



Ann Arbor church of Christ
Neighborhood Church

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

Sept 2	Feed the Flock

This Week's Church Billboard

"Church: You're never too bad to come in, and you're never too good to stay out."

Visit us on the web at:

www.AnnArborChurchOfChrist.com

Ideal Church

By Deb Cale

Jim asked me to tell him in an email what direction I thought our church should be headed in and what it would look like when we got there. Some scriptures come to mind, some that are general about overall living, the mindset of an individual Christian, the thing that determines how we spend our time and how we think all through our days, our level of faith I guess, and that is what becomes the character of a church as a whole and would be seen in our worship and service:

Col 3:1	Phil 2:2-7
Col 3:16-17	Romans 12:1
Mt 6:33	James 2:13b
Mt 22:37-40	James 5:16

To be a thriving, spiritually strong and energetic, growing church, we members as individuals have to "set [our] minds on things above." We all have to live in this mind-blowing society, where we are constantly bombarded with demands and new information and temptations, and somehow maintain a spiritual focus.

How do we do that?

I guess that's the big question. How can we be "transformed" when there are so many demands on us and we get tired and depressed and drained by life?

Romans 12 says, "by the renewing of your mind," which I picture as happening each morning. You get up and renew your mind, you flush it out of all the worldly thinking that's seeped into you on the day before and you adjust your focus onto what's important and real. People need to be spiritually disciplined before this is gonna happen. We all need daily habits that we commit to, prayer, scripture, maybe even meditation.

For a lot of us, what we look like now when we come together are people whose faith is hanging on by a thread (I'm guilty!), people who are so overwhelmed by the demands of life, that we stagger into church and just sort of sit there passively, hoping somebody throws us a bone. We're stuck in whatever daily routines we have either chosen or evolved into at some point and just try to survive. A lot of us are tired. Look at how many can't seem to make it to the classes at 9:30, something that could nourish and increase faith and focus. Lots of our members barely make it to the sermon. They come, but just enough to say they did, maybe to keep their consciences from being too rough on them that week.

What would our church look like if every member put

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News & Notes

Feed the Flock

Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30pm

Our next Feed the Flock get-together is coming up this Wednesday, September 2, beginning at 6:30 pm here at the building. We're planning on having pizza and salad, at a cost of \$3 per person (if you're able!). Be sure to sign up at the table in the lobby if you'll be eating with us, so we know how much food to order. There is also a sign up sheet for pop and dessert if you might be willing to help us or as an alternative to paying the \$3 per person. We want everyone to join us, so even if you can't contribute, please let us know that you're coming and we'll take care of you!



As many of us settle back into a regular schedule with the start of the school year, it's an opportune time to consider joining a Life Group or recommit to the one of which you are already a member. There will be tables with information about each of the Life Groups along with times, dates and maps to the locations.

Please be sure to sign up even if you plan on continuing in your current group - it will help us to know how many are participating in this program. There will also be a sign up Sunday morning September the 6th. If for some reason you are unable to be available at either time, let an elder or one of the Life Group leaders know your intentions.

New Life Group & Sunday Evening Service

Terry and Paula Dalrymple will be offering a new Life Group that will meet in the fellowship hall at 6pm on Sundays. We will be sharing a simple meal, singing a couple of songs, offering communion and having a Bible study.

This will serve two purposes, a Life Group environment and the opportunity to those who cannot or were unable to attend Sunday morning service to be able to join us in order to partake of communion and have fellowship with other Christians.

Be sure to check out all of our Life Groups at our upcoming Feed the Flock and consider getting involved with one of our Groups!

Football Parking Volunteers Needed

It's that time of year again! Our Football Parking program begins in just one week, and we're looking for volunteers to help with the first game on September 5. We also need folks to sign up for the other (7) home games. Remember, the money we make from our Football Parking program goes towards community outreach and benevolence projects throughout the year. Wanna help? Talk to Michael Boyd as soon as possible!



Rejoice!

We are so happy to share with you the baptism of Jennifer Ranney, friend of Jimmy Mattocks, on August 16th here at the building! Our Shepherd Jim Mattocks did the honors, and we are all so happy that Jennifer has put on Christ!



We all wish you many blessings!

