



THE ADDISVILLE ANNOUNCER

Pastor's Corner: The Hope Found Through Jesus Christ

The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.

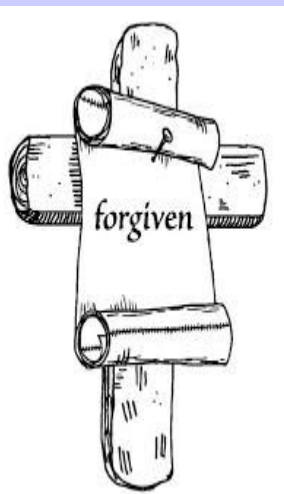
— Robert Flatt

A pastor once received this letter: "I'm 31 years old and divorced, though I fought the divorce bitterly. I feel badly. I have no hope for my future. Often I go home and cry, but there's no one holding me when I cry. Nobody cares. Nothing changes, and I continue to fail. I'm stressed out emotionally, and I feel I'm on the verge of a collapse. Something is very wrong. But I feel so hurt and embittered that I can scarcely react or relate to others anymore. I feel as if I'm going to have to sit out the rest of my life in the penalty box."

I have been a pastor for many years and sadly I have known too many people like this young woman. People that seem unable to get on with the present and the future because they're stuck in the past. They have some guilt or regret that has kept them tied down. English churchman, Robert South, once noted that "Guilt upon the conscience, like rust upon iron, both defiles and consumes it, gnawing and creeping into it, as that does which at last eats out the very heart and substance of the metal." All too frequently I have watched people allow their former relationship damage their current relationship. They say, "I can't do anything about it" or "I guess I'll just have to live with this the rest of my life." They're running around with this emotional baggage, and they're wondering why they're not happy. Colossians 2:14 gives us the best news: *He has forgiven all our sins and canceled every debt we owe. Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.*

He is Risen!

Pastor Doug



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APRIL WORSHIP AT ADDISVILLE

April 7

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35
Message: Journey to Emmaus
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

April 21

Scripture: 1 John 1:5-2:2
Message: Light Walkers

April 14

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-4
Message: The Truth of the Matter

April 28 ~ New Series Begins

Series: Timeless Truths From James
Scripture: James 1:1-18
Message: Reality Check



TIMELESS TRUTHS FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES

Some Bible teachers consider The Book of James to be the best of the New Testament books for new disciples; its practical approach gives the reader a handle on putting their faith into practice. Also, as one of the oldest New Testament books, James gives us an idea of the focus of teaching in the early days of the church. We call this series Timeless Truths From the Book of James because James takes us back to the earliest days of the faith, showing us what it means to be a follower of Jesus. **This series will begin April 28.**

Short and Sweet Words

April 2024

*“My soul waits in silence for God alone; From Him comes my salvation.”
Psalm 62:1*

Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Just the other day as I was walking my girls to school, our conversation turned toward the weather and seasons. “Dad, how come it is still so cold even though it is spring?” I have to be honest as this question struck me deeply in a few ways. First I wanted to give her an answer. And my first thought was to discuss the natural order in which seasons come and go. Sometimes one will linger a bit longer than we like and that seemed to be the case in this instance. I was also struck by this question because I too was rather disappointed that the early spring Mr. Punxsutawney Phil predicted was not proving true. But then I had another thought and this is the one that has stayed with me and for which I was most grateful to be able to share on our journey toward school on this wintery spring day.

I shared this with my girls, “How about instead of thinking about the chill in the air still and our disappointment...we stop and listen and look for the signs all around us that spring is indeed coming.” I was not sure if they would buy in or not but without another word one of my daughters said, “Oh look at that beautiful tree bursting to life! Dad isn’t it amazing?!” And then my other daughter said, “I can hear the birds singing too!”

In that moment, I was quite glad for the lingering of one season into the next as it gave us a chance to look closer and deeper at what God was indeed still doing all around us. We had to stop and look and listen a bit closer.

And this is the invitation He has given to us in every season of our lives. Space to stop and look and listen to see that His kingdom is indeed at work all around us. My prayer for us in this season is we may have eyes to see and ears to hear how it is that God is at work in us and through us to show His glory.

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Small Groups

9:00AM and 10:30AM in the Lounge
You're Invited!

