

**A NEW**

**ALSTONS CORNER**

**LIFE LESSONS YOU NEED!**

**SEASON**









# WELCOME HOME.

Welcome to Alston's Corner Assembly of God, a welcoming and faith-filled church located in the serene community of Rainier, Oregon. Our mission is "To proclaim Jesus to every generation" by embracing the timeless truths of Scripture and fostering a sense of belonging for all. Through heartfelt worship, practical, Biblically grounded messages, and opportunities to grow together, we aim to inspire and equip you to live out your faith in everyday life. Whether you are new to faith, searching for answers, or looking for a church to call home, we invite you to experience God's presence, discover His transformative love, and connect with others on this shared journey of faith.

## YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE.

At Alston's Corner, we believe faith is best lived out in community. From uplifting Sunday services to engaging children's programs that teach God's love in fun and meaningful ways, there is something for everyone to enjoy. We are passionate about inspiring the next generation and supporting families as they grow in their faith. Through outreach initiatives and a heart for serving, we strive to share Christ's love with our neighbors and make a lasting impact in Rainier and beyond. Come join us as we build stronger faith, deeper relationships, and a brighter future for all.



# GATHERINGS

## SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

Hebrews 10:25 reminds us of the importance of gathering together, encouraging one another, and growing in faith as a community. There is something truly powerful and beautiful that happens when we come together to encounter God and connect with others.

Each week, we are committed to creating meaningful, multigenerational experiences where everyone—no matter your faith journey or background—can experience God's life-transforming presence, power, and love.

We believe there's a place here for you, your family, friends, and neighbors, and we warmly invite you to join us as we grow together and experience God's very best!



## Family Night

We live in a world where busy schedules and endless distractions often pull us in every direction, making it hard to slow down and focus on what truly matters. That's why we've dedicated Wednesday nights at 7 PM to be a time for families to come together and refocus on faith.

Our Family Night is designed with your whole family in mind, offering something for everyone at their own age level.

From engaging programs for kids and youth to meaningful studies and connections for adults, Wednesday nights provide a chance to pause, grow in faith, and experience God's love together. It's a midweek reset for your heart, mind, and family!



SUNDAYS | 10:30AM WEDNESDAY | 7PM  
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# MEN'S MINISTRIES

## MENS BREAKFAST

JANUARY 18

FEBRUARY 15

MARCH 15

APRIL 19



In today's fast-paced world, opportunities for meaningful connection can be rare, especially for men. Between work responsibilities, family commitments, and the pressures of daily life, it's easy to lose sight of the need for authentic relationships. Yet, there's something profoundly transformative about men coming together to share life, faith, and fellowship—especially over something as simple as breakfast.

Whether it's the smell of sizzling bacon, the comfort of hot coffee, or the honest conversations that happen around the table, breakfast has a way of breaking down barriers. It creates a space where men can be real, vulnerable, and encouraged in their walk with Christ. We hope you will join us at the next Men's Breakfast!

**As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."**

**Proverbs 27:17**



The men had an amazing time throwing hatchets 🪓, knives 🔪, and ninja stars ★!  
Don't miss the next event—we'll see you there!



# GROWTH

Have you ever wondered what's next for you on your journey of faith? Maybe you have found yourself attending our Sunday morning service, connecting with others, but you are starting to feel there is something more. Well, there is!

Your faith journey doesn't stop at the door—it's just getting started! Growth in the church is all about taking next steps that deepen your connection with God and others. Whether it's learning to **invite** others, **investing** your time or money, getting **involved**, or building meaningful relationships as you **interact**, there's always room to grow, make an impact, and **inspire** others!

## WAYS TO GROW

### INVITE

At our church, we believe in creating a welcoming space where everyone can belong. Whether it's joining our services, connecting in small groups, or participating in community events, there's a place for you here. We're passionate about doing life together and inviting others to experience the love and hope we share!

