

# This Week at AGCC

SUNDAY
<b>Worship Services:</b> 8:30 & 10:15 am <b>Oakwood Village Service:</b> 1:45 pm
TUESDAY
<b>Church Office closed.</b> <b>Christmas Eve Services:</b> 4:00 & 5:30 pm
WEDNESDAY
<b>Church Office closed:</b> Merry Christmas
THURSDAY
<b>Church Office closed.</b> <b>Young Adults Life Group:</b> NO MEETING TONIGHT <b>Men of Intention—Conquer Series:</b> NO MEETING TONIGHT
SATURDAY
<b>Takin' it to the Streets:</b> Meet in Auburn Greens on Park Drive in the parking lot at the park at 10:00 am to go door-to-door inviting people to church and sharing the gospel
NEXT SUNDAY
<b>Worship Services &amp; Baptisms:</b> 8:30 & 10:15 am

## Who Goes Where?

8:30 am Service	
Nursery: Birth-Age 4	Room 104
Discovering God Class	RESUMES in January
Intersections Class	Room 209
10:15 am Service	
Nursery: Birth-Age 1	Room 104
Nursery: 1 - 2 (with diaper)	Room 101
Young Preschool: 2—3 Yr. Olds	Room 102
Older Preschool: 4 Yr. Olds	Room 203
Kindergarten	Room 201
1st Grade	Room 207
2nd-3rd Grade	Room 202
4th-6th Grade	Room 204
7th-8th Grade	Room 204 - B
9th-12th Grade	Room 205
Ambassadors Class	Room 200
Generations Class	Room 209

### Pastoral Staff

Lead Pastor ~ Phil Sparling  
 Executive Pastor ~ Dave Wickstrom  
 Body Life Pastor ~ Greg Hummel  
 Grandparent Ministry Pastor ~ John McIntosh  
 Student Ministries Pastor ~ Steve West  
 Children's Director ~ Terese Coburn  
 Worship Leader ~ Brian Altizer

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **MOPS:** January 3
- ◆ **Sewers & Rippers resumes:** January 7
- ◆ **Women's Winter Bible Study:** January 8
- ◆ **Wednesday Night Live-Winter Session:** January 8
- ◆ **Hosting the Gathering Inn:** January 9
- ◆ **456 Rockin' Jump:** January 17
- ◆ **HSM Thrive Unleashed Conference:** January 17-18
- ◆ **Connection Sunday:** January 19
- ◆ **GriefShare-Loss of a Spouse Seminar:** January 23
- ◆ **Men's Dinner:** January 25
- ◆ **Hosting The Gathering Inn:** January 30
- ◆ **Grief Share Group 13-week session begins:** February 6
- ◆ **MOPS:** February 7
- ◆ **MOPS-Story Time:** February 21
- ◆ **Comedy Night with Andrew Stanley:** February 21
- ◆ **My Best Friend's Closet:** February 27-29
- ◆ **MOPS:** March 6
- ◆ **Jr. High Conference:** March 13-14
- ◆ **Baptism:** March 29
- ◆ **MOPS:** April 3
- ◆ **Ladies Tea:** April 4
- ◆ **Connection Sunday:** April 5
- ◆ **MOPS:** May 1



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Community Church

"Making Jesus Famous  
by Connecting, Growing  
and Serving"

OFFICE HOURS	MAILING ADDRESS	LOCATION	CONTACT US
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December 22, 2019



# WELCOME

We are glad  
you're here

## VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Make sure you pick up a Welcome Packet in the Lobby!

If you have a question about becoming a Christian, baptism, baby dedications, a prayer request, or would like to receive our email notices, **please fill out the Response Form** located in your bulletin and place it in the offering or a Response Box located in the Lobby and someone will respond to your request. Should you have a prayer request need during the week, please call or email the Church Office.

Please join us for refreshments  
following the service in the courtyard.

**Wifi:** Choose **AGCCguest** ; password **agcc8330**

**Nurse care, children, youth and adult class schedules** are listed on the back of the bulletin.

Private **Family Room** upstairs in Room 208 for nursing moms and those with infants. Please feel free to use this room should you need to take care of your baby outside the main service.

**Hearing assistance devices** available at the Welcome Center.

**AGCC Resource Center** is located in Room 206, upstairs. If you would like a CD of today's message (or prior messages), please stop by and place your order. Cost per CD is \$1.00.

