



The Avery Bells

November, 2017

One of the problems that many Christians have is a weak spiritual life. We all struggle with this from time to time. We know God loves us and accepts us and yet we still feel that we need to grow closer to God. So, what can be done about this issue? Is there any practical help available?

The Bible says that faith comes by hearing scripture and we know that God's word is the spiritual nourishment that we need. One thing that might help you learn scripture is by listening to God's word in an audio format. I recommend *The Word of Promise New Testament Audio Bible*. This audio New Testament is a 20 CD set that is narrated by several leading actors. Listening to these CDs would be a good way to learn the Bible while traveling in your car. You can listen to various books and then read them. This method helps in gaining a deeper appreciation and understanding of God's word.

If you're looking for excellent video lectures and podcasts on books of the Bible, spiritual issues, theology, and church history check out the website of Ligonier Ministries [www.ligonier.org]. Ligonier offers a wide variety of teaching collections that are scripturally faithful and consistent with our evangelical Presbyterian and Reformed theological tradition. Ligonier literally has hundreds of short video presentations to choose from that are available in multiple forms.

If you want to grow in your Christian witness to your neighbors, co-workers, and friends I would recommend Bill Hybel's and Mark Mittleberg's helpful book *Becoming a Contagious Christian* [<http://www.zondervan.com/becoming-a-contagious-christian>]. This book is written by two outstanding Christian leaders and their insights offer us some helpful guidance as we seek to be better witnesses for Christ in the world. No matter where you feel you're at spiritually I want to encourage you to continue to grow and live out your faith. Be committed to learning, reading, listening, and cultivating a Christian mind. May our ability to effectively witness for Christ increase more and more. To Him be the glory!

In Christ,

Jeff

FALL SCHEDULE

Food and Fellowship: 8:30 – 9:00 am
AWAKEN the New Contemporary Service: 9:00 am – 10:00 am – Fellowship Hall
Sunday School: 10:00 – 10:50 am (lower level classrooms)
 Food and Fellowship: 10:30 – 11:00 am
LEGACY the Traditional Service: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Did you know Avery is active on social media?!?!?!?

Like us on Facebook: Avery Presbyterian Church

Follow us on Twitter: @AveryChurchBell

We will post fun facts and important information for you about the exciting fall we have planned.

Be sure to follow and share with your friends, coworkers, and neighbors!

Grow in God, grow in love, grow in community!

Pastoral Information

If you need to contact Pastor McDonald, please contact him on his cell phone: 402-682-1439

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
 *DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
 "BACK ONE HOUR"**

October Communion

Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 5**. If you would like to have communion brought to your home, please contact the church office at 402-733-1104.

November Events

**THE AVERY DEACONS WILL BE HOSTING
 A HOT DOG LUNCH ON
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
 FOLLOWING THE LEGACY SERVICE.
 EVERYONE IS INVITED!**



Avery Church Day at Don & Millie's Sunday, November 12

The **second Sunday of each month** is Avery Church Day at Don & Millie's Restaurant (24th & Cornhusker). 20% of all purchases that day by people who say they are from Avery Church will be donated back to the church.

Peanut Brittle Update – 2017

Peanut Brittle Boot Camp

There will be a peanut brittle boot camp for all who would like to learn to cook and/or learn all jobs needed for production on Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 to noon. If there is enough interest, a second boot camp will follow church on Sunday, November 12 from 12:30-2:30. Please let Susie Nielsen (402 292-9016) or the church office know if you plan to attend and which session you would prefer.

November 13-17; 20-21; 27- Dec.1

**Shifts: 8-10 am; 10 am-1 pm; 1-3 pm;
 3-6 pm; 6-9 pm**

Saturdays, November 18 & December 2

Shifts: 9 am – Noon; Noon – 3 pm

Thank you to all who have already signed up for peanut brittle shifts. Many are still needed. It is a wonderful time to get to know others from Avery, work hard for a few hours for a major fund-raiser for the mission of our church, and to be a part of an Avery tradition that is over 50 years old.

Request for Help to Pick up Peanut Brittle Supplies

Supplies for peanut brittle will be picked up on Saturday, November 4 and brought to the church. Peanuts will be picked up Monday, November 6. If you have a pick-up truck or large vehicle and muscles for lifting boxes of peanuts, corn syrup, and sugar, and are able to work either day, please contact Susie Nielsen (402 292-9016).

Thank You

Dear Friends,

My children and I want to thank you for your support during Ellie’s last days. Your prayers and ours that she go peacefully and without pain or suffering were answered. We are most appreciative of the effort put forth by the staff and volunteers who provided the memorial service and follow up luncheon. I’m sure Ellie is rejoicing in knowing so many people cared for her.

Jim White



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will not meet November 22 and 29. We will resume December 6.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:00 am – 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room next to the Pastor’s study.

