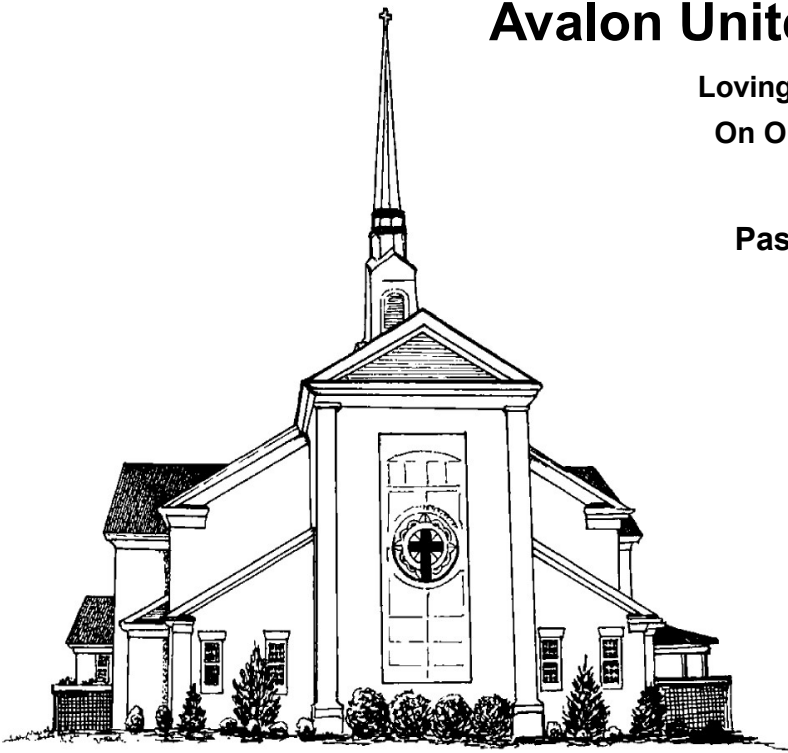


Avalon United Methodist Church

Loving God, Loving People
On Our Christian Journey

Pastor Debbie Cone

June 1, 2018



A Royal Wedding

Even though the world stopped this past month to watch a royal wedding, this is not the one I am referring to. I want to look at Psalm 45 that was written for a royal wedding and shows us Christ the Royal Bridegroom.

In verses 1-2 we see His beauty. It is the beauty of His character, His words, and His works that makes us love Him. In verses 3-4 we see His battles. He came as a Savior, but He was also a warrior and defeated Satan. He conquers today through His people as we yield to Him and practice truth, humility, and righteousness. We see His bounties in verses 6-9. Who else has an eternal throne, a righteous scepter, gladness, and the fragrance of grace and glory? If you know Him as Lord, you too have all of His bounties! Lastly, we see His bride at the end of the Psalm in verses 10-17. This is a picture of the church, all those who have been saved through faith in Christ.

The Bridegroom is ready, the attendants are ready and the bride is brought to the King with rejoicing.

What a wedding that will be! You are the bride! We do not know when the Bridegroom will return for His bride. Are you preparing to meet Him?

Pastor Debbie Cone

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

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Circle of Concern:

Nikki Daniel, Gene & Laverne Hawkins, family of Dot McClain, Dorothy Griffin, Rebecca Smith, Ursula Gaydosh, family of Elizabeth Wall, Faye & Charles Tallent, Mike Ling, Ava Spence, Jim Warner, Phyl Strawbridge, Elizabeth Wolfe, Meredyth Glass, Dewey Perrett (Son of Leon Perrett), James Ivey, Bobby Reese (friend of Barry & Tina Justice), Rebekah Griffin, Gale Mears.

