

## SERMON NOTES

October 11, 2020

# FAITH FORWARD

## BUILDING FAITH

### IN DARK DAYS

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## HOW GOD BUILDS YOUR FAITH

FAITH FORWARD

## THE SIX STATIONS OF FAITH:

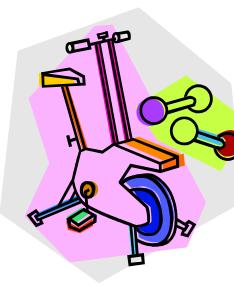
**Station 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 3:20)

“...God is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.” Eph. 3:20 (LB)

**Station 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:6-8)

You must \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Station 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Habakkuk 2:3)



**Station 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 1:6-7)

**Station 5:** \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 1:8-9)

**Station 6:** \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 1:10)



### EXAMPLES IN SCRIPTURE:

**NOAH** (Genesis 6-9)

**ABRAHAM** (Genesis 12-22)

**JESUS** (John 14-20)

**JOSEPH** (Genesis 37-45)

**MOSES** (Exodus 2-15)

**DAVID** (1 Samuel 16-32)



# Anchor Point Bible Church

Standing in The Faith - Secure with Hope - Serving through Love

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## **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Voyagers: Khrisy VanKampen & Phyllis Scholtens

Crew: Dan VanKampen & Dawson VanKampen



## **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY 10/18**

Voyagers: Khrisy VanKampen & Phyllis Scholtens

Crew: Dan VanKampen & Dawson VanKampen

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today, October 11<sup>th</sup> — Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> — Elder & Deacon Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> — Men's Morning Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.

- Donuts & Clean Up: Pastor Rob
- AWANA Virtual via Zoom
  - Cubbies - 6:00 p.m.
  - Sparks A - 6:30 p.m.
  - Sparks B - 7:00 p.m.
  - T&T - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> — Ladies Morning Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

13<sup>th</sup> Mike Brooks; 14<sup>th</sup> Valerie Herioux; 14<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Scholtens; 16<sup>th</sup> Lucy Holman

### **Information For Your First Time At Anchor Point Bible Church...**

**1. We are happy to have you with us today.** Please fill out a Connection Card and place it on the pew or bring it to the Welcome Point for a welcome gift. We will send some information about our church to you. For prayer requests or comments, please check the appropriate box and write on the back.

**2. We encourage you to use our nursery & children's ministries.**

Before the service, we ask that you check your children in at the Captain's Quarters. From there you will walk your child to the Anchor Kids room (4 yr. old - 5th grade) or the nursery (ages 0-3). Please see the inside insert for more details.

**3. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.** The offering boxes are for members and regular attendees who consider Anchor Point Bible Church their church home. As our guest, we hope you feel welcomed and loved today. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Rob, Pastor Steve, and others around you. **And....come back again!**



**Anchor Point  
Bible Church**

# **New Sermon Series**

## **FAITH FORWARD BUILDING FAITH IN DARK DAYS**

### **Begins Today**

If you could map out your own journey of spiritual growth and health, you'd probably opt for a shorter, less difficult path than the one you're traveling now. But spiritual endurance and the muscles of Faith, Hope and Love takes time to develop, whether we like it or not!

All around us, Christians of every age and occupation are dropping out of the race set before them as followers of Christ. Often, these individuals begin the journey of Faith by hitting the gym of Christian Growth with gusto, taking off full speed but then tire quickly because their faith muscles have not been developed properly and consistently.

In this new series called *Faith Forward*, your own personal "Pastor Trainer" Rob Renberg will guide you to explore the workout stations of Christian life and experience that God uses to grow our faith in a healthy, consistent manner.

This series has been developed to help train your Faith to win. But it's not about speed. It's about endurance, obedience, staying faithful to the disciplines necessary to grow in your life and witness. So whether you've just begun to exercise those faith muscles or need to jump back into it to tone up and get rid of the flabby faith that has been neglected, this series will help coach you to firm up your faith to press on, in the midst of difficult days.

So, join us in person or online at Anchor Point Bible Church each and every Sunday for the next couple of months, and ask someone to come along with you to help and hold each other accountable to exercise those Faith muscles to press forward to the finish line!



## Anchor Kids

The leaders are excited, the staff are excited, and I know the kids are excited as well! We have started our new "Children's Church" program here at Anchor Point Bible Church last week called **ANCHOR KIDS**. This program is for 4yrs through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The big difference now is that they will be meeting during the morning worship service, starting at 10 am. There are a few things that are happening that we wanted to make you aware of that you'll find listed below. If you have ANY questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

- Parents will check in their child(ren) BEFORE the morning worship service in the Captains Quarters (AKA the board room). Here, they will receive a quick health screen followed by getting a check in sticker.
- One sticker will go on the back of the child(ren), and the parents will keep one for themselves for checkout. As you go to pick up your child(ren), you will hand your sticker to the volunteer, and they will get your child for check-out.
- Parent's will bring their kids down to the ANCHOR KIDS room located in THE HARBOR hallway (follow the signs). There, they will start out with high energy and engaging singing. The music will correlate with the topic of the morning (we are using Group Publishing's KIDS OWN WORSHIP as our curriculum). We will also take an offering to begin teaching at a young age the truth of giving back to the Lord.
- After the singing and the offering, the teachers will bring their group to their designated classroom where they will have an age appropriate Bible based lesson (which will include fun activities, crafts, and amazing peer building exercises). The classes are Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (The Voyagers) and 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade (C.R.E.W.).
- After the lesson, they will then head back to large group time in the ANCHOR KIDS room where they will close in one more song and prayer. This is where you will pick up your child(ren).

