



# March 2021 Newsletter

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Bible Fellowship:** 10:45 a.m.

**THURSDAY:** Nehemiah Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship w/Communion	8 2:00 pm Advisory Board	9	10	11 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study	12	
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## FEBRUARY REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
2/7	29	26	\$2,290.00
2/14	23	19	\$1,035.00
2/21	30	34	\$1,335.00
2/28	29	5	\$2,607.00

2021 Year to Date received: \*\$23,066.31

2020 Budgeted Amount: \*\$21,934.53

Amount Needed Per Sunday: \$2,437.00\*

\*These figures are for General Fund and Missions only

### USHERS FOR MARCH - Richard Rose & Victor Solo



**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** - Starting March 21, we will hold a Bible study in the sanctuary at 10:45ish each Sunday, going until 11:30. Worship will be held at the same time - 9:30 a.m.

This group will take a slightly different approach, utilizing lay leadership as much as possible. It will be a less formal format, with more emphasis on discussion and application.

If this appeals to you and you'd like to get involved as a student and leader, please contact the office or any of our deacons. Everyone is welcome to attend. When the pandemic is over and we start having "Fellowship" again, we will revisit the schedule to see how this new group meeting will work with coffee time after worship.

We are back...**WOMEN OF GOD BIBLE STUDY** is beginning a new study called "Goliath Must Fall" by Louie Giglio. We will begin Tuesday, March 16 at 4:00 p.m. Come join us!  
Joanne Lindstrom



The **ABW Scholarship Applications** are hanging on the bulletin board downstairs. If you know of a young lady interested in college or already in college please pick up and application. Return deadline and all other information needed are in the application.

## MARCH

### BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Tayler Anne Gardner
- 5 Dylan Gilk
- 6 Jackie Williams
- 10 Carole Mathieu
- 11 Karen Mankle
- 13 Barb Horton
- 17 Denny Horton
- 20 Harvey Lee Brewer
- 21 Chris Paul
- 23 Ellen Hawes
- Dan Van't Hof
- Summer Hessamfar
- 25 Bridget Van't Hof
- Breanna Van't Hof
- 30 Val Thompson

## MARCH

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Marv & Becky Thorstenson
- 5 Dwayne & Jackie Williams
- 18 Duane and Doris Carlson

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOSE FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

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|-----------------|---------|
| Elzora Holland  | 3-09-16 |
| Art Ingalls     | 3-05-17 |
| Palmyra Spencer | 3-30-17 |



### EASTER LILIES

We will not be taking orders for Easter lilies this year, but the lilies will be provided for our Easter service from a donation by a church member. Thank you for your generosity! We will have

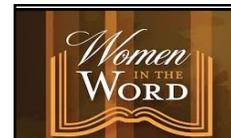
a dedication page in the April newsletter that will contain names in memory of loved ones. If you would like to have a name or names on this page, please contact Marlene Kriech (275-6159) or call Stephanie in the church office (336-6780). The deadline for submitting names is Monday, March 22.



Dick & I would like to thank our Emmanuel family for the cards and prayers for Dick during his surgery and recovery. Recovery is slow so please continue your prayers.

We traveled to the Gulf Coast in southern Alabama and are practicing "safe at home". We have a view of the gulf and no ice, snow or cold temps. We will return home in March.

In Christian love, Dick & Pat Kruse



Ladies, the book of the month for **MARCH** is **DANIEL**.

“Everything Hurts”

Everything hurts; joy has taken flight.  
How can it be good? How can it be right?  
When my body aches and my spirit shakes.  
My pitiful soul has not got what it takes.  
All of this grief makes me feel hollow,  
What can be next? What is to follow?

You hear my cries and my complaints.  
You see me strive against the restraints.  
The anger is here; it’s killing me slow.  
Where can I turn? To whom can I go?  
When life’s comforts are concealed,  
You speak and Your Spirit’s revealed.

“Hush now, be quiet,” I hear You say.  
“Listen and know; I’m with you to stay.  
You have been hurt; ground in the mill,  
But you must see that it is my will  
For you to survive, to learn from the pain  
That I loved you before and I will again.”

“Everything hurts; the rose has a thorn.  
So it must be ‘til all things are reborn.  
Pain is a teacher. Her lessons are hard.  
It gives strength but leaves you scarred.  
When everything hurts, you be at rest,  
Trust me to do for you all that is best.”

Everything hurts, but now I am at rest.  
In Him I survive, as my scars do attest.  
With His deep love and my frailness,  
The trials bring out His righteousness.  
When everything hurts, in Him I rest:  
Thanks to my God, I know I am blessed.

