

Upcoming This Week. . .

MONDAY, February 6

- 2:00 p.m. – Art Fellowship, Room 105
- 6:30 p.m. – Boy Scout Troup #178, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. – Life Hurts God Heals (girls ages 12-22), Room 205
- 6:30 p.m. – WIM Committee Meeting, Room 201

TUESDAY, February 7

- 6:15 a.m. – Ladies' INTERCESSORY PRAYER, Fellowship Hall (We will be praying for Section #5, the Alliance High School area of the city. New ladies are always welcome to join us for prayer.)
- 8:30 a.m. – Sr. Citizens Wt Training, Family Life Center
- 10:45 a.m. – Ladies' Open Bible Study (Book of Mark), Rooms 205,207, 208
- 3:00 p.m. – Ladies' Open Bible Study & Prayer, Room 208
- 6:00 p.m. – Co-ed Aerobics (ages 19-30), Family Life Center (\$3 donation)
- 6:30 p.m. – Men's Open Bible Study (Book of James), Room 203
- 7:00 p.m. – Bible Quiz Practice (grades 4-6), Room 205
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Open Pick-up Basketball (ages 16-34), Family Life Center

WEDNESDAY, February 8

- 11:30 a.m. – Sixty Plus or Minus, Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. – Ladies' "Branches" Open Bible Study, Room 205
- 6:15 p.m. – F.R.O.G. Fully Relying On God (ages 4-grade 6), meeting throughout the building. This week's Lesson: *Calming the Storm*; Theme: Trust in God, *Matthew 8:28-23-27; Mark 4:37-41; Luke 8:22-25*; Memory verse: *Psalms 46:10a*
- 6:30 p.m. – Bible Quiz Practice (grades 7-12), Room 205
- 6:30 p.m. – INTERCESSORY PRAYER & PRAISE, Room 201
- 8:30 p.m. – Ignitus "containing fire" (ages 19-30), Family Life Center/Mezzanine

THURSDAY, February 9

- 8:30 a.m. – Sr. Citizens Wt Training, Family Life Center
- 4:00 p.m. – Men's Half Ct Basketball (all ages welcome!), Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. – Co-ed Aerobics (ages 19-30), Family Life Center (\$3 donation)
- Celebrate Recovery - find freedom from your hurts, habits, and hang-ups1
 - 6:00 p.m. – Pizza Parlor, Room 204 (Pizza & Pop)
 - 6:30 p.m. – Celebration Station (Children's Celebrate Rec.-K-grd 6), Rm 108
 - 6:45 p.m. – Worship & Teaching, Room 205
 - 7:45 p.m. – Small Group talk time (men's & women's groups)
 - 8:45 p.m. – Coffee/Treats Rm 204 –Preschool/Elementary childcare provided
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Open Pick-up Basketball (ages 35 & Older) Family Life Center
- 7:00 p.m. – Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University", Room 201

FRIDAY, February 10

- 6:30 a.m. – Men's Open Bible Study, Church Office
- 6:30 p.m. – Adult Co-ed Volleyball League (ages 18 & older), Family Life Center

SATURDAY, February 11

- 8:30 a.m. – Children's Basketball Clinic, Family Life Center
(Grade 1 – 8:30-9:30 a.m., Grade 2 – 9:45-10:45 a.m., Grade 3 – 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Grade 4 – 1:00-2:15 p.m., Grades 5/6 - 2:30-4:00 p.m.)

SUNDAY, February 12

- 8:00, 9:15, 10:25, 10:45 a.m. - Morning Services
Senior Pastor Rick Sams, will preach in all three worship services in the Sanctuary. Chris Woolf, exhorter, brings the message at the 10:25 a.m. "Revolution" service in the Family Life Center.
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a youth led worship service.

