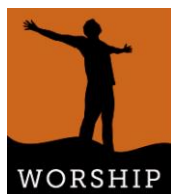


“ACAC THREADS” - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



The Thread that connects us to God.

What does a Weekend Worship Schedule look like?

Day & Time	Sermon	Venue	Choir	Children's Ministry	Middle School	High School	Growth Groups
Saturday 6pm	Alternates Live/Video	Sanctuary	Special Music	Yes	Worship or Serve	Worship or Serve	Worship or Serve
Saturday 7:20pm	Video	Robinson Chapel	Special Music	Yes	Quest	Ignite	Yes
Sunday 8:30am	Alternates Live/Video	Sanctuary	Special Music	Yes	Quest	Worship or Serve	Worship or Serve
Sunday 9:50am	Alternates Live/Video	Sanctuary/ Chapel	Choir	Yes	Worship or Serve	Ignite	Yes
Sunday 11:15am	Alternates Live/Video	Sanctuary	Choir	Yes	Quest	Ignite	Yes
Sunday 12:35pm	Alternates Live/Video	Sanctuary	Special Music	Yes	Worship or Serve	Worship or Serve	Yes

What is the Family Celebration and how often do they occur?

Family Celebrations are Sunday night gatherings designed to give our church family opportunity to celebrate significant moments of faith decisions. These include baptisms, child dedications, and the reception of new members. They are scheduled quarterly.

How do I become a member of this worshipping body?

We ask those interested in membership to attend for 6 months before becoming eligible. We do this so attendees can become sufficiently familiar with ACAC before making a membership commitment. The next step is to attend a Membership Class designed to give greater understanding of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Denomination and ACAC. Dates for the class are announced in the bulletin. You may sign up on-line or by calling the Adult Life

Department. At the class, you will receive an application. Once that is completed, an elder will contact you for an interview, intended as a time to ask any final questions you may still need answered.



The Thread that connects us to one another.

I have heard a lot about Growth Groups. What are they?

Growth Groups are groups of 12-16 people who make a commitment to gather weekly or bi-weekly to study God's word, build relationships, and pray together. Primarily, Growth Groups are sermon-based; the curriculum consists of the questions found in the bulletin each week based off the sermon topic. We also offer a limited number of regular Bible Studies and various Support Groups.

When do Growth Groups happen?

Growth Groups take place during the school year and run in three consecutive quarters – fall, winter and spring. Groups primarily meet on the weekends after the 6:00pm Saturday service and on Sunday at 9:50am, 11:15am, and 12:35pm. They also take place at 7:00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings when Clubs for children and youth are in session. Women's Bible Studies meet Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Monday nights. There are other groups that meet at various times throughout the week, including some home groups.

Do the Sermon-based Growth Groups incorporate in-depth, systematic discipleship?

As topics are determined by the sermons and learning focuses upon areas Pastor Rock feels led by the Spirit to study in light of God's current agenda at ACAC. Since his approach is expository (unpacking a book of Scripture chapter by chapter), over time a full gamut of biblical topics will be considered. In addition, participants can ask *any* questions they have, developing what is called a "need to know", "need-to-grow" approach. Then the group will help facilitate an answer; there'll be no need to wait until it comes up in the curriculum.

How do I register for a Growth Group?

You may, at any time, view and register for a Growth Group by visiting www.acac.net/grow, "Register for a Growth Groups" or "Register for a Support Groups." You may also call the Growth Group office during regular business hours. Two weeks prior to a new quarter, a Registration Guide will be provided in the bulletin.

What if I can't commit to a group every week because of a varying work schedule?

Half - time is better than no - time. Some of our groups meet every other week. We will try to find a group that works for you.

How long do we commit to a group? Can we change to another for various reasons?

If the group doesn't work for you, we will help you find one that does. At the end of each quarter, you may decide to stay, switch, or take a break.

Will there still be opportunity to participate in mid-week Bible Study in addition to Growth Groups? Is it OK to join more than one group?

As long as you are also participating in worship, service, and sharing, you may participate in as many “growth” opportunities as you would like. We’re seeking comprehensive balance; not limiting study.

What happens during the summer?

We break from our regular Growth Groups during the summer to grow in new and more intentionally study-oriented ways. We offer a ten-week intense Bible Study format called ACAC-U. Choose among 3 -4 courses of study to help you in your walk with Christ.



The Thread that connects us to our mission and purpose.

I am new to this church. Where do I begin to find my place of service?

We encourage you to read the bulletin weekly. The serve page highlights urgent service needs. Also, check out www.acac.net/serve. “Serving at the Center” lists every available opportunity to serve and provides a more detailed description of each service opportunity.

What resources will be available to support a “serve” role to assure a successful fit for those serving, at least initially?

The Membership Class is a good place to start learning where to serve. Also, Pastor John Stanko is a great resource for helping you find your gifts and purpose. You may sign up for a gifting assessment by calling or e-mailing Pastor John at john.stanko@acac.net.



The Thread that connects us to our world in need.

What is involved in the Share Thread?

As the arms of Jesus we share education, jobs, housing, healthcare, social services and security with needy people and communities around us. However the primary blessing we’re to share - both in person and as a community - is our faith. The Gospel - more than the supporting commodities of money, time, and energy – is the foundation for God’s work. This involves the entire church sharing at an intentional, intercultural level. Jesus calls His church to pray, plan, initiate, and support cross-cultural mission until every ethnic group has heard His truth. And while we aren’t all called to the front lines of this endeavor as sent-out evangelists, we’re all called to support the endeavor by a lifestyle of prayer, encouragement, and giving.

Is it more important to share with our community or share to the ends of the earth?

Jesus calls His disciples (you and me) to do both, in Matthew 28:16-20.

In how many countries does the Christian and Missionary Alliance have missionaries?

We go wherever darkness has a foothold. Today, there are more than 2,000 [Alliance churches](#) in the United States, and approximately 20,000 fellowships in [81 countries](#) around the world with nearly 5 million Christians calling themselves “Alliance.”

How are these missionaries supported?

Missionaries sent by the C&MA are supported by people like you and me, sharing our financial resources to help build Christ’s Church around the world. You can give to the Great Commission Fund by marking the ACAC giving envelope GCF box or you may donate online to the [Great Commission Fund](#). *This central funding vehicle allows our international workers to focus on ministry rather than raising financial support.*

What are Gospel Messengers?

For over 125 years, men and women from our congregation obediently followed Jesus to nations and cultures other than their own. Many have done so through The Christian and Missionary Alliance; however, others serve with fine missionary organizations working in areas where the Alliance has no presence, or doing work not included in Alliance strategies. These missionaries have been part of our church body for at least three years and some have grown up here. They are supported through your giving to the ACAC Gospel Messenger fund.

How does one become a missionary with the C&MA?

Since each of us are starting from a different place and have unique gifts and talents to offer, there is not one specific path to become a missionary with The Christian and Missionary Alliance or as a Gospel Messenger through ACAC. We want to encourage all who sense a call of God in the area of missions to schedule a meeting with Pastor Glenn Hanna, ACAC Missions Pastor.