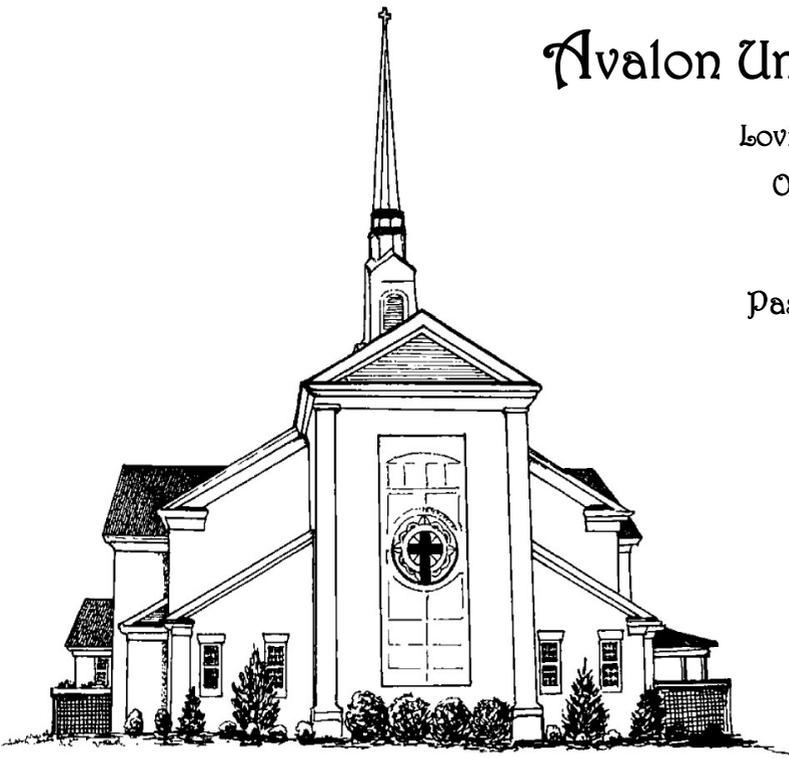


Avalon United Methodist Church

Loving God, Loving People
On Our Christian Journey

Pastor Debbie Cong

April 1, 2019



Resurrection Power

(Secure in the promise)

As we look toward the Resurrection power of Jesus Christ, let us focus on these verses; “We wish to see Jesus” (John 12:21), “We see Jesus” (Heb. 2:9), and “We shall see HIM” (1 John 3:2). The first is the plea of the sinners; the second is the privilege of the saint; the third is the promise of the Scripture.

Hear HIM - Hebrews 2:1-4

The first five solemn admonitions, for the believers to pay attention to the word of God. During the Old Testament times God dealt with those who disobeyed His word. We as believers have a greater obligation to obey the word because we have the complete Scriptures and the full revelation of God in Jesus Christ. Are you serious about what You hear from God?

See HIM - (Hebrews 2: 5-9)

We see man fallen in Adam; but by faith, we see Christ and His victory. Because He is glorified, we shall be glorified in Him!!!

Trust HIM - (Hebrews 2: 10-18)

Persons who trust Christ as Savior are God’s children (vs.13), on their way to glory (vs.10). Our Savior has defeated death and the devil forever! As we put our trust and faith in Christ and His promise we have life in Him forever. We have the victory to overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

We as believers in the Resurrection power of Jesus are so Blessed to be able to Hear, See, and Trust the only one that can lead us to victory over everything, even death!!! Salvation is confirmed by the spoken word of God, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and by signs and wonders in our lives as the children of God. Have you experienced the Resurrection power of Jesus in your life? Are you sharing Him with other people?

Celebrating Resurrection!
Pastor, Debbie

From Our Music Director:

How is your Lenten journey going? What have you learned over these past few weeks? What have been your biggest struggles? Is it tough sticking to your Lenten fast?

James 1:2-4 says "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."

Life is not meant to be easy all the time, God allows us to be tested. Just as a parent must let their child grow up and face the world, so God lets us face challenges and grow in our Christian life. Remember many of the best teachers in life are lessons learned the hard way.

The good thing is, no matter how difficult the trial, God is there to help you as much as you NEED (not WANT). He might not make it a breeze, but you will always have ENOUGH. As James says, count it JOY, because you know that you are not stagnating, not declining, but improving with each passing challenge.



Other Notes:

Big thank you to all of our musical performers during Revival, what a great week it was. Holy Week is coming soon...

Our Easter choir cantata is **Friday April 19th, 7pm** in the Avalon Sanctuary. Invite a friend and see you there!

