



KEY DATES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

STEWARDSHIP SERMON

“THE STEWARD’S LIFE, PART 1: A PURPOSEFUL AND SIMPLIFIED LIFE”

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

STEWARDSHIP SERMON

“THE STEWARD’S LIFE, PART 2: A GENEROUS AND ACCOUNTABLE LIFE”

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

PRESENT YOUR COMMITMENT CARDS AT WORSHIP SERVICE
IF NOT ALREADY RETURNED BY MAIL.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

CELEBRATION BREAKFAST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 9:30 AM.



STEWARDSHIP 2022



A WORD FROM PASTOR JOHN

I want to share a personal story with you that may illustrate just where we are as a church at this point. I have always been near sighted, but when I hit my forties, I realized I was having trouble reading things up close. So, off to the optometrist. To my surprise he said, "Your right on time!" I said, "For what?" He replied, "For bifocals." Apparently, if people are going to get bifocals it typically happens in their forties. While I pride myself at being on time for things, this was one thing I would have appreciated being late for. In the end, what I received were trifocals. Lower section for up close, middle for computers, and upper section for long distance. My new glasses took a little getting used to. My eyes had to figure out how to go between the three different lenses, it was a different type of focus, but once I got used to it, everything was much clearer. Now, the direction of our journey together may seem a bit blurry at the moment, but we will be getting a new prescription which will bring things into focus. I am calling this prescription *The ACC Stay Healthy Strategic Plan*. This plan will be our way of "Bringing Our Vision to Reality," which is also our stewardship theme for 2022. In a way, our stewardship theme can be seen as our new glasses and, together with our strategic plan, assist us in taking our next steps as a congregation. As you read through this pamphlet, take note of the many things accomplished and give thanks to God for His Faithfulness. Then say a prayer asking God how you can participate in the great things He will be doing at ACC in 2022.



Pastor John M. Scholte

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Despite the challenges that ministry in the midst of a global pandemic presents, God is moving in amazing ways amongst the youth and young adults of our church.

CROSS CULTURE | YOUTH

It has been such a blessing to return to campus. We're thankful to God for sustaining, stretching, and even growing our group both spiritually and numerically during our time online over Zoom. But make no mistake, it was a joyous day to be physically together again. In the past year, we've welcomed new students and graduated others. We've delved into portions of the scriptures that helped us address all of the difficult and heavy feelings that living under the weight of a pandemic hurled upon us. We've studied Lamentations, Revelation, and now Jeremiah. Though these books are challenging and even dark at points, paying attention to the nature of God depicted in these books and applying it to the context of wrestling with life in a pandemic has actually helped our students to grow in their faith immensely. We consider ourselves blessed to be able to say that looking our present challenges in the face and going to Scripture to face them head on has grown our group the way it has.

THE BRIDGE | YOUNG ADULTS

What an exciting season for the young adults of our church. We are grateful to have been given the opportunity to design a worship experience that speaks to the very unique needs of this demographic. Our brand new Sunday worship experience called The Bridge serves to connect a new generation to God, to one another, to the mission of Jesus Christ, and to the legacy of Arcadia Community Church. There have been a number of testimonies from worshippers at The Bridge who have instantly felt at home and have described this worship setting as something they've needed for a long time. We're praying faithfully and working diligently to witness more and more of these kinds of testimonies take place. We're asking the Lord to move in the hearts of young people who need a community of faith, are struggling with faith, have left the faith, or have no faith at all — that their hearts would be captivated by the gospel of Jesus Christ through The Bridge. It has also been encouraging to gradually grow our teams at The Bridge and witness the commitment of people in this community here on the ground floor. We look forward with much anticipation to what God has in store in the weeks, months, and years to come.

PRESCHOOL

Through the Pandemic and all the challenges the world throws at us we can always stand on God's Word! Hebrews 13:8 says: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." What a gift; God never changes! In February 2021, we had 46 children attending. In April we had 60 children and in October we had 66 precious children attending and several babies on a wait list. God continues to bring families looking for childcare and preschool. Psalms 57:10 says: "For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies." We believe that God has His hand on our preschool and through all the challenges, He continues to bring families and shows His faithfulness to us! God is bringing His vision to reality. Every child and family that comes to our preschool hears God's Word and the message of love and salvation. What a privilege to share God's salvation message to so many, and not even in a church service. Being a part of the local outreach ministry of our church is a true gift!

At the beginning of the Pandemic, we lost 8 teachers and only 2 returned. In the past year God has brought 6 wonderful new teachers to continue our vision. We continue following ALL the regulations and protocols set forth by the CDC, Public Health Dept., and Licensing and we thank God no one has gotten sick from COVID at preschool. We can't wait for the day that we can go back to mixing groups and going into the Sanctuary for chapels; but in the meantime, we will continue following all the guidelines and sharing God's love with every family that comes to us! Thank you for your prayers and support!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14 lets us see just how important children are to Jesus, and He made sure to show them they are loved and valued.

We have an opportunity to sow into the next generation and help them to know that they too have a place in God's story. Even with the Children's Ministry being online for the past 18 months, we have had the great privilege of connecting with children and their families by sharing with them the good news of the Gospel over Zoom. Every now and then, we got to meet new faces, as some kids took the opportunity to invite their friends, neighbors, and relatives to Sunday School, and VBS on Zoom! What a blessing!

We are excited to gather with families face-to-face again after all this time as Children's Ministries return in-person this month! We are praying for a smooth transition as we adhere to all the guidelines. The safety and well being of children, parents, and helpers is our priority; creating a safe inviting space where kids can continue learning about Jesus. We are excited to journey alongside with parents; grow together in God's Word and make an impact, just like the kids did this past year; inviting other children and families, and sharing the love and grace of Jesus with them.

We thank you for all your prayers and support.

