



# Abundant Living Ministries

*Encouraging Christian Living since 1978*

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This Sunday... **RESURRECTION SUNDAY!** I so rejoice in the lyrics (written by Alfred Ackley) of the song *He Lives*. In my younger years, this song was sung every Easter Sunday morning.

And, the last verse:

*I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.*

I can still hear it... As we sang the last chorus, the song leader would slow us down and then dramatically sustain the last phrase, **HE L-I-V-E-S within my heart!!!**

What an absolute joy, having Christ Himself living within us. And, as the Gaither song says so confidently, *Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone.*

How reassuring that, during these past 15 months of COVID threat, you and I face the day differently... not recklessly, but without fear... because HE LIVES... within us! Our confidence (in Christ), during trying times, is a testimony to HIS love and care.

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The Brickerville property, which has been ALM's home for 42 years, has again been sold. The new owners are a retired Christian couple who want to see the campus continue to be used in ministry. They have invited ALM to remain right where we've been for these 42 years. That's a blessing, as we continue in ministry at this lovely, peaceful, country location. Apart from a couple of weeks of disrupted phone service, the transition has been seamless.

Please continue praying for us. We appreciate you all!



Joy for tomorrow... because HE LIVES!

John Charles (for Sharon and the rest at ALM)

Please notice our new MAILING address: 400 E. 4th Ave, Lititz, PA 17543

Our PHYSICAL LOCATION for ministry remains the same.

This is a transition over the next months. Both addresses reach us.

You may continue to use  
Preprinted Return Envelopes which still show the old address.





## The Mud Puddle

Many years ago, friends Bruce and Ruthie shared, with us, a story they had told their children to illustrate the importance of staying as far away from Satan's traps as possible...

*Little Billy's mother had just given him a bath and dressed him in Sunday clothes. The family was getting ready to go to church. Billy asked Mommy if he could wait outside while the rest of the family finished preparations.*

*"All right," his mother said, "but I don't want you to play in the mud. It rained last night and there are a lot of puddles around."*

*"Don't worry, Mommy. I won't play in the puddles." And out he went.*

*For a few minutes he stayed on the front porch, but soon his interest drifted to their driveway where a large mud puddle had formed. Of course, boys being boys, he was drawn like a magnet to the edge of the puddle.*

*But Billy was a pretty-obedient child and he remembered his mom's warning. He also remembered that he was going to church and needed to keep his clothes clean. So*

*Billy didn't wade into the puddle. He simply walked around the outer edge a few times.*

*Suddenly, the neighbor's big, friendly dog appeared out of nowhere and came bounding toward Billy. Before he realized what was happening, the huge dog splashed right through the puddle and then jumped up on Billy's chest, planting his muddy paws on Billy's clean shirt. After sliding his feet down the front of Billy's pants, he shook himself violently to get the muddy water off his fur, spritzing Billy from head to toe.*

Ending the story, Bruce asked his children, "Did Billy do anything wrong? Did he disobey his mother?"

"Yes," they would answer.

"But he didn't play in the mud puddle, did he? That's what his mother told him not to do. What did he do that was wrong?"

His children had reached the very wise conclusion... "The problem was that he played **too close** to the mud puddle and so he got splashed."

That's where many families are living today... **too close to the mud puddle!** They pride themselves that there is "nothing really wrong" with what they are doing. But they are living as close to the enemy's dirty camp as possible. It's a mentality that asks, "So, what's so wrong with that?" or, in this story, "How close can I get to the puddle without getting dirtied?"

A better question would be, "How can I stay as far from sin's mud puddles as possible and stay as clean as possible for God?"



Sharon Charles



## Open Arms Childbirth Class

**Four Consecutive Thursdays  
July 8-29, 2021, 7-9pm**

Covering the important information offered in a hospital course, *Open Arms* adds a distinctively-Christian perspective. You will enjoy meeting other expectant couples as you gain practical help in preparing for a great labor and delivery. There is no cost for this course.

**Register by contacting the ALM office.**

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