

Avalon United Methodist Church
3018 Gillionville Road
Albany, Georgia 31721-2908

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Pastor—Rev. Debbie Cone
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Song Leader—Leah Anglin
Youth Director —

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Nursery Coordinator— Leigh Warren

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Regular Sunday Schedule:

9:30am Sunday School **10:30am** Worship

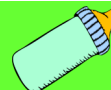


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Loving God, Loving People

Pastor Debbie Cone

May 1, 2024

 Avalon Missions Committee strongly supports the Sanctity of Human Life by it's participation in "Bottles for Babies" campaign. It will begin on Mother's Day and end on Father's Day. Communion offerings in June will also be another opportunity to support Alpha Pregnancy Center in Albany. Please prayerfully consider your response to this campaign. It is an opportunity to bless young mothers in our community and plant seeds of the Gospel to them.

THOSE WHO SERVE DURING MAY

Offering Stewards: **May 5** — Liz Cox / Terri Stumpe
May 12 — Ellen Branch / Kim Plette
May 19 — Kim Plette / Katy Reed
May 26 — Jenni Bode / Kim Plette

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

Greeters: Bobby Bruner, Lloyd Mears, Mona Faye Williams

Nursery Volunteers:

May 5 — Ann Owen **May 12** — Nancy Newman
May 19 — Linda Stevens **May 26** — Terri Stumpe

Sound Technician: Randy Warren & Tory Martin

Trustee for the Month of May: Denis Plette

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

Please make reservations by Tuesday @ noon if you are not already on the Permanent List!

May 1 - Grilled Pork Chops, Broccoli Casserole, Black-eyed Peas, Rolls, Tea