Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018



Dr. Dennis Episcopo

I've noticed that American Christians struggle with the idea of "personal rights" much more than Believers in other countries. We even have the Bill of Rights that shapes our entire culture. I must contrast my American heritage with what the Bible says on the subject, when they are opposites. My life is "on loan" to God (Acts 17:25, Job 1:21, Luke 12:20), and now that I've surrendered my life to Christ, my will is not important. (Gal 2:20)

Bonhoeffer says bluntly, "when Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die!" Ultimately, when I die to my sinful self, give up my rights, and submit as a servant to God's will, I receive real freedom...eternal freedom! (Rom 6:22)

NOTES

Matthew 6:34

Hebrews 4:13

Psalm 139:16

Isaiah 42:9

Isaiah 44:7

Isaiah 46:10

Deuteronomy 31:8

2 Timothy 2:13

Psalm 145:13

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Philippians 1:6

Proverbs 3:5-6

Ecclesiastes 10:13-14

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Alec Barnett, Rebekah Kopesky, Robert Kopesky II, Joshua Mennen, Isaac Miller, Eric Olson, Andrew Rezmer, Brad Schmoll, Patrick Shuman, and Wes Van Epern

If you have an active military member in your family and would like to add them to the list, please email us at **info@appletonalliance.org**

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 Pastor Dennis, who we are as a church, 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?

PICK UP GIVING ENVELOPES

Please stop and pick up your 2018 envelopes in the Hub. If you give online, you will not need envelopes. Sign-up sheets are available to request a set of envelopes. Thank you for your financial support of Appleton Alliance Church.

PLUGGED IN Adult Ministries Kick-off

Today in the Hub in-between services

Growing spiritually doesn't just happen. It takes intentional steps, one day at a time. We want you to grow in an understanding of who God is and what His plan is for your life—but you have to take action!

Stop any of our volunteers to learn how you can get plugged in. We have Bible studies, small groups, Men's Frat, sports leagues, and more. Whether you're new here or finally ready to take that next step—today is the day!

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WOMEN

Women's Bible Studies Begin Jan. 16 | Times vary More info at aacwomen.org

Sign up online or in the Hub today. Late fees go into effect on Jan. 8. Costs vary.

Women's Encouter 2018: A Weekend For Women

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 16-18 The Osthoff Resort | Elkhart Lake, Wis. Speaker: Mary Kassian

Registration for Encounter 2018 closes Jan. 15 at 4:00 p.m. (or earlier if sold out). Stop by the booth in the Hub today for more information.

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.