

December 14, 2014

EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS

THIS YEAR AT

ABT

Use this week to invite
friends, neighbors, and
family to our Christmas
programs.

**Yard Signs, Posters
and Invitations at the
Welcome Center!**

ABT Christmas
Celebration
December 19, 20, 21
Fri/Sat. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sun. 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION
Celebrate Christmas Eve - 7 p.m.

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THE FAMILY CHURCH
Sunday Morning News

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Friday, Dec. 19 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 21 6 p.m.

Winter Wonderland for Klds!

Bring your camera!

Starts 45 minutes before pageant.

Sun. Dec. 21 - Christmas Service 11 a.m.
Wed. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service
Communion and Candle Lighting 7 p.m.

My Christmas List

I had the nicest Christmas list
The longest one in town,
"Til Daddy looked at it and said,
"You'll have to cut it down."
I knew that what he said was true
Beyond the faintest doubt.
But was amazed to hear him say,
"You've left your best Friend out."
And so I scanned my list again,
And said, "Oh, that's not true!"
But Daddy said, "His name's not there,
That Friend who died for you."
And then I clearly understood,
'Twas Jesus that he meant.
For Him who should come first of all
I hadn't planned a cent!
I'd made a Christmas birthday list,
And left the Savior out!
But, Oh it didn't take me long
To change the list about.
And tho' I've had to drop some names
Of folks I like a lot,
My Lord must have the most because
HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP!

- Author Unknown

Join The Church Sunday!

Sunday, Dec. 21 (next Sunday)

Please take the time to extend a special invitation to your friends and neighbors to be a part of ABT! Our emphasis is to encourage people without a church home to make ABT a part of their lives!

WAYS TO JOIN ABT:

1. Join as an **OFFICIAL MEMBER**.
2. Join as a **TEMPORARY MEMBER**. Some people are here for a short time and want to attend this church while they are here.
3. Join as an **ATTENDER** until you decide to become an official member. Talk to any Adult Bible Fellowship teacher about joining or call the Church office at 333-6535.

Christmas
Miracle
Offering

Goals
Miracle Offering \$ 50,000
Love Offering \$ 35,000

Received as of 12-11-14

\$13,365.55

OFFERING ADMONITION

BECAUSE WE LOVE GOD, WE GIVE. WE
DELIGHT IN GIVING TO OUR LORD. WE GIVE
LIBERALLY, SHOWING FORTH THE BLESSINGS
OF GOD IN OUR LIVES!

Because so many of our people will be practicing for the Pageant Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and then be at the Friday and Saturday night performances, there will not be a regular Wednesday night service this week on Dec. 17 in order to give them a break.

Simeon

Not long after the birth of Jesus, a man by the name of Simeon came to the temple to find Mary, Joseph and the baby. Simeon was promised by the Spirit that he would not see death until he had seen the "Lord's Christ." He awaited with great anticipation the Consolation (Comfort) of Israel and there in the arms of Mary was Simeon's life's desire. Simeon would unite with the Psalmist who wrote, "Whom have I in Heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You" (73:25). Every entity of his being was to be found in Christ. It was an intimacy that swallowed his every moment. He only found relief when he saw the Messiah and could earnestly say, "Now let thy servant depart in peace, according to Your Word for my eyes have seen Your Salvation."

It is not the activities, functions, disciplines, and sacrifices that we blend into our Christian life that God wishes from us, but rather to desire Him above all else. He wants to be top on our list and top on our mind.

Jesus didn't come into this world just to provide forgiveness for sin; He came to fundamentally change people so their desires would be toward Him and not toward this world. He didn't come into this world just so we can have eternal life, but that our hopes would stretch beyond this world and that we would be continually motivated by a yearning for our heavenly home. Jesus didn't come just so that we may attend church, but that we may desire to behold His glory which the Father has given Him (John 17:24).

Christmas is for giving everything we have, what we are, and what we can be to Him, Christ, who should be our one desire. How do we measure on this scale? We all fall fatally short but fortunately, Jesus' Salvation is far greater than our deepest failures.

Haggai calls Jesus, the "Desire of All Nations." This seems to be inconsistent with today's world and what seems to be an international hatred toward God and His people. However, unlike His first incarnation, He will not come as a child wrapped in swaddling clothes, but as a King clothed in glory. For the rest of eternity, our desire will be to know that same comfort long sought by Simeon.



Pastor Prevo

Looking for



Everyone is seeking HAPPINESS.

Learn How To Find It in our new study at 10 a.m. in one of our Adult Bible Fellowship Classes. We are wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. In order to help everyone have a happier New Year, we are doing a series on Happiness and How to Have it regardless of your circumstances. This will be a ten-week series that will change your life for the better! Pastor Prevo will be teaching this series in the ABT auditorium at 10 a.m. prior to the Main Worship Service at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Other Bible Fellowship Classes will also be teaching this series in their classrooms at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

2014 BUS CHRISTMAS STORE

DONATE TODAY!

