

Avalon United Methodist Church

Loving God, Loving People
On Our Christian Journey

Pastor Debbie Cong

June 1, 2019



FATHER'S LOVE LETTER

(An intimate message from God to you.)

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40 For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41 And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20 For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 John 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15 My question is... Will you be my child? John 1:12-13 I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32

Love, Your Dad... Almighty God

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Thanks again to Vickie and Nathan Wilburn for their service at Avalon. We are going to miss them both! Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they embark on their summer tour across the US.

The choir is looking forward to presenting our Patriotic Cantata, which will be **Sunday, June 30th at 11am in the sanctuary**. Please consider joining us to sing/assist in this program! We are looking to feature some soloists in addition to the choral music. For more details, please call or text **229-344-7493**

Choir practice will be held 6:30-8pm during the month of June.

No Choir during the month of July Enjoy your summer!

In Christ, Andrew

In The Loop

Sunday School Offering given on last Sunday each month was designated to cover costs of Parsonage repairs. Those repairs are ongoing with roof repairs around fireplace and moisture barrier yet to be completed. Your giving in

January-February	\$435
	\$750- Friendship Class
March-	\$177
April-	\$70.38
May 5-	\$50
TOTAL	\$1482.38

Thank you for your generous response to date!

Lifeline Screening Monday, June 24th

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call **1-888-653-6441** or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word **circle** to **797979**. Pre-registration is required. More info on table in narthex.



VBS will be July 14th through 19th.

6:00pm - 8:30PM

We need Volunteers

Please contact Linda Stevens

229-894-6233 (leave message)

Memorials Memory

Memorials

Hazel Andrews Rhonda Carlisle

Honor

Linda Stevens Sheila Creel



Calling All Avalon Children

Come Celebrate Summer with Us

Sunday June 9th at 4:30

Bouncy House, water games, etc.

Food Will be Provided!

Invite Friends and Family

Hope to see you there!

To His children by His Gracious Spirit.

As Christians we know that there is an ongoing battle between good and evil with Almighty God the good One and Satan the evil one. Because we have already looked in the back of the Book we know the outcome. It is our Lord who is victorious and because He wins we win. The goodness of God will prevail over evil.

We do good to please our Master knowing that He will reward us for doing so. The world sarcastically calls Christians "do-gooders" because they hate us. Christians are a restraining influence of evil in the world. Jesus said, "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you." Jn. 15:20. So we are in elite company when we are ridiculed for His name's sake.

What a comfort and blessing to know that we are not citizens of this world. We are just passing through; our citizenship is in Heaven.

It is just as valid to say, "God is good," as it is to say, "God is love." From this it follows to say, "Love is good." Good is a facet of love being expressed. Goodness of this kind comes from God. When He was physically on earth it was reported that "He went about doing good."

We strive to have Him say the same thing about us as we go about our daily walk. As He lives in us and we in Him, we are to keep the ground of our lives clear, clean and uncluttered. We are to confess quickly any sin or selfishness that might hinder His work within us. Do not grieve His Gracious Spirit. Eph. 4:30. Allow Him to have His way. We are to obey Him promptly, so that we are working out daily that which He works in us continuously. Phil. 2:12-15.

We are to remember that every good gift comes from Him. James 1:16-17. We are grateful for His generosity in planting His wonderful goodness in our spirits. We want to allow His goodness to pass through us to touch others and to draw them unto Himself. We ask Him to help His goodness to increase in us so that we will have an abundance of "good," quality fruit to share with others.

The wise steward never forgets that everything belongs to God and every gift is facilitated by Him alone. When we live in a way that honors Him and gives Him glory, we don't have to be concerned about what others might think. We are striving to please Him. There is no better way than to bless others with the same goodness with which He has blessed us. "Surely His goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives; and we will dwell in the House of the Lord forever." Ps. 23:6.

Janet Beard, Stewardship Chairperson



STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

49'ers Senior Luncheon Avalon UMC

Fellowship Hall

Next Luncheon:

June 18, 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.

Leadership Chairpersons

SPR Committee—Terry Stumpe	UMM	Lloyd Mears
Trustees— Vicki Cirone	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	Memorial	Katy Reed
Worship—Jenni Bode & Debbie Zuern		

Bible Study



New Summer Bible Study

Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer

Starts Thursday, June 13th, 7pm—8pm

Taught by Cheryl Henderson

Young Adult Classroom

Everyone Invited

Wednesday Family Night Fellowship
NO FNF for June and July. Starts back
up Wednesday, August 7th

Pastor—Rev. Debbie Cone
Music Director—Andrew Bode
Pianist-
Organist—Elizabeth Wolfe

Secretary—Elaine Tarpley
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Youth Director— Derek Thornton

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Regular Sunday Schedule:

9:45am Sunday School

11am Morning Worship

6pm Evening Worship

THOSE WHO SERVE

Offering Stewards June 2—Katy Reed/Jenny Collins

June 9—Nola Bricker/Janet Beard

June 16—Ann Owen/Kim Glass

June 23—Bill Beard/Ellen Branch

June 30—Wayne Barnette/Sheila Creel

Ushers: June 2 — Lloyd Mears, Ron Wolfe, Carl Ellis, Max Collins,

Richard Griffin, Robbie Collins, Josh Hammond

June 9— Avalon Youth

June 16—Lloyd Mears, Ron Wolfe, Carl Ellis, Max Collins,

Richard Griffin, Robbie Collins, Josh Hammond

June 23—Lloyd Mears, Ron Wolfe, Carl Ellis, Max Collins,

Richard Griffin, Robbie Collins, Josh Hammond

June 30—Lloyd Mears, Ron Wolfe, Carl Ellis, Max Collins,

Richard Griffin, Robbie Collins, Josh Hammond

Prayer Room: June 2—Homer Milliner June 9—Barry Justice

June 16—Norma Smith June 23—Ann Owen June 30—Robbie Collins

Nursery: June 2—Kim Glass June 9—Nancy Newman

June 16—Linda Stevens June 23—Sheila Sizemore June 30—Ann Owen

Sound Technician: Bob Smith

Trustee of the Month June: Glenn Stumpe

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.

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, Wendy McLeod, Beverly Reese (Bobby Bruner's daughter), Martha Darsey, David Michels (Brother of Cheryl Laughlin), Ginger Chamberlain (friend of Cheryl Laughlin), Glenn Stanford, (Son of Jan Beard,) Jim Warner, Phyl Strawbridge, Jane Everett (sister of Debra Harris), Glenn Creech (Agnes McCorkle son in law), Murray Blackstock, Wilda Rutland, Bill Williams, (friend of Beth West), Ike Hopkins, Bob Smith, Molly Arnold & Nick Roosevelt (friends of Andrew Bode).

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

Bible Study led by Sherry Tracy every Wednesday at 1:30pm to 2:30pm in the Young Adults Class Room. Open to everyone.

The study will be from the book, "not a fan"