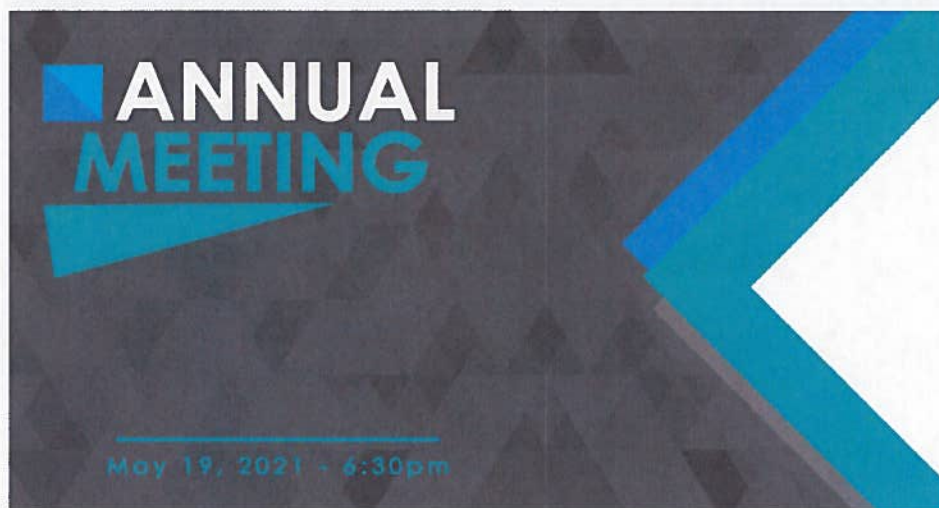


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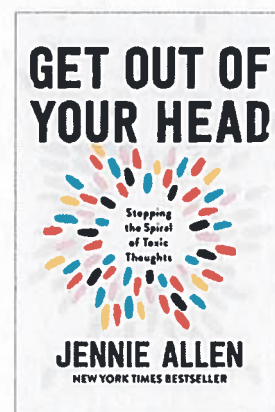
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Book suggestion for May



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 (ESV)

“April showers bring May flowers.” We’ve all heard the saying. As I write this there is the sound of steady, much needed rain. The brilliant colors that will come out in the coming month will be exciting to see. Isn’t it interesting that in our walk with Jesus, we also see this parallel thought.

Some things need to happen first so that other things may follow. As we recently examined in our Sunday messages, VICTORY in the daily, spiritual battle we face doesn’t come unless we are STRONG, PUT ON the whole armor of God, and STAND FIRM. In the messages of coming weeks, we will also discover that the underlying need for these things is PRAYER. I mentioned this quote in week 2, “Prayer is the very spiritual air that the soldier of Christ breathes. It is the all-pervasive strategy in which warfare is fought.”

We pray first and always—it enables us to be strong, put on the armor and stand firm—and the ultimate end is the glorious blooms of victory that God has promised.

Pastor Scott

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In person—drop your check, cash or pew envelope in one of the boxes located in the Fellowship Hall or front of the church.

Online—www.ambccandor.com/give

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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 to enjoy our worship and messages 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. And our in-person Sunday School. We are also live streaming on YouTube. Check our website at www.ambccandor.com for more details.

Please be sure to contact us if you need anything!

A friend called the other day. Not a good friend, necessarily, but the wife of a good friend of ours. She poured her thoughts (mind) and emotions (heart) out and dumped them in my lap. It didn't take a counseling degree to see that she was grasping to control situations in her life that were not going as she planned. As I listened, I could hear the hysteria to "fix" the situation, but she was trying to do it by making demands on the other parties involved in her angst. She named the list of wrongs she was keeping-it was pretty hefty. Whenever the other party did something even slight against her expectations (or didn't), she chose to be hurt and threw the new offense on the growing pile of other, demanding response. I wondered if they could ever dig out.

I challenged her to take a good look at her motives. She is a believer in Jesus making the Bible the appropriate handbook for advice. I suggested she check if her behavior/expectations were Christ-centered (God honoring, self-denying, best interest of the other in front) or self-centered (I have this need, I must get it met, this person needs to meet it).

