WELCOME!

We are so glad you are here.

At Ankeny Free Church, we welcome you with open arms, just as you are. Whether you're seeking answers, grappling with life's big questions, or simply looking for a place to belong, we are here for you.

It doesn't matter where you're from or what you're wearing; what matters is that you're here. This is a safe place to explore your faith, connect with others, and learn about the God who created you for His glory.

We are a community of broken, imperfect people, who found hope, love, and redemption in the perfect love of Jesus Christ. Come experience the love, support, and grace that our church family offers.

We look forward to meeting you!
- Angela
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New Members:
Jerry and Kay Hasson have been approved by the elders for membership at Ankeny Free Church. We welcome them and are grateful that they have chosen to become part of the Ankeny Free Church family.

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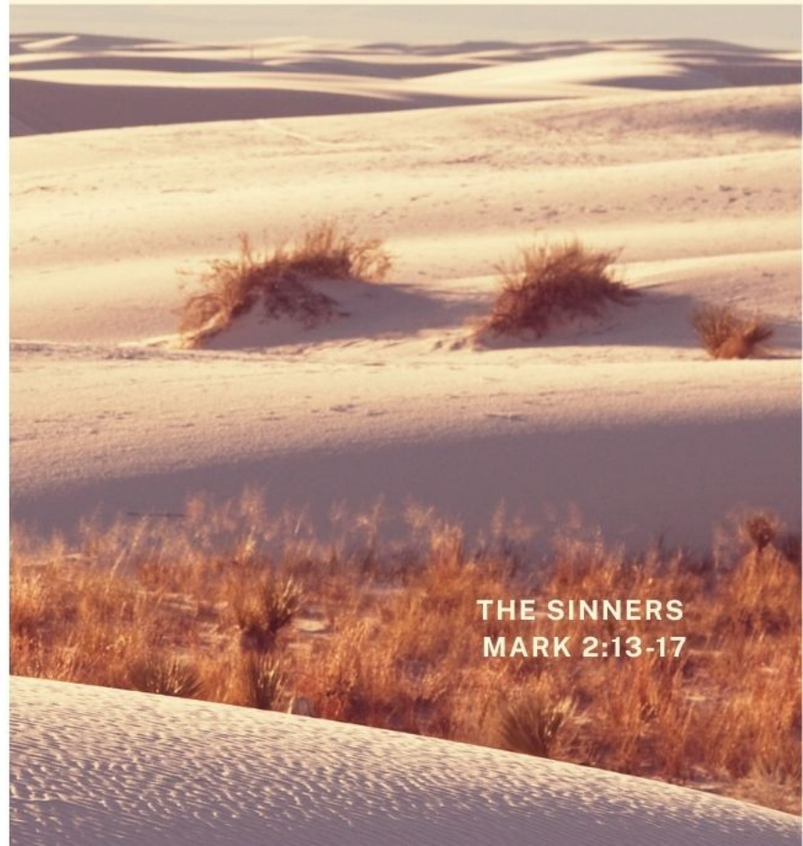
THE GOSPEL OF

MARK

KNOWING THE SON OF GOD



TAKE A RISK FOR JESUS

Take a Risk for Jesus is a simple, visible way for us to mark **steps of faith** as they happen, and to encourage one another to keep taking them.

Here's how it works: In the **Kid's Building and Worship Center foyers,** you'll find a display with a basket of ping pong balls nearby. Each time you take a deliberate **step of faith**, drop a ping pong ball into the display.

Your step of Faith might be a personal step of discipleship, like j**oining a group, confessing something to a friend**, having an uncomfortable conversation, forgiving someone, starting a bible reading program, memorizing Scripture, focusing on prayer, or increasing in generosity. It might be a step in reaching others, like **inviting a neighbor over, sharing your story**, asking a spiritual question, or serving someone outside your usual circle. It might also be something we do together as a church. These steps don't have to be new inventions. No one will ask what your ball represents, and **no step is too small if it took faith to take it.**

We step out because Jesus is worthy of our trust and obedience. Our confidence isn't in ourselves, but in Christ. **This is not a scoreboard; it is not a contest**. This is a picture of our church responding to Jesus, **one step at a time**. We will watch the container fill and let it remind all of us that **God is at work in and through us.**

The Gospel of Mark

The Sinners

Mark 2:13-17

Christ calls sinners

Something for us:

Todd Hessel October 11, 2026 todd@ankenyfree.church

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CONNECT CARD

We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected. Please take a moment to fill out this connect card and drop it in one of the boxes at the back of the Worship Center as you leave.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

- [ ] I am new to Ankeny Free Church
- [ ] Add me to the church weekly email update.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

- [ ] Confidential (Elders Only)
- [ ] I would like someone to follow up with me.

ATTEND A NEXT STEP CLASS

- [ ] I would like to learn about getting connected with Ankeny Free Church by attending a "Next Step" Class.

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