

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Acting  
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Acts!

Gathering	Message: "Called to Suffer" Acts 17:1-15
Welcome	Response/Scatter
Praise & Worship	Sending song
Announcements	Benediction
Offering	Prayer and Fellowship
Doxology	

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!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**October 17** 7:00 pm: Vision Team Meeting, Church Library

**October 18** 7 - 8:00 pm: Mercy Circles, "the Christian Atheist", Session 6, "When You Believe in God but Don't Want to Go Overboard", Mercy Church Fellowship Hall

**October 22** No Youth Sunday School

**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.

**Congratulations!!** To Bruce and Alex Manz and the Walker family on the birth their new baby girl, Lydea Rose!

## MERCY PRAYS

**California** - This morning I am in Salt Lake City and woke up to news of wildfires raging all over Santa Rosa and Napa, California. Most of our pastors have been evacuated from their homes, and it appears that Jon Maves [of Alliance Redwoods in Occidental] has lost his home. They were awakened at 2:00 a.m. by pounding on their door and saw flames all around their neighborhood, and the house next door burned to the ground. They do not live on the outskirts, which shows you how invasive this fire is. Our church buildings appear to be safe at this point and are being used as evacuation centers.

**Puerto Rico** - Last Wednesday, U.S. Alliance President John Stumbo and two others from the National Office returned from Puerto Rico, where they toured the island to assess damage and to encourage and pray with the Alliance family there. The team also distributed monetary assistance and much needed supplies to those most severely affected. **Pray for:**

- The team noted that, despite the widespread damage on the island, God has again proven Himself merciful in protecting the Alliance family from catastrophic devastation. Although many areas remain isolated, here is the team's initial assessment: The island's electrical infrastructure has been decimated, and the power grid will have to be rebuilt from the ground up.
- Most gas stations have no gas, as tankers—often with police escorts—struggle to reach them with limited supplies. Stations with gas have lines of up to 100 cars.
- Generally, homes that were built for hurricane readiness (most with concrete roofs) weathered the storm without significant damage; homes with tin or wood roofs, common among poorer populations, suffered extensive damage or destruction.
- An estimated 20 of the 63 Alliance churches on the island suffered damage of varying significance. Many of these churches are insured, but deductibles range from \$10k-\$30k. Cleaning and restoring these churches has been challenging without water and electricity, forcing members to remove mud and debris with brushes, brooms, and shovels. Despite these obstacles, most pastors opened their churches' doors for worship and ministry within days of the storm's aftermath.
- Early reports indicate that up to 10 Alliance family members' homes per church suffered damage.

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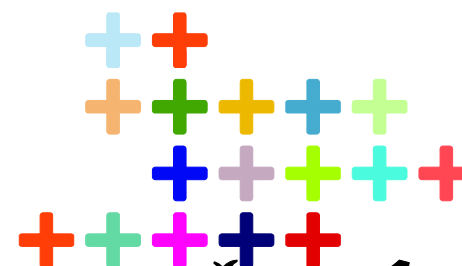
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Michael Bergan      Kurt Henrichs

Joni Butler          Roine Klassen

Merle Wollman

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



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**MERCY CHURCH**

**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!