

ALLISON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

September 2020

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”
Romans 12:12

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

ANDREW HANCOCK

A Godly desire for a vibrant prayer life will be tested in this world of pains and afflictions. Whether things are going well or poorly, whether in comfort or pain, rejoicing or weeping, I am to be “constant in prayer,” or faithfully devoted to prayer.

How do I persist in a vibrant prayer life when things are going well in my life? I am to rejoice in hope. How do I persist in a vibrant prayer life when in tribulation? I am to be patient. Whether I am rejoicing in hope or patient in tribulation, I gather strength from sweet communion by the Spirit with the heavenly Father through Christ in prayer.

Yet, we need help to obey this commandment of Scripture. To rejoice in hope, faithfully endure in all afflictions and trials, and faithfully devoted to prayer is a community project. The early church “with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer” (Acts 1:14) and “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

The hope of a healthy, vibrant prayer life of a follower of Christ that endures all things and rejoices in hope leans heavily on a local church that enjoys a healthy, vibrant prayer life **together**. Later in Romans 12 Paul commands us to “rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” A rejoicing hope is not enjoyed in isolation, but celebrated in the community of a church family. A tear is not to be shed in simple solitude, but grieved in the community of a church family. And all of this in a love for one another which enjoys a healthy, vibrant life of devoted prayer together.

Often, we are tempted that our value in friendships within a local church family is dependent on our own usefulness. Yet, we simply rejoice with those rejoicing and weep with those weeping. There is an end to our counseling and consoling, even an end to our usefulness in labors. Yet Christ’s ability has no end. When hope calls for rejoicing or afflictions test patience in lives around us, we are called to devote ourselves to prayer.

Beloved, do not simply give words or deeds as a church family, but devote yourselves to prayer. Pray for and with one another in love for one another in Christ regularly. May we, the building up of spiritual stones, be made into a house of prayer. By God’s grace we petition for and with one another with thanksgiving in our hearts that His peace that surpasses understanding guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Guards to rejoice in hope; guards to be patient in tribulation.

Heavenly Father, make us into Your house devoted to prayer, pleading for Your needed mercies for each other considering other’s interest above our own. Be glorified in Your praying people. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



**Sunday School Classes are going great in their prospective classrooms. There is room for social distancing. Pastor Andy is holding a class in the sanctuary for anyone that doesn't feel comfortable in the classroom.
Hope to see everyone there!**

Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study

**Has resumed on Wednesday
Evenings at 6:30 pm**

Come and join us in the Sanctuary for Bible Study and Prayer. We will be finishing up the book of Jonah this week.

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Praise Band will practice at 7:30 on  
Wednesday Evenings



**Pathway to Hope Pregnancy Center  
202 S. Monument Ave.  
Hamilton, OH 45011**

One of the workers from the Pregnancy Center called and wanted to stop by. Of course she told us how the agency didn't get to have their big fundraiser but was offering a date to watch the speakers on a webcast. It was so interesting BUT while she was visiting was she wanted to let us know that our church is working through the community. For one....through our Food Pantry we helped save a baby. What a blessing to know how we could service in two ways to someone. Our Food Pantry workers were in awe of this. Makes our passion to serve stronger.

Pathway to Hope is always taking donations and I would like to share their website with you. [pathwaytohopepcc.org](http://pathwaytohopepcc.org) I'm sure they would be glad of our help



# FOOD PANTRY

**\*\*SERVING ALL OF BUTLER COUNTY\*\***

**OPEN - No appointment necessary**

**Every Wednesday ----- 9:30-11:30 am**  
**1st & 3rd Mondays ----- 6:30-7:30 pm**

Please remember to bring your photo ID and two (2) proofs of address. Pantry is located in the basement, down a few steps in the rear entrance of the building.

**5915 Allison Ave, Hamilton OH 45011**

**513-868-0641**



A COMMUNITY  
MINISTRY OF



Our Food Pantry has been doing very well. We serviced a lot of families in the month of August. We even had to get two food orders. That's a blessing. And a **BLESSING** is what we got through all of this. A Christian Organization contacted the church via phone to ask us if we would like a donation of a skid of food.....Of course we did. The organization is Caring Partner International out of Franklin, OH. We were able to pick it up and had plenty of helpers to unload and put it away. Thank You to everyone that has come out and worked with us this past month. It means a lot.

Now for more Blessings for the Pantry. We have received not only the skid of food from Caring Partners but also 2 \$25 Visa gift cards to buy stuff for the pantry. I also received a \$50 designated love offering donation to go to Caring Partner in the name of our Church and Food Pantry.

***How awesome is our God?***



**Check to make sure your Discipleship Group is meeting during this time!**

I know it has been a while since some of the D Groups have met. If you are interested in joining one or seeing if they are back on their schedule, please see the person in charge of that group. They are listed below.

**Hancock Family Group** (Lindenwald) Contact: Pastor Andy

**Stephen Sloan Group** (Fairfield Township) Contact: Pastor Stephen

**Titus family group** (West Side of Hamilton) Contact: Matt Titus



***If you have any prayer needs and concerns, please email or text Rita Holmes and she will make sure it is put on our prayer chain***

***Her email is [ritaholmes72@gmail.com](mailto:ritaholmes72@gmail.com) or text her at 513-313-9306***

***Prayer Requests***

Ruthie Hensley (hospitalized for CoviD-19)

Tammy Reeder (undergoing cancer treatments)

Mary Ingold (health issues)

Gary Allen (continued health issues)

The Titus Family (the passing of Matt's Dad)

Mel & Marilyn Fryman...Stan Fryman's parents (continued health issues)

The Pandemic.. COVID 19.....and the affects it is having on our people and country

Our Shut Ins

Church Ministries and Leader



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



**September Birthdays:**

September 2...Judy Freeman  
September 10...Jenny Gerard  
September 11...Judy Brown  
September 14...Michael Gaines  
September 17...Bob Stewart  
September 19...Barney Landry  
September 24...Josh Biggs  
September 28...Savannah Caldwell

**October Birthdays:**

October 1...Dawana Lucas  
October 8...Jacob Allen  
October 10...Lindsey Vaughn  
October 10...Ron Cowan  
October 12...Debbie Sloan  
October 25...Marci Biggs  
October 25...Olivia Steele  
October 27...Steve Lucas  
October 29...Jay townsend  
October 31...Wanda Keeler



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

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