

ALLISON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

October 2018

Newsletter

***“Let love be genuine.
Abhor what is evil; hold
fast to what is good.” -
Romans 12:9***

We live in a culture that says “be genuine” or “be authentically you;” all you must be in our world is to be honestly you. Yet, the Bible doesn’t just call us to be genuine, but genuinely *loving*. Meaning, what may be honest to your heart and your thinking, your desires and your opinions, might be called upon by God to be honestly repented of.

This is the command in the passage above. To genuinely love, we must hate what God defines as evil and hold fast to what God defines as good. We are commanded to be holy as God is holy, or as God defines holiness in His Word. This new authenticity, this call to love genuinely, is not natural to our sinful flesh.

Genuine love, which is not in the world or in us naturally but found in God, loves God’s holy character. In worship, Psalm 29:2 commands, “Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Andrew Hancock

the Lord in the splendor of holiness.” Our worship of God’s holy character is loving the splendor of His holiness. As the shorter catechism reads, “The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” Glorify God and worship Him in the splendor of holiness AND enjoy, delight in Him forever. This comes by having a transformed mind through His Word that we might glorify God in our thinking as well as having a new heart that we may glorify God in our desires.

Our thinking and our desires are to love God genuinely that our love may be genuine. This true, genuine, authentic love is given to us by the Holy Spirit who transforms us. We were once dead in our sins, separate from God, God’s enemies and haters of God (Colossians 1:21). In other words, we hated genuinely. Christ reconciles us to God through His death and resurrection to present us to our holy God as holy (Colossians 1:22).

So, let your love for God be genuine by loving His holiness. But not in isolation. Not as simply a personal morality. The very next

verse commands, “Love one another with brotherly affection” (Romans 12:10). With a genuine affection and care and delight in God and His church, actively and intentionally and genuinely love the church. That is in fellowship of a local church family.

Genuine love is not simply saying “I love you” or “I *really* love you.” Genuine love is displayed in our fellowship, joining together to learn His Word as a church family, and serving, caring, praying, weeping, rejoicing...TOGETHER.

“Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18).

Heavenly Father, Your genuine love for us is steadfast. Your kindness is rich and Your holiness is pure. Oh, how You have proven care for Your people! Your love and mercy is dependent on Your perfect and holy character. Fill us with Your love that our love would be genuine in Your church. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

CHURCH *News*

Allison Ave. Baptist Church will be hosting the annual SWBA board meeting. The Deacon's wives and the Pastor's wife will be hosting a dinner for the pastors and their wives that will be in attendance of this meeting. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm if you would be interested in attending this annual meeting.

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## DEACONS

*Following to Lead | Leading to Serve*

Our annual election of Deacon's will take place Sunday morning October 14<sup>th</sup>

We have 5 men that will be voted on at this time.

They are: Dan Bauer, Josh Biggs, Ron Cowan, Stan Fryman, Rob Runge

Please be in prayer for these men. Also remember 1 Timothy 3:2-7 as you are praying

Therefore an overseer<sup>(a)</sup> must be above reproach, the husband of one wife,<sup>(b)</sup> sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

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Proposed Budget

Our annual proposed budget for the year 2019 will be available Sunday October 14th. Copies will be in the foyer for anyone who would like a copy to review.



and Fall Festival

Saturday October 27th
5:30 pm

WE have a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church for anyone that would like to make chili for the cook off.

We are also looking for judges to judge the chili. If you have a family member making Chili....You can NOT be a judge.

Come and enjoy having chili with us. Bring a covered dish to go along with chili.



A Deacon's Thoughts

Rob Runge

In the Storm

Considering the recent hurricane in the Carolinas this seems pertinent and relevant. As believers we all experience those storms in life. They can be unplanned or unexpected events and coming rolling in like storm clouds on the plains. Maybe they come violently in the midst of a calm season of life. Some seem to last forever and carry on and on. Others are gone in a flash; mere moments out of our lives. Like the rolling waves on a turbulent sea with lightning crashing and winds blowing they pummel our lives. It is not the storm we are to focus on though regardless of its ferocity or length. It is the man standing in the midst of it with His arms open calling us through it. The one person who no matter what is there to guide, call and save us from all the raging waters and the stormy seas and the tumultuous winds. He is there all along. The question is do you see Him, or do you see the storm. Where our focus is in the storm determines how we will handle ourselves both during and after. Storms are something we are powerless over. Occasionally we need to be reminded that we are not in control of everything in our lives. To be brought low in life is no shame but a humbling required sometimes by the Sovereign God of the Universe. Scripture gives us just an example. We know in Scripture Jesus calls one of His own into that stormy sea.

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Matt 14:28-33 ESV)

Peter looked away and faltered and floundered in that wave. Because he looked away from Jesus. Are you looking to Him? Are you looking for Him? What storm are you in right now that only He can calm or take you through? It is in Him alone you place your hand and your trust. While He may not calm the storm, He will see you through it.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (John 14:27 ESV)

Where do we find peace and calm not only in the middle of the storm but after its all over and done. When the storms of life leave us ravaged God is there in His Word and in His Spirit. Earth will always have storms and we will always have storms in our lives. Where we look to is real issue. Where do you look in the storm?

Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 1 Timothy 3:11

Women's Ministry Bible Study

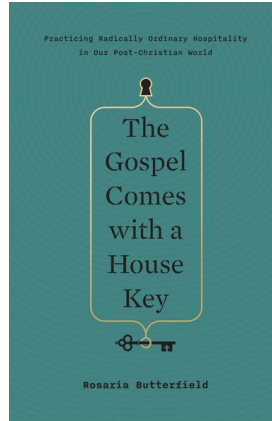
October 16th 6:30 pm

The Women's bible study will be held at the home of Jessica Hancock as she facilitates the first five chapters of the book The Gospel Comes with a Housekey by Rosaria Butterfield

The book can be purchased at Amazon.com or Christianbook.com

It is a great book on hospitality and why it is needed

If you need Jessica's address please ask her or email the church



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

Virginia Stewart (nursing home)

John King (nursing home)

Mary Ingold (health issues)

Vickie Coffman (surgery)

The Nepali Revival Church

Lewisburg Church Plant

Our church and church families



Friday, October 5, 2018

Get your snack 6:45 pm

Movie starts 7:00 pm

Pizza rolls, Popcorn, Potato Chips, Cookies
and a drink will be provided

Come and enjoy the movie

“I Can Only Imagine”

A wonderful Christian movie you won't want to miss!



There are four 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 @ 6:30 pm

Hancock Family Group (Lindenwald)

2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 6:45 pm

Runge Family Group (Trenton)

2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 6:45 pm

Stephen Sloan Group (Fairfield Township)

1st and 3rd Fridays at 6:30 pm

Titus family group (West Side of Hamilton)

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Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:12-14

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