groups of one or two members of our church were partnered with one of the English students on sofas all over the room. They spent the first half of the hour getting acquainted, showing home towns on maps, asking how someone from Thailand or ? landed in Ann Arbor, etc. Then we had some coffee and cake, then the Christians helped their partners read a story from a children's Bible story book with pictures that I had copied. Then they helped them find this story in a Bible and they read it together and talked about what this scripture means to them.

As I walked around the room and listened to the excited, happy voices, I had a feeling of God there. I had felt nervous driving to work that morning



and prayed about it. I asked God to remind me that this was all on Him, not me, and I asked Him to just do His thing, and He really did.

Everything came together so beautifully. Terry happened to get off work early, so the two students who I couldn't find rides for were picked up (by him and Brendon who has a navigational device thing, yay). The only beginning student was Lourdes, who speaks Spanish, and Suzell, who is bi-lingual, was her partner.

So a wonderful passage from His word was shared with neighbors who'd never heard it before and were grateful to have this chance. Praise God! He was at work in our church last night in an obvious way. Please continue to pray for all our international neighbors with whom we're sharing God's word.

-Deb Cale

Community Outreach

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Community Outreach events.

March 17 Ronald McDonald House:

April 25 Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April) is a national organization dedicated to providing low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners FREE home repairs using volunteer services. We will all work together at one house. For more information: <http://www.rebuildingtogetherwashtenaw.org/> Check out pictures from last year: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/a2outreach/sets/72157605078651642/>

Email me if you have any questions.

~ Michael (michael@boyd5.com)

Nursery Help Needed!

I need quite a few more people to pull off the Spring-Summer roster to help take care of the babies during our morning worship service. The sign-up sheet is posted outside the nursery. Please add your name to the list if you're interested, or email me at first.equity@hughes.net. Thanks a bunch ~ Trudy



Worship Guide

“Understanding Grace”

#63	“I Will Call Upon the Lord”
#111	“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
Karen McConnell	Welcome
Mike Kinard	Prayer
#C6	“Shine on Us”
Terry Dalrymple	Communion & Offering
#C18	“Wonderful Merciful Savior”
Kelli Glenn	Scripture Reading: Romans 1:1-5
Lance Perry	Sermon
#129	“Amazing Grace”

Song Leader: Bryan Jobe

“And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”
 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Sunday Morning Servants

	February 22	March 1
Greeting	Karen McConnell	
Scripture Reading	Kelli Glenn	
Morning Prayer	Mike Kinard	
Communion Prayer:	Terry Dalrymple	

Communion Servers for the Month of February:

Jack Osinski*
 Dakota Canty
 John Ogar
 Mike Glenn
 Rob Fagerlund
 Eric Cober



*Denotes Lead server who is responsible for making sure other servers are ready to go each week during the month.

2009 Golf League

By the wonderful grace of God, it is time to start thinking about our 2009 Golf League. We will be playing at Leslie Park again this year and more than likely on Thursday nights between 5:30-6:00p. Prices are the same as last year which was \$16/week for 16 weeks. Cart rental (not required) is not included and must be paid on a weekly basis. First week of play will be either April 23 or April 30. I have to have at least half of the total payment turned in by April 17th and the balance by May 14th.

The league is for guys and gals regardless of skill level...the only condition for “new” golfers is that you are cognizant of pace of play. We will be keeping track of scores and handicaps this year for those ultra-competitive people who like to demonstrate just how good they think they are (you know who you are J). Subs will also be tracked very closely. In the event someone is unable to play on a given week, we can use subs, but they must be able to identify the exact person they are playing for...we can't just have people show up hoping they can sub like we have in the past.

If you are interested in paying for/playing a half season, we may be able to accommodate this like last year. You may even be able to split with someone and alternate weeks. If this is something you are interested in, just let me know.

What I need to know from you:

- 1) Are you interested in playing this year? (if speaking for family, how many in your family will be playing?)
- 2) Full season or half?
- 3) Would you prefer a 16 or 20 week duration?

