

Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018



A Message from Rev. Brian Episcopo

Eph. 2:8, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Paul tells us that our relationship with God is only restored through faith in Christ's works, not ours. In the words of John Edwards, "We contribute nothing to our salvation except the sin that made it necessary." So what of the person who takes this "free gift" as a license to keep sinning and living contrary to God's heart? The answer is not to try and put a "governor" on God's grace for them. In fact the very opposite.

They don't understand the profound, immeasurable, unbelievable, unfailing love and grace of God enough. If they really understood how much God gave up and how terrible their sin is, they would want nothing to do with whatever is contrary to His Word. If you don't care enough to live according to God's values, you don't understand how much God loves you.

NOTES

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
Alec Barnett, Colton Howser, Brian Kairu, Rebekah Kopesky, Robert Kopesky II, Joshua Mennen, Isaac Miller, Eric Olson, Andrew Rezmer, Brad Schmoll, Patrick Shuman, Rachel Simeth, Noah Steinberg, Wes Van Epern, and Tyler Van Maanen

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
Short-Term Mission Trips
More information, visit the **Serve** section of **appletonalliance.org**
Applications due Jan. 15, 2019.

Peru Medical Team Trip
June 8-16, 2019
Paris Sports and Worship Trip
July 18-27, 2019

SPORTS
Men's Frozen Tundra Flag Football Tournament
Jan. 26 | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
\$80 per team | AAC Soccer Field

Teams can have up to ten players. Chili/snacks are available. Registration deadline is Jan 22. Register at **xcelssports.org**, click **Sports**

WOMEN
Women's Winter Bible Studies
Kicks off the week of Jan. 28th
Days and Times Vary | Cost varies

Join women from all walks as we explore Psalm 119, Control Girl, or Mom Set Free this winter. All three studies are a great way to grow in faith and friendship. Find more information and registration at **aacwomen.org**

CHRISTMAS
Christmas Eve Services
Dec. 24 | 11:00 a.m., 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 p.m.
We invite you and your family to attend one of our four Christmas Eve services. DL will be open for children under the age of three.

ALLIANCE GROUPS
Alliance Groups Expo
Jan. 6 & 13 | During Sunday Services
Alliance Groups are our way of making a big church small. Meet leaders, see what groups are offered, and sign up for a group at the Alliance Groups Expo in January in the Hub area.

CHILDREN
Family and Friends Skating Party
Sat. Jan. 5 | 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Skaters Edge | \$4-\$6
Register at **aachur.ch/DLffsp18**

Adult supervision is required for 2nd grade and under. Walk-ins welcome - bring lots of friends!

SENIORS
Senior Adults NYE Potluck
Dec. 31 | Noon-3:00 p.m. | Hangar 36
Register today at **aachur.ch/samnye18**

MEN
Men's Frat Winter Series: Set Free
Set Free gets to the heart of what causes us to struggle with temptation and sin. Register today at **aacmen.org**

Mondays: Jan. 28-March 18
7:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m. | SMC
Wednesdays: Jan. 30-March 20
6:00 a.m.-7:15 a.m. | SMC

WELCOME – We're glad you're here!
Stop by the Welcome Center in the Hub. We have a gift for you and would love to connect with you. Find out what's happening at AAC at **appletonalliance.org**

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Sunday Services: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.