



Guardian's Newsletter

ABLED News. We are excited to announce and congratulate Maddie on her recent marriage to Josh Wray! It's with bittersweet sentiments that we share that Maddie will be moving with her husband for military duty overseas. Her last day is September 30th. We will miss her sweet, gentle nature and appreciate all that she has contributed to ABLED. Thank you, Maddie, for serving alongside us! Please join us in wishing her rich blessings and success in her marriage and in the journey God has laid before them. ABLED has hired Aubri Lacey who will begin training on September 7th. Please join us in welcoming Aubri to ABLED.

Covid-19 Booster Shots. We are awaiting FDA approval for the booster shots. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will be assisting pharmacies to obtain the necessary vaccines. They will also be available to assist people in getting the vaccine. The current recommendation is to have the booster 8 months after the 2nd dose of the vaccine.

DHHS DD Covid-19 Guidance. DHHS follows the CDC Recommendations. For close contact with suspected or confirmed people, fully vaccinated people are not required to quarantine. They should be tested 3-5 days after exposure and wear a mask in indoor public settings for 14 days. The 14 days can be shortened by testing. For unvaccinated people who are exposed, they should quarantine and then isolate if infected. The Medical In-Home Waiver service is available for participants who are required to isolate (confirmed positive Covid-19 test) or if they are unvaccinated and required to quarantine. Medical In-Home Code 9220 is billed using EVV through Therap.

ABLED Covid-19 Guidance. Covid-19 Delta Variant continues to spread in our area. Everyone wants this crisis to end. That will require everyone to exercise proper precautions. Please continue to do your part – wear masks if you can, wash your hands, and when you are out, practice safe social distancing. Please get vaccinated if you can. We can do this and save the lives of those around us.



“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7

Thank You for joining us in our mission.

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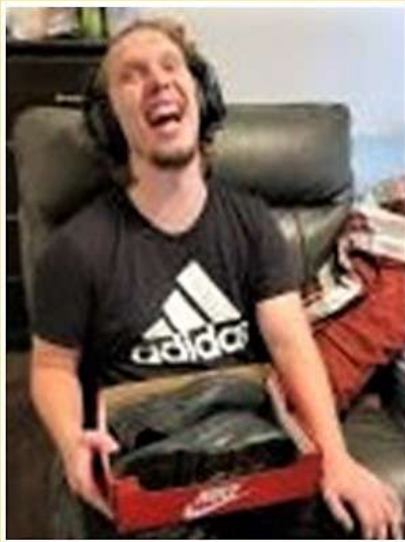
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FEEDBACK

We want to make ABLED the best agency. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve, please let us know. Your survey comments are anonymous, unless you choose to submit your name. The link is available at the top of this email.

ABLED's MISSION

“Serving Jesus Christ by enabling developmentally disabled individuals to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities.



Person Centered Planning

Discover how Person-Centered Planning can help you and your family, and strengthen the role that you can play to help people achieve their goals and dreams!

Person-Centered Planning and You

Week 1—January 6: Introduction to Person Centered Planning (10am-12pm CST)

Week 2—January 13: Building a Lasting Support Circle (10am-12pm CST)

Week 3—January 20: Employment and Volunteering (10am-12pm CST)

Week 4—January 27: Reaching Your Dreams and Vision (10am-12pm CST)

Pre-Register for updates regarding the January 2022 training at DHHS's Person Centered Planning webpage or <https://scypxpzd.pages.infusionsoft.net/>



Season Pass

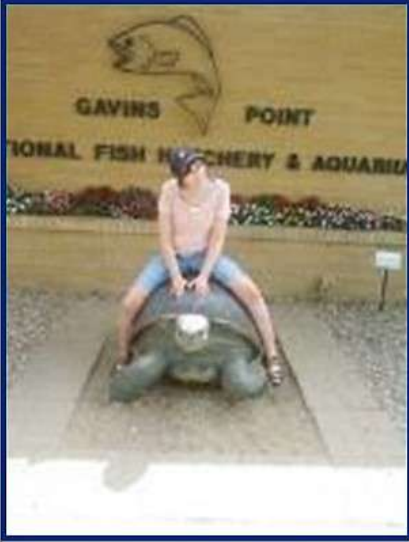
If you plan to visit the Farm more than once in a season, the season pass is the best value at \$40.

Free entry everyday from Sept 18—Oct 31.

Spend a couple hours or the whole day, the season pass allows you unlimited visits during the Fall Festival.

You can show your season pass at the front admissions window and upgrade to a nighttime ticket for just \$10.00

NEW THIS YEAR! When you purchase a 2021 season pass you have a one time use to get a buddy in at half price. You can use your one time buddy pass on the weekday or weekend, but not valid for nighttime tickets.





**Be real,
be yourself,
be unique,
be true,
be honest,
be humble,
be happy.**



GOT QUESTIONS

What is the Christian walk? The Bible does not use the exact phrase Christian walk at all; however, the New Testament does explain to Christians how to “walk” in faith. A “walk” in this context is a metaphor for practical daily living. The Christian life is a journey, and we are to walk it—we are to make consistent forward progress in our faith.

The Christian walk involves Christlikeness. Christians are people who follow Christ. “Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked” (1 John 2:6, ESV). Speaking of suffering, Peter said, “To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps” (1 Peter 2:21). Believers have God the Holy Spirit indwelling them, and He will lead them in the way they ought to go.

The Christian walk involves righteousness. Romans 8:4 explains God’s purpose “that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.” When we walk by the Spirit, we “will not gratify the desires of the flesh” (Galatians 5:16). So the Christian walk requires saying no to the lust of the flesh. The Christian walk should be characterized by good works (Ephesians 2:10).

The Christian walk involves obedience. The apostle John taught that we show our love for God as “we walk in obedience to his commands” (2 John 1:6; cf. John 14:15). There are many paths open to us as we travel through this world, but God’s commandments direct us away from the harmful paths and into the path of life (Psalm 16:11). God’s Word, the Bible, is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105).

The Christian walk involves faith. Second Corinthians 5:7 teaches, “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (ESV). This is a foundational truth for believers. We live in light of eternity; we focus on unseen realities such as Jesus and the rewards of heaven. We live according to what God has revealed to us, rather than trust our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5–6).

The Christian walk involves a new way of thinking. When we follow Christ, we put away the old ways and embrace the new: “Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds,” Paul said (Ephesians 4:17). The command for those on the Christian walk is “to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:23–24).

The Christian walk involves fidelity to the Lord. Our character should “match up” to His. Ephesians 4:1–3 lists some of the qualities that will result: “Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” In Colossians 1:10–12, walking “worthy” is tied to four personal characteristics:

- 1) being fruitful in every good work
- 2) steadily increasing in the knowledge of God
- 3) using the power of God to joyfully endure and patiently persevere, and
- 4) giving thanks to the Father.

If you are a Christian seeking to walk more closely with Christ, pray and ask for direction. If you are not yet a Christian, we encourage you to pray to God, confessing your sin and placing your faith in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. Begin your Christian walk and have the assurance that you have eternal life.