

Avalon United Methodist Church

Loving God, Loving People
On Our Christian Journey



Pastor Debbie Cone

May 1, 2022

Following God's Time

Oh, the depth of the riches both of wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and His ways past finding out! "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" "Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to Him?"

Romans 11:33-36

We all enjoy feeling in control of our own time, and it can be frustrating when things don't go according to our plan. Yet when we truly desire to walk in obedience to God, we must cooperate with His time frame (Karios time).

Praying about situations in our lives without realizing it, we may demand that the Lord follow our constructed schedule and based on our very limited human wisdom. Yet if we truly believe God is who He says He is, surrendering to HIS time and ways would be the best thing we could ever do.

The Lord has complete knowledge about our world and the details of every individual life—past, present, and future. He understands every motive, when we can't accurately judge our own intentions sometimes. God is sufficient to meet all our needs at just the right time. Remember God's work, done God's way, in God's time, will always have God's provisions. God always acts out of love for His people. We must believe in the goodness of His heart and His plans, and determine to wait until He moves forward. Submitting to God's timetable requires faith and courage. As we walk according to HIS time and plan, we will experience the joy of seeing His great glory. Praying we will all walk according to His plan in His time.

Blessings on You!!!

Pastor Debbie

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR MONTH OF MAY, 2022

Sunday, May 1, 2022 (HOLY COMMUNION)

8:00am UMM.....Pavilion
9:30am Sunday School.....Celebration Hall & Classrooms
10:30am Worship.....Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

1:30pm Wed. Bible Study (The Gospel of John).....Crosstalk SS Room
6:00pm Bible Study (Where Do We Go From Here).....Celebration Hall
6:30pm FNF.....Celebration Hall
7:00pm Choir Practice.....Choir Room

Thursday, May 5, 2022

(Sponsored by ALDON)

12noon National Day of Prayer.....222 Pine Ave., Albany Do. Government Courtyard

Sunday, May 8, 2022 (MOTHER'S DAY) Pick up "Bottles for Baby"

9:30am Sunday School.....Celebration Hall & Classrooms
10:30am Worship.....Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

6:00pm Missions Committee Mtg.....Crosstalk SS Room

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

1:30pm Wed. Bible Study (The Gospel of John).....Crosstalk SS Room
6:00pm Bible Study (Where Do We Go From Here).....Celebration Hall
6:30pm FNF.....Celebration Hall
7:00pm Choir Practice.....Choir Room

Sunday, May 15, 2022

9:30am Sunday School.....Celebration Hall & Classrooms
10:30am Worship.....Sanctuary
3:00pm Evangelism Committee Mtg.....Crosstalk SS Room

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

1:30pm Wed. Bible Study (The Gospel of John).....Crosstalk SS Room
6:00pm Bible Study (Where Do We Go From Here).....Celebration Hall
6:30pm FNF.....Celebration Hall
7:00pm Choir Practice.....Choir Room

Sunday, May 22, 2022

9:30am Sunday School.....Celebration Hall & Classrooms
10:30am Worship.....Sanctuary
4:00pm **Young Adults Cookout**.....Pavilion

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

1:30pm Wed. Bible Study (The Gospel of John).....Crosstalk SS Room
5:00pm Trustees Meeting.....Crosstalk SS Room
6:00pm Bible Study (Where Do We Go From Here).....Celebration Hall
6:30pm FNF.....Celebration Hall
7:00pm Choir Practice.....Choir Room

Sunday, May 29, 2022

9:30am Sunday School.....Celebration Hall & SS Rooms
10:30am Worship.....Sanctuary

Monday, May 30, 2022 (Church Office Closed)

"If any nation will not listen to the Lord then it will be plucked up and destroyed. Jeremiah 12:17"



MEMORIALS FUNDS RECEIVED IN MARCH 2022

FROM:

Mary Frances Anderson
 Harold & Dee Barronton
 Van Buchanan
 Tom & Robin Nance
 John & Sheila Creel
 Tom & Martha Arnold
 James & Cheryl Blackwell
 Floyd & Mary Herman
 Don & Carolyn Rentz
 Don & Ivylyn Davis
 Shirley Bruner
 Timothy Dickinson
 Jackie Carden
 John & Sheila Creel
 Floyd & Mary Herman
 Don & Carolyn Rentz
 Mary Frances Anderson
 Denis & Kimberly Plette
 Shirley Bruner
 Timothy Dickinson
 Sherry Diane Benford
 Debbie Cone
 Mona Faye Williams
 Guy & Jan Spindle
 Guy & Jan Spindle
 Ida Fowler
 Mona Faye Williams
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MEMORY OF:

Don West
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 Wayne Cox
 Joyce Waters
 Jim Warner
 Milton Norras
 Betty Weeks



**71st Annual National Day of Prayer
 Thursday, May 5th**

12 Noon—12:55pm in courtyards behind the fountain at Government Center located at 222 Pine Avenue. Special Guest *

- *Rev. Charles Jones, Minister of Music, FBC Dawson, GA
- *Mrs. Gail Drake, Albany Attorney
- *Mr. Michael Fowler, Sr., Dougherty County Coroner
- *Dr. Gary Brady, Pastor Christ UMC
- *Mr. Larry Price, Volunteer Chair of ALDON

Come with an expectant heart for what God can do when His people pray.

