

March 9, 2025

I Read a Thing

13 Phrases to Avoid Saying to a Christian

Selected Scriptures

1. Isn't the Bible just a bunch of stories
2. So you think everyone else is going to hell
3. If God is real, why is the world in such a mess
4. Church is just a money grabber
5. You're only Christian because you grew up that way
6. Christianity is so outdated
7. Wait, aren't Christians supposed to stay calm
8. Don't push your beliefs on me
9. You're Christian so you must hate _____
10. Why don't you relax and have fun
11. Aren't all religions basically the same
12. So you don't think for yourself
13. If you were really a Christian, you'd _____

Now let's think about this

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THIS WEEK: MARCH 9 - 16

Sunday Morning Prayer 8:30 am room 207	3/9
New Quarter Sunday School for all ages <i>nursery room 110</i>	3/9
Coffee Fellowship Time 10 AM in the Fireside Room	3/9
Morning Worship	3/9
Morning Worship/Children's Church/Koins4Kids <i>nursery room 205</i>	3/9
Facebook Live Church 10:30 AM	3/9
Online Church 10:30 AM, Noon, 6 PM	3/9
Good News Club, Youth Group, Adult groups 6-7:30 PM	3/9
CMA Youth Basketball playoffs	March 10-13
Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 AM room 103	3/11
No Volleyball	3/11
No Wednesday Prayer	3/12
CMA Youth Basketball Awards Banquet 5:30 PM	3/15
Morning Worship/Children's Church <i>nursery room 205</i>	3/16
Good News Club, Youth Group, Adult Groups 7 PM	3/16

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Creative Grace Ladies' Event 6 PM	3/17
Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 AM room 103	3/18
Volleyball ages 15 and up 6 PM	3/18
Board of Ministries TUESDAY at 7 PM	3/18
Wednesday Prayer	3/19
Elder Board THURSDAY at 7 PM	3/20
Red Cross Blood Drive Noon—5 PM in the gym	3/21
Palm Sunday Dinner following morning worship	4/13
Maundy Thursday Dinner, Service, and Footwashing 6 PM	4/17
Good Friday evening service 6 PM	4/18
Easter Sunday Service 10:00 AM <i>No Sunday school</i>	4/20

PASTOR/ELDER CONTACT INFORMATION

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- ⇒ Visit www.pcmachurch.org/giving



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at Punxsutawney Alliance Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Verse of the Month: Psalm 103:10-12 ESV

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us

Acknowledgement of God’s Presence

Meet and Greet

“Happy Day”

“Blessed Be Your Name”

“Everlasting God”

Koins for Kids/Missions Moment

Children’s Church Dismissal

Blessing Kyle and Megan

Our Worship in Giving

“Shepherd”

Message: “I Read a Thing”

“How He Loves”

Parting Prayer

WELCOME!

We start with Jesus—He is the One who is the source of our love, the cause of our worship, and the core of our message. Acts 1:8— We rely on Holy Spirit filling as we seek to fulfill our calling to every segment of society. Family—We are at our best when we do this together—serving in a local church and among a community of local churches.

We sincerely WELCOME you today! If you are a first-time guest, we invite you to stop by the table in the narthex to select a gift from us.

SUNDAY FAMILY NIGHT

Join us each Sunday evening from 6:00—7:30 PM

Good News Club (age 3—K & grades 1-6)

Youth Group (grades 7-12)

Adult Ladies - “Finding Quiet” by Jamie Grace

Adult Men - “Whatever Happens” by Robert J. Morgan

Groups do not meet on April 13 or April 20.

MAHAFFEY CAMP LADIES’ SPRING CHARITY TEA

Register for the Ladies’ Charity Tea online at mahaffeycamp.com or call the camp office at (814) 277-5544. There is a \$12 per person fee. *Please contact the church office with any questions.*

CMA YOUTH BASKETBALL AWARDS BANQUET

SET UP: Volunteers needed on Friday, March 14, at 6:00 PM to set up for the basketball banquet.

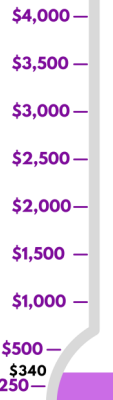
SERVERS: Servers needed for the Saturday, March 15 basketball banquet. Please come at 5:00 PM if you can help. See Mary Hoover with questions or to help.

CREATIVE GRACE

All ladies are invited to “Ties of Blessings” on Monday, March 17, at 6:00 PM. Bring an apron for a fashion show and share the history of your apron if you have one. Sign up in the narthex. See Deb Dinger for more information.