### INVEST

At our church, we believe in investing our time, resources, and finances into what truly matters—people and community. By giving generously of both our time and money, we can build deeper relationships, support impactful ministries, and extend God's love in tangible ways.

### INVOLVE

At our church, we believe in getting involved and making a difference together. Whether it's serving in ministries, joining small groups, or participating in community outreach, there's a place for everyone to play a part. Let's grow in faith and impact lives as we get involved!

### INTERACT

At our church, we believe that life is better when we interact with one another in genuine community. Through meaningful conversations, shared experiences, and opportunities to grow together, we create connections that make a difference. Come be a part of something where your voice matters and relationships thrive!

### INSPIRE

At our church, we strive to inspire hearts and minds toward hope, purpose, and a deeper faith. Through uplifting messages, authentic connections, and a shared vision for impact, we encourage one another to live out our calling. Come be inspired and discover all that God has for you!





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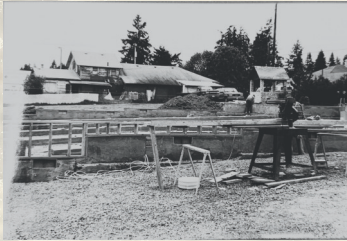
## ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

A Perspective from Pastor Steve Berry

**“ALSTON’S CORNER ASSEMBLY OF GOD HAS ALWAYS HAD A STRONG FOUNDATION THROUGH FAITH IN GOD.”**

Starting in the lates 1930s two ladies came to this area to tell others about knowing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. They saw the need for this area to know that God loves everyone and has a plan for each life that is surrendered to Christ.

At that time, Alston’s Corner area was somewhat isolated because it didn’t take just 5 minutes to get to the bridge. The present highway 30 as we now drive didn’t exist until the 1960s.



When people in this area were told about God’s love for them, several received Christ as Lord of their life.

They began to meet together in a small building, until another was built in the 1950s. in the 1990s, the present building was constructed. While each church building was built well, the true strength of the Church’s Foundation is not just concrete because the church of Jesus Christ is people who trust Him as Savior, not just a building.



Now, 5 generations after Alston’s Corner Assembly of God was begun. That same foundation of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord remains the strength of this Church. Our vision is to show the Love of Christ to others and help every generation to know Christ as Savior.



God has already put Jesus Christ as the only foundation of this building.  
So nobody can put any other foundation there.

I Corinthians 3:II (ESV)

# BOLD IN GENEROSITY

## WHY WE GIVE

Generosity is an act of worship that expresses our gratitude, faith, and love for others. God provides for Alston's Corner's ministry through your generosity. We honour your gifts with faithful stewardship, ethical business practices, and full accountability so that Alston's Corner financial integrity remains beyond reproach.

## A Generous Heart

Generosity is a defining characteristic of God, and as His followers, we are called to embody it courageously in every aspect of our lives. Throughout the Bible, giving is mentioned over 2,000 times—more than double the references to faith and prayer. Jesus Himself spoke about money and possessions in nearly 15% of His teachings, revealing that generosity isn't just about resources—it's about the heart. True generosity is an act of worship and trust, aligning us with God's mission and acknowledging Him as our provider.



## What's a Tithe

Tithing, the principle of giving the first 10% of our income to the Lord, is an act of faith and obedience that acknowledges God as the source of all we have. But generosity doesn't stop there. God invites us to step beyond the baseline, calling us to give cheerfully and boldly. A truly generous heart doesn't ask, "How much do I need to give?" but instead declares, "How much do I get to give?" This shift reflects a heart fully committed to God's work and eager to participate in His mission to transform lives.



## More than Money

God Himself modeled the ultimate act of generosity when He gave His Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice to redeem us, even while we were still sinners. This profound gift not only secured our salvation but also set the standard for how we are called to give. When we trust God with our resources, we deepen our relationship with Him and participate in His blessings. Bold generosity opens the door for God to work through us, using our offerings to bring hope and transformation to others.

