



THE ADDISVILLE ANNOUNCER

Pastor’s Corner: Risking All For The Savior

“So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy and honor people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give him.” -Philippians 2:29-30



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The Bible tells us about a Christian, named Epaphroditus, who took great risks to help others. Today believers around the world risk their lives for the cause of Jesus Christ. They remind me of Desmond Doss whose story is told in the movie *Hacksaw Ridge*. Doss, a Seventh Day Adventist from the hills of Virginia, enlisted in the Army with the understanding he could serve as a medic and therefore not violate his firm belief in “thou shalt not kill.” When he arrived at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, he was in for a rude surprise. His sergeant, his captain, and the judge at the subsequent military hearing didn’t care much for Doss’s convictions. Nor did members of his platoon, who accused him of cowardice and let him know how they felt with their fists. Doss stood firm despite facing years of imprisonment. He told a military tribunal, “With the world so set on tearing itself apart, it don’t seem like such a bad thing to me to put a little bit of it back together.” The Army gave in and Doss went with his platoon to Okinawa and scaled a cliff known as “the escarpment” (Hacksaw Ridge). Hundreds of GI’s perished in the fight that day. At night, as the wounded lay in agony, Doss went from man to man, dragged them to the edge of the cliff and lowered them on a rope one by one. In all he saved 75 wounded GIs from certain death. For his actions, President Truman awarded Doss the Congressional Medal of Honor. He is the only conscientious objector in U.S. history to win the nation’s highest award. Doss quietly and courageously sought to be a good citizen but knew where his true citizenship lay (Philippians 3:20). Abuse, scorn, the threat of imprisonment, even Japanese bullets could not induce him to abandon his convictions. Doss backed his convictions with his actions. His humility, bravery and willingness to sacrifice his life for his brother soldiers, including those who had mocked him, won over even his harshest critics. In a time when so many seem to have no moral compass and have forsaken Jesus Christ, may we be like Desmond Doss.

In Christ,
Pastor Doug



WORSHIP AT ADDISVILLE IN MAY

May 5: Series: Timeless Truths From The Book of James
Message: Growing Up (James 1:19-26)
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Reception of New Members

May 12: Series: Timeless Truths From The Book of James
Message: No Favorites (James 2:1-13)

May 19: Series: Timeless Truths From The Book of James
Message: Living Faith (James 2:14-26)
Reception of Confirmation Class

May 26: Series: Timeless Truths From The Book of James
Message: Words That Change (James 3:1-12)
Memorial Day Weekend



CURRENT SERIES: 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.

SHORT AND SWEET WORDS



But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

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

I love to walk places. This might come as a bit of a shock to some of you. Especially those that know I grew up in California and that is a state that seems to be built as one collective freeway it seems! Walking is not really an option in most instances there!

I have been blessed though to live in two other places. Holland, Michigan for college and seminary and now in Richboro. I am grateful that each of these places, with a bit of creativity in route, have been walkable for many day in and day out tasks.

I could go on and on for a while sharing many of the things I love about being able to walk places. I have no doubt you might have a host of reasons to share with me about how driving is far superior to walking! Putting those things aside though for just a moment I want to reflect on walking through the lens of being in relationship to Jesus. Overwhelmingly in scripture our relationship to God is shared in comparison to walking with Him. Above is one such instruction from 1 John telling us as such. Walking in the light of Christ brings us into His presence and fellowship with His people.

Yet walking is a unique way to share this relationship. Couldn't living or sharing or drawing close better illustrate this reality and need for us? While walking in the light of Christ certainly leads us to live in His light, I want to pay closer attention to this call to walk in the light of Christ. One reason is in that when we walk with Him we consider two things right out of the gate. First it is an action. It is taking a step with Jesus. To say we live or draw close to Him is certainly a part of this, walking in the Light of Christ always means taking steps toward Him. And second, walking is a slow pace. Notice again the invitation throughout scripture and here in 1 John is to walk in the Light of Christ, not run or sprint or jog, no it is walk. Walking allows for conversation and space to see what is going on. To change course more quickly and to stop and rest if need be.

