

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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On
Acts!

Gathering	Message: "Living In In- visible Realities" Acts 16
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Welcome to Mercy Church!

Thank you for making us your place of worship today. We would love to remember your concerns in prayer and keep you in touch with our weekly e-newsletter or maybe you would like a pastor to contact you about something happening in your life. Write it down at the bottom of the page, tear it at the crease, and leave it with us in the bucket at the back of the sanctuary.

Also, we are interested in knowing more about one another! If you're not in a hurry please stick around for a few extra minutes to visit. Have a GREAT DAY!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email : _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 11 7- 8:00 am: Men's Fellowship Breakfast, All Day Café, (2101 W 41st St, Sioux Falls SD 57105)

October 11 7 - 8:00 pm: Mercy Circles, "the Christian Atheist", Session 5, "When You Believe in God But Pursue Happiness At Any Cost", Mercy Church Fellowship Hall

October 14 8:30 am: Mercy Women's Coffee, Josiah's Coffee House

October 14 10:00 am: North Central District Prayer Summit, The Bridge Church (810 Jenson Ave SE Ste. 1, Watertown, SD 57201)

October 27 6-9:00 pm: Soup Potluck and Game Night, Fellowship Hall

November 3 6:00 pm – **November 4** 3:00 pm : SD C&MA Women's Retreat, Byron Bible Camp (40546 S Shore Rd, Huron , SD 57350)

November 5 Immediately Following the Service: Special Covenant Partners meeting.

MERCY PRAYS

Las Vegas Mass Shooting - Pray for God's healing touch on the more than 500 victims of Sunday night's shooting at a concert in Las Vegas, Nevada, which left at least 58 people dead. Pray also for His comfort for those who lost loved ones. There are three Alliance churches in Las Vegas and two in Henderson, a suburb of Las Vegas. Pray that they and other area churches will be beacons of Christ's light and love in the wake of this tragedy.

Puerto Rico - Continue to pray for Puerto Rico, which is suffering a humanitarian crisis after Hurricane Maria. The storm destroyed 80 percent of the island's agricultural industry. At this writing, only half of the hospitals are functioning, and many are over capacity; food and medicine are running out, especially for those isolated by impassable roads; and about 44 percent of the population is without drinking water. However, The Alliance is taking practical steps to help those most severely affected. Two disaster coordinators from the Puerto Rico District have been assembling a task force consisting of two pastors from each of Puerto Rico's six regions to gain a better understanding of the extent of the damage and how best to respond.

Javier Gómez, Puerto Rico District superintendent, expressed his gratitude for the love and concern coming from Alliance churches. Because of the difficulties associated with communications on the island, he has asked that at least for now, calls and e-mails from the mainland be curtailed to better enable crucial communications within the island. Phone and Internet service is limited, and 90 percent of those with cell phones have no service. Instead, Javier requests that inquiries and offers to help be e-mailed to CAMA Services, the Alliance relief and development arm, at cama@camaservices.org. **Please pray for:**

- those who have suffered great loss and find themselves without adequate shelter or necessities;
- wisdom for Javier and the Puerto Rican relief coordinators and pastors. They are struggling to know how to help because they are suffering alongside their congregants;
- communication to be restored. Only 20 of the 63 churches in Puerto Rico have been reached, and as a result, it is difficult to assess the damage;
- Alliance churches on the island, as many have been badly hit. One was flooded with seven feet of water;
- God's peace and hope to cover the nation as they grieve all that has been lost and destroyed.

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In order to follow basic ministry ethics guidelines, our staff or pastors will not meet in the facility alone with members of the opposite gender. We suggest that you call ahead if you need to stop in at any time in order to ensure that a third person is in the building. All staff are available to meet in coffee shops/restaurants or out in



9:00 AM
SUNDAY
SCHOOL

SUNDAY
WORSHIP
10:00AM

Each week we try to give you the most up-to-date details about Mercy Church. We want this to be relevant and helpful. Is there something we are missing? Do you have an announcement that you would like to have included? Is there a mistake that needs correcting? PLEASE pass on the information! Email: newsletter@mercy-church.org or use the space afforded in the newsletter! Thank you!