

Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018



# THE PATH TO JOY

## A Message from Dr. Dennis Episcopo

### Don't Stay in the Dark

The Dark Ages, roughly 500-1500AD, was known for economic and cultural decline. It was also "dark" because God's Word was not available to people. The Roman Catholic church did not want Scriptures in the hands of common folk because they feared they would misinterpret it.

It is true, that without proper teaching, God's Word can be twisted. The cults have proven that. However, it is wrong to assume that the Bible should be reserved for the clergy. You don't keep the Bible from the common man. You teach people how to read it and study it. The Bible can be clearly understood, especially when the church teachers and preachers explain in a way that people cannot only understand it but apply it to daily living.

### NOTES

**Support Groups Available**  
 AAC offers support groups for men and women needing help with various life challenges such as divorce, addiction, relationship dependency, or loss:  
[appletonalliance.org/supportgroups](http://appletonalliance.org/supportgroups)

**CHRISTMAS**  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
 Dec. 24, | 11:00 a.m., 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 p.m.  
 We invite you and your family to attend one of our four Christmas Eve services.

**WOMEN**  
**mom&me Special Event**  
 Wednesday, Dec. 5 | 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
 Enjoy a morning discovering family-friendly ways to keep Christ in Christmas. Childcare \$5 per child. Register by Nov. 25 at [aacwomen.org](http://aacwomen.org)

**Encounter: A Weekend for Women**  
 Feb. 15-17 | Cost varies  
 The Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake  
 Speaker: Sharon Jaynes  
 Registration is now open. To learn more, visit [aacencounter.org](http://aacencounter.org)

**SPORTS**  
**Xcel Sportsplex Membership**  
 Avoid the cold this winter with an Xcel Sports membership. The Sportsplex is open to the community; invite your friends and neighbors! For membership rates and details, visit [aachur.ch/xcel](http://aachur.ch/xcel)

**OPEN POSITIONS**  
 Connections Café and our Facilities team are hiring for evening and weekend shifts. Applications are available at the Welcome Desk if you're interested.

**SERVE**  
**Discovery Land One2One**  
 Every child needs Jesus! If God is calling you to work with children who have special needs, join our team. Training is provided. Email us at [serve@aac.church](mailto:serve@aac.church)

**SENIORS**  
**Senior Women's Artist Circle**  
 Dec. 4, | 9:00 a.m. | D135  
 No registration required

Be a part of something creative when the Senior Adult women work on their arts and craft projects. Bring your project and enjoy the fellowship. Don't forget to pack a lunch.

**CLASSES**  
**Baptism and Membership**  
 Both classes are now available online at [appletonalliance.org/beliefs](http://appletonalliance.org/beliefs). Simply watch the CH201 video at the bottom of the page and fill out the online application.

**Financial Peace University**  
 If you are interested in learning more about AAC's offering of Financial Peace University, please visit the **Care** page at [appletonalliance.org](http://appletonalliance.org)

**MISSIONS**  
**Short-Term Mission Trips**  
 More information can be found in the Serve section of [appletonalliance.org](http://appletonalliance.org)

**Peru Medical Team**  
 June 8-16, 2019  
 Application due Jan. 15

**Paris Sports and Worship**  
 July 18-July 27, 2019  
 Application Due Jan. 15

**WELCOME – We're glad you're here!**  
 Stop by the Welcome Center in the Hub. We have a gift for you and would love to connect with you. Find out what's happening at AAC at [appletonalliance.org](http://appletonalliance.org)

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**Sunday Services: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.**