Brett Best, September 12, 2020

This poem is a product of prayer and repeated attempts to improve its musicality. If it resonates with anyone on an emotional or spiritual level, I am grateful to God, as I do not consider myself a poet or lyricist.

Words are what we have for preserving and communicating feelings. I encourage you to use your words to do that, while giving God the glory. In using our words for His Kingdom’s sake, we realize our God-given potential and do our most important work.

# AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2021

## For the Purpose of Equipping Saints

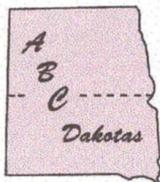
EPHESIANS 4:11-13 (NIV)

**AMERICA FOR CHRIST 2021  
OFFERING WILL BE  
TAKEN ON MARCH 14  
AND MARCH 21  
DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**If you would like, you can mail your offering  
in the enclosed envelope.**



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### **ABW Conference 2021**

Good Morning State ABW Women: I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. And, like me, more than anything ready for this Pandemic to be over soon!

I have met with the ABW Board a few times and we have been talking about plans for this summer's ABW Conference. But, we are also wondering if women would feel comfortable in coming to a conference, after we have spent all of this time in isolation and social distancing. I know the immediate response is Yes, we are ready to socialize. But, would it be safe to do so?

So, would you please ask women in your church their thoughts on whether they would be willing to come to the conference. And, let Val or Sandy know your responses.

Thank you, Carol Misterek - State ABW Secretary

### **MY PRAYER** *by Helen Peters*

**When I wake up in the morning  
Before I get out of bed,  
My mind gets me thinking  
Of the things I should have said.**

**Am I really thankful  
To our heavenly Father above,  
Does He really know  
Of my abiding love?**

**I am so very thankful  
For the eyes He's given me,  
To enjoy all life's beauties  
That I can look and see.**

**I can hear the birds sing sweetly  
Their songs do fill my heart,  
Making music to the Lord  
Helps me to do my part.**

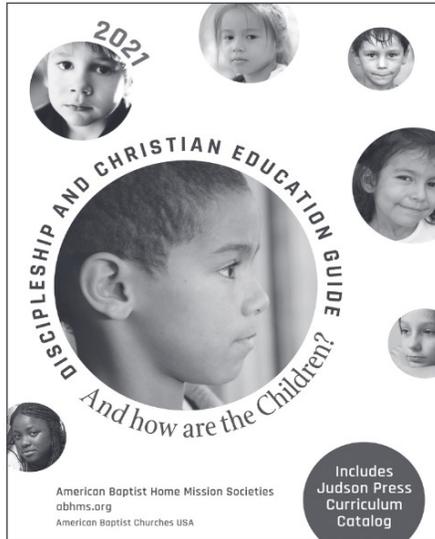
**I thank you for my fingers  
For the music I can play,  
Bringing so much pleasure  
It brightens up my day.**

**Help me Lord to be mindful  
For all the blessings you give,  
Living a life that pleases  
For as long as I live.**

***“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,<sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up<sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)***

## Ministry focus: Discipleship

“The Discipleship and Christian Education Guide” is published annually by American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS).



Print copies are mailed to all American Baptist regions and, by request, to churches and to individuals. A PDF may be downloaded at <https://abhms.org/resources/publications/discipleship-guide/>, and additional print copies can be requested through customer service at 1-800-458-3766.

### Reflection on the 2021 Discipleship & Christian Education Guide theme

Jesus said, “Let the little

children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs” (Matthew 19:14).

“How are the children?” This greeting of the Masai with its traditional response, “All the children are well,” reminds us of the importance of children’s welfare as a measure of the well-being of any society.

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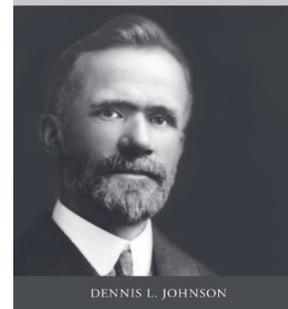


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### To Live in God

REFLECTION GUIDE



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### “To Live in God Reflection Guide”

New for use by individuals and in small group settings is the free “To Live in God Reflection Guide,” a companion resource for “To Live in God: Daily Reflections with Walter Rauschenbusch” (Judson Press, 2020). In solitude or in community, deepen your inward communion with the Spirit, expand your outward obedience to the call of Jesus Christ in service, and learn to walk in solidarity with the people God loves. The Reflection Guide features suggested reading plans,

questions for reflection, and an outline for forming your own Circle of Spiritual Companions. Download it at [judsonpress.com](http://judsonpress.com).