For more information about our **Gracetown Preschool**, offered Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, go to [gracetownpreschool.com](http://gracetownpreschool.com)

## HOW TO GET CONNECTED

### DOWNLOAD THE AUBURN GRACE APP!

Download our app on your phones to have easy access to our website, the Bible, online giving, audio sermons, pastor's blogs, our calendar, and more!

### JOIN US FOR LUNCH AT OUR NEXT

#### CONNECTION SUNDAY

12:00-1:30 pm, January 19

Includes a workshop called **Connecting to Our Family** which welcomes new families into AGCC and provides a brief overview of the people, history and beliefs of Auburn Grace. Sign up online at [auburngrace.com](http://auburngrace.com).

Christmas Eve

Bible Study

456 Kids

Connecting

Loss of Spouse

Thanks

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

4:00 pm & 5:30 pm  
Bring your family and friends

### ADVENT CANDLE

**Week 4:** Candle of Joy—The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

### WOMEN'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY

January 8 - March 11 - Wednesdays, 9:30-11:15 am

'A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David' by Beth Moore. Cost \$20. Childcare provided at no cost. Sign up on the Response Form or online. For questions, contact Claire at [cmalarae@auburngrace.com](mailto:cmalarae@auburngrace.com)

### 456 KIDS "ROCKIN JUMP"

Our 456 kids are going to "Rockin Jump" in Roseville, Friday, January 17th. \$20.00 includes 2 hours of free jump, 2 games of laser tag and dinner! We will leave the church at 4:30 pm and return by 8:30 pm. Please RSVP by January 12th because space is limited on the bus. Sign-up in the classroom or the Response Form today. Questions, email Terese at [tcoburn@auburngrace.com](mailto:tcoburn@auburngrace.com)

### CONNECTION SUNDAY & LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 19, 12:00-1:30 pm, Room 200

Please indicate your interest in attending on the Response Form or register through our website. Childcare provided.

#### Sign up for ONE of these workshops:

**Connecting to Our Family**—Are you new to AGCC or just want to learn more about us? Come hear a brief overview of the people, history and beliefs of Auburn Grace.

**Growing in Your Gifts**—Discover your spiritual gifts and what ministry possibilities are available to you and your family.

**Serving as a Member**—What it means to be a member of AGCC. We review our Constitution, By-laws and Statement of Faith.

### LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Grieving the death of a spouse? Or do you know someone who is? Your life changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Find help at this Loss of a Spouse seminar by GriefShare. You'll hear:

- Practical advice from others who've been there
- What to expect in your grief.
- How to cope with life without your spouse.
- Why it won't always hurt this much

Please join us for this encouraging seminar on Thursday, January 23, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Room 209. Men and women invited. Register online or sign up on the Response Form. No cost. Questions, contact Kathe Beadle at [kbeadle@auburngrace.com](mailto:kbeadle@auburngrace.com).

### THANK YOU!

All of our Holiday Impact opportunities are now completed. Thank you to all who helped by leading, organizing and participating in this year's donations, giving of your time and resources to love and offer hope to others during this Christmas season.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE (A FAMILY AFFAIR!)

BEGINS JANUARY 8

Our winter session of WNL promises to be a wonderful time of fellowship and equipping as our church family reconnects after the holidays. A compelling variety of courses, something for all ages!

**Dinner and Fellowship 5:30 – 6:30 pm Classes 6:45 – 8:00 pm**

Please let us know which adult class you would like to attend by registering on the Response Form.

#### Children's Program "Gracetown Kids Club"

Our K - 6th grade kids will begin a Kids in Discipleship study called "All In." They will be active in Bible memory games, Bible lessons with application of Bible truths, engaging mission videos and activities, all developed to help your kids grow to be more like Jesus!

Our **Junior High Students** will continue to go through a Bible video series and have small group discipleship. All lessons are pointing them to study and apply God's word to their lives and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Our **HSM Students** will continue to meet each week for worship and small group discussion.

#### Adult Classes:

##### In the Footsteps of Paul

This 6-week class will cover the second missionary journey of Paul from European landfall to all the places he visited along the way before he left Corinth to return to Jerusalem. Includes Biblical, historical, and cultural insights. Led by Steve Kellar. (No cost)

##### Financial Peace University

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University (FPU)! This 9-lesson course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership (\$129.99) or pay for just the class for \$99. Led by Courtney Copland.