At its best, the times I am able to walk places afford me this opportunity to step with Jesus and consider all the places His light is at work in my life and in lives of those I am able to walk alongside of in fellowship.

I pray that as you walk with Jesus in the month ahead you have space and time to see His light shining in and through you each step of the way!

In Christ,
Pastor Ryan

Christian Education



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 May 4, in Fellowship Hall at 7:30AM for:

“How Big Is Your Faith?”

Having a big faith during big challenges can be hard to secure.

As we think of the characters of the Bible, particularly the disciples, we often see them in a perfected context, always doing the right thing, with a big faith. But actually, the disciples faced big challenges to their faith during Jesus’ ministry. And they didn’t always get it right, at least initially. The practicalities of circumstances can be a big deterrent to a big faith.

Join us for insights with two disciples, Peter and Andrew, and facilitator Bob Proske, to see how they overcame the barriers to having a big faith, despite the circumstances.

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

ADDISVILLE MEN’S MINISTRIES

Band of Brothers

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

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Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Lounge (Weekly)

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”.

We meet twice a month on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm for Bible Study, food, fun, and encouragement!

For more information or to sign up!

contact Pastor Ryan

at pastor.ryan@addisville.org

Our date for May is 5/14.



Christian Education



LOIS CIRCLE

Join us on Monday, May 20 (note date change) at 7:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Our Bible Study is Breathe by Priscilla Shirer. We will be doing Session 5, the last session of the book. We will begin a new Bible Study in September.

If you have questions, contact me, Donna Stewart at 215-355-3584 or email me at donna@thestewartspage.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are excited to offer our Summer Children's Ministry; Club Jesus starting June 9 thru September 1. We need volunteers and helpers to run this program designed for children ages 3 through 6th grade! A simple lesson, video and activities will be provided.



You need to have your updated child clearance papers in order to help.

See/Contact Natalie Kelly if you need to update your forms.

See/Contact Jane Dwyer to sign up for a Sunday this summer!

Christian Education

**Sunday Morning Small Groups
9:00AM and 10:30AM in the Lounge
You're Invited!**



9:00AM (Live and Zoom) Starts May 12, 2024:

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 facilitators Bob and Karen Matlack in this brief but powerful change of perspective on this important topic.

Zoom link:

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082168299?
pwd=eHBjcUZKeG5mOUozZlRtVlAxcktVZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082168299?pwd=eHBjcUZKeG5mOUozZlRtVlAxcktVZz09)**

Meeting ID: 870 8216 8299

Passcode: 772008

10:30AM (Live Only) Starts May 5:

Your Comeback – You may feel defeated and broken, but God loves to use people in surprising ways to accomplish His plan. No matter the odds stacked against you, no matter the mistakes of the past, God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. As you see what the Bible says about redemption and comebacks, it will become clearer that your role in God’s plan doesn’t require strength or perfection – only trust and willingness. Join presenter Tony Evans and facilitator Matt Bair to learn how the trials and mistakes of life can lead to the triumph of your epic comeback!

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

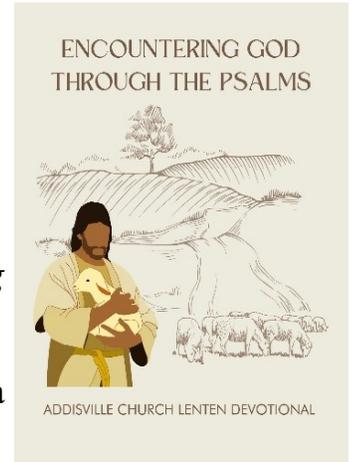
Christian Education

ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH THE PSALMS

(limited effort, unlimited value)

We asked for feedback from some of the almost 200 people who participated in at least one of 14 small groups during this past Lenten Season. Here's what they had to say:

"I really enjoyed participating in the 2024 Lenten Series, *Encountering God Through the Psalms*. This particular study reached me on a much more deeply personal level which I feel was as a result of my ability to experience it through THREE different small groups: Manna (Thursday afternoons); Adult Sunday School class (Sunday mornings at 10:30); Girlfriends in God (Sunday evenings). I appreciated the opportunity to hear three different leaders and their individual perspectives. Each group's discussion was quite unique and enlightening even though the subject matter was the same for that week. I am grateful for the small group experiences and the positive impact each one had on my journey." *Charlene Borah*



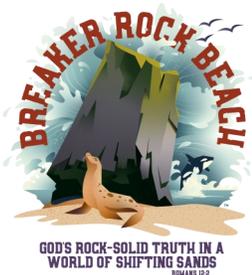
"This year's Lenten devotional was well received. We had between 9 and 13 attendees each week. Three were on Zoom and the others in person. There was more participation and discussion this year, mostly because we were the same group as last year and felt comfortable sharing ideas and prayers. They all wanted to know if we would be doing it again next Lent. That's positive feedback!" *Bob Matlack*

"The Holy Week devotional was specifically beneficial to gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation for Psalms. The corporate growth through personal commitment to reading scripture, studying the Word and praying together within an intimate gathering of Christian fellows for the Lenten devotional simply cannot be overstated. The presence of the Holy Spirit filled the room, opened our minds, and stirred our hearts to joyfully receive an abundance of God's peace, hope, and grace. And our group yearns for the next opportunity to join together in the name of Jesus Christ." *Pat Donohue*

The goals of our Lenten Devotional included bringing us closer to together as God's church at Addisville, and to bring us closer in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If you would like to participate in the planning of the Devotional for 2025, or perhaps create your own small group, please contact me or anyone on the Christian Education Committee.

Bob Proske, 215-514-4282, bobproske@gmail.com

Christian Education



GOD'S TRUTH NEVER CHANGES!

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2

At Breaker Rock Beach this June, kids will learn to recognize the difference between what the world says is true and what God says is true. They'll encounter five everyday sayings that sound right, but dangerously miss the truth found in God's Word. Each day the kids will be challenged to know that God's truth never changes—even when it's radically different from what some people say.

If you are still interested in helping out, we can find a place for you to join us. You will be helping to make a lasting impact on the children of our church family and the children living in our church neighborhood.

Don't miss out on the fun! Contact Natalie Kelly at natalie.kelly@addisville.org to get involved to help make this year's Bible School Program the best yet!

Mission Trip News

The Mission Trip is coming up sooner than you think!
We will help out those in need and grow closer to God and together as a group.
We ask for continual prayer for our 12 students and adults as we prepare for this trip.

Keep an eye out for an upcoming dates for:

Mission Trip 2024 Leader Meeting (*May or June*)
&
The General Mission Trip Meeting for all Attendees. (*June*)

HEADS UP

Our last H2O of the year is just right around the corner!
It will be a combined youth group night, with H2O students but also any students in 4th-6th grade too!

The date is June 2nd!

We have some fun games planned and some other fun activities.
Don't be afraid to get involved, get messy and make some new friends!

MINISTRIES



PANTRY NEEDS: The Pantry is in need of canned soup, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, and cereal. Any/all donations of **non-perishable, unopened/unexpired food is always appreciated!!** Please place your donations into the shopping carts located in the cloister.

STATS FROM THE PANTRY: In March, the pantry served 1,133 households which included 1,713 children 2,031 adults and 786 seniors.