TODAY'S MESSAGE
Senior Pastor Rick Sams

February 5, 2012

"State Of The Church 2012"
(Colossians 1 & 2)

BIG IDEA: *Everything is to be under the Lordship of Jesus (1:20). What isn't? Everything we do must be motivated by His Lordship in our lives. Is it (the test, 1:4; 2:5 AMP, 3:2, 17)?*

STUDY OUTLINE:

1. List some ways/illustrations of how worldview does matter.
2. List some ways you are putting your whole weight on Jesus. List some areas you NEED to.
3. & 4. PUT TWO DIAGRAMS I'M BRINGING YOU HERE (excluded middle and only 3 views of creation)

Diagram 1

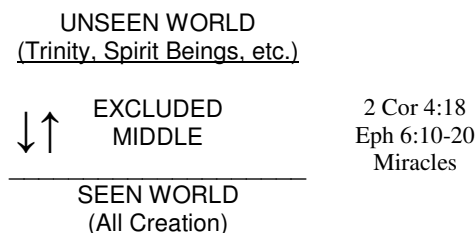
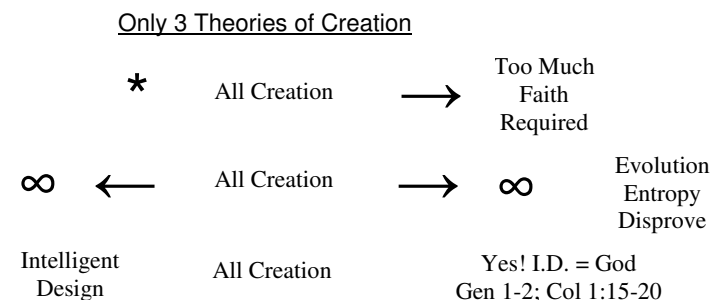


Diagram 2



5.) A FEW ALLIANCE FRIENDS CHURCH HIGH LIGHTS 2011. Which stand out to you most and why? With which do you think is Jesus most pleased? Based on this data & other info you have, write a sentence or two of The State Of The Church @ ALLIANCE FRIENDS CHURCH.

- Sports & Rec stats-523 were involved in seasonal clinics/leagues (241) or weekly (282) activities.
- Alliance Friends Church alone raised \$45,000+ for Marian's residence-mission house.
- \$11,878 given for water wells in 2011, \$42,000 over 3 yrs primarily by youth & their leaders.
- \$29,000 invested in our inner city ministries
- \$76,000 to foreign missions, including Kent State & 12 missionaries, 3 collegians to foreign fields (summer), plus Faith Promise approximately \$20,000, plus individual-group-class giving.
- In cooperation vs. competition w/ other like-minded churches, governmental (GOs, Judge Lavery who court-orders community service & Celebrate Recovery here) & non-governmental agencies (NGOs) we're ministering thru Men's Challenge (jobs & mentoring) to teach men to fish, not just give them a fish, inner city ministries, including the homeless shelter, Thompson Snodgrass Park Neighborhood Association, Empowerment Center, & the Neighborhood Center (weekly Bible studies, clothes & food).
- 6+ weekly prayer groups.
- 17+ weekly accountability groups.
- 9+ adult Sunday morning adult Bible classes, & age-graded ones for children & teens
- 70-100 teens in Sunday night youth groups, many unchurched
- Approx 136 FROG children each week, plus approx 70 workers
- Over 1400 ministered to at the annual backpack give-away & nearly 1000 at the Carnation Days in the Park, plus those we touch in Jesus' name in our Parade outreach here.
- 219 decisions for Christ

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- Rick Sams, Senior Pastor
- Gil Goodwin, Outreach Pastor
- Debbie Noble, Youth Pastor
- Ken Brooks, Adult & Small Groups Director
- Stacy Kent, Children & Family Life Director
- Dena Cooper, Visitation Pastor
- Maurice Hatcher, Worship Director
- Annie Patton, Sports & Rec Director



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. Blended Service, Sanctuary
- 10:25 a.m. "Revolution" Contemporary Service, Family Life Center
- 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

- 6:30 p.m. – Intercessory Prayer & Praise in Room 201
- Church Office Hours:**
MTW 9-4:30; Th 9-2; F 9-4

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, February 5, 2012

In the Sanctuary

with Pastor Rick Sams preaching

- 📖 8:00 a.m. – *Inspirational Hymns & Choruses*
- 📖 9:15 a.m. – *Traditional & Contemporary Music*
- 📖 10:45 a.m. – *Contemporary Music*

Today's Message

"State Of The Church 2012"
(Colossians 1 & 2)

Call to Worship

RESPONSIVE READING: "For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus the leaning of your entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom and goodness and of the love which you [have and show] for all the saints (God's devoted ones)...I am...delighted at the sight of your standing shoulder to shoulder in such orderly array and the firmness and...steadfastness of your faith in Christ, that leaning of the entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom and goodness" (Col 1:4; 2:5 AMP & Souter's Lexicon)

In the Family Life Center

with Chris Woolf exhorting

- 📖 10:25 a.m. – "Revolution" Contemporary Worship

Everyone, for attendance purposes, please fill out a Friendship Slip found in the pew rack & put it in the offering plate.