Please send responses to bryan.jobe@comcast.com or call me at (734) 657-3071 as soon as possible...the quicker I get this information turned in the more likely we are to get our preference of league night and time.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
 Bryan



Lobby Greeters

2/22 Lon Pinhey, Tom Luckett
 3/01 Amy Jo Perry, Deb Cale, Tricia Price
 3/08 Brian & Emily Jobe, Bria Parker

Attended Nursery

2/22 Chloe Corley, Brittany Brugh, Trudy Kinard
 3/01 Justin Lambert, Jake Perry, Anne Ledbetter
 3/08 Kelli Marra, Paula Dalrymple

Please Staff Nursery at the **Start of Worship**

Service Times

Sunday:

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 a.m.
 Praise & Worship 10:30 a.m.
 (Nursery & Children's Program available)

Wednesdays:

(Changes from week to week)

This Week - Life Groups

Tuesday - Ladies' Class 9:30 a.m.

Family Report

Sunday Giving (02/15) \$3,461
 Weekly Budget \$3,750

Life Groups

Life Groups meet
 On Sunday afternoons,
 Sunday evenings and at other
 times during the week.



Interested members meet together in homes throughout the area for Bible study and discussion. The relaxed and casual environment of these small groups encourages a closer and more personal relationship with each other.

If you would be interested in joining a Life Group, please talk to any of our shepherds, ministers or group leaders and they will help you find the group most convenient to you.

Our Deacons

Michael Boyd <i>Community Outreach</i>	Bryan Jobe <i>Worship</i>
Tim Bradburn <i>5th-8th Grade Educ.</i>	Joe Schulz <i>Building & Grounds</i>
Randy Hoffman <i>Building & Grounds</i>	

Our Ministers

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Prayers

Randy Hoffman - Pray for Randy and his family as he begins a new job search.

Eddie Dutkiewicz - Please pray that Eddie's knee will improve and that he will be able to come back and worship with us.

Kerry Boyd has asked that we all pray for **Hunter Weaver**, a local 13-year-old Saline 8th grader who has a brain tumor. The form of cancer he has is common but aggressive and prone to reappear. He has had surgery, radiation, and is currently in the middle of a course of chemotherapy.

Susan, Michael Boyd's younger sister as she continues to recover from a recent stroke.

Peter Elias - Pray for safe travel as Peter travels home from Guyana after attending his niece's wedding.

Petrea Cober - Please pray for a healthy pregnancy.

Rick Warren Interview continued...

character, given her a ministry of helping other people, given her a testimony, drawn her closer to Him and to people.

You have to learn to deal with both the good and the bad of life. Actually, sometimes learning to deal with the good is harder. For instance, this past year, all of a sudden, when the book sold 15 million copies, it made me instantly very wealthy. It also brought a lot of notoriety that I had never had to deal with before. I don't think God gives you money or notoriety for your own ego or for you to live a life of ease.

So I began to ask God what He wanted me to do with this money, notoriety and influence. He gave me two different passages that helped me decide what to do, II Corinthians 9 and Psalm 72. First, in spite of all the money coming in, we would not change our life-style one bit. We made no major purchases. Second, about mid-way through last year, I stopped taking a salary from the church. Third, we set up foundations to fund an initiative we call The Peace Plan to plant churches, equip leaders, assist the poor, care for the sick, and educate the next generation. Fourth, I added up all that the church had paid me in the 24 years since I started the church, and I gave it all back. It was liberating to be able to serve God for free.

We need to ask ourselves: Am I going to live for possessions? Popularity? Am I going to be driven by pressures? Guilt? Bitterness? Materialism? Or am I going to be driven by God's purposes (for my life)? When I get up in the morning, I sit on the side of my bed and say, God, if I don't get anything else done today, I want to know You more and love You better. God didn't put me on earth just to fulfill a to-do list. He's more interested in what I am than what I do.

That's why we're called human beings, not human doings.