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, Fred & Barbara English, Ed & Nelle Ennis, Gene & Laverne Hawkins, Gay Sheffield, Rebecca Smith, Betsy Tatum, Joyce Waters, Kitty Tomlinson, Jeannette Cosey, Bill Coward, Cora Dasher, Lola Moreland, George Anderson. Eugenia Harrington, Nellie Ruth Kimbro.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Offering Stewards June 3—Katy Reed/Jenny Collins
 June 10—Carl Ellis/Janet Beard
 June 17—Aubrey McClain/Kim Glass
 June 24—Bill Beard/Ellen Branch

Ushers:

June 3—Lloyd Mears, Ron Wolfe, Carl Ellis, Max Collins,
 Richard Griffin, Robbie Collins, Josh Hammond
June 10—Avalon Youth
June 17—Lloyd Mears, Ron Wolfe, Carl Ellis, Max Collins,
 Richard Griffin, Robbie Collins, Josh Hammond
June 24—Lloyd Mears, Ron Wolfe, Carl Ellis, Max Collins,
 Richard Griffin, Robbie Collins, Josh Hammond

Prayer Room: June 3-Homer Milliner June 10—Lynne Haggerty
 June 17 Katie Dillard June 24—Carol Ellis

Nursery: June 3—Tina Justice June 10—Terri Stumpe
 June 17—Dollie Dollar June 24—Nancy Newman

Sound Technician: Bob Smith
Trustee of the Month— Floyd Herman

Sanctity of Human Life

Beginning May 13 through June 17, Avalon members are asked to consider the sanctity of all human life. This year we will again have an opportunity to support another local ministry. Alpha Pregnancy Center of Albany. Baby bottles will be available for your contributions if you choose, or items such as diapers (all sizes) and personal care products such as baby wash, baby shampoo. Lotion, baby wipes. They also ask for board books for toddlers and New Testament Bibles. Thank you, Sheila Creel

The UMW would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Mothers Day booklet . Contributions go to our mission work. The contributions this year exceeded all previous years.

From the Youth Minister's Desk, Derek Thornton

As school wraps up for the year and we wish the best for our graduating seniors, we turn our attention to a summer filled with trips and activities for our students to enjoy while they take a much-deserved break from school.

Starting the summer off right away, we will begin with a summer pool party at the Stevens' household. On Sunday, June 3rd, from 6 pm to 8 pm, we will spend time with friends and fellowship over snacks and games.

Later in the month, we will go the recently-opened Race 2 Escape here in Albany. What is Race 2 Escape? A fun, live-action game where you are placed in a story-themed room and are given 60 minutes to search for hidden clues, solve puzzles, and work together to escape the room before time runs out. This event will be designed to teach our kids about working together and how the body of Christ is to work as one in the world.

We also begin seriously planning for our big annual summer camp, held July 9-13th in Daytona Beach, Fl. Speakers this year are Craig Groeschel and D.A. Horton, with praise and worship by Elevation Worship and Vertical Worship.

A big "Thank you!" for all the support you have shown our graduating seniors, and all of our students, through your prayers, your presence in their lives, and your gifts! Congratulations class of 2018!

Vacation Bible School July 9th to 20th

Volunteers are NEEDED. As many days as you are available to help. 1 day or 10 days. See Linda Stevens or Anna Zuern .

Congratulations



College Graduate Tanner Stumpe

High School Graduates: Maggie Hammond, Sydney Stevens, Noel Newman

49'ers Senior Luncheon Avalon UMC

Fellowship Hall

Next Luncheon:
June 19, 2018 11:30am
\$7.00 per person

Third Tuesday of each month 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.

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JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR



Greeting & Blessings to you all!

Hope you are enjoying a great start to the summer season and have big plans for the months ahead! These months are one of the most beautiful times of year to go outside and enjoy His creation, from the biggest trees to the smallest bugs. YES I said bugs too!

With summer on the way, as you know the choir is planning our annual Patriotic Cantata. This year's program will include some of the more familiar numbers, as well as some jazzy and uplifting favorites from years past. With no FNF in June or July, now is the perfect time to join! As always, the ONLY requirement is a joyful noise. The Cantata will be Sunday, July 1st.

Finally, what an honor it is to be appointed interim music director; never as a nervous little teenager could I have imagined being in this position today. All the advice, support, and encouragement that the congregation has poured out over the years has truly changed my life for the better, and I can't imagine where I would have ended up without this church. Thank you, this is a chance to give back for all the blessings you have given me!

