

Avalon United Methodist Church

Loving God, Loving People On Our Christian Journey

Pastor Debbie Cone



May 1, 2021

ACTIVATED POWER

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1 : 8

I read a story about a man that had a huge tree fall on his house during a storm. He needed the best chain saw the store carried to cut it up. The clerk immediately recommended a chain saw that he promised would do the job without any problems.

But several days later, the man was back. He said, "I've tried for two days, and this saw doesn't work." The clerk reached down and pulled the black cord and the chain saw came alive. The man had been trying to use the saw without activating the power!

It's like someone trying to live the Christian life without ever activating the power. That power is not a what but a who. And that who is the Holy Spirit! So often we try to make things work without Him and it was never designed that way to begin with. As we yield our lives to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to activate His power within us we will truly become the church He has called us to be.

On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came in power and birthed the church. As we look back in the scripture and see how the Holy Spirit empowered Peter to preach the word in power and as a result lives were changed for God's glory. We can know HE is still working today as we open our lives to HIM to guide us in the call that God has on our lives.

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Musical Notes from the Choir



Another month down in 2021.. ... May finds us continuing to enjoy the Easter season and preparing for Mother's Day and Pentecost Sunday. This is probably my favorite time of year - eve-rything is so lush and green, the pollen is gone, and summer is right around the corner!

As always, please let me know at 229-344-7493 if you have any hymn/ song requests (don't be shy) and thanks to those who have already contributed!! Stay tuned as there are several exciting music ensembles planned for upcoming Sundays!!

In Christ,
Andrew

Mother's Day Recognition May 9, 2021

The Worship Committee plans to have a slide show this day to recognize mothers. The committee would like you to email your photos to avalonumc@gmail.com or place them in the collection box in the Vestibule. Include your mother's name and your name. Photos placed in box will be returned and **deadline for turning in all photos is Sunday, May 2.**

"To My Mother"

*The angels, whispering to one another,
Can find, among their burning tongues of love,
None so devotional as that of "Mother"*

By Edgar Allan Poe

April Memorials:

In memory of Ruth Polson by Guy & Jan Spindle

National Day of Prayer, May 6th

It is with regret that ALDON will not have an in person National Day of Prayer Celebration downtown this year on Thursday, May 6th. The theme for this 70th year is 2 Corinthians 3:17- *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty"*.

We invite you to celebrate in your own church locations. You may go onto the www.nationaldayofprayer.org website to find a virtual site if your church is not able to do one in house. It is our prayer the COVID-19 pandemic will be under control next year. It is with a great deal of caution for the safety of our citizens that we have decided not to hold the in person rally that has become so popular in

the past.

Sincerely, Larry Price, Chairman ALDON

Avalon members are invited to meet here in the Sanctuary at 12 noon for a special time of prayer together.

Nursery Ministry



Our children are the church of tomorrow and it is our responsibility to nurture and grow them in the love of Jesus Christ. That way when the Holy Spirit speaks to their hearts they will not hesitate to follow , Jesus. Will you be a part of planting those : seeds? We need more **Nursery Volunteers** , **who have had 'safe sanctuary' training** to : be a part of this vital ministry. If you are will-: ing to help in this area, please call -

Susan Melton at 229-395-6543.

Circle Of Concern:

Nikki Daniel, Dorothy Griffin, Ursula Gaydosh, Bobby Reese (friend of Barry & Tina Justice), Gale Mears, David Michels (Brother of Cheryl Laughlin), Jim Warner, Phyl Strawbridge, Murray Blackstock, Wilda Rutland, Helen Magee (Sister of Cheryl Laughlin), Larry Price (Father-in-law of Linda Jenkins son, Steve), Wendy McLeod (friend of Pastor Debbie), Va-lerie Decker (great granddaughter of Elaine Tarpley), Bobby & Darlene Bruner, Denise Johnson, Aubrey McClain, Eugen-ia Harrington, John & Sherri Tracy

Sympathy: Family of La Verne Hawkins in her death on 4/7/2021 at her home in Orlando, FL.

If you know of anyone that needs to be added or removed please call Linda in the church office.

Home Bound - Please join us in this ministry to these members:

Barry & Nikki Daniel, Ann Dollar, Nelle Ennis, Gay Sheffield, Joyce Waters, Bill Coward, Wilda Rutland, Ernes-tine Lancaster

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present

your requests to God.

Phil. 4:6 NIV

THOSE WHO SERVE

Offering Stewards:

May 2-Jim Glass/Ann Owen
May 9-Jenny Collins/Cherry Garrett
May 16-Dee Barronton/James Ivey
May 23-Ben Glass/Ellen Branch
May 30-Lynne Haggerty/Vicki Cirone

Ushers for May:

Lloyd Mears Ron Wolfe
Denis Piette Bill Beard

Nursery Volunteers:

May 2- Diane Barronton **May 9** - Ann Owen **May 16** - Terri Stumpe
May 23 - Dollie Dollar **May 30** - Nancy Newman

Prayer Room:

May 2- Homer Milliner **May 9**- Lynne Haggerty
May 16- Jan Beard **May 23**- Kim Glass
May 30 - Ida Fowler

Sound Technician:

Bob Smith (9 AM) Randy Warren (11 AM)

Trustee for the Month of May: Gerald Collins

If Trustee is unable to be at an event your assigned month it is your responsibility to get someone to fill in for you. Buildings need to be locked after all events.

Wednesday Family Night Fellowship (FNF)

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TUESDAY@ Noon

May 5- Hamburger Steak, Rice & Gravy, Butterbeans & Dessert
May 12 - BBQ Pork, Baked Beans, Potato Salad & Dessert
May 19 - Sheppard Pie, Cream Corn, Green Beans & Dessert
May 26 - Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas & Dessert

Server Rotation: Volunteers

IMPORTANT NOTE: Mays we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a Devotional at 6:00pm followed by our meal which you **CAN EAT IN** or **TAKEOUT** at 6:30pm!!!

Please be mindful that if your reservations are not cancelled by noon on Tuesday, you are responsible for payment.

- **Cost: Adults—\$6.58 Children under 12—\$3.50**

Take~ Outs-\$.50 extra