Sunday Morning

August 30, 2009

Worship Guide



Family
Announcements

"Good or Bad" 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

- #957 "This World Is Not My Home"
- Deb Cale Welcome
- #C16 "Light the Fire"
- #794 "Unto Thee, O Lord"
- Darryl Canty Prayer
- Karen McConnell Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- #269 "Thomas' Song"
- Ted Ledbetter Communion & Offering
- #833 "I Want To Be Where You Are"
- Lance Perry Sermon
- #429 "O To Be Like Thee"

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

	August 30	September 6
Welcome	Deb Cale	Lance Perry
Scripture Reading	Karen McConnell	
Morning Prayer	Darryl Canty	
Communion Prayer:	Ted Ledbetter	

Communion Servers for the Month of August:
Randy Hoffman*
 Mike Glenn
 Ben Stroud
 Qunal Jackson
 Jay Lambert
 Rob Fagerlund
 Dakota Canty



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

Pantry Item Collection August: Tall Kitchen Trash Bags



(13 gallon bags, please)

Thank You!

Food and Drink Policy

Please remember to be very careful with drinks in the auditorium, and be sure to dispose of empty cups when you leave. The Hope Church has discovered half full, still warm coffee cups under the pews before their service at 2 pm, which is of concern to them.

Also, please remember that food is not allowed in the auditorium, so please finish your snacks before you come in and sit down. Thanks!

Memory Book

Help us say goodbye to the Perrys and wish them well in their new home!



We are making a memory book for the Perry family. We would like everyone in the congregation to make a scrapbook page. You can use photos, scriptures, artwork, stickers, mementos, whatever, to express your thanks and love to Lance, Amy Jo, Jake and Tucker. See Char Luttrell for a scrapbook page and please return it to her by **next Sunday, September 6**. Thanks!

Sunday Morning Snacks

We're looking for a few generous volunteers to help us with our Sunday morning snack tray by bringing items for the snack pantry. If you'd like to help, please bring a package or two of ready made cookies or snacks that can safely be stored in the pantry for a number of weeks. You can give your donations to either Mary Gailbreath or Char Luttrell.



Thank you!

Lobby Greeters

8/30 Billie Haske, Wendy Romans
 9/06 Lon Pinhey, Tom Luckett
 9/13 Deb Cale, Tricia Price

Attended Nursery

8/30
 9/06 Kristina Graham, Emily Luckett, Augusta Simmons
 9/13 Suzel Diego, Kelli Rupard
 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 - Feed the Flock

Family Report

Sunday Giving (08/23)	\$2,743
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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Ideal Church continued

the kingdom FIRST? If every one of us lived as if we really believe that "our citizenship is in heaven"? (Phil 3:20) We would be there at 9:20, we would be prepared to participate in class, we would not be talking about golf we would be talking about the people in our lives who we are praying and acting for their conversion, we would confess our sins to each other without fear, we would be singing with joy and great energy, and we would be looking for ways to schedule our free time during the coming week for acts of service to others.

So how to we get to that place?

We have to become more of a big support group. The Life Groups may be the most important thing we do because they keep members focused and involved, they are the place where we can be ourselves and get into comfortable relationships, "confess our sins" to each other, and get specific prayers for our spiritual needs, not just our physical needs

We need those 9:30 classes to be really special. We need the teachers to go deeper, to spend more time in study and in thinking about how to involve students more. These should get more people excited about spending time in scripture, to see what it can do for them right now. And then we need to tell people who aren't coming to them about how special they are and try to get them there.

But that requires a relationship with those fringe folks. One thing our church should look like that it doesn't now, is people going beyond their particular friend group. I think a church that was living Phil 2, not looking to your own interests, but that of others, would be talking to people at church they aren't normally drawn to, and making an effort after the basic personal information is shared, to talk about spiritual things (not just with the fringe folks but with all the folks). We should see little groups or pairs disappearing into empty classrooms to pray together all the time. And when a "less strong" Christian confesses her struggles or sins, we should confess ours right back! Like everything I think of, it goes back to daily discipline. Because if someone was nourished 7 days a week and not one day a week, they wouldn't be so hungry to talk to the people that are gonna build them up, they would be looking to give something to someone else who seems hungry for support, and well, that is probably every one of us.

And that led me to one more thing, really the last thing. We need that kind of follow up with visitors. More than a friendly hello. An offer to pray or talk about what they need spiritually right then. Several people sending emails or handwritten notes, phone calls, some churches deliver gift baskets, people love to get stuff in a basket! An attempt to get them into a regular meeting for devotion or study or just prayer with a member.

And as always these go back to the root of our problem, and I would guess most American church's problem. We don't know how or don't have the courage to live those verses up there. I know I don't. Like most things it's easier to rant about how it should be than do it myself. But I believe that I am like a lot of people in this church, who if they had the encouragement and the spiritual involvement with other citizens of heaven in their lives on a regular basis, could rise to the challenge of more time for Him, less time for this world.

Love,
 Deb