CORNERSTONE CAFE – the youth and their adult leaders will offer gourmet coffee and "goodies" between worship services in the Welcome Center Foyer to greet/meet people coming through the church doors. Stop by and see us!

A "Cry Room" (non-staffed nursery; parents stay with their babies) is available anytime in Room 306 and is equipped with a speaker for listening to the sermon.

7:00 a.m. – Men's Open INTERCESSORY PRAYER Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School:

- *Preschool (Birth-Pre-k)* is offered this hour
- *Kid's Kickoff (K-6)* is a time of worship & fellowship in the Castle Room (107) from 9:15 – 9:40. From there the children are dismissed with their Sunday School teachers for their lesson
- *Children's Choir (grades 1-5)* meets at 10:20 in the Castle Room (107)
- *Youth classes* are offered this hour
- *Young Adults (ages 18-24)* meets in the FLC Mezzanine
- *Adults*, pick up a Sunday School brochure from the Welcome Center brochure rack to choose from our many classes

10:45 a.m. – Sunday School:

- *Preschool (birth-k)* is offered this hour
- *Children's Church (grades 1-5)* is offered this hour in the Castle Room (107) except for the first Sunday of each month (**TODAY IS Family Worship Sunday** – Following 10:20 a.m. choir practice, ALL children, grades 1-5, sit with their families for worship service)
- *Adults*, pick up a Sunday School brochure to choose a class

6:00 p.m. – Cornerstone Youth Group (grades 7-12), Family Life Center
"SUB"er BOWL PARTY – Everyone is invited, bring a friend and/or a parent! We'll be serving subs, chips, drinks, & candy. We'll have a message at half-time from Jeremiah 29 and will stay until the conclusion of the game this year. Join us!



6:30 p.m. – EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE – Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study led by Phil Braisted.

OUTREACH NEWS

INNER-CITY OUTREACH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 7, 6:30-8 p.m. – MEN'S CHALLENGE OF ALLIANCE for men over age 18 looking for employment– Alliance Neighborhood Center (405 S Linden)
Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. – NIGHT OF PRAYER – Alliance Christian Center (670 W Main)
Thursday, February 9, 7-8 p.m. – MEN'S CHALLENGE OF ALLIANCE Coach's Meeting – Alliance Neighborhood Center (405 S Linden)

"YOU HAVE; I NEED" MINISTRY is in need of good used or new items like lamps, microwaves, stoves, chairs, beds, dressers, etc. that someone in need could use. If you would like to donate any of these items, call the church office at 330-823-4210. If you are in need of such items, please also call the church office.

YOUTH SCHEDULE THIS MONTH

Sunday, February 12, 4:30 p.m. – Student Adult Leadership Team, Messanine
Sunday, February 12, 6:30 p.m. – Youth led service in the Sanctuary (Annie Woolf giving the message) - fellowship afterwards in the Family Life Center til 8:30.
Thursday, February 16 & 21, 7-9 p.m. – Authentic Beauty bible study at the Hood's
Sunday, February 19 & 26, 6:30-8 p.m. – Youth Group (open gym til 8:30) "Crazy Love" Lenten series

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



A CHILDCARE WORKER IS STILL NEEDED for Celebration Station (during Celebrate Recovery) on Thursday evenings. Any person interested in this position, please contact Ken Brooks at the church office (330-823-4210). This is a paid position.

BIBLE QUIZ TOURNAMENT will be at Wooster CMA on Saturday, February 11, at 9:30 a.m. For more details, call Mike or Melissa Duriga at 330-875-6106.



RENEW YOUR SPIRIT AND KINDLE A FIRE with our all-church small group study and sermon series based on Francis Chan's book "Crazy Love". Small group study begins February 19. Prepare for Ash Wednesday with a time of personal prayer and fasting as the Lord leads. Sermon series and exhortation begin February 26 in all four worship services. Ends Palm Sunday, April 1. "Crazy Love" small group sign-ups are February 5 & 12 in the Welcome Center foyer.

