

ALLISON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 2019

Newsletter

***“If you were of the world,
it would love you as its own.
Instead, the world hates
you, because you are not of
the world, but I have chosen
you out of the world.”***

John 15:19

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Andrew Hancock

When the world mistreats us, we become bothered and joyless. Our pride has been threatened because, as much as we do not care to admit it, our identity is still wrapped up into the world. Yet Christ has chosen us out of the world. We are out of, set apart from, the identities and subcultures and groups that form and reinforce love from the world. We have been chosen by Christ to no longer wrap our pride into their acceptance and love, but to identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ as our baptism symbolizes.

Are you surprised when the world hates you? In this day of social media, I observe the vented grievances of Christians in our culture having self-pity when they are wounded by the world. I sense their frustration and desire to have such wounds healed by “likes” and cliché comments. We are instructed by the wisdom of God’s Word not to be surprised by such fiery trials as if they are strange (1 Peter 4:12). Jesus tells us we are hated by the world because we were chosen out of the world by Christ, whom the world hates.

Do not be surprised, Christian, when upon your path the world rejects you, gives you a hard time, and ruins your day. When you dwell in self-pity by the world’s mistreatment by unrepented pride in your heart, you will find yourself surprised, embittered, and joyless. Your identity, your pride, has been attacked. “Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit,” Jesus taught earlier in this passage (John 15:5). “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit” (John 15:16). You were chosen by Christ out of the world to bear fruit in the world who will hate you. “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11).

Joylessness abides in the heart of someone hated by the same world your pride craves to be loved by, and it is a sign of unbelief. Is abiding in Christ and His Word more delightful than the world’s good treatment of loving its own? Will you find joy in the Lord even if that means the world will hate you? Whatever comforts we enjoy or lack in this world, such satisfaction in the Lord is learned (Philippians 4:11-13). We bear fruit, including joy, surrounded by this cruel world by abiding in Christ our all satisfying joy! And Christ’s joy in us is full!

Heavenly Father, we confess our desire to be liked and treated well in this world. Teach us to abide in Christ and learn contentment in Him. Give us humility and teachableness to learn Your satisfying mercies, that we may bear much fruit to glorify You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



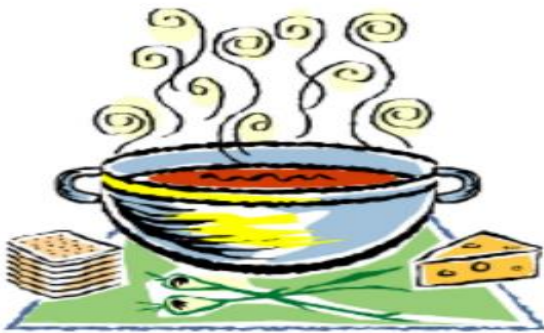
**We exist to make disciples of all people
To the Glory of God!**



Meeting:

Saturday, February 16th
10:00 am at the church

All Men are invited and encouraged to come!



*Seniors'
Luncheon*

Saturday, March 2nd

11:30 am

In the church fellowship hall

This luncheon is for Seniors as well as any adults that would like to come fellowship.

Bring an item such as soup, sandwiches, snack or dessert to share.

We have a sign up sheet in the foyer or you can contact Rita Holmes with any questions or to rsvp.

Churchwide YARD SALE

Saturday May 4th (rain date June 4th)

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

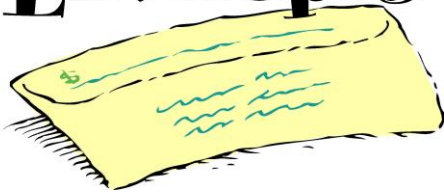
(All proceeds will go to the church for the kitchen and renovation upstairs)

We will have some items set up in the basement for a silent auction. This is stuff donated to the church to help make money for things we want to get done at the church.

We are hoping that all of you can do some cleaning out and donate to the church for re-sale. We will not be pricing the items. This will be done on a Donation to the Church only yard sale. Don't worry about keeping stuff until the day of the sale. You can bring it to the church and we will have a room set up to hold stuff until the day of the sale.

Please do not bring things with stains or Big furniture unless you plan on helping the day of the sale to load it or take it away at the end of the day. We will be donating everything to GoodWill at the end of the day. If you want your stuff be sure to be there to pack it up. We will be needing lots of workers for this. Watch for more later on. Please be in prayer for this as it will be a big job but a blessing to the church.

Offering Envelopes



If you would like to receive a giving statement at the end of the year,

PLEASE

Put your money or checks in an envelope.

Thank You from AABC



February Birthdays:

2...Dawn Runge

9...Josh Runge

13...Bob Patton

16...Anna Langdon

24...Paula Titus

27...Bonnie Vance

29...Samantha Runge

Please remember these people as they celebrate another year!

Ladies Bible Study

February 19th and March 19th

6:30 pm

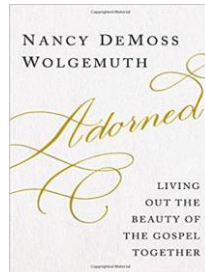
At Rita Holmes' house

If you haven't joined us for this Bible Study, it is not too late. We are getting ready to start the next study time in Chapter 5. It will be easy to catch up. Read Titus 2 which is what the book is covering at the moment.

We would love for all ladies to join us for our Bible Studies. We have such a good time fellowshiping with each other.

*Our Bible Studies start at 6:30 We have a few snacks to start off while we share prayer requests and get ready to dive into our study. Jeanie Fryman will be facilitating our study which is the book **Adorned** By Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. She is a great author who writes many studies. I don't think we will be disappointed.*

If you need directions to Rita's house, please call or text her at 513-313-9306.



If you have any prayer needs and concerns, please email or text Dawn Runge and she will make sure it is put on our prayer chain.

Her email is rtdfarms@gmail.com or text her at 513-253-9849

Prayer Requests

Our church and church families

Unsaved Loved Ones

Our shut ins

Our country



If you haven't filled out a contact information form with Allison Avenue Baptist Church, please pick one up in the foyer and give us your information.

This lets us send our newsletter to you as well as having your birthday and email for other information we may send out. We would love to stay in touch with you.



Renovation will be starting soon on our upstairs area.

We will be putting in a kitchen area (a place for doing dishes and storing kitchen things).

If you would be interested in helping with this project, we would love to have you. We will have all sorts of things that can be done, from small to big.

You can contact Floyd Holmes if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help.

Floyd Holmes 513-313-9305 (**NO** Texts please)



There are three D groups from our church that meet in different locations. I'm sure you can find a location and time that will fit your needs. These groups are formed to help teach you more about the Lord and the Bible. Each D group teaches from sound doctrine.

We hope you can find a place you would like to come to or visit a few of them and see where your fit is.

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Hancock Family Group (Lindenwald)

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:45 pm

Stephen Sloan Group (Fairfield Township)

1st and 3rd Fridays at 6:30 pm

Titus family group (West Side of Hamilton)

February 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Runge Farm Youth group (Trenton)



Sunday School.....9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study...6:30 pm

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