

**Connected or Connecting**

**Text:** John 15:4-5; 9-11

**Theme:** We grow through abiding and being connected to Christ

**Introduction -**

**I. BEING A GOOD BRANCH**

**II. GROWING IN FRUITFULNESS**

**III. FULL OF LOVE AND JOY**

**Conclusion -**

Next Sunday: And Such Were Some of You – 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

**Welcome to our time  
of Worship**

August 6, 2023



**Prelude**

**Welcome & Family Matters**

**Lift Up Your Hearts Unto God**

*Great Things  
10,000 Reasons  
Amazing Love  
Hymn of Heaven*

**Scripture Reading & Prayer**

John 15:4-11  
Kevin Schmeling

**Children's Message**

Pastor Kyle

**Hearing from God's Servants**

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Pastor Kyle

**Benediction**

*All offerings, gifts, and tithes may be placed in the Offering Box by the door to the foyer. Thank you for your generosity.*

*Please know that our service is being recorded and uploaded to our church website: [albionfreechurch.org](http://albionfreechurch.org). We also are streaming live on Facebook Live during the service.*

## Ministry Opportunities This Week:

Today: 10:00 am Worship Service  
Thursday: 9:30 am Prayer  
Saturday: 8:00 am Men's Gathering  
Sunday: 10:00 am Worship Service  
11:30 am Christian Education Meeting  
2:00 pm All Church Paintball  
4:30 pm Mattson's Fellowship Picnic

## Prayers & Praises:

### Praying For Those Who Are Sick

*So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. 2 Corinthians 4:16-17*

Father, we pray that you would hear our prayers on behalf of those weakened through illness and disease.

**More than physical health**, we pray that you would grant them spiritual health. May You, O Lord, renew their thankfulness, their trust in You and Your promises. Cause them to have strength to renew a love and use of Your Word, O God.

**In our groaning during weakness**, may You help us look more and more to receiving the new body You have promised us. Let our sight be set upon things above, not on things below.

**Grant to each one who is ill** an unshakeable confidence in You, O Lord; in the reality of Your heaven, and in Jesus' ability to guarantee our place there. May we display this confidence in Jesus to those around us, seeing us in our weakness.

## Coming Up These Next Few Weeks



**All Church Paintball:** Adults and teens are all invited to join this fun event at Annandale Paintball from 2-4 pm on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign up on the back bulletin board or by using this link:

<https://forms.gle/XZ6nu77Nr3o2FX6LA>

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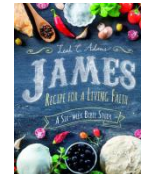
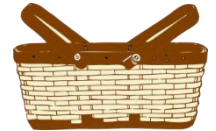
### Fellowship Potluck Picnics – check the bulletin board for more information on these.

**DuWayne & Jeanne Mattson's** – Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at their home. Potluck. Hay rides (at 4:30 only), canoeing and yard games.

**Rod & Roxie Lund's** – Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at their home. They will provide the main dish; those coming can bring side dishes.

**Vern & Cherie Nelson's** – Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> at noon at their home. Hamburgers, toppings and beverages provided. Board or card games, if people would like to play some.

**David & Ailyn Peterson's** – Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> at noon at their home. Hamburgers, plus what you bring. Yard games, clay pigeons and trap shooting.



Starting in September, a women's bible study will be offered at Albion on 2 different days:

**Saturdays at 8 a.m. and Tuesdays at 6 p.m.**

*James: Recipe for a Living Faith* is a six-week instruction manual on the Christian faith, penned by James, a younger brother of Jesus. In this study, the reader will consider topics that are essential to a dynamic and powerful faith journey: faith and works, staying faithful under persecution, partiality in the body of Christ, patience, the importance of taming the tongue, and prayer.

Please sign up by **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
(on the back bulletin board) so books can be ordered.