How YOU can help.
Below is a list of items and quantities that we typically need, but this is not an exhaustive list.

Bicycles- 1	Bath Sets for Mom- 31
Toy Cars for Kids- 22	Board Games- 12
Boxes of Candy- 25	Bibles- 8
Tool Sets for Dad- 21	Winter Sleds- 15

If you would like to give financially, we'll do the shopping for you!

Will you be the 1 to bring one this week?

7 Days (next week)

Until the Bus Christmas Store Drop off in the Church lobby.



2014 Christmas Miracle Offering

These are the types of gifts for this year's Christmas Miracle Offering. With Christ at the top of your Christmas list, you can accomplish one of these two goals. You can give Jesus a Love and Sacrificial Gift, or a Miraculous Gift.

Victory Sunday, Dec. 28!

WHAT IS A CHRISTMAS OFFERING?

It is our birthday gift to our Lord Jesus Christ. Some Christians say, "I give to the Lord all year. Why should I give more at Christmas?" We give to our husbands, wives, and children all year long too, but we do something special on their birthdays. We ought to do the same for our Lord.

HOW WILL THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING BE USED?

Each year our Christmas Offering is used to provide a special gift to our Missionaries, Bible College students, and employees of the church and school.

WHAT SHOULD YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING BE?

Since it is the Lord's birthday, He should get the largest gift that you give to anyone. How would you feel if your spouse gave you a \$20 gift and a friend a \$200 gift on your birthday?

HOW CAN YOU GIVE?

You can give part of it each week until December 28 "Victory Day," the day we hope to reach our goal. You can give it out of the savings God has blessed you with this year, or the bonus that you receive. Some will earn extra money through special projects so they can give more. This offering will be received for several Sundays following Victory Day.

WHY SHOULD EVERYONE GIVE?

Our goal is a very challenging goal. It is above our expectations; therefore, everyone will need to participate and some will even need to give a Big Special Offering or we will not reach our goal.

A LOVE GIFT - is an amount that you could give comfortably. It is an amount that you can and want to give because you love the Lord.

A SACRIFICIAL GIFT - is an amount that you are going to give, but in order to give it, you must make some sacrifices. This is the kind of gift you give because you want to sacrifice for your Lord. There is a very rewarding feeling that comes from giving the Lord what you were planning to spend on yourself. It is like fasting, doing without for spiritual reasons.

A MIRACULOUS GIFT - is an amount above a love or sacrificial amount that you want to give providing God sends you some money in a miraculous way. For example, you may say, "I am going to give a \$100 love offering, but I would like to give \$500. If I get an unexpected bonus, or that amount of money comes in unexpectedly, I will consider it a miracle from God and give it." A Miracle Offering is a way to allow God to do something special in your life.

Reminder About End-Of-Year Giving

The Internal Revenue Service requires that all contributions made to ABT for 2014 are received in the Financial Office by the end of the day on December 31, 2014 in order to be posted for 2014. Mailed contributions must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2014.

Many people at the end of the year review their giving to make sure they have given all they intended to give. Sometimes God has blessed them more and they find they have not given the tithe as they intended. Others want to give to a special ministry like missions or the bus ministry.

This year, Dec. 31 falls on a Wednesday. **The Church office WILL BE OPEN that day from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** (there is also a Wednesday/New Year's Eve service at 7:30 p.m.). If you need to make your contribution after regular hours, call 952-2281. Besides bringing your offering to the church, you can contribute by going online at www.ancbt.org, click on ONLINE GIVING and follow the instructions. Also, we are now set up online for credit card donations.



ACS Alumni Game

Wednesday, December 31
in the Big Gym after the
evening service. Come
out and watch the old guys
run up and down the court. There will be
drawings for door prizes!!!

Baby Day Jan. 4

- **Prayer and Dedication for Babies**
one - year - old or younger
- **Special Gift "Baby's First Bible" from Pastor Prevo**
- **ABT Membership not required**

Invitations are available at
the church office or in the
nursery.



CONGRATULATIONS

to those adults who are celebrating birthdays
and anniversaries this week!

ANNIVERSARIES

12/14 Larry & Lisa Edwards	12/18 Mike & Susan Fischetti
12/15 Todd & Shannon Severson	Monte & Debbie Harper
12/16 John & Hae Sun Davis	Tom & Denise Cobaugh
Brad & Renee Scott	Ron & Crystal Hoffman

BIRTHDAYS

12/14 Gilda Cayabyab	Raymond Pickers
Tim Cudmore	12/18 Holly Chaney
Bert Kaganak	Jeffrey Edmundson
Rebecca Perue	Jeff Johnston
12/15 Jennifer Golab	Leona Morrison
Macie Perkins	Kathy Steigleman
Patricia Watkins	Bonnie White
Geri Williams	12/19 Summer Kudlaciak
12/16 Terry Bennett	12/20 Edward Austin
12/17 Richard Birdsall	Dennis Dix
Brian Branstetter	Aaron Jackson
Chavis Caudle	Virginia Nicely
Kevin DeBoord	Gary Warmath

GOD gives the increase.

