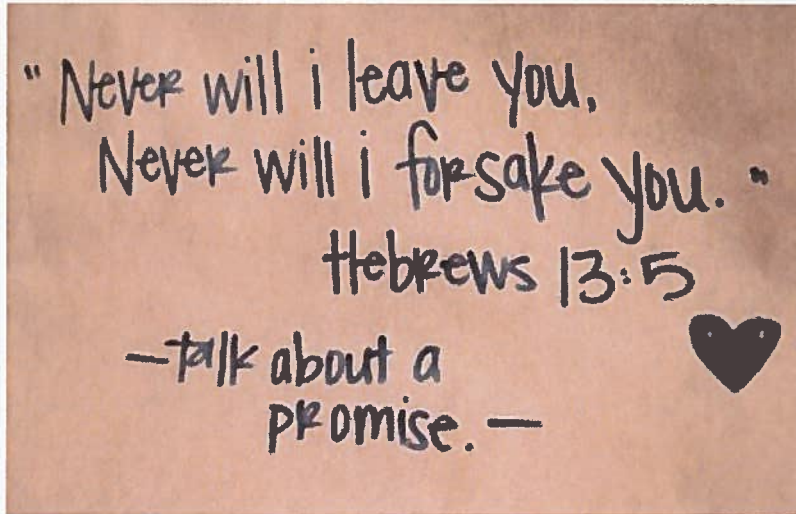


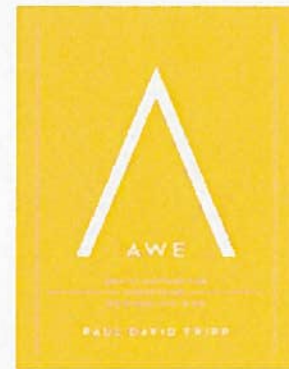
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Book suggestion for February



"AWE: Why It Matters For Everything We Think, Say or Do" by Paul David Tripp.

We need to live our lives being in awe of God.

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February is commonly known for love as we have the celebration of Valentine's Day on the fourteenth of the month. Love is important and necessary. As we recently discussed in a Sunday morning message, human interaction and touch are vital for our existence as human beings. Without contact with others (family and friends), we live lives that can be empty and unfulfilled. Since life matters to God and He designed us to walk through this life with others, we dare not miss the importance of our inter-connected lives. We need other people in this life and we need God.

Once again the Greatest Commandment comes into play here. In Mark 12:28-34 we read about the Pharisees questioning Jesus about which commandment was most important of all the 600+ commandments that were in place at that time. Jesus states that, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." This was the great and first commandment. But Jesus went on to state that there was a second commandments like the first. And this was to "love your neighbor as yourself." His conclusion, "there is no other commandment greater than **these**."

As we reflect on this, we need to be reminded yet again that as followers of Jesus Christ we are to *love God* and *love others*. **This is not an option, this is our mission.** Together, let us honor the One Who has loved us and saved us by fulfilling this mission in our church and in our community.

Pastor Scott

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COME JOIN US!

Each Sunday we have an opportunity to stay connected in worship by attending our Sunday service to enjoy to a shared message and study through scripture.

Join us as we continue our series of sermons entitled, "Jesus HISTory" with senior pastor, Scott Burtis.

I encourage you, if you have not already, to join us in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. We are also live streaming on YouTube. Check our website at www.ambccandor.com for more details.

We are striving to stay connected by email and through telephone calls. Please be sure to contact us if you need anything!

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. I Corinthians 13:7 (ESV)

All Things New—Angela Burtis

The only good thing (in my mind) about the end of Christmas is flipping the page of a new calendar year. I get much joy from a clean page with empty boxes and a sharp pencil. 2021 has yet to be written; it's a blank canvas full of possibilities.

This time last year we were living in the Adirondack Mountains covered in snow. While I delighted in the natural beauty of it, my heart was restless for change. By faith, I had started packing away seasonal items not willy nilly in boxes or bags, but rather like they were going on a truck. To where? Didn't matter. Scott and I both simply felt like our assignment at CAMP-of-the-WOODS was coming to a close. When and how were not our questions to answer.

Through years of daily submission and God's faithfulness, we knew we were in Good Hands and our heavenly Father would direct our steps. Our job was to pray and watch. A life lesson I learned during this season of watching and waiting is that every rejection (we had Scott's resumé in several churches) is either a redirection or a protection from God. Of course! This is how He works. We would be wise not to be discouraged or despaired by it.