Again, we are super excited about this new format as we kick-off the 2020 Fall Children's Ministry season. We want to be able to teach solid Biblical Truths all the while making it fun and memorable for the children. The teachers and helpers are scheduled for two weeks in a row, once a quarter. If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer, please see Pastor Steve.

If you are new to the children's ministry, we would love to have you get signed up! Just make your way to the Captains Quarters, and we'll get you all squared away! Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious possessions!

The ANCHOR KIDS staff and volunteers

## BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION...

All Bible Studies will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Men's Morning Bible Study** is meeting Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Donuts and clean up is Pastor Rob.

The **Women's Morning Bible Study** is meeting Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. They are continuing their study of Jonah and is led by Maryanne Wheeler.

The **Ladies Evening Bible Study** is meeting Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. They are studying "The Scarlet Thread of Redemption" and is led by Amy Renberg. You can pick up the discussion questions at the Connection Point.

The **Men's Evening Bible Study** is meeting this Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. They are on #2 Smyrna.



We had a great kick off night for our AWANA program last Wednesday. For this coming Wednesday, the times for each AWANA group are Cubbies - 6:00 p.m.; Sparks A - 6:30 p.m.; Sparks B - 7:00 p.m. and T&T - 7:30 p.m. If you would like a registration form or more information regarding how AWANA will work, please stop by the Connection Point and take a form or visit our church website.



Axis and Compass are our High School and Middle School student ministry programs here at Anchor Point Bible Church. This year we will be combined again and will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of every month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Our student ministry kick-off this year will be on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the church for pizza and then heading in the church van to Bethke Farms in Grand Haven to try our skills at their corn maze (weather permitting). We will be back to church by 7:30. Cost is \$7.00 per person for the corn maze and pizza.

Please see Pastor Steve for any questions! Invite your friends!

If it rains, we will be at the church for games and a movie!



# SMALL groups

change happens in circles, not rows

All of us have a small group of friends or family members with whom we share the joys and struggles of life with. With this being said, we want to share with you our vision here at Anchor Point Bible Church for small groups.

First, you may be asking, “what is a ‘small group’ in the context of living out my faith?” Well, I am so glad you asked! A small group is a group of people committed to each other and to grow as Christ-followers together. It is where people in that group value and cherish each other. Where they support, encourage and challenge each other not only in their everyday lives, but especially in their walk with Christ. Now you may be asking, “Okay, so what do they look like?” Again, thanks for asking! Small groups can form on the basis of what stage of life you’re in, such as parents with young families, senior adults, young professionals, widows and widowers, empty-nesters, single-adults, married couples, and the list goes on. Small groups can be gender specific such as our already established groups of men’s and women’s Bible studies here at Anchor Point. Small groups mostly form around common interests, but with an emphasis of studying and discussing Christ-centered Biblical Truths. It is a place where we can engage in meaningful conversations that challenge each other towards living Christ like, and encourage each other to put what we learn into practice.

## FROM ROWS TO CIRCLES

In ministry there is a pretty well-known line when it comes to small groups. It is the phrase, “moving from rows to circles.” I am not sure who coined it first, but it really is a great statement. It is important to realize that small groups do just this. They move us from rows to circles. They allow us to experience and share our faith in a closer more familiar circle of friends who get to know our life circumstances and support us on the journey. In church, we gather in rows to listen to the Word of God, which sustains us and nourishes us. Small groups gather us in circles of our real-life stories of joys and struggles, where Christ meets us, walks with us, and accompanies us. It is an intimate group to share these things with, where we can talk, pray, and live out our Faith stories with each other.

## WHY SMALL GROUPS?

Community. All the studies of successful and dynamic churches point to the opportunity to gather in small groups as a significant factor (and this isn’t just large churches, but all sizes). The spiritual growth of those involved in small groups has really made an impact not only in churches but throughout the community that the church is located in. Small groups can help us see the importance of valuing others as God values us. A small group can help and encourage us to serve together and find a consistent place to serve. It can help us invest in those who may not know Christ, by inviting them to a Sunday morning worship service, or a Small Group event. Small groups help in spurring each other on through the love of Christ and showing the world who Christ is, being that light on a hill. Because of all these “things” small groups can be, our goal is to make “small groups” a bigger part of the fabric of Anchor Point Bible Church. We currently have a number of small groups that meet regularly (Wednesday morning Men’s Bible Study, Tuesday night women’s Bible study, Women without partners, etc.) but we want more people to have the opportunity to join or even establish a small group to share their lives with. In the weeks to come you will hear about the “launching” of more small groups. We hope that all of these efforts lead us to live out the mission of Anchor Point Bible Church, and that is to STAND IN THE FAITH, be SECURE WITH HOPE, and TO SERVE THROUGH LOVE.

## **If you are interested in starting a Small Group- it is as easy as 1-2-3!**

1. Grab a couple of friends
2. Decide when and where you’ll meet (this could be at church, in a home, restaurant, it is totally up to the group)
3. Once you’ve created the group, contact Pastor Steve and we’ll get you started! His email address is [steve@anchorpointbiblechurch.com](mailto:steve@anchorpointbiblechurch.com) and put “SMALL GROUP” in the subject line.

## Prayer Request & Praise Reports

- † Please continue to pray for Marcia Holman after her recent kidney surgery and that these new tubes will work. Please pray for Marcia’s spirits to be lifted.
- † Please keep the Mann family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Jackie Mann (Rachel’s grandma).
- † Bob Brydon is hopeful that Loretta will be able to be transported back to Michigan to a hospital in Muskegon soon. It will be wonderful to have her closer to family and to Bob. She has been at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Bob was not able to stay with her due to a Covid outbreak in that area.
- † Betty Rice lost her last sibling, Ethel Ferrier, this past week. Please pray for peace and comfort for Betty and her family.