MAHAFFEY YOUTH CAMPS SCHOLARSHIPS

Kids Camp, Teen Camp, STEM Camp, Basketball Camp, Horse Camp and more! These are just a few of the many summer camps we hope to send the children from our church to, but we need your help in offering scholarships to help defray costs. Join us by choosing an amount from the tree in the narthex and placing your donation in an offering plate. Thank you for helping us reach our goal of \$4,000!



ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you graduated in the fall/winter of 2024 or will be graduating this spring, please write your name, contact number, and the school you are graduating from on an index card in the pew rack and place it in an offering plate. Save the date! Graduation Sunday is June 8.

GET TO KNOW YOU QUARTERLY CHALLENGE

Over the next 3 months we will be getting to know each other better! Write your name and phone number on an index card in the pew rack and place it in the designated basket in the back of the church. At the end of church choose a card from the basket and get to know that person! If you put a card in, please take one out!

BAPTISM

Please see Pastor Jones if you are considering baptism for the April 20th Resurrection Sunday service.

Attendance Last Week		2025 Finances	Needed Weekly	Received
Inside	108	3/2/25	\$6,770.00	\$4,702.42
Facebook	22	3/9/25	\$6,770.00	
Online	3	3/16/25	\$6,770.00	
Total	133	3/23/25	\$6,770.00	



Easter Flowers



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CALL TO PRAYER

MARCH 2025



LEAP OF FAITH

Our team is grateful for those who have been praying for many months, and even years, for us to find a more permanent place to worship each week. We started this church plant—Freedom Life Church—in Sendai, Japan, just as COVID 19 hit in the beginning of 2020. As a result, we worshiped on Zoom and then in the home of Stephen and Yire Woerner, Alliance international workers, for two years. In February 2022, we finally found a room to rent in a building. At the time, it was a great space with room to grow—the only real downside was that it had no heat or air conditioning and no place to store equipment. But we were so thankful for a place to worship publicly.

Last summer, we realized the lack of air conditioning was dangerous, and we were soon outgrowing the current space we have been using. With an average of 35 people each Sunday—about half of which are kids—we need additional space and more rooms for the children.

After we spent years looking for a long-term rental space or an affordable

place to buy, the Lord opened a location and has led the Japan Alliance mission to purchase two properties across from each other. One property has a big house on it that we plan to renovate to use as our church worship space and for Envision ministry, housing for visiting teams and interns, and possibly marketplace ministries. The smaller lot across the street will be used for parking, as street parking is not allowed. We look forward to how God will use the tools He's given us to expand His Kingdom here in Japan and beyond!

While this is a huge leap of faith, God very clearly opened the door for us to buy these separate properties that suddenly “happened” to go up for sale at the same time and for a great price. After making a down payment, we are trusting the Lord for the remaining funds by the end of April. We are thankful for the peace we have been given and are trusting God to miraculously provide even for this need. Please join us in praying!

by Quinn McGarvey, an Alliance international worker serving with aXcess in Japan

NEW BEGINNING FOR ALLIANCE CAMP MINISTRY

Rayma was pumping herself up for the fight that awaited her. After over a year of following God's Son, she was ready to share her journey with her family. She was tired of hiding it from them and of their slightly veiled criticisms that she was no longer faithfully keeping the rules of their country's majority religion. Rayma was going to tell her family about her choice to follow Jesus—and let the chips fall where they may.

Her heart pounding, she opened the door to the family home. As she entered the living room, her jaw dropped. Her whole family was sitting together, reading the Bible! Their religious leader had encouraged them to read all the holy books, and they now turned to Rayma, asking her all their questions. “We know you have read these books before,” they said. “Could you help us understand them better?”

Rayma was stunned by how the Spirit had miraculously prepared her family before she even arrived and given her the opportunity to share her faith in a way that strengthened her family relationships instead of severing them. Pray for protection over her as she shares the truth and that her whole family will embrace the Savior.

by an Alliance international worker couple serving with aXcess in the Mideast /Central Asia Region

LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH MINISTRY IS THRIVING

Praise God for the many doors He opened for Inca Link Costa Rica this past year! Operating in the capital city of San José, we seek to build partnerships with local churches, help them reach the next generation through various youth programs, form relationships in the community, and develop national leaders to take on ministry roles.

In one community, we were able to enter a public school with more than 600 students and do several remodeling projects in the school facilities. We also had the opportunity to teach three Bible classes and share the gospel with over 200 children. God enabled us to have our first teen camp last year at the church of Tres Ríos. We started this camp with no funds, and the Lord provided everything we needed. So many teams came to work with us during the year while sharing God's love with hundreds of kids—we even ran a VBS in a public school! Pray that He will continue to open doors for us to share the gospel.

As told by Inca Link missionaries Ignacio “Nacho” RM and Erin Jarvis in the *Inca Link International 2024 Annual Report*. Inca Link was founded and is led by Rich and Elisa Brown, who serve with Envision.



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