FAMILY FUN RUN June 1, 2024, 9:00AM

- 5K with 1 Mile Lake Walk Option!
 - Warminster Community Park
 - Runners \$30/Walkers \$25/Kids & Youth \$10
 - Register at: www.runsignup.com/Race/PA/Warminster/JFMPantry
- All proceeds support Jesus Focus Food Pantry**



MINISTRIES



BEGINNING MAY 5 UNTIL JUNE 2

PACKING AND SORTING – MONDAY, JUNE 3—9AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

As you do your spring cleaning, we ask that you remember the Addisville Church Women's Clothing Drive. **WE NEED YOUR CLOTHING!! (Men's, Women's, & especially Children's Clothing)**. All should be **CLEAN with no buttons missing and with working zippers**. Again this year, we have had requests from local organizations asking for clothing. This year's clothing donations will be given to area organizations to fulfill their requests. Donations can be placed behind the curtain in Fellowship Hall starting **Sunday, May 5, until Sunday, June 2**.

We also need your help in sorting and packing the clothes on Monday, June 3.

Questions, contact Donna Stewart at 215-355-3584.



THURSDAY, MAY 2, 4:00 to 5:00 PM.
Join other Christians in prayer for our nation.

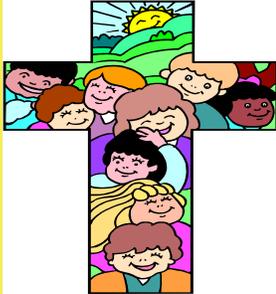
*Living Streams Church
 21 Beechwood Drive,
 Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
www.livingstreamschurch.net*



THE CHURCH CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
<https://addisville.churchcenter.com/calendar>

MINISTRIES

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.



Operation Christmas Child

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE MAY 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 balls and Matchbox/Hot Wheels cars for the boys. A bunch is needed! Balls could be bouncy balls or tennis balls, even soccer balls (the smaller sizes). Walmart has 18 tennis balls for \$10. 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 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



***It's Back!!
Family Fun Night
Saturday, May 18 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.***

It is for people of all ages. We will have a treasure hunt for the little kids and the big kids. There will be horse races, remote control car races and as always we will start the night at 6:30 without delay with a balloon pop relay. Fun and games will continue through the eve. So much fun it will be hard to believe.

So **RAZZLE DAZZLE ZIZZLE ZIP** come out that night and have fun till you flip.

Refreshments will be served.



MINISTRIES

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.

Food & Fellowship

a free community meal



COMMUNITY MEAL

May 19, 2024 ~ 11:30 AM

The free community meal will be held on Sunday, May 19th, 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.

There will not be a Community Meal during the summer (July and August). In June we will have our big pancake breakfast!

Any questions email jillosterhout@yahoo.com

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.

Prayer Chain



If anyone has prayer requests and would like Addisville Prayer Warriors praying, please contact any of the following people to start the prayer chain process:

- **Carole Keiser** - (215)355-8280 - phone chain
- **Sheri Omlor** - email addisvilleprayerchain@gmail.com
- **Kim Smith (Church Secretary)** - (215)357-4277 or ourhope@addisville.org
- **Addisville Website** – www.addisville.org - prayer request form online

*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.
Ephesians 6:18*

MINISTRIES



FOR MAY, the Mission of the Month is ChoiceOne Crisis Pregnancy Center in Levittown. They are a not-for-profit organization for women created and run by women. At ChoiceOne, they uniquely specialize in the care of women's emotional, spiritual, relational, physical, sexual, reproductive, and mental health. All their programs are designed by women for women.

At ChoiceOne, they offer services that are designed to minister to a woman's heart, mind, body, and soul at any age or in any circumstance. They understand the pressures of being a single or unsupported mother; they understand the heartache and fear held within economic instability, resource insecurity, infidelity, single parenthood, and relationship violence. ChoiceOne is spiritually inspired and created to help women understand that they are unconditionally loved by God, and they, in turn, strive to love and serve with integrity.

ChoiceOne offers two types of counseling services: Mentorship and Professional Counseling, including counseling for depression, anxiety, family relationships and other issues.

Regarding pregnancy, ChoiceOne offers pregnancy screening, material assistance (diapers, formula, baby clothes and equipment), mom to mom mentoring, parenting classes and other means to support moms and their babies.