Saved This Week.....3
 Saved This Year582
 Total Baptized 2014184
 Total Joined 2014142

Joined By Baptism

Joey Thrower

Pastor's Class
Auditorium
Sundays - 10 a.m.

FOUR SERVICES

ALL WITH DIFFERENT MUSIC AND MESSAGES
 THIS WEEK'S SERVICES
 SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.
 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M.
 EVENING SERVICE 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

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RECOVERY



FOR WOMEN:

- Drug and Alcoholism

FOR MEN:

- Drug and Alcoholism
- Sexual Addiction
- Anger Resolution

FOR MEN AND WOMEN:

- DivorceCare
- GriefShare

THURSDAYS, RM. 207 (7 - 9 P.M.) CONTACT

PASTOR TONY SMITH AT 333-6535 OR

TSMITH@ANCBT.ORG.

www.recoveryabt.org



Top SEVEN Bus Routes out of 15

December 7, 2014

Route	Team Captain	Riders
17	Lin	48
21B	Gilberts	42
4	Felesi	38
2	Lynn	36
9	Watkins	36
21A	Brandon	32
16	Ramos	31



Reaching the world for Jesus,
one rider at a time!



Nursery Needs

For our regular weekly services

ADULTS NEEDED!

Sundays 10 a.m.	Sundays 6 p.m.
Toddler I - 1 adult (eow)	Toddler 1 - 1 adult
Toddler II - 1 adult	

Sundays 11 a.m.	Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
Toddler 1 - 1 adult	Infants - 2 adults
Toddler 2 - 1 adult (eow)	

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR TONY SMITH AT
 333-6535 OR TSMITH@ANCBT.ORG.

COOKIES FOR THE CHOIR!

Our ABT WOMEN'S CONNECTION Ministry will be hosting COOKIES FOR THE CHOIR. We appreciate all of the hard work, time, and effort our Choir and Drama members put into making the Christmas Pageant such a wonderful Christmas experience for family and friends. So this year on Friday, Dec. 19, the ABT Women's Connection Ministry will be hosting, "COOKIES FOR THE CHOIR." Our ladies are encouraged to make homemade Christmas cookies and bring them to the church lobby Friday, Dec. 19. We will be serving these delights prior to the performance on Friday. If you would be willing to provide a few dozen of your favorite cookies, please fill out the information below and place this form in the offering plate or e-mail us at rsvp@ancbt.org.

Yes, I will help,

I will provide _____ dozen cookies.

URGENT NEEDS FOR PAGEANT!

FOR THE PAGEANT (DEC. 19 - 21)
AND CHRISTMAS EVE

Nursery Workers Needed!

We need 12 women, EACH NIGHT, to provide child care service for children 6 months - 2 years of age. Contact Tony Smith before or after the service or call the church office at 333-6535.

Email tsmith@ancbt.org.

Parking Lot Attendants Needed!

The Christmas Pageant is coming Dec. 19, 20, 21. We need attendants to help guide drivers/visitors attending those nights. See Pastor Don Barnhart to volunteer: 333-6535 or dbarnhart@ancbt.org.

MEN'S BASKETBALL NIGHT! Fellowship and Basketball

All adult males are invited.

Mon. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

ACS Big Gym

Senior Walking: 3 times/Week

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
in the BIG GYM.

Canes, walkers, walking stick, and oxygen are welcome. Bring rubber soled shoes or sneakers.



ABT - ANYTIME! - ANYPLACE!

WATCH ABT LIVE! LISTEN
TO MESSAGES. GIVE ONLINE.
KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH DATES
AND EVENTS.

**ABT IS ALWAYS IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD!**

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GET THE APP TODAY!!

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APPLE



**Lime Solar
Pepsi
Invitational
January 1,2,3**



PointMan will not meet again until
Saturday, January 10, 2015.

Cook Needed at Debarr Preschool

The Cook is responsible for preparing and serving morning snack, lunch, and (preparing only) afternoon snack for up to 70 preschoolers. This is a part-time job from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If interested, notify Patti Anker at 333-5516.

Preschool Teacher/Assistant Needed!

11:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. On Tuesdays beginning January 2015 additional hours 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.. This is a fun position as it is rarely the same two days in a row!! Contact Patti Anker @ 333-5516."

Get Acquainted! Get Connected! Get Involved!

ABT's Sunday Adult Bible Fellowships, 10 a.m.

14 Classes from which to choose!

Pastor's Auditorium Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Auditorium
Ambassadors' Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Rm. 111
Couples' Class	Multi-generational couples 30's and up	VIP Room
Faithbuilders' Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Rm. 212
FIRST Class	New Christians/New Members	Rm. 119
Kingdom Seekers' Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Rm. 110
Korean Class	Korean Speaking	Rm. 113
Ladies For Christ Class	Women's Class	Rm. 118
Marriage Builders' Class	Married/engaged couples (all ages)	Cafeteria
Pathfinders' Class	Adult couples/singles	Rm. 208
Real Life	Single Adults 30 and up	Rm. 210
Senior Saints' Class	60's and up	Rm. 117
Spanish Class	Spanish Speaking	Rm. 209
Velocity 180*	Young Adults 18 and over	Rm. 207

*(Starts at 9:30 a.m.)

Love Gives According To Its Ability

Theme

Love brings out the giver in us. Love would not dare give cheaply, but gives generously according to its ability.

Scripture Reading

Esther 2:17-18, "And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king."

Relating to the Scripture

The Book of Esther has to do with the story of "the great deliverance of the Jews from extermination during the time of the Babylonian captivity." (Dake Annotated Reference Bible, Esther 1:1 notes) It focuses on a young Jewish orphan girl named Esther. Esther was being reared by her uncle Mordecai, who entered her into the King's "beauty contest" for a wife. The King is overcome by Esther's beauty and charm, and chooses her to be his new queen.

On this occasion, he gives a great feast in her honor. Verse 18 tells us he did two things as gestures of his love: 1) He proclaims a holiday for the entire kingdom; and 2) He distributes gifts with royal liberality. (NIV) That is, he gives gifts that are worthy of a king. Not cheap gifts, as from a pauper, but expensive gifts, as from a King.

We learn several things from this story concerning giving: 1) Real love brings out a giving heart; 2) Love delights in sharing; and 3) Love gives according to its ability.

Today we will receive our tithe and offerings. Those of us who have been touched by God's love will be eager to give. We will delight in sharing with others. We will give according to our financial state or ability. We, whom God has blessed so greatly, will in no way give cheap gifts, but gifts worthy of our ability.

Offering Admonition

Because we love God, we give. We delight in giving to our Lord. We give liberally, showing forth the blessings of God in our lives!



I. HABIT NUMBER 1: DEVELOP THE HABIT OF BEING _____ FOR THE _____ WHO ARE IN YOUR LIFE.

II. HABIT NUMBER 2: PRAY WITH _____ FOR THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE.

Phil. 1:1-4, "Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy." (NKJ)

III. HABIT NUMBER 3: _____ THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE CAN AND WILL DO BETTER.

Phil. 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." (NKJ)

- A. Three things that you _____ to bring out the best in people.
 1. _____ IN PEOPLE.
 2. GIVE PEOPLE A _____.
 - a. The vision Paul gave the people was that you're going to keep growing because _____ will help you.
 - b. We tend to _____ what we believe the most important people in our lives _____.
 3. BE _____ WITH PEOPLE'S PROGRESS.
 - a. If you insist on perfection in people you're going to be _____ the rest of your life.
 - b. If you're always expecting perfection in people before you can _____ them then you're never going to be _____ because nobody's perfect.
 - c. Celebrate how far people have come rather than _____ them for how much they still have to go.
 - d. God doesn't wait until you're _____ for Him to start loving you.
- B. What is the _____ to patience?
 1. The key to patience is _____.

Phil. 1:7, "How natural it is that I should feel as I do about you, for you have a very special place in my heart. We have shared together the blessings of God, both when I was in prison and when I was out, defending the truth and telling others about Christ." (TLB)

- a. If people aren't in your heart they're on your _____.

IV. HABIT NUMBER 4: LOVE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE LIKE JESUS DOES.

- A. Why is it hard to do this ? We tend to be _____ - _____.

Phil. 1:8, "Only God knows how deep is my love and longing for you with the tenderness of Jesus Christ." (TLB)

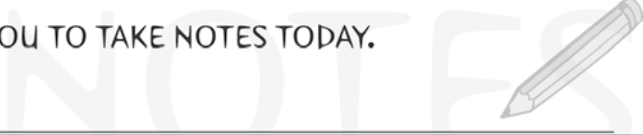
I Jn. 3:16, "We know what real love is from Christ's example in dying for us. And so we also ought to lay down our lives for our Christian brothers." (TLB)

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (NKJ)

In this series we are talking about the habits of happiness.

Desire will get you started, but the _____ will keep you going.

THIS SPACE IS FOR YOU TO TAKE NOTES TODAY.



Sermon Subject _____

Below the 'Sermon Subject' line, there are 20 horizontal lines for taking notes.