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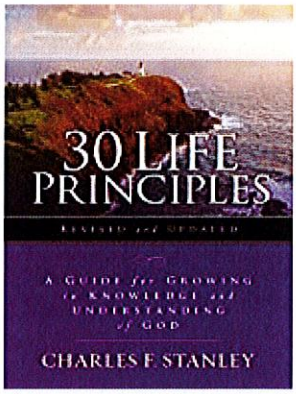
Book suggestion for May



Dr. Charles Stanley passed away recently. In honor of his service to God, here is one of his well known studies that would be good for each of us to work through.

Each May we begin a new fiscal year as a church. We take time to reflect on what God has done in and through us in the past year. And we should also set aside time to dream and plan for what God might have us do in the year to come.

One powerful thought that ought to grip our minds and hearts is that God is not finished yet. He has a plan and He is at work completing that eternal plan. As we have come through the Easter season, we are reminded that many thought everything was over once Jesus died there on the cross. The death was brutal and the burial was a show of seeming finality. Yet we know better, since we have read the pages of the Bible and see that this was not the end...it was merely a part of the great work of God. No one took Jesus' life, He willingly gave it, for us, so that we might be made alive even as He was made alive on the third day.

As we look around us, we may think that the end is near...that God has deserted us and left evil to have the day. But we would be mistaken! God is certainly at work. He is not finished...with you, with me, with His Church (both here in Candor and around the world). If we look closely, we can see the things that He is doing. We see those who are reading God's Word and being changed by it. We see blessing that He is showering on so many. And most importantly we see the beautiful body of believers loving and caring for each other as Jesus commanded us to. There is much left to do. The opportunities are before us. Let's not give up, but rather determine to be attentive to the leading of God for what He would have us do next.

We hold tightly to the words that Paul encouraged Timothy with— *"This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance...that we have put our trust in the living God...Command and teach these things...set an example for the believers...devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and teaching. Do not neglect your gift...Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress." 1 Timothy 4:9-15 (NIV84)*

Pastor Scott

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 enjoy our worship and messages with Pastor Scott Burtis. We continue our sermon series with the Sermon on the Mount for the month of April after a short break during the Easter season.

I encourage you, if you are able, to join us in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am and at 11:15 am for our in-person Sunday School. Our adult Sunday School continues with a discussion of that morning's sermon in a small group setting. 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!

Talk to Strangers!

The topic of sharing the Gospel and being prepared to step out in faith has been on my mind a great deal lately. How do I respond to God's purpose for my life? How do I know, just when is the right time? Am I articulate enough? Because of this, I was struck by Phil and Martha Matthews' recent newsletter and decided to share part of it here.

"Do you talk to strangers? In the last few weeks I (Martha) have had several wonderful "chance" conversations with strangers. Topics ranged from books, grandchildren, overpriced hospital café food, to social welfare and government spending. One took place in a bus, one walking up my street, and one sharing a table in a café. But before each of these brief conversations finished I had been told about something deeply troubling to each person. It reminds me that we are told to be always ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us. And DO talk to strangers!

Then there are the "everyday" conversations, with family, friends, neighbors and workmates. A neighbor whose mom has just died. A work colleague who is worried about a family member. All of these are holy conversations when we invite the Holy Spirit to be part of them. Every conversation offers the chance build up, to encourage, to challenge or correct as the need arises, to bring comfort, to bring God into our everyday conversations instead of leaving Him on the margins. May we all learn to speak the gospel more freely and fluently."

Sue English

For the Missions Committee

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 A-Bill & Sue English	2	3	4 National Day of Prayer	5	6
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14 Mother's Day No Sunday School	15 A-Roger & Georgia Westgate	16	17 5:30pm BBQ 6:30pm Annual Ministry Celebration	18	19 A-Scott & Angela Burtis	20 B-Melinda Wood
21 B-Ron Koger May Birthday Celebrations	22	23	24	25 A-Doug & Tammy Babcock	26	27
28	29 B-George Thomas Memorial Day	30	31		*Regular Sunday Worship Schedule*:	9:45am Worship Service 9:45am Journey Kids 11:15am Sunday School

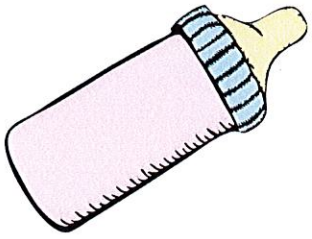
Announcements and articles for this newsletter should be received by Tammy Podufalski by the **23rd of the month prior to publication.** You can send your information to Tammy by email at ambcsecretary@hotmail.com, text at 607-280-4039 or by placing your announcement in the Secretary box in the hallway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

WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:
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
Text—text your amount to 607-333-7858

Mark your Calendar

May 4	5:30pm National Day of Prayer at Moyer Park
May 6	7:30am Men's Breakfast at Bostwick's
May 7	Baby Bottle Available Annual Reports Available
May 14	Mother's Day No Sunday School Beginning of Baby Bottle Campaign
May 17	5:30pm BBQ at church
May 21	Celebration of May Birthdays during Fellowship Time
June 3	7:30am Men's Breakfast at Bostwick's
June 4	Communion
June 11	10:00am Family Picnic & Service at Candor Town Pavilion

Here at AMBC, Life Choices's Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign will run from Mother's Day, May 14, through Father's Day, June 18, 2023. Baby bottles will be available in the Fellowship Hall beginning on Sunday, May 7, and throughout the campaign. Be sure to get yours, fill it with change, bills or a check made payable to Life Choices Center and return them to Sue English by June 18!



Daily Bible Reading Plans:

For online reading and videos:

www.branchtogether.org
www.backtothebible.org
www.blueletterbible.org
www.biblegateway.com
www.bible.com/reading-plans

May items for Operation Christmas Child are Toys for children ages 5-9, both boys and girls.

VBS 2023 is coming July 17-20! Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for this exciting outreach to the kids in Candor. More information coming shortly as to how you can help!

Can we pray for you? Go to our website and click on I NEED PRAYER.

If you are interested in joining a group of us who will be praying for online prayer requests that come in through our website, please contact Tammy Podufalski and she can add you to the email list.