In Christ,

Andrew Bode

From the Youth Director 's desk:

Spring time is here! Who knew that 2019 would go by so fast?

Another school year is almost over for our students as we move into the summer months.

In April, we will be helping out with our annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday 20th. This is a nighttime event like last year and should be just as fun!

On Saturday, May 25, we will be having a picnic at the lime sink to celebrate Memorial Day. This will be a time for multiple area churches to join together in fellowship; we will also be inviting some underprivileged students to share in the fun and the love of Christ. More details to come!

The weekend of June 21st and 22nd, we will be heading down to Thomasville to help out at Vashti and spend some time with their Dominican Republic exchange students in a time of mission work doing some much needed work around the property.

This summer, we will also be looking into taking a trip to Atlanta as an end of the summer getaway. This trip is still in the planing phase, so we will look forward to announcing it fully in the coming months.

Blessings, Derek



Memorials Memory

Hazel Andrews Norma Smith
John Andrews
Tracy Family
Sue & Mike Keenan
Nancy Shurling

Parsonage

Hazel Andrews Margaret Bruner

Music

Hazel Andrews John & Sheila Creel
Tom & Jane Tracy
Frances & Todd Lucas

Missions

Hazel Andrews Mona Faye Williams

Con't Missions

John Andrews
Agnes Davis Ladies Bible Class
Amelda Freeman Ladies Bible Class
Lt Col Zuern Ladies Bible Class
Betsy Tatum Ron & Katye Reed
Donnie Boulware
Colleen Boulware
Patricia Boulware
John & Sheila Creel
John & Sherry Tracy
Fred English Mona Faye Williams
Jimmy Hall Mona Faye Williams
Hazel Andrews Debbie Cone

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Honor -Missions

UMCOR

Ed Haggerty Kerry Ann Jennings

Honor -Youth

Ida Fowler Shirley & Herbert Benford
Catherine Pierce Shirley & Herbert Benford

Honor - Anchorage

Elaine Tarpley John & Sheila Creel

The Stewardship of God's Patience

This month we are considering patience, the fourth fruit of God's Spirit which He has planted in the hearts of His children. Gal 5:22.

Patience is the powerful capacity of selfless love to suffer long under adversity. It is the ability to bear with either difficult people or adverse circumstances without breaking down. There is nothing weak about patience. It is one of God's attributes which, when exhibited in the life of His child startles and amazes us.

The patience of the New Testament writers is that of a small donkey bearing heavy burdens of firewood, sacks of grain or other produce for its owner. Year in, year out, surely, steadily it safely transports loads of goods from place to place according to its master's wishes, no matter how tired it becomes.

This quality of character was beautifully displayed for us in the life of our Lord. He, the Christ, came amongst us as the Suffering Servant. He came, not to be ministered to, but to minister(serve). He endured every adversity and the abuse of evil men for our sake. It is only the patient willingness of a loving Father to put up with us and to understand us that gives hope and good cheer.

Our Heavenly Father never grew weary of pursuing us until He made us His own. His patience in the "chase" is a special example of this attribute that He desires we allow Him to work out through us. Phil 2:13. He comes to the garden of His own looking for it. Sometimes it can scarcely be found.

Jesus told a story in Matthew 18:21-33 to illustrate how patient He has been with us. One man who had a huge debt asked his creditor to be patient with him until he paid. Yet he in turn went out and demanded immediate payment from one who owed him a very small amount. This does not exemplify the love and patience of God.

We will never be a complete, fully mature Christian without patience. The trying of our faith worketh patience. James 1:3. God tests us in order that He might produce patience in our lives. Patience will make us full-grown Christians. James 1:4.

Paul wrote in Romans 5:3-4 that patience is one of the results of being justified by faith: "And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope." There is a purpose in it all.

With God's help we can be patient in all circumstances, thereby glorifying and pleasing Him, as we allow patience to have her perfect work in and through us.

Janet Beard, Stewardship Chairperson



You are invited to participate in **"The Cookie School"** taking place in the Pavilion, Saturday, April 6 from 10-4. The Cookie School is a fun way to learn to bake and decorate adorable frosted sugar cookies. The cost is \$60.00. The participants get instructions, recipes and a cookie sheet with 12 decorated cookies. The class is limited to 12 people so call Terri Stumpe at 229-347-4421 to make reservations now! Going to be LOTS of FUN!!!