9:00AM (Live and Zoom) Continues April 7, 2024:

Where Do We Go From Here? – The more we look around today, the more it seems our modern world and contemporary way of life are hanging by a thread. As we emerge from a pandemic, society remains haunted by the specters of socialism, globalism, and cancel culture. The economy is in flux, the church is in decline, and Jerusalem once again sits atop the powder keg of global politics. What should we do now? How can we move forward as citizens of God's kingdom even as the world teeters on the brink? Are these isolated incidents or are they as connected as a spider's web, like tectonic forces pushing us closer to the end of history. Find out how these events link prophetically to God's plan and how that actually provides comfort amidst the calamity. Presenter David Jeremiah and facilitator Bob Proske will walk you through what's happening, what Scripture says, and where do we go from here.



Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082168299?pwd=eHBjcUZKeG5mOUozZIRtVlAxcktVZz09>

Meeting ID: 870 8216 8299

Passcode: 772008

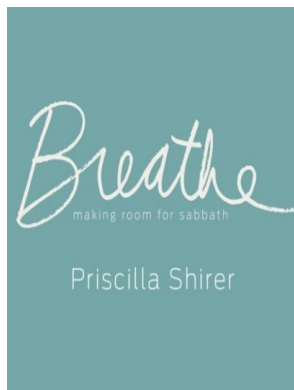
10:30AM (Live Only) Starts April 7:

The Treasure Principle – *Unlock the Secret of Joyful Giving!*

Does Matthew 6: 19-21 really say, “You can’t take it with you, but you can send it on ahead”? Jesus told a story about a hidden treasure that, once discovered, brought life-changing joy. In this new video series based on the best-selling book, *The Treasure Principle*, Randy Alcorn unearths a simple yet profound principle that will radically change your concept of stewardship. Short on guilt, Alcorn illuminates the liberating joy of giving and its impact, not only for today but for eternity as well. Join Randy and facilitator Doug Hampson in this brief but powerful change of perspective on this important topic.

For more information, contact Bob Proske at bobproske@gmail.com or 215-514-4282.

Christian Education



LOIS CIRCLE

Join us on Monday, April 22 at 7:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Our Bible Study is Breathe by Priscilla Shirer. It is a 5 session video Bible study. It is time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God.

If you would like a study book or have questions, contact Donna Stewart at 215-355-3584 or email at donna@thestewartspage.net.

Hope you will join us.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON MANNA

The Manna group will be studying the Book of Exodus for the 6 weeks beginning April 4 through May 9. We will look at key stories in a way that is both fun and challenging. Everyone is invited! We meet from 1:00-2:00 PM on Thursday in Fellowship Hall. **Come for one or all of the sessions.**

For more information contact Bev Yerkie or Jane Dwyer at 215-3574287

GIRLFRIENDS IN GOD BIBLE STUDY

**Join Addisville Girlfriends in God for our Spring Study:
Jude, by Jackie Hill Perry**



While often overlooked, the Book of Jude remains as relevant today as the time it was written. God has commanded His beloved church to do the necessary work of contending for the faith in a world of unbelief, and as we do, He will keep us from falling into the same deception. Dive into themes of being called, loved, and kept, and learn how to point others to Jesus in grace and truth. We serve others well when we share the whole Gospel with them, not just the parts deemed attractive by our culture. **Sign up by 4/3 to get the study guide.**

We will meet on the following dates: 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/19, 6/2, and 6/9 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall.

Call Patti Hartline at 215-869-6040 or email: arcgirlfriendsingod@gmail.com

Christian Education



Band of Brothers

(Weekly) Wednesday at 7:30 AM in the Lounge

Men2 Men

Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Lounge

Contact Pastor Doug if you have any questions! pastor.doug@addisville.org



These are held on the first Saturday of the month (7:30AM-9AM, with coffee on at 7AM) from October through the first Saturday in June but skipping January.

Join us April 6, in Fellowship Hall at 7:30AM for the final session of "Love in Chaos"

Good News for a Divided Culture at the Men's Breakfast!

We don't have to look far to see division in our world. And in many ways, we are confused, angry, and disillusioned by all the chaos we're experiencing. How should Christians respond to the chaos? What does it look like to live faithfully in these strange and challenging times when our culture is in conflict? How do we love in the context of conflict?

Join presenter and author Bob Goff and facilitator Bob Proske to unlock what the Bible tells us about loving in a chaotic world.

Questions or reservations Bob Proske bobproske@gmail.com 215-514-4282.



HIGH SCHOOL GUYS DISCIPLESHIP

Calling all High School and College Age Guys! I want to invite you to gather with other young men in our church for a group we call "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen".