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP – The church is considering starting a monthly support group for those who are taking care of a loved one. Interested? Contact Carla Hart at 330-821-4559 or Ken Brooks at the church office, 330-823-4210.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

THE ORPHAN CARE MINISTRY – Care for orphans by joining us on Friday, February 17, from 7-8 p.m. in Room 205 to view *Answer the Cry: Faces of Hope*. Following the video, we will have a short time of discussion. Come find out how you can become involved whether you are a teen, young adult, single, or married. Call Darleen Martin at 330-823-9470 if you have questions. We look forward to meeting with you.



SPRING MARRIAGE RETREAT – Join us March 16-18 at Hilton Garden Inn, Twinsburg. Our theme this year is "Doing the Dance of Life with Your Spouse" with speakers Pastor Steve & JoAnne Lowe. Brochures are available on the sanctuary foyer table. Sign up before February 26 and save \$20. Make your reservations soon to take advantage of the savings! Visit the Marriage Retreat table in the Welcome Center foyer on Sunday, February 12 or 19 to sign up, ask about scholarships, or have other questions answered.

CHRISTIAN BLUE PAGES is a Christian Business Directory serving Stark and surrounding counties. Pick up a FREE copy from the sanctuary foyer table. You can also access it online 24/7 by logging on to www.ChristianBluePages.com.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IN OUR FUTURE? MAYBE. Do you have a desire for the church to have a new pictorial directory? Do you have the gift of organization? Great! Do we have a place for you? Our church owns the software to produce a black and white pictorial directory IN HOUSE. This means we would not need an outside professional photographer or directory company. We would use our own digital photographers and databases to produce this directory that makes it much easier to know each other, thus enhancing church life and what the Bible calls "fellowship." We would likely get nearly 100% participation if people knew no sales were involved. This directory would be easily updated as new folks came in. If you're interested in organizing or helping with such a short-term project, let Kathy Meir or Pastor Rick know. (Professional photographs could be made available to those that wanted them, as well.)

WE'RE EXTENDING OUR SEARCH FOR A CREATIVE MEDIA DIRECTOR for two more weeks, February 18 as some new applications are coming in and we need more time. A Media Director's job would be to establish a cutting edge Media Ministry. At Alliance Friends Church, we have a strong vision to use all forms of media to create a dynamic worship experience with a goal of reaching and winning our city for Christ. The Alliance Friends Church Media Director will need to help us build in the following areas, that include but are not limited to: **sound board operation and recording, uploading audio and video to website, pod-casting and social media, optimizing the media resources and equipment we already have in place, education of media team members, and oversee the execution of media strategies.**

Church Media Director is a paid part-time position (20 hours). We're accepting applications and resumes through today, January 29. Applications are available in the church office or on the church website home page. Return required forms to the church office or to any member of the search committee (Roger Meir jr_meir@yahoo.com; see Joyce Sams; or Debbie Noble bnoble5@netzero.com).

DAMASCUS ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP FUND is offering \$1,000.00 scholarships to eligible college juniors, seniors, or grad students. Students must be a current member of a Friends Church in the Northeast Ohio District. Ministry majors are preferred, but all majors may apply. Applications can be picked up in the church office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SEBRING FRIENDS CHURCH PLANS RENEWAL at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on February 5 and at 7 p.m. February 6-8. Speaker will be international evangelist Billy Huddleston, an ordained elder & commissioned evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene.

PARENTING LIKE A PRO is a seminar being offered at Damascus Friends Church on February 11 from 8 a.m. – noon taught by John & Kendra Smiley. Call 330-537-2581 for more details.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER POSITION – The Aultman Hospice program is seeking volunteers to provide companionship and support to hospice patients and families. Free training sessions are available February 21, 23, 28 & March 1. Call 330-479-7450 for more details.

Family Supper Reservations are a must! Reservation Slip for February 8, 2012

*The entrée this week is: *Coney/hot dogs, slaw, sundaes*. Always available: bread/butter, peanut butter/jelly, orange drink, (decaf) coffee, water, dessert (cook's choice)

Family Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Ages 7-9 _____ Ages 4-6 _____ Ages 0-3 _____

Number of Carry outs _____

Cost: ages 1-3 free; 4-9 \$2.00; 10-96 \$3.00 per person. *Please tear off and put in the offering plate or sign up at the desk outside the Library. Pay at the door.*