

ALLEN MEMORIAL *Baptist Church*

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Love is the clear focus of February. We would all agree that love is an important part of life and our walk with Jesus.

As we continue to examine the book of Titus on Sundays we are reminded that the Body of Christ is interconnected. The words that Jesus shared with His disciples before He left them were clear. *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command."* (John 15:12-14 NIV84).

This command is reiterated by Paul to Titus and to us as well. We are bound together through the love that Jesus demonstrated to us, and we in turn are to show that to those who interact with us. Those in our sphere of influence should know that we love God and love people. Speaking truth to people in love is a restorative act. We are concerned about the path they are on, and in love we share how they could live differently, for their benefit. Those who are further down the road of life have much wisdom to share with those coming behind. And love compels us to pass lessons learned on to them.

It is profoundly unloving to not help someone that is walking into danger. So, in this month where our attention is on love, may we demonstrate love to others. May we communicate truth to those who so desperately need to hear it. In each situation may we ask the question that a popular speaker has posed, "What does love require of me" in this situation?

May we respond in loving and truthful ways for the glory of God.

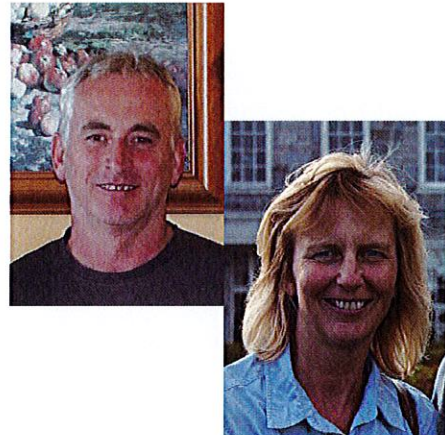
Pastor Scott

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.

You are encouraged to join with us in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 9:45am and at 11:15am for our Sunday School. We are also live streaming on YouTube. Check our website at www.ambecandor.com for more details.



Phil and Marth Matthews—Missionaries to Ireland

Much of our ministry in 2024 was focused on serving our fellow Communitas missionaries through our role with Staff Care. In March we travelled to Edinburgh and Glasgow in Scotland to gather with our Communitas colleagues serving in Ireland, Scotland, and England. As well as the times we gathered as group for updates and prayer, there were some lovely times over meals or cups of tea to talk one to one or with another couple. We got to visit Upper Room church in Glasgow, where we were encouraged seeing Persian Christians stepping into leadership, and enjoyed a church service in English and Farsi.

And of course throughout the year, there were many challenges, opportunities' and blessings through Phil's serving as hospice chaplain, and Martha's work in education in the inner city. We have also continued meeting others for walks, using Jesus' example of discipling as we walk.

Thank you for partnering with us, holding us in prayer, and supporting us financially. Your partnership helps us keep going in the tough times, and makes it possible for us to have the time and space to serve others. And take a minute to reflect on what you are grateful for!

With thankful hearts, Phil and Martha

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.

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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
 Text—text your amount to 607-333-7858



Mark your Calendar

- February 1 7:30am Men’s Breakfast at Rustic Griddle
7:30am Women’s Coffee & Chat
5:00—8:00pm Benefit for Rob and BillieJo McGrew at the American Legion
- February 2 Communion
- February 11 6:00pm Deaconesses’ Meeting
6:30pm Trustees’ Meeting
- February 13 3:00pm Deacons’ Meeting
- February 16 Birthday Celebration at Fellowship Time
- February 19 6:30pm Quarterly Business Meeting

Every Wednesday (subject to change):

6:00pm Pickleball in the gym

Every Thursday

2:00pm Time of Prayer



February Items for Operation Christmas Child:

Hairbrushes, Combs & Hair Ties



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.



Pickleball at AMBC

FREE OPEN PLAY!

All members of the community are invited to play. All skill levels welcome. Come with friends or come and make new ones.

When?

Wednesday nights from 6:00pm - 8:00pm
 - Beginning November 6, 2024 -

Where?

Allen Memorial Baptist Church Gym

Don't know how to play? No problem!

Pickleball is a game that is easy to learn and fun for all, regardless of age or skill level. Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong using a paddle and whiffle-type ball.

All participants must sign a waiver before playing.
 Gym is divided into two pickleball courts. Equipment is provided.

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February 2025



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 A-George & Jan Thomas B-Jane Lunn Birthday Celebration	3 B-Jakobe Foster	4 6:00pm Deaconesses' Meeting 6:30pm Trustees' Meeting	5 6:00-8:00pm Pickleball	6 2:00pm Time of Prayer	7 7:30am Men's Breakfast 7:30am Women's Coffee & Chat B-Bev Nichols
8 Communion	9 B-Jean Schumacher B-Keri Terribury	10 6:00pm Deaconesses' Meeting 6:30pm Trustees' Meeting	11 6:00-8:00pm Pickleball	12 6:00-8:00pm Pickleball	13 2:00pm Time of Prayer 3:00pm Deacons' Meeting	14 Valentine's Day
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29 Communion	30 A-Don & Dolores Schone man	31 B-Mahalia Ragsdale				Regular Sunday Worship Schedule: