

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**  
Traditional Service 8:30am  
Adult Class 9:30am  
Praise Service 10:30am  
Communion on September 7

# Good News



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## Our Mission:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

## Faith and Works

I am very excited about the study we are going to be sharing this fall. It is a book called "Thrive" and it takes us through the book of James.

James is a book that does not get as much attention as the writings of Paul. Paul, as the most prolific writer in the New Testament, often dominates New Testament Bible study. Sometimes more minor authors get neglected.

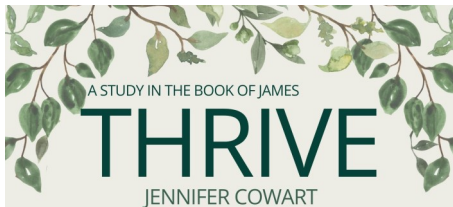
Paul discusses how important it is to remember that it is faith, not works, that save us. But James gives us an important balance pointing out that faith without works is a dead faith.

An exclusive reliance on Paul (without James and the gospels) might make you think that a Christian can simply believe and that God has no expectations on your life. But James reminds us that our actions are important, and that doing good for God and others is an important part of living out the Christian life.

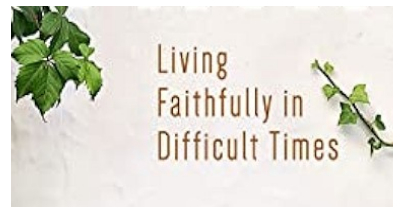
John Wesley famously said that the only holiness is social holiness. We show our love for God in how we love others.

I hope you will participate with us in the Thrive study and take time to read it and other passages from James this fall.

In Christ's Service Together,  
Pastor Tim



**FALL SUNDAY SERMON STUDY SERIES**  
**THRIVE by Jennifer Cowart**  
Fall is Here and Our Sunday Sermon Study Series  
will Begin on Sunday, September 14



We will be using Pastor Tim's upcoming James Sermon Series, THRIVE by Jen Cowart, as our Fall Adult Study. Please see the enclosed insert for information about our Adult Small Groups! Books are available in each entryway at the church or by calling the office. There is no charge for the book.

**This is a great time to join a group!**



**Asbury Blood Drive is Monday, August 25, 2:30-5:00pm**

You may make your own appointment through the Impact Life website, or you may talk with Cheryl about setting up a time to donate. Thank you for making the time to donate and to help others in this way, whether you come to the blood drive at the church or if you go directly to the Blood Center.

**You are doing a great thing!**



## 2ND ANNUAL MENS GOLF OUTING

**Duck Creek Golf Course**

**Aug 23rd @ 1:00 PM**

all are welcome to join us  
contact Kurt Streicher or Gary Hendershot with questions

**Do You Enjoy Singing?**  
**Consider Joining the Asbury Choir!**

**All interested are encouraged to attend**

**The Asbury Choir Kick off**

**Thursday, August 28th at 5:30pm**

**A brief rehearsal followed by  
a potluck and fellowship!**



Regular rehearsals  
are every Wednesday.

We start singing promptly @ 7:15pm

Questions? See Director Paul DCamp  
or contact the church office  
@ 563-355-5218



**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**4:00 PM**

**"A Musical Feast"**

featuring Marian Lee  
and students from  
St Ambrose University

Meal to follow.

Asbury UMC Bettendorf IA

## Attention

STARTING IN NOVEMBER  
KIDS WILL BE WITH  
FAMILIES IN WORSHIP  
THE 1ST SUNDAY OF  
EACH MONTH

### DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 24 - BIBLE PRESENTATION

SEPTEMBER 7 - ROOTSKIDS STARTS

SEPTEMBER 21 - ROOTSKIDS FAMILY SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11 - FALLOWEEN

DECEMBER 14 @ 8:30 WORSHIP - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

## Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team August is National Immunization Awareness Month!

Vaccination is the most important thing we can do to protect ourselves and our children against ill health.  
They prevent millions of deaths worldwide every year.

### Vaccines Do...

- ✓ help to protect you and your child from many serious and potentially deadly diseases
- ✓ protect other people in your family and community—by helping to stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines, such as babies too young to be vaccinated and those who are too ill to be vaccinated
- ✓ undergo rigorous safety testing before being introduced—they're also constantly monitored for side effects after being introduced
- ✓ sometimes cause mild side effects that will not last long—you may feel a bit unwell and have a sore arm for 2 or 3 days
- ✓ reduce or even get rid of some diseases—if enough people are vaccinated

### Vaccines Do Not...

- X overload or weaken the immune system—it's safe to give children and adults several vaccines at a time and this reduces the amount of injections needed
- X contain mercury (thiomersal)
- X contain any ingredients that cause harm—only ingredients essential to making them safer and more effective and only in very small amounts
- X cause autism—studies have found no evidence of a link between the MMR vaccine and autism

Check the board outside the office for information on: COVID-19, Flu, RSV and ways to keep your immune system strong!

## Missions

## AIM (ASBURY IN MISSION) .... "DOING GOD'S WILL"

**AIM MISSION OF THE MONTH**  
**Hope at the BRICK House**  
**MONETARY DONATIONS**  
**FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES**  
**& SNACKS**



Scan the QR to DONATE online or  
Drop off/Send your donation to the church office  
Mark as "AIM BrickHouse"

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**Thank You for Your Service!**  
**Asbury Doing God's Will!**  
**THANK YOU to**  
**Kristi & Matt Berst**  
**Stephanie & Cliff Pim**  
**Judy & Greg Gackle**  
**for preparing and serving the**  
**Zion Mealsite on August 6**

- Office Hours**....Asbury Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00-Noon and afternoons by request. Please feel free to contact a staff member if you need assistance after hours.
- Newsletter Deadline**...Items for the next Good News should be in the office no later than **8:00am on Monday, September 1.**
- Praises and Requests for Prayer**....may be submitted on our website by clicking on the "**Prayers & Praise**" button. If you would like to be part of Asbury's Prayer Team, please contact Pam & Pat Thornton, Pastor Tim or the Parish Nurse Team.
- Thoughts of Sympathy**....Our prayers are with Chris Harvey and family on the death of her husband, Vern, on August 8.
- Friendly Thrift Center**.... Visit us in August for fall football clothing and lots of Hawkeye items! **The entire stock at Friendly Thrift Center will be ½ price on Saturday, August 23 from 9:00-Noon!** (Infant clothing still 25¢) Check out and like our Facebook page! Currently, we are in need of bookbags, travel-size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc., men's shorts, jeans and nice casual shoes for young men & adults. There is a bin near the elevator on the lower level of Asbury for you to place your items. Thank you!
- Hannah Circle**....All women are invited for breakfast or lunch out on the second Tuesday of each month. On **Tuesday, September 9** we will be enjoying an 11:30 lunch at Duck Creek Pancake House, 4405 State Street. Join us for fun conversation and fellowship!  
*"Friendship is God's special way of loving us through someone else."* Proverbs 17:17
- Rachel Circle** .... Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Details of our **Tuesday, September 9** meeting will be in the next Good News. Everyone is welcome, even if you have not been to a Rachel meeting previously. We'd love to get to know you!
- Card Ministry**....Next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30pm.** To learn more, go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon. You can help support Card Ministry expenses by purchasing their lovely cards in the church office!
- Craft & Chat**....Next meeting of this drop-in gathering is **Saturday, September 20 from 9:00-Noon** in the Connections Café at Asbury. Bring your own supplies and work on any craft project you like, or come and help make a sleeping mat for those in need! Connect and have fun with fellow crafters. Contact Michelle Bonney for more information.
- LIFT - Ladies In Fellowship Together**...Details of dates and events can be found on their LIFT Facebook page. You may also contact Jenny Bloomquist, Julia Hensch, Marian Edmund-Paulson or Stephanie Pim. All women are invited!
- Asbury Men's Group**....Join us in person at the church on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of the month at **7:45am.** Contact Cliff Pim (563-340-2722), Phil Paulson (309-502-9236) or the church office (563-355-5218) for more information or the **ZOOM** link. All men are welcome!
- Asbury Foundation**....Thank you to Connie Drexel, Mitch Hill and Bob Reiter for their recent gifts to the Asbury Foundation. For information on how you can guarantee a strong future for the life and ministry of Asbury through a gift to the Foundation, please contact John Rabine or the church office. **This is a thoughtful way to honor your birthday or other occasions.**