Yet, generosity is not just about finances—it's about giving all of ourselves to the Lord. Being bold in generosity also means offering our time, energy, and talents to advance His Kingdom. Whether it's volunteering in the church, serving in missions, or dedicating hours to help those in need, our labor for the Lord reflects a heart aligned with His purpose. Colossians 3:23 reminds us, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Every act of service, no matter how small, builds His church and demonstrates His love. Boldly stepping into opportunities to serve is a tangible expression of faith, making an eternal impact and furthering God's Kingdom.

## Be about His Business

Let's be a people who live boldly in generosity—not just with our finances, but with our hearts, time, and lives. When we align our giving, our service, and our purpose with God's, we reflect His character to the world and step into His promise of abundant blessings for His glory.

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## Empowering Women: Growing Together Through Ministry, Study, and Prayer



Life can be overwhelming, and the Bible offers timeless wisdom and hope. Studying God's Word in a group setting allows women to share insights, ask questions, and support one another as they grow spiritually. It's also a chance to see Scripture through the lens of diverse experiences, making the Word come alive in fresh, meaningful ways.

Women's ministries play a vital role in creating a supportive, nurturing environment where women can grow in their faith, connect with others, and find purpose in their walk with Christ. Whether it's a Bible study, a book club, or the encouragement of prayer partners, these activities empower women to build deeper relationships with God and each other. Here's a look at how these facets of women's ministry bring transformation, fellowship, and joy.



For women who love to read, a book club can be an enriching way to explore faith, life, and purpose. Christian book clubs often incorporate faith-based fiction, biographies, or inspirational non-fiction to spark meaningful discussions and deeper reflection.

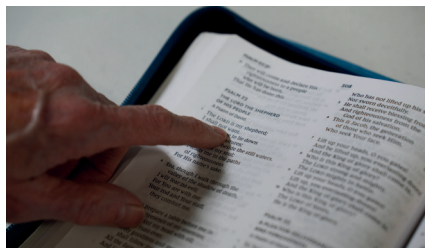
Books have a unique way of addressing real-life struggles and joys, helping readers see God's truth in new ways.

A book club provides a casual, relaxed setting for women to bond over shared stories while encouraging one another in their faith journey.



### Discovering the Beauty of Community

The broader women's ministry provides a space for all these activities to flourish. Through workshops, retreats, outreach projects, and regular gatherings, women have the opportunity to serve, learn, and grow alongside one another.



# OUR PASTOR'S

## 2025 VISION

ALSTON'S CORNER



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**225 For Easter**

**Build A Dedicated Kid's Church**

**2 Sunday Morning Services**

**50% Volunteer Involvement**

**Cambodia Mission Trip**

# VISION FOR 2025

## **225 for Easter**

My prayer for Easter Sunday is to see as many people as possible join us to hear the life-changing message of Jesus. It's about reaching beyond our walls, inviting individuals and families, and creating an opportunity for them to encounter the hope of the resurrection.

## **Build a Dedicated Kid's Church**

A dedicated Kid's Church will create a fun, engaging, and spiritually impactful space for our AC Kids to grow and thrive. My heart is to prioritize our kids; building their faith foundation in a safe and secure environment, equipping them to be lifelong followers of Jesus.

## **2 Sunday Morning Services**

Adding a second service will make room for more people to worship and grow in their faith. This step ensures everyone in our community has a place to connect and experience God's presence.

## **50% Volunteer Involvement**

My prayer is to see at least half our congregation actively serving. This reflects a shared commitment to building God's Kingdom, and using our individual gifts to serve His Church.

## **Cambodia Mission Trip**

This mission trip will offer a firsthand experience of global ministry, inspiring a deeper appreciation for missions and the work of Kingdom Builders.



PROCLAIMING JESUS TO EVERY GENERATION

YOU BELONG HERE

Pastor Kyle Alison



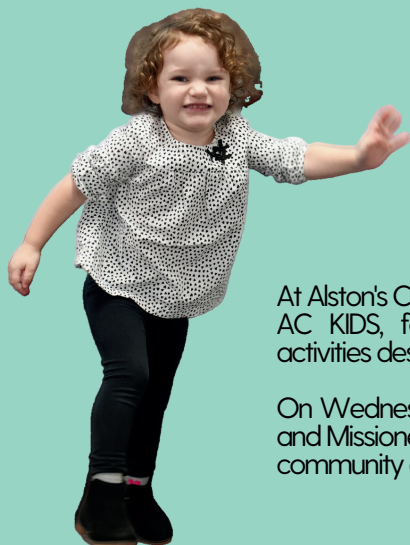
# Dive into our AC KIDS



**IGNITE FAITH AND CREATIVITY  
WITH EVERY ENCOUNTER**



Step into a world where faith, fun, and friendships come alive! Our Kids' church is packed with Biblically sound lessons, vibrant illustrations, captivating stories, and exciting activities designed to inspire young hearts and minds. Each service invites kids to grow in their faith, make meaningful connections with peers, and discover the joy of learning about God in a fun and engaging way!



At Alston's Corner, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM are all about AC KIDS, featuring worship, engaging lessons, and fun activities designed to help children grow in their faith.

On Wednesday nights at 7 PM, kids can join Royal Rangers and Missionettes for meaningful discipleship, skill-building, and community connections.

**where faith meets fun**

# UNIFIED YOUTH

Meeting Every Sunday 6pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fine Arts Showcase

February 9th @ 6pm

Fine Arts

April 3rd-5th



## WHY JOIN YOUTH??

### FOUNDATION OF FAITH

Youth is a critical time for shaping values and beliefs. Investing in young people helps them build a strong foundation in Christ, equipping them to navigate life's challenges with faith and purpose.

### FUTURE LEADERS

Today's youth are our present/future leaders in the church and community. By nurturing their spiritual growth now, we prepare them to impact the world for Christ today & in the future.

### NAVIGATING IDENTITY

Youth face significant pressures in discovering who they are. Providing guidance, mentorship, and biblical truths helps them find their identity in Christ rather than in the world.

### BUILD STRONG FAITH-BASED FRIENDSHIPS

Youth groups offer a welcoming community where young people can connect with others who share their faith. These relationships provide encouragement, support, and accountability during a crucial stage of life.

## WHY INVEST IN YOUTH??

Participation in youth groups is crucial for sustaining faith into adulthood.

Research from the Fuller Youth Institute indicates that 40% to 50% of high school youth group members disengage from their faith during college.

Engaging in youth groups during adolescence fosters a resilient, enduring faith foundation.



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# What Was Lost in the Garden

HOW GOD'S REDEMPTION RESTORES ALL THINGS



## Creation and Obedience Disrupted

Sin didn't just affect humanity; it disrupted creation itself. The ground was cursed, and creation now groans under sin's weight (Romans 8:20-22). Additionally, humanity's trust and obedience were shattered when Adam and Eve doubted God's goodness. Yet through Christ's perfect obedience, God is restoring harmony in creation and offering a path back to trust and righteousness (Romans 5:19).



## Broken Fellowship And Lost Purpose

When Adam and Eve sinned, humanity's perfect fellowship with God was broken. Sin caused shame, fear, and separation, disrupting the closeness God intended. It also distorted humanity's purpose—to reflect God's image and steward His creation. Through Christ, however, God is restoring the fellowship and renewing our purpose, reconciling us back to Him (2 Corinthians 5:18).



## God's Redemption Plan Prevails

Though humanity lost fellowship, purpose, harmony, and trust, God Himself did not change. Redemption was always part of His plan. What was lost in the garden, Jesus reclaimed on the cross. Through Christ, God offers us grace, love, and eternal restoration. As Romans 5:20 reminds us, where sin increased, grace increased all the more, offering hope and renewal for all who believe.



