



Sunday, December 31, 2017

PEAKS AND VALLEYS

LEAVING THE MOUNTAINTOP

Rev. Brian Episcopo

Since I talked about shame a few weeks ago, people have continued to wrestle with the invitation God extends to be open not just with Him, but with other people. Throughout Scripture, we see why this second part is so important. In Matthew 22, Jesus is asked what the single greatest commandment is. He answers with two: *love God and love your neighbor*. It wasn't because He misheard the question, but because the two are connected. They work as a system. You can't just love God and isolate from people. Jesus said the entire "Law and Prophets" hang on these two commandments. Basically, God's Word (the source of all His activity) hangs on loving God and people.

If God's Word seems dry, the question is, "Am I genuinely loving people and giving them access to my life?" Because all of it hangs on participating in a life WITH PEOPLE and with God.

NOTES

PICK UP GIVING ENVELOPES

Pick up your 2018 envelopes today in the Hub. If you give online (generated checks, credit card, or ACH), you will not need envelopes. Thank you for your continued financial support of AAC!

GET CONNECTED

Adult Baptism Class

Sunday, Jan. 7 | 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Register at aachur.ch/abc1718

Explore Membership Class

Sunday, Jan. 7 | 11:00 a.m.-Noon
Register at aachur.ch/aem1718

Are you ready to take a next step in your faith? Learn about Believer's Baptism or how to become a member of AAC at one of these "get connected" classes.

NEW HERE?

Meet the Pastor & Get Connected

Monday, Jan. 8 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Register at aachur.ch/mtpgc10818

If you're new to AAC and want to learn more about who we are and how to connect, this is for you!

Christianity 101 Course

Sundays, Jan. 14- Feb. 4 | 11:00 a.m.-Noon
Register at aachur.ch/acc10118

This is a four-week course on becoming a follower of Jesus. We'll answer some of the questions new believers wrestle with when first exploring Christianity: Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus come? What does it mean for us? Can we follow Him?

CHILDREN

Family & Friends Skating Party

Saturday, Jan. 6 | 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Skaters Edge, Appleton
Cost: \$3.75 per person | No registration

Join family and friends for skating fun! Adult supervision is required for kids in 2nd grade and younger. Questions? Contact Kirby at 920-931-1201 or kbernauer@appletonalliance.org

WORSHIP ARTS

Worship Choir

Rehearsals begin next week
Choir Room | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The choir will sing at all three services on Sunday, Jan. 28. If you love to sing, contact Carol at 920-931-1147 or cgrandlienard@appletonalliance.org

ADULTS

Men's Frat

Begins Jan. 22 | Cost: \$15 before Jan 15
Monday nights or Wednesday mornings

Authors Kyle Idleman and Deron Spoo will take us through the Bible exploring major themes. Register at aacmen.org

mom&me

Begins Jan. 3 | 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
9:00-10:30 a.m. | Free, but please register

Moms of young children, join us for a fun playdate. Enjoy fellowship while you and your little ones participate in story, music, movement time, or crafts. Bring your friends! Register at aachur.ch/mommew18

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.