In the ladies Sunday School class this semester, we have been studying the I Am statements of Jesus. Throughout the gospels, Jesus said, "I Am the Bread of Life, I Am the Living Water, I Am the Resurrection and the Life, I Am the Good Shepherd, I Am the Light of the World, I Am the True Vine, I Am the Way, The Truth and the Life and others. He covered everything we will need. Second Peter 1:3 says, "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence."

What an important truth. Jesus has given us everything—Himself—He is everything and He cares about everything that pertains to us. We never need to look to a human soul to meet our deepest needs. Take heart, they are not equipped (can't do it). He will be there for us and not disappoint. Can I get an amen?

I gave my friend's wife some homework. Get out two pieces of paper. On the first, make a list of every fear you are feeling—even every worst case scenario if the fear were to come to life. On the second, write down everything you know about God—His character and His promises. Don't rush this process. In prayer, as the Holy Spirit to speak to you—to remind you of the things Jesus taught. Do you know what happened? List two overcame list one; made it look like a wimp it is compared to the Champion of the second.

Whenever I'm given to fear and find myself grasping for control, I make these two lists. It doesn't take too long to sense the truth of God, the comfort of the Spirit, and the love of Jesus calm my soul. It becomes the most natural thing at this point to give thanks to God for all things and carefully place my will back into His loving care.

Has fear taken you to a desperate place? Make the lists.

Angela Burtis

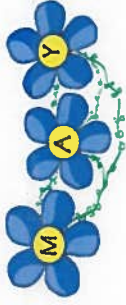
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 National Day of Prayer 5:30pm McNeil Pavilion	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11 6:00pm Deaconesses' Meeting 6:30pm Trustees' Meeting	12	13 6:00pm Deacons' Meeting	14	15 A-Roger & Georgia Westgate
16	17	18	19 A-Scott & Angela Burtis	20 B-Melinda Wood	21 B-Ron Koger	22
23	24 B-Trish Ragsdale	25 A-Doug & Tammy Babcock	26 5:30pm Celebration Dinner 6:30pm Annual Ministry Celebration	27	28	29 B-George Thomas
30 All-Hymn Sunday Guest Speakers: Alf and Tammie Wilkes	31 Memorial Day		Regular Sunday Services:	9:45am Worship Service 9:45am Journey Kids 11:15am Sunday School		

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

May 6	5:30 pm National Day of Prayer McNeil Pavilion
May 9	Mother's Day
May 19	5:30 pm Celebration Dinner 6:30 pm Annual Meeting
May 30	Guest speakers: Alf and Tammie Wilkes (WOL)
June 5	11:00 am—1:00 pm Spring- tacular in parking lot
June 13	10:00 Service and Picnic Pavilion #4—The Hickories



Sign up for the Celebration Dinner in the Fellowship Hall or the front foyer.

Return your baby bottles to Tammy Podufalski between May 9 and June 20. This fundraiser benefits the Life Choices Center in Binghamton, New York.



Daily Bible Reading Plans:

For online reading and videos:

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



Alf and Tammie Wilkes are missionaries to the United States, commissioned by Word of Life International Ministries. They minister to children and youth in churches in Northeast Pennsylvania and South Center New York State. Prior to the global pandemic, Alf and Tammie ran the REVERB and Snow Camp programs in their region. Alf and Tammie, along with Word of Life, is praying for the return of these programs in 2021.

Committed to their calling, Alf has been working with churches through training in the Word of Life program, 51 Student Ministries to strategize dynamic student ministry that is making disciples. He has been called to provide assistance to several churches to improve their children's programs.

We are reminded by Alf to pray regularly for our pastor and for our church leadership team as they navigate through the challenges brought on through these times. Continue to pray for Alf and Tammie as they are committed to communicate through Biblical truth and are "challenged to reach youth with the TRUTH that never changes." They have taken ownership of this challenge even through the added stressors of the global pandemic.

We look forward to welcoming Alf and Tammie and hearing more about their ministry as they will be our guest speakers on Sunday, May 30.



Do you have a musical talent that you'd like to share as either special music (individually or in a group) during our worship service? Maybe you'd be interested in joining our praise team? See BreAnna Spires or Pastor Scott if this is something you are interested in doing.