In Christ, Andrew Bode

Discipleship is Stewardship

The call to discipleship is a call to stewardship. It is not always easy, nor is it always pleasant. In every way it requires personal choices. To do His will we must exercise our own. Some ways we can make choices:

Give to the cause of Christ. If by our giving to missions, souls may be saved on foreign fields, if by giving, young people may be saved who carry the truth into the next generation and we meet them in Heaven in the presence of Almighty God what a blessing will be ours, as well as those saved from the Word going out that we supported. Jesus said it like this: "I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." Luke 16:9

Jesus is not a way, a truth, a life. His is the only way, the only Truth, the only life - and no one comes to the Father but through Him. John 14:6. By giving for the purpose of spreading the Gospel, we are ensuring that the message goes forth. No act of stewardship is more important.

The grace of giving can be very demanding. It requires discipline, determination, and unconditional devotion. But the rewards are tremendous when you do God's will with all your heart, soul, and mind. The ability to give comes from Him. We work hard to earn a good income from our jobs but the "know how" to do the job comes from Him. The choice to give to His causes takes commitment and He even provides the power to generate that. He is the "enabler" that helps us do those things that are good and right and pleasing to Him. James 1:17. It is up to each individual to respond to His grace with grace in giving to and for others so that they may "know" Him and "know" Him better.

You see, we represent Him wherever we go. As Christians we bear His name. "Christians" means "little Christs." We must never "lie" on Him by doing ungodly things. Giving to the things of His is an act of worship and when we give we are imitating His character. It is a test of love because we worship what we love. Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where you treasure is there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:19-2.

The goal is a continuous plan to please God and give to Him fully. Because after all He gave everything to us. When we acknowledge Him in all our ways He will direct our paths. Proverbs 3:6.

Janet Beard, Stewardship Chair

Vashti Mission Team working on Vashti June 7—20th. Anyone interested in helping contact pastor or Mona Faye Williams!

Fun Day at Vashti June 21. Everyone is encouraged to go to Thomasville!

Memorials

Missions

Elizabeth Wall Carolyn Luttrell
Ladies Bible Class
Mona Faye Williams
Tammie Mills Mary & Floyd Herman

Memorial

Dot McClain Lyn & Tom DeLoach
Karen Eby
Patricia Jones
Mary & Floyd Herman
Diane Benford
Harold Smith Diane Benford

Tammie Mills Karen Eby
Elizabeth Wall Norma Smith
Karen Eby
Anita Whitman
Mary West
Linda Barden
Bill & Jan Beard
John & Sherry Tracy
Pastor Debbie Cone
Pastor Debbie Cone
Nell Royal
Gladys Wade
Maxine Davis
M/M Wayne Davis
M/M Wayne Davis

Capital

Dot McClain Margaret Bruner
James & Carolyn Ivey
Wilda Rutland
Helen Tanner Margaret Bruner
Elizabeth Wall Margaret Bruner
Tony Bruner Margaret Bruner
Harold Smith Wilda Rutland
Elizabeth Wall Wilda Rutland

Music

Dot McClain Katy Reed
Tammie Mills Katy Reed
Mary & Floyd Herman
John & Sheila Creel
Katy Reed

Honorarium

Elizabeth Wall
Capital
Ron Wolfe Wilda Rutland
Elizabeth Wolfe Wilda Rutland

Music

Andrew Bode John & Sheila Creel
Memorials & Missions
Pastor Debbie Cone Diane Benford

Shoebox Ministry

Shoebboxes for children of Mexico or Navajo Reservation. Use a clear plastic shoebox or a gallon zip-lock bag. Do not wrap. Mark boxes as to sex & age. We also ask for \$1. donation per box or bag to help pay for trip. These boxes will be needed before Thanksgiving. It sounds like a long time away but before we know it the time will be here.

Suggested items to fill boxes:

Soap	Washcloth	Toothbrush	Brush/Comb
Sox	Shampoo	Plastic Cup	Blanket
Shoes	Hat	Shirt	Jewelry
School Supplies		Pencils/Pens	Crayons
Color Book		Sticker Books	Games
Toys	Dolls	Candy	