Addisville will be running a fundraising campaign for ChoiceOne starting in May. Baby bottles will be available for you to return filled with change and donations will be gratefully accepted – just note that the donation is for ChoiceOne.



ON JUNE 1ST, Addisville will be holding a Mission Possible Festival. This will be a night of discovering what God is doing in this world. We will be hearing from local and international missionaries and organizations that we support here at Addisville. The program will include dinner. Details to follow later so stay tuned!

Church Center App

CHURCH CENTER IS A MOBILE APP AND WEB EXPERIENCE WHERE YOU CAN EXPLORE, ENGAGE, AND GET INVOLVED WITH HAPPENINGS AT

ADDISVILLE CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.



HOW TO DOWNLOAD TO YOUR PHONE

[IOS DOWNLOAD](#)

[ANDROID DOWNLOAD](#)

Or search “Church Center App” on the Apple App Store for iPhone and iPad or Google Play for Android.

GETTING STARTED:

- Once you have Church Center installed on your device, open it and search for “Addisville Church.” If you enable location services, you’ll find us easily.
- By entering your phone number, you’ll be sent a 6-digit code that will give you access to the full app.
- When you’re inside, look for the small circle on the top right corner of the home screen – that’s your profile.
- Click on your profile to update your info, upload a photo, or complete your profile.
- Go ahead and look around. It’s easy to navigate, and you’ll find a lot of great new features...

FEATURES:

Here are some of the things you can do on the Church Center app:

- **Groups:** Find a listing of Addisville’s small groups and places to get connected. Join groups and message other members too!
- **Calendar:** See Addisville’s calendar of events quickly at hand.
- **Events:** Wonder what’s going on at Addisville Church? You can view and sign up for current events right on the app.
- **Directory:** Make sure your information is up-to-date, editing your own profile and access each other’s approved contact information!
- **Coming Soon: Livestream services directly from the app.**

If we can help you utilize this tool more effectively, please don’t hesitate to [contact us](#).

TREASURER'S REPORT



Financial Report - Year-to-Date			
March 2024			
	YTD Actual	YTD Actual	Difference
	2024	2023	2024 vs 2023
Current Income	\$ 163,947	\$ 129,321	\$ 34,626
Current Expenses	\$ 157,495	\$ 163,179	\$ (5,684)
Current Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 6,453	\$ (33,858)	\$ 40,310
Missions Income	\$ 19,920	\$ 18,710	\$ 1,210
Missions Expenses	\$ 4,323	\$ 8,519	\$ (4,196)
Missions Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 15,598	\$ 10,191	\$ 5,407
Building Income	\$ 13,274	\$ 11,726	\$ 1,548
Building Expenses	\$ 3,533	\$ 3,054	\$ 479
Building Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 9,741	\$ 8,672	\$ 1,069
Michele B. Hinchliffe, Treasurer			

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Guess what?! Financially, Addisville, had another good month in March. Receipts in March 2024 in the Current Fund were \$52,220 compared with \$30,373 in 2024. This is an increase of \$21,847 year over year.

Although this is exciting, I must inform you that there were five Sundays in March this year and one of them was Easter. Both these events will inflate the total for the month. I estimate that about \$10,000 of the increase can be attributed to Easter and the extra Sunday.

So, if I am right, March this year compared to last year increased by about \$11,000. Pat yourself on your back, but give thanks to the Lord! Your faithfulness to Jesus and His church at Addisville is producing tremendous results.

For the year to March 31, 2024, we are indicating a positive net balance in the Current Fund of \$6,453 compared to a deficit of \$33,658 last year for the same period (don't forget the Easter and five Sundays in March impact).

Also, for the first time this year, we are projecting a modest surplus of \$1,646 by the end of this year.

I hope I did not load you up with too many numbers, but the news is exciting. We could expect nothing less from this wonderful family of Addisville, which is dedicated to its mission to share the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ. We owe all our gratitude to Him!

Frank Claus, Chair