Our meeting for April will be on the 30th

For more information or to sign up!
contact Pastor Ryan at pastor.ryan@addisville.org

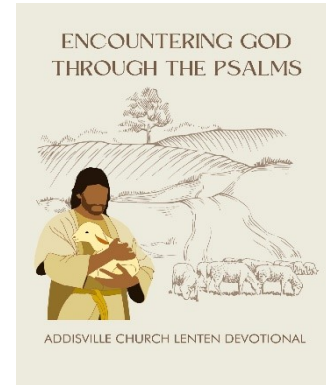
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ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH THE PSALMS

(limited effort, unlimited value)

The journey concludes:

- **Your relationship grows**
- **Your indebtedness deepened**
- **Your commitment renewed**
- **Your passion for the lost ignited**
- **Your outlook transformed**



AVAILABLE NOW!

Greetings

from Patrick, a Disciple of Jesus Christ

***A collection of spiritual letters to
Addisville Church that offer joy,
hope and encouragement in your walk
with Jesus Christ.***

Copies available in the Cloister and Fellowship Hall

VBS MEETING

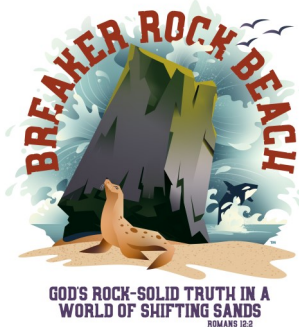
A brief lunch meeting will be held for all teachers and classroom assistants (and anyone else who would like to attend) on Sunday, April 28th at 11:45 AM in The Loft (Room 310). We will review the program, distribute your classroom packs, choose class mascots/names and address any questions you may have.

It is very important that you let me know whether or not you can attend, so that I can plan for lunch and supplies. Please give this paper to Natalie Kelly or email her at Natalie.kelly@addisville.org. Thanks so much!

Name: _____

- ☐ I will attend the VBS meeting on April 28th.
- ☐ I am unable to attend the VBS meeting on April 28th.

Christian Education



VBS 2024
JUNE 24TH – JUNE 28TH

9:30 AM – 12:35 PM

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

AGE 3 THROUGH THOSE ENTERING GRADE 6

REGISTRATION IS ELECTRONIC. HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

1. Go to www.addisville.org/vbs.
2. Click on the link to register for **VBS 2024 Breaker Rock Beach**.
3. Choose to create an account or register as a guest for your child(ren) in **Church Center Registrations**.
4. Fill out all the information requested and hit the **Review** button.
5. Review your information then click on **Complete Registration**.
6. Make sure to register each of your child(ren).
7. Then, soon after you'll receive via e-mail a copy of your submitted registration form and a separate e-mail containing your *Welcome Letter*.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Planning for Vacation Bible School is well under way. Christian Education is excited about sharing this adventure with the children of our church family and the children who live in our church neighborhood.

If you are available to help with VBS, please take a moment to check all areas of interest. Provide your name, preferred phone number, email address and days of availability so that I can catch up with you to see how we can work together for our children. Drop your completed form to Natalie Kelly or email her at natalie.kelly@addisville.org.

- ☐ Teacher's Assistant
- ☐ Youth Helper
- ☐ Sound Booth/Projection Assistant
- ☐ Mission Team
- ☐ Music Team
- ☐ Crafts Helper
- ☐ Games Helper

All volunteers age 18 and older will be asked to submit to a security screening including, but not limited to, a Pennsylvania State Police background check and a Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance. You will receive detailed information about these procedures when I receive your commitment to volunteer. By law, I cannot allow anyone to volunteer who does not submit to this request.

NOTE: those who have completed this prior may need updated clearances. See Natalie to confirm.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Days Available (please circle): M T W Th F

If you are unable to volunteer your time to VBS, please consider donating to VBS (our program is free to all who attend). You can give your donation directly to me in a sealed, clearly-marked envelope with your name and Church Envelope number (if you have one) any Sunday between services in the Christian Education Office. I will make sure our Treasurer, Michele Hinchliffe, receives your donation that same day.

Natalie Kelly

Christian Education

2024 Christian Education Scholarship Application

Addisville Church, through gifts and memorials, has established a scholarship fund to provide financial resources to be awarded to full-time undergraduate students each year. The value of the scholarship will be determined yearly by the Christian Education Committee and will vary according to the invested funds and the number of qualified applicants.

Scholarship money awarded is based on **active** (current) **participation** in Addisville Church life including, Worship Services, Sunday School, Bible Study, Youth Group and/or Volunteer Service to the church and its community.

Application Procedure

1. Applications will become available April 1st during the year of application. Applications may be picked up at the church office or may be submitted through the church website.