**33 The Series/A Man and His Design (MEN'S CLASS)** – This study provides an intimate look into the 33 years our Lord Jesus lived upon earth and casts a clear vision as to how God designed us to live as men. Led by Pastor Phil. (Book cost \$10)

##### Explore God's Heart for the Nations

Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." But what does this mean? Whether or not you physically "go" there are a lot of ways to be a part of obeying this command. Come and explore God's heart for the nations together. Led by Brooke Bye and the Mobilization Team. (No cost)

##### Discover Your Purpose in God's Restorative Plan

God has invited us to participate in and with Him as He restores all things. In this six-week class we will explore what God tells us in His Word about His plan and discover what He wants us to do. You will discover how to find answers for the difficult questions we ask in our search for meaning and purpose. Led by Diana Berns. (No cost)

### SAVE THE DATE

MEN'S DINNER—January 25

Guest Speaker

PASTOR JOHN LYNCH

of TRUEFACED Ministries

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday Night Live

Save the Date

## RESPONSE FORM

Please check the events you are interested in, place in the offering, a Response Box, or contact us at 530-823-8330 or agcc@auburngrace.com.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### ◆ **Wednesday Night Live**, Beginning 1/8

- In the Footsteps of Paul
- Financial Peace University
- 33 The Series/A Man and His Design (MEN'S CLASS)
- Explore God's Heart for the Nations
- Discover Your Purpose in God's Restorative Plan
- Children's Program  
# Children attending \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

### **Women's Winter Bible Study**: 1/8

If needing childcare, what are ages of children? \_\_\_\_\_

### **456 "Rockin Jump"**: 1/12

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_

### ◆ **Connection Sunday**: 1/19

Workshops offered:

- Connecting to Our Family
- Growing in Your Gifts
- Serving as a Member

# Children needing childcare \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

### **GriefShare—Loss of a Spouse Seminar**: 1/23

### **Culinary Connections**

### **Game Connections**

# CHRISTMAS IS HERE...

Part 3.0 ... so let's SHARE Him!

Acts 8

Let's meet the SEEKER vs. 27-28, 31, 34

- He was a FOREIGNER – an Ethiopian treasurer
- He was SPIRITUALLY searching
  - Came to Jerusalem to WORSHIP
  - READING the prophet Isaiah
  - He INVITED a conversation

Let's meet the SHARER vs. 1, 4-13, 26-30, 35-40

- Philip was proactively AVAILABLE and ATTUNED  
2 Corinthians 5:18-20
- Philip shared in difficult TIMES and with difficult PEOPLE
- God used Philip in a FRUITFUL way

Let's see how God ARRANGES a meeting vs. 25-40

- Philip obeyed the PROMPTING of God
- Philip noticed the SIGNS of a seeker
- Philip INITIATED a responsive question
- Philip accepted the INVITATION 1 Corinthians 5:13-19
- Philip opened his mouth and EXPLAINED Jesus
- Philip STAYED with him through baptism
- Philip moved on to the next SEEKER

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## Life Group Discussion Questions – December 22, 2019

**Acts 8:29-31** *'Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.'*

### QUICK REVIEW

1. Read Ephesians 5:11. From the interplay of "light v. dark" perspective, what does it mean to expose unfruitful deeds of darkness? Discuss how various light intensities reveal imperfections (sin). Why do we dim lights in a room and call it "ambiance?"
2. What are three typical ways in which humankind responds to Truth? Why do people fear the Light/Truth? Which category do you fall into or are you somewhere in-between? What ways can you encourage others to move towards the Light?

### MY STORY

1. When have you noticed that your spiritual radar is keenest? What would it take to stay spiritually alert more often? Tell of a time when you sensed God's leading in a conversation or circumstance. How did it end? How well do you think you did meeting the other person's needs?
2. What does the term "seeker-friendly" mean to you? Have you been able to identify anyone in your sphere of influence that might be a seeker? What are the "tells" of a seeker?

### GOING DEEP

1. Read Psalm 139:13-17. How does this passage show us that before we ever began to pursue God, God was pursuing us? What can we say to a seeker to encourage them to consider that God is their Creator and that all their days are known to Him? What would you say or do if they had some understanding but still needed your guidance?
2. Read Acts 8:26-39 then read Luke 10:5-6. Was the Ethiopian eunuch a "man of peace?" Discuss the idea that seekers are more favorable to hearing about God's will for them than those who are not seeking Him. What common traits can you identify in those who are benevolent and bearers of goodwill?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19. God has reconciled us to Himself through the Cross. And now He expects us to take-up the cause of reconciliation. How do we do this? How was Phillip a minister of reconciliation to the eunuch? Discuss the ministry of reconciliation that God has given us.

### PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for you to remember?