We will be studying the book of Daniel. Daniel and his friends stood firm in the faith and dared to be different. Today the world still wants God’s people to conform to its standards and follow its practices. Christians today need to have the faith and courage to be resolute—not odd, but resolute. As we study the book Daniel wrote for us, we’ll meet Daniel’s God, the Sovereign Lord. In Daniel’s life and ministry we will see how true believers live in the light of biblical prophecy—how they relate to the Sovereign Lord and accomplish His good, acceptable, and perfect will.

Please consider joining us for this timely study.



Hannah Circle

Hannah Circle will be doing lessons from the book "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs to complete 2017. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month (with a few exceptions) from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please join us for fellowship, prayer and a lesson. We would love to have you join us!

November 14, 2017
Home of: Joyce Reimer
13708 S 22nd St., Bellevue
Lesson: Janice Bright

November 28, 2017
Home of: Janice Bright
208 Merwood St., Bellevue
Lesson: Krista McDonald

December 2, 2017
11:00 am Hannah & Friends Christmas Luncheon - All Avery Women Invited
Olive Garden - Nell Fuller is the planner
3707 Denmark Dr., Council Bluffs, IA

December 12, 2017
Home of: Kay Baldwin
14110 S. 22nd St., Bellevue, NE
Lesson: Susie Nielsen
Dessert: Donna Lawson

Mission Opportunities

Bellevue Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of:
Canned Meats **Chili** **Rice** **Cake Mixes**
Dry Potatoes **Soup** **Crackers**
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Clip and take to the store

Open Door Mission

Volunteer Coordinator Needed

Avery is the volunteer sponsor for Open Door Mission on the 4th Monday of each month @ 5:30 pm. Open Door relies on us to have a number of volunteers for each month that we have committed to. The Missions Committee is looking for someone to coordinate the monthly volunteers. Please contact Susie Nielsen @ nielsen11618@msn.com if you would be interested.

Avery Angel Tree

Please keep an eye out for the Angel Tree for Avery School that will go up around Thanksgiving. Please support the missions committee effort to assist Avery School families in need by taking ornaments from the tree to provide gifts and clothing to kids right here in our neighborhood.

November Greeters

Awaken: John and Kathy Amegandji
Legacy: Liz Heil

Volunteer Opportunity -Greeters

If anyone is interested in being a greeter for either Service, please contact Nell Fuller at garyandnellfuller@gmail.com or 402-291-2975.

November Worship Assistants

5 Mary Jo Osterholm
12 Don Wharton
19 Cheryl Stensby
26 Dan Bankey

November Children's Church Teachers and Helpers

AWAKEN SERVICE

Teachers:	Helpers:
1. Cheryl White	Shelly Duncan
2. Kay Baldwin	*
3. Cheryl White	Shelly Duncan
4. Sandy Kendall	*pending

LEGACY SERVICE

Teachers:	Helpers:
1. Jennifer Libby	Ashley
2. Glenna Quinn	Claire & Jamie
3. Krista McDonald	Shannon Vosberg
4. Sandy Kendall	Jodeen Jensen ?

Avery Bells Guidelines

DEADLINE: 15th of each month

If you would like something included in the newsletter, please submit the information **by email** to the church office by the deadline date.

Information will not be included without confirmation from the chairperson or committee representative each month. Thank you!

2017 Leadership

Elders and Committee Responsibilities

Moderator of the Session: Pastor Jeff McDonald; **Clerk of the Session:** Bev Hrdy
Treasurer for the Session: Cindy Crisp

Delores Barber: Nominating Co-Chair; Communion to Shut-Ins

Mark Carpenter: Christian Education Chair

Bob Cook: Buildings and Grounds Co-Chair, Vision Team Co-Chair, President of the Corporation

Gary Fuller: IT Chair, Representative to Presbytery, Peanut Brittle Task Force and Coordinator

Steve Horn: Personnel Chair, IT Committee

Pat Mullins: Worship, Music, and Prayer Co-Chair

Susie Nielsen: Missions Chair

Richard Osterholm: Wills and Memorials Chair

Dan Svehla: Worship, Music and Prayer Chair, Vision Team Co-Chair

Robert Taylor: Stewardship/Finance Chair, Buildings and Grounds Co-Chair, and Nominating Co-Chair

Jason Van Holland: Membership and Evangelism Chair

Current Deacons and Committee Responsibilities:

Mark Lawson: Moderator of Deacons, Care Ministry

Barb Carey: Secretary of Deacons, Care Ministry; **Barney Chandler:** Deacon's Closet, Kitchen

Grace Ford: Fellowship; **Nell Fuller:** Newcomer Welcoming, Greeters; **Kathy Amegandji:** Fellowship

Rodger Kendall: Care Ministry, Deacon's Closet, Fellowship, Kitchen

Dina Merrick: Communion, Baby Gifts; **Mary Jo Osterholm:** Funeral, Correspondence

Cheryl Stensby: Communion, Fellowship; **Stacy Weber:** Fellowship; **Judy Williams:** Funeral, Ushers