2. Completed applications must be returned to the Christian Education Committee online, or in the Addisville Church office by April 28, 2024. Please check with the church office to verify that your application has been received by the church secretary. It's preferred that the completed essay be typed. Additional paper may be used if more room is needed for any responses. It's most important that your responses are detailed and complete to help the Christian Education Committee better know you.

3. After reviewing all applications, the Christian Education Committee will contact all applicants by e-mail. The scholarship recipients will be invited share their essay as a presentation to the congregation during a worship service in the Summer. Recipients are expected to attend this presentation. Those uncomfortable speaking in front of the congregation should reach out to the Christian Education Director for alternatives for sharing their essay.

Applicant **may** also be asked to attend a brief meeting with the Christian Education Committee, to share about themselves, their plans for after school, and their inspiration for their essay. The Committee wants to spend this time to pray over you and your future endeavors of schooling.

Any questions regarding the scholarship should be directed to the Committee chairperson who is currently Walt Breuninger, 215-915-7327. Any questions regarding the application process should be directed to the Christian Education Director; Natalie Kelly, 267-242-4100.

Application Requirements: (Please read carefully)

Applicant must be a High School Senior who has been accepted at an institution of higher learning as a full-time student OR a student who currently maintains full-time status at such an institution **who has not previously received this scholarship**.

Said applicant **must** also meet one of the following requirements to be considered for the Christian Education Scholarship:

- being **confirmed in the Church** upon completion of Confirmation Classes
- becoming a member of the Church upon **completion of New Member Classes**
- becoming a member of the Church through a **letter of transfer** from original church of membership
- making a **public affirmation of faith** with the congregation of Addisville Church bearing witness

Your Faith Journey Essay

Please respond thoughtfully, developing and expressing your ideas complete on another sheet of paper.

Typed responses are preferred.

Applicant **must** attach an essay entitled **How Christ Has Changed My Life** to this form as part of the application process and will be expected to share this essay to the congregation if awarded the scholarship. Essay should be 250-700 words.

Try to hit these points in your essay:

1. Give a brief summary of the main events in your life and outline your personal as well as your educational goals.
2. How has Addisville Church influenced your life journey of faith?
3. In what ways has your relationship with Jesus Christ impacted your daily life? Give specific examples of your choices, faithfulness, thankfulness, confidence and desire for a spiritual growth.
4. Explain why this scholarship is important to you.

Pick up an Application from the Main Church Office or print a copy to submit from Church Center:

<https://addisville.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2233734>

Daughters of God Brunch

Who is Invited **All Women and Girls of ARC
(and their guests)**

What **Brunch**

When **Saturday, April 20th
10:00 AM until Noon**

Where **Fellowship Hall**

Tickets **Between Services
Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 7th
Sunday, April 14th**

- **Adults: \$10**
- **Girls 5-10: \$5**
- **4 and Younger: Free**



For more information please contact Donna Stewart
215-355-3584

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith
Galatians 3:26

MINISTRIES



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Come out on Saturday evening, April 20 from 6:15 until 8:00 P.M. for Family Movie Night in Fellowship Hall. Join us for "Leo". You may come as a family or you may drop off your children (ages 5 and up) so you can enjoy a romantic dinner or some shopping. Children under 5 are

welcome, but we ask that you stay with them. Popcorn and juice will be provided. Please remember to bring blankets or a sleeping bag so you can be comfortable during the main attraction.

Food & Fellowship
a free community meal



COMMUNITY MEAL
April 21, 2024 ~ 11:30 AM

The free community meal will be held on Sunday, April 21st in Fellowship Hall. The meals are available without registration or requirements to anyone who shows up. Come join us for a tasty meal and good conversation. Takeout meals are also available for shut-ins or those who are unable to attend.

If anyone would like to help out, you could invite someone to bring to our meal, donate meal ingredients, volunteer to serve during the meal, send a check payable to Addisville Church (memo: community meal) or simply tell others about our meal.

Any questions email jillosterhout@yahoo.com

ADDISVILLE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL



Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year. We have limited openings in both the 3-year-old/Nursery class and 4-year-old/PreK class which meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:30. Tuition is \$190/month

Registration forms can be found on the Addisville website or request one by emailing AddisvilleChristianPreschool@gmail.com

Wawa Shorti Hoagie Coupon Fundraiser to support our preschool

Help support Addisville Christian Preschool by purchasing coupons for Wawa Shorti Hoagies for just \$5 each. Use at any Wawa nationally, and they never expire.

Email Karen Pavlovcak to order AddisvilleChristianPreschool@gmail.com.

