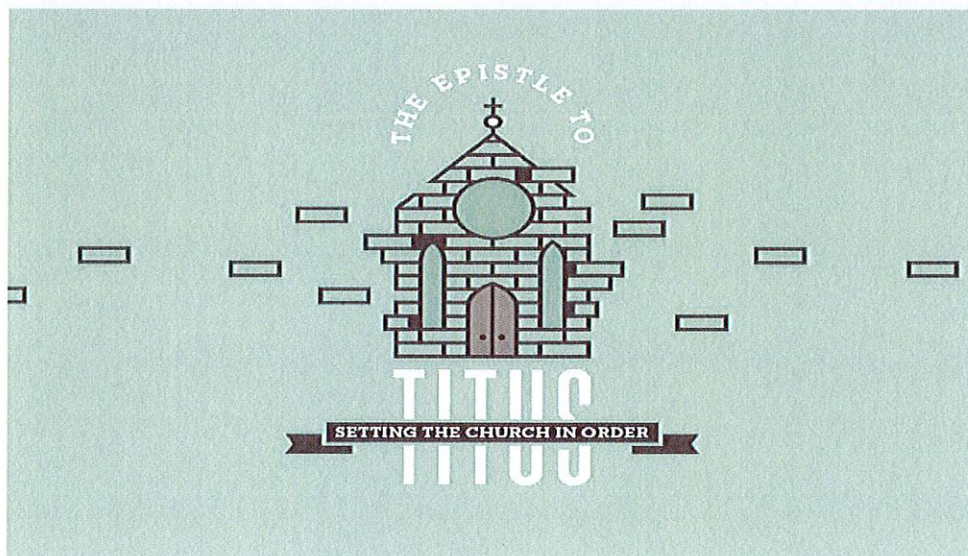


# ALLEN MEMORIAL *Baptist Church*

## January 2025 Newsletter

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Once again a new year is upon us and with it comes another opportunity for a fresh start.

You can call them resolutions or goals or maybe simply new questions to consider and contemplate. Whatever you call them, take the time to consider how the coming year might look different than the previous ones. Maybe this is the year that you finally deal with an issue that you have been putting off for too long. It is never too late to do the right thing especially when you have known it needs to be done for some time.

I believe that God, in His love and kindness towards us, gives us these moments to reconsider our path and take advantage of the second, or third or more, chance that He gives to us. In this year ahead may we "*make the most of every opportunity*" that He presents to us (Colossians 4:5).

For our new sermon series on Sundays, we will look at the New Testament book of Titus. In this short book Paul writes to Titus to assist him in knowing what is necessary to set things in the right order...both personally and for the local churches that he was working with.

In the world in which we live, we would do well to learn and apply these things as well.

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.ambccandor.com](http://www.ambccandor.com) for more details.

## Lucas and Bekah Grudda Missionaries to Senegal



Lucas and Bekah in their Christmas message to us write:

“The last few years, we have had the opportunity to make up little Christmas goodie bags to pass out to our Senegalese friends and neighbors. This year we were able to pass out almost 50 and it has become a tradition that our kids look forward to! “In their goodie bags, in addition to banana bread and cookies, they added a calendar made by another missionary that shares the Good News in three different languages. They are hoping this is unique opportunity to encourage their brothers and sisters in Christ or to help someone who may become a believer for the first time!

In addition, they are continuing their ministry with their youth group and through sports at their school. Lucas was able to put together another successful “Olympics Day” this year which is a fun day for PreK-12 students the day before Thanksgiving. He finished his soccer season in November and Bekah started basketball in mid-November with the Varsity Girls team. She also was able to do devotions with the team during a team dinner recently.

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 [ambsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:ambsecretary@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](http://www.ambccandor.com/give)  
 Text—text your amount to 607-333-7858

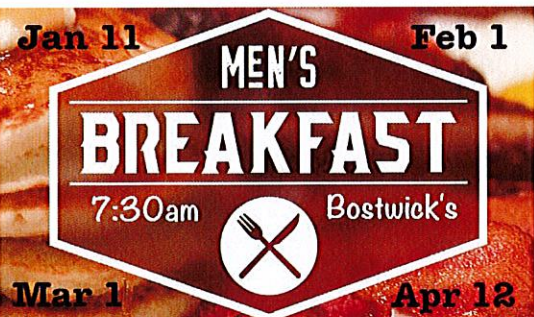
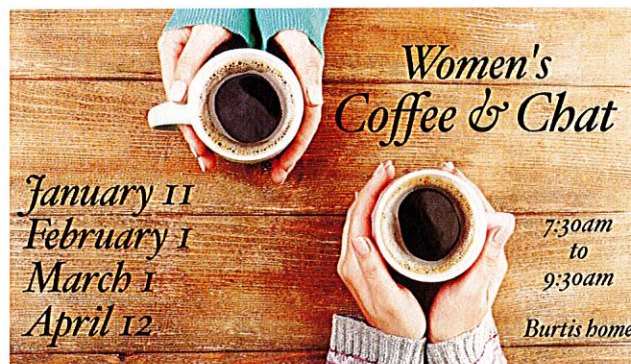


**Mark your Calendar**

- January 9 3:00pm Deacons' Meeting
- January 11 7:30am Men's Breakfast at Rustic Griddle
- January 11 7:30am Women's Coffee & Chat
- January 14 6:00pm Deaconesses' Meeting
- January 14 6:30pm Trustees' Meeting
- January 19 Birthday Celebration at Fellowship Time
- Sanctity of Human Life Day

**Every Wednesday (subject to change):**  
 6:00pm Pickleball in the gym

**Every Thursday**  
 2:00pm Time of Prayer



**NEW NIGHT**

**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

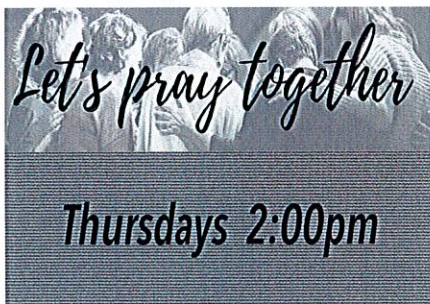
*Don't know how to play? No problem!*

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.

**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.

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# January 2025



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					<i>Regular Sunday Service:</i>	9:45am Worship Service 9:45am Journey Kids 11:15am Sunday School