

F A Q 'S

Frequently Asked Questions

We hope that this series of informational brochures about the Almont Vineyard Church enriches your knowledge about us and deepens your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

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It's not what you've done in the past, but what you're going to do in the future.

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I've just become a Christian
now what?

I'm a new Christian... now what?

Here are several key things that you can do.

...read the bible every day

The bible is God's word-He is the author. It is one of the ways God will speak to you. By reading the bible, you will learn more about Him-what He has done for you and His plan for your life. You will also find comfort during difficult times and answers for your problems. In order to grow and mature spiritually as a Christian, you should practice daily bible reading.

Jesus answered, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

...how do I get started?

- ✎ Get yourself an easy to read translation of the bible, we recommend the New International Version (NIV). Please let us know if you need a bible.
- ✎ A good place to start is in the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They are the first four books of the New Testament and tell the story of the life of Jesus Christ.
- ✎ Start out reading just a chapter or two every day; whatever is manageable for you.
- ✎ Eventually, get a bible reading plan to follow that will take you through the bible in a year.
- ✎ Consider investing in a study bible which will include helpful background information and study guides that will increase your understanding of what you read.

...spend time praying everyday

Prayer is just talking to God. A simple formula to follow when praying is **ACTS**-

- ✎ Adoration
- ✎ Confession
- ✎ Thanksgiving
- ✎ Supplication

When praying, make sure to praise God for who He is, to honestly confess your sins to Him, to thank Him for what He has done for you and to ask Him for what you need. Be open to hearing from God during prayer and for Him to speak to you about what He may want you to be doing or changing in your life. There is power in prayer, God not only hears but answers every prayer. How can He answer you if you have not asked?

You do not have because you do not ask God." (James 4:2)

"I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live." (Psalm 116:1-2)

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

...stay in community

This means to maintain close relationships with other Christians. Almont Vineyard believers stay in community by regularly attending our weekend service and exploring some of the many other gatherings we offer.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

As a new Christian, you may want to consider attending one of our weekly Small Groups, please call ahead to verify time and location.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... Every day they continued to meet together... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God..." (Acts 2:42-47)

...share Jesus with others

As a Christian, you are called to tell others what the Lord has done for you. It is not necessary to be a bible scholar or to have all the answers. Sharing the story of your journey toward Christ is one of the most effective ways of helping others find Him. There are benefits in it for you as well. Sharing your faith challenges you to discover what you really believe and why, and it enables you to participate with the Lord in His plan for the world.

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." (2 Corinthians 5:20)

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15)

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." (Philemon 6)

Please contact the Almont Vineyard if you have any other questions or concerns about your new Christian walk.