The Missions Committee supports a celebration of life opportunity to begin on Mother's Day with "**Bottles for Baby**". If you want to support this ministry, please pick up a bottle & fill it with coins as you find reasons to honor our Lord for the healthy, happy babies in our lives. This donation will be given to Alpha Pregnancy Center in Albany after Father's Day, June 19th. In addition, you may donate supplies such as diapers, wipes, baby wash, etc.



If you have questions, see Sheila Creel.

South Georgia Conference Special Designated Missions Offering for month of **MAY** is to partner with the North Katanga United Methodist in support of two vital ministries within their area. All Communion Offerings will be given toward this! **SEE INSERT ON BACK OF MAY CALENDAR!**



All Young Adults are invited to a Cookout on Sunday, May 22 @ 4:00pm outside the Pavilion area. Come, fellowship, visit and enjoy a meal together!



Circle Of Concern: Dorothy Griffin, Phyl Strawbridge, Murray Blackstock, Wendy McLeod (friend of Pastor Debbie), Laura Lancaster (Daughter of Aubrey McClain), Sherry Tracy, Janet Beard, Janice Roberts (Mother of Pastor Debbie), Patsy Smith (Aunt of Pastor Debbie), Easton Griffin (Grandson of Robert & Beverly Fowler & Great-Grandson of Ida Fowler), David Leeton (Brother of Vicki Cirone), Eugenia Harrington, Yuki Oldham, Earl Leeton (Father of Vicki Cirone), Claire McMillian (Niece of co-worker of Teresa Salter), Valerie Decker (Great granddaughter of Elaine Tarpley), Denise Johnson, Barbara Cassity (Mother of Debbie Zuern), Tommy Boyd (Grandson-in-law of Aubrey McClain), Dougherty Co. Schools/growing gun problems/violence & drugs in area schools, Carolyn Ivey, Dee Barronton, Rose King (wife of Bishop James King/SGAUMC), Shirley Price, Family of Carolyn Cox in her death on 4/18/22 (sister-in-law of James Cox)

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

Home Bound – Please join us in this ministry to these members: Barry Daniels, Nelle Ennis, Bill Coward, Gay Sheffield, Wilda Rutland, Margaret Bruner, Beth West, Ursula Gaydosh

It's GATHERING time for all Heart of Georgia—Albany Cluster Pilgrims.....

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| May 19 | FUMC, Alby | Oct. 20 | Christ UMC |
| June 16 | Christ UMC | Nov. 3 | Porterfield UMC |
| | None in July | Dec. 1 | Avalon UMC |
| Aug. 18 | FUMC, Alby | | |
| Sept. 1 | Avalon UMC | | |

Mark your Calendars
 Arrive before 6:00pm
 Bring "your" pilgrim(s)
 Bring a Covered Dish
 Wear your name badge
 Bring your worship book

Childcare Provided!

THOSE WHO SERVE

Offering Stewards: **May 1** — Ben Glass / Kim Plette
 May 8 — Jim Glass / Ellen Branch
 May 15 — Terri Stumpe / Liz Cox
 May 22 — Kim Glass / Dee Barronton
 May 29 — Bill Beard / Ann Owens

Ushers : Lloyd Mears Ron Wolfe Bobby Bruner
 Denis Plette Bill Beard

Nursery Volunteers:
May 1 — Diane Barronton **May 8** — Linda Stevens
May 15 — Ann Owens **May 22** — Nancy Newman
 May 29 — Kim Glass

Prayer Room:
May 1 — Ida Fowler **May 8** — Barry Justice
May 15 — Kim Glass **May 22** — Mary Herman
 May 29 — Lynne Haggerty

Sound Technician: Randy Warren (10:30 AM) **Volunteers Needed!!**

Trustee for the Month of May: James Ivey
 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 your reservations by Tuesday @ noon if you are not already on the Permanent List!

- May 4** — BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Salad, Rolls & Dessert
- May 11** — Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Blackeye Peas, Salad, Rolls & Dessert
- May 18** — Baked Chicken, Broccoli Casserole, Butterbeans, Salad, Rolls & Dessert
- May 25** — Shepherd Pie, Turnips, Corn, Salad, Rolls & Dessert

We are now self service buffet with eat in or take out if you prefer!! **Please be mindful that if your reservation is not canceled by noon on Tuesday, you are responsible for the payment.**

Cost: Adults — \$7.00 Children under 12 — \$3.50

Please note that beginning in August cost for Adult meals will increase to \$8.00 due to higher cost of food prices!