# UPCOMING SERIES

## Winning Habits

In this series, we explore the foundational practices of Prayer, Worship, Bible Study, and Fasting—habits that deepen our relationship with God and transform our lives. Prayer connects us to God's heart, Worship shifts our focus to His greatness, Bible Study equips us with truth, and Fasting humbles us and helps us surrender distractions. These practices are vital for strengthening our faith and walking in God's purpose with clarity and confidence.

## The Young Church

In this series, we explore the first few chapters of Acts to see how the early church grew and thrived despite challenges. United by faith, love for one another, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, this young community laid the foundation for a movement that would change the world. Their devotion to God and each other provides a timeless blueprint for us today. Join us as we rediscover the heart of the early church and what it means to live boldly in God's mission.



## Red Flags

In our relationships

**Red Flags** For Valentine's Day, we explore the biblical principles that help us navigate relationships with wisdom and discernment. Whether it's friendships, dating, or marriage, the Bible provides clear guidance on what healthy relationships look like—and the warning signs to watch out for.

## Dealing with Difficult People

In this two-week series, we'll explore how to navigate challenging relationships both inside and outside the church. Using examples from Jesus' life, we'll see how He handled the crowds, His family, His disciples, and even the Pharisees and Sadducees with grace, wisdom, and truth. Join us as we learn biblical principles for responding to conflict, extending love, and reflecting Christ in every interaction.




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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			OFFICES CLOSED				
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Potluck		Ladies Bible Study	Family Night 7pm Church-Wide Fast	Book Club 6pm			
	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Board Meeting			Ladies Bible Study	Family Night 7pm	Book Club 6pm	Men's Breakfast 9am	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Vision Sunday Volunteer Rally			Ladies Bible Study	Family Night 7pm	Book Club 6pm	Catalyst Winter Camp	
	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Catalyst Winter Camp			Ladies Bible Study	Family Night 7pm	Book Club 6pm		

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16 I Get to Lead	17	18	19 Family Night 7pm	20 Book Club 6pm	21	22 Ladies Bunco 5pm
23	24	25 Ladies Bible Study	26 Family Night 7pm	27 Book Club 6pm	28	
Business Meeting		Ladies Bible Study				

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	St. Patrick's Day	Ladies Bible Study	Family Night 6pm	Book Club 6pm	INSPIRED- NW Women's Conference	
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Missions Banquet 6pm		Ladies Bible Study	Family Night 6pm	Book Club 6pm		Volunteer Rally

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Easter Spring Catalog	Church Offices closed	Ladies Bible Study	Family Night 6pm	Book Club 6pm		
27	28	29	30			
Baptisms Spring Carnival	Church	Offices closed	Family Night 6pm			
		Ladies Bible Study				

# OUR CORE VALUES

Proclaiming Jesus To Every Generation



## Driven By the Mission

We are unwavering in our commitment to fulfill the Great Commission, reaching people with the Gospel and making disciples of all nations. Everything we do is focused on advancing God's Kingdom and pointing others to Jesus.

## Set the Bar High

Excellence honors God and inspires people, so we strive to exceed expectations in every area of ministry and life. We believe in giving our best because God deserves nothing less than our absolute best.



## Bold In Generosity

We are passionate about giving boldly, knowing that our resources are a tool to build God's Kingdom and bless others. Generosity is not just an action; it's a reflection of our faith and trust in God's provision.

## Fearless Faith

We step into the unknown with confidence, trusting God to do the impossible in and through us. Our faith is not limited by circumstances but anchored in the truth of God's Word and His promises.



## Love to Have Fun

We believe joy is a fruit of the Spirit, and we reflect God's goodness through a culture of celebration and laughter. Ministry and life are meant to be enjoyed, so we create spaces where people feel uplifted and encouraged.

## Whatever it Takes

We are a church committed to going the extra mile to reach the lost and serve others. No challenge is too great when it comes to sharing the love of Jesus and meeting the needs of our community.



## People of the Towel

We follow Jesus' example by embracing a servant-hearted lifestyle, humbly meeting the needs of others. With the mindset of Christ, we are always ready to serve, no matter how small or unseen the task.

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