MINISTRIES



Operation Christmas Child update April 2024

We are off to a wonderful start in collecting items due to some very generous donations via Amazon purchases. The goal this year is 480 boxes and that is very achievable.

This month we are collecting washcloths and toothbrushes. A bunch is needed! Soap is not necessary though we will send it if it is donated. It must be kept in its original packaging.

Target, Walmart, Sam's Club, Costco and Kohls are all great resources for washcloths. I'd like to start collecting these now, so it is not a mad scramble in October to assemble that large a number. Toothbrushes and washcloths are available in bulk on Amazon; they are listed on the Amazon gift registry.

Please keep in mind that after Easter is a good time to pick up stuffed animals on sale. All donations of socks, stuffies, washcloths, T-shirts, and toothbrushes will be accepted year-round.

The Amazon gift registry is available here:

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/addisville-operationchristmaschild-october-2024-holland/2HHXF39BIJDSE>

If you are having any trouble accessing it, please let me know by emailing me, Barb Gonze at gonzeb58@hotmail.com or call me at 215-219-1348 and leave a message.

As usual, you can leave all your goodies in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you from the Mission Committee. I am sure this year, just like every other year, any goal in terms of numbers of boxes will be exceeded and then some due to the overwhelming grace of our Lord Jesus and your amazing generosity.

MINISTRIES



Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 1:00 PM in the lounge. Join us as we pray for our nation, community, and people in need. All are welcome. Please place your prayer requests in the wooden box located in the Cloister to be prayed over at the Tuesday prayer group.

Prayers for Physical Healing: Prayers for Healing will be by appointment for Matt and Lea Bair to come visit you or to meet you at the church. Questions or to schedule an appointment contact Matt bair.matthew@gmail.com or 267-880-9334.



Thank you to each and every one for your faithful support of the Jesus Focus Food Pantry. Your donations help them provide healthy food for those in need in our community. Please continue to place your **non-perishable, unexpired donations** in the shopping carts in the cloister. **The pantry is always in need of peanut butter and jelly** as well as rice, canned ravioli, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, mac and cheese, cereal, etc. are always appreciated.

Thank you,
The Mission Committee

P.S. Stay tuned for information regarding the JFM 5K and 1 Mile walk coming up in June.

The Property Committee would like to find a home for the following items:

- **a truck bed storage bin**
- **2 electric space heaters.**

Contact Frank Bauman at 215-828-5571

TREASURER'S REPORT



Financial Report - Year-to-Date			
February 2024			
	YTD Actual	YTD Actual	Difference
	2024	2023	2024 vs 2023
Current Income	\$ 111,728	\$ 98,948	\$ 12,779
Current Expenses	\$ 117,175	\$ 121,732	\$ (4,557)
Current Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (5,447)	\$ (22,784)	\$ 17,337
Missions Income	\$ 13,203	\$ 14,263	\$ (1,060)
Missions Expenses	\$ 600	\$ 3,791	\$ (3,191)
Missions Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 12,603	\$ 10,472	\$ 2,131
Building Income	\$ 9,625	\$ 8,773	\$ 853
Building Expenses	\$ 3,533	\$ 3,054	\$ 479
Building Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 6,092	\$ 5,719	\$ 373
Michele B. Hinchliffe, Treasurer			

FINANCE COMMITTEE



How are we doing this year? The steadfast commitment of Addisville to our Savior is manifested in many ways. Certainly, it is clear in the loving fellowship we share and the concern we all feel for each other when we struggle with all sorts of problems. It is reflected in the Bible centered messages we receive each week from our pastors. As we assist missions around the world and in our community, we are expressing the love of Jesus to a world that desperately needs His love.

Your Finance Committee sees your love for Christ in the continued improvement in the finances of Christ's church at Addisville. This is not to say it should be the way we measure our love for our Lord. But, we on the committee want to express our appreciation for your generosity.

For the period ending February 29, 2024, income increased \$12,780.00 and expenses decreased \$3,556.00 compared the same period in 2023.

For 2024, we had projected a deficit of \$41,356.00. Considering current information, the projected deficit for 2024 is \$15,319.00. Although it is early in the year, the current projection is \$26,037.00 lower. Of course, two months do not represent a bona fide trend. But, for now, we are pleased with the results. However, your Finance Committee will maintain a watchful eye as we proceed during the year.

Our Lord has blessed Addisville with outstanding pastors and a faithful congregation. We have made the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus our mission. It is His will that we continue to do just that!

Frank Claus, Chairperson