As each opportunity fell away, we thanked God for redirecting our steps. As one ministry rose to the top—a familiar one—the senior pastor at Allen Memorial Baptist Church, due to COVID-19, our jobs were eliminated and we were set free. Could God be calling us back to the Southern Tier of New York?

A trusted friend and faithful prayer warrior said this, "What if this move is the answer (fruit) to all the prayers, you and Scott prayed for ministry in that region when you last lived there?" Whoa.

Fast forward to December 27. Moving day. Living temporarily with the same friend, I shared my excitement for a new church, a new home, a new community, a new people to love and place to belong (another answered prayer). She said, "All Things New—it will be the theme for 2021!"

Ten years ago when I was lamenting and grieving over the launching of our firstborn son to college and adult life, I heard a sermon that I considered a direct message from God. The Bible passage was Isaiah 43:19:

**Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.**

What I "heard" was: "Angela, I'm about to do a new thing in Drew's life and it doesn't require your daily presence. And I'm about to do a new thing in the rest of your family and it doesn't require Drew's daily presence." Did you gulp too? Hard to receive, but sweet in a way because of God's enduring love toward all of us and faithfulness to His good will. So many things I didn't know then that I know now (story for another day), but let's just leave it that not only did God do new things, they were good.

2020 was a rough year for all of us and for churches. At times our experiences and cultural climate certainly felt like we were traipsing through a wilderness or stuck in a desert, am I right? I believe we can apply the same verses to this current and new season.

What if God wants to do a new thing here at Allen Memorial Baptist Church? What if God wants to do a new thing in your life? Do you perceive it?


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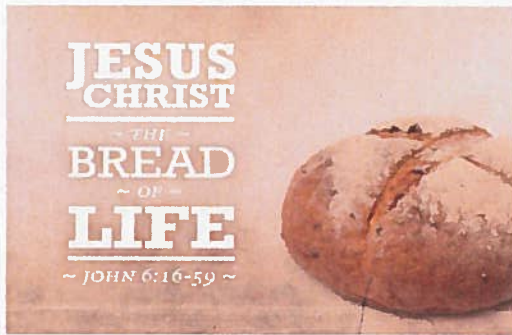
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 B-Bev Nichols	2	3	4 B-Jakobe Foster	5	6
7 Communion	8 6:00pm Deaconesses' Meeting 6:30pm Trustees' Meeting	9 A-George & Jan Thomas B-Jane Lunn	10 B-Jean Schumacher B-Keri Teribury	11 B-Melinda Alton 6:00pm Deacons' Meeting	12	13 B-Levi Leubner
14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17 B-Roger Westgate 6:30pm Quarterly Ministry Celebration	18	19	20
21 Installation Service for Pastor Scott Burtis	22	23	24 A-Don & Dolores Schoneman	25 B-Mahalla Ragsdale	26	27
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<i>Regular Sunday Service:</i>	9:45am Worship Service					

Announcements for this newsletter should be received by Tammy Podufalski by the 23rd of the month prior to publication. You can send your announcement to Tammy by email at ambcsecretary@hotmail.com, phone at 607-280-4039 or by placing your announcement in the Secretary box in the hallway near the offices.



Mark your Calendar

- February 7— Communion
- February 14— Valentine's Day
- February 17—Quarterly Business Meeting at 6:30 pm
- February 21—Installation Service for Pastor Scott Burtis



Bread of Life Food Pantry is located at 1 Water Street, Candor, and distribution is on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:30 pm.

Contact Dave Nichols or call 220-6149 for more information.

Our retired missionaries, Bill and Dianne Grudda, sent us an update from their retirement home in Maine. In this update, they tell us what their children are doing and what they've been doing to keep busy during the lockdown. The update is posted the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Check all our updates on the bulletin board to catch up on all the news of our missionaries.



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Daily Bible Reading Plans:

For online reading and videos:

- www.branchtogether.org
- www.backtothebible.org
- www.blueletterbible.org
- www.biblegateway.com



Please add to your prayer list:

- Jane Lunn—thyroid issues
- Bev Nichols—healing from broken bones in back
- Ragsdale Family—battling COVID
- Joan Meddaugh—continuing chest pain
- Those dealing with or recovering from COVID
- The healing of our nation