Chip-chip-chooray!
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49'ers Senior Luncheon Avalon UMC

Fellowship Hall

Next Luncheon:

April 16, 2019 11:30am

\$7.00 per person

Third Tuesday of each month. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch provided by Kaye Blalock, Southern Elegance Catering. Come bring a friend and enjoy making new friends who love the Lord! Everyone is invited. We continue to have wonderful meals and entertainment. Each month is different.

Southwest District Upcoming Events

Apr. 27, 2019—Wesley Glen Ministries Fish Fry

Jan. 15-24, 2020—Holy Land (Call District Office)

Wednesday Family Night Fellowship (FNF)

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS

April Menus

FNF Begins at 6PM

Apr. 3— Fried chicken, Rice & gravy, Black eyed peas, Dessert

Apr. 10—Roast beef, Potato casserole, Butterbeans, Dessert.

Apr. 17—Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Green beans, Dessert.

Apr. 24—BBQ chicken, Potato salad, Baked beans, Dessert.

Server Rotation: Volunteers

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

Cost: Adults-----\$6.50

Children under 12 years- - \$3.50

Take outs----- \$.50 extra

Pastor—Rev. Debbie Cone
Music Director—Andrew Bode
Pianist/Oranist— Vicki Wilburn

Youth Director— Derek Thornton
Secretary— Elaine Tarpley
Finance—Donna Carswell

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Regular Sunday Schedule:

9:45am Sunday School **11am** Morning Worship **6pm** Evening Worship

THOSE WHO SERVE

Offering Stewards Apr. 7—Nola Bricker/Jan Beard

Apr. 14—Bill Beard/ Ellen Branch

Apr. 21—Wayne Barnette/Sheila Creel

Apr. 28—Katy Reed/Jenny Collins

Ushers: Apr. 7 — Lloyd Mears, Ron Wolfe, Carl Ellis, Max Collins,

Richard Griffin, Robbie Collins, Josh Hammond

Apr.14— Avalon Youth

Apr. 21—Lloyd Mears, Ron Wolfe, Carl Ellis, Max Collins,

Richard Griffin, Robbie Collins, Josh Hammond

Apr. 28—Lloyd Mears, Ron Wolfe, Carl Ellis, Max Collins,

Richard Griffin, Robbie Collins, Josh Hammond

Prayer Room: Apr. 7—Homer Milliner Apr. 14—Nola Bricker

Apr. 21—Jan Beard

Apr. 28—Carol Ellis

Nursery: Apr. 7—Nancy Newman

Apr. 14—Kim Glass

Apr. 21—Linda Stevens

Apr. 28—Sheila Sizemore

Sound Technician: Bob Smith **Trustee of the Month of April** Bill Beard

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

2019 Leadership Chairpersons

SPR Committee—Terry Stumpe

UMM Lloyd Mears

Trustees— Carl Ellis

Usher Lloyd Mears

Finance— Wayne Barnette

Homebound Cheryl Laughlin

Missions—Carolyn Rentz

Lay Leader—Sheila Creel

S S Superintendent— Richard Griffin

Evangelism—Ann Owen

UMW—Mona Faye Williams Worship—Jenni Bode & Debbie Zuern

Circle Of Concern:

Nikki Daniel, Gene & Laverne Hawkins, Dorothy Griffin, Rebecca Smith, Ursula Gaydosh, Mike Ling, Bobby Reese (friend of Barry & Tina Justice), Rebekah Griffin, Gail Mears, Hazel Sellars, Wendy McLeod, Beverly Reese (Bobby Bruner's daughter), , Martha Nicholson, Martha Darsey, David Michels (Brother of Cheryl Laughlin), Ginger Chamberlain (friend of Cheryl Laughlin), family of Fred English, Glenn Stanford, (Son of Jan Beard,) Jim Warner, Phyl Strawbridge, Jane Everett (sister of Debra Harris), Glenn Creech (Agnes McCorkle son in law), Kathy Hanson (Martha Nicholson daughter), Murray Blackstock, Wilda Rutland, Cathy Lange's (daughter-in-law & her mother), Ida Fowler, family of Hazel Andrews. Family of Jimmy Hall (son of Rita Hall), Jerry & Cathy Lang, Bob Smith, Ike Hopkins.

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

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

Barry & Nikki Daniel, Ann Dollar, Ed & Nelle Ennis, Gene & Laverne Hawkins, Gay Sheffield, Rebecca Smith, Joyce Waters, Kitty Tomlinson, Bill Coward, Cora Dasher, Lola Moreland, George Anderson, Wilda Rutland.

BIBLE STUDY being organized

An organizational meeting for a new Bible Study will be Wednesday, April 3 at 2pm in the Pavilion. For more information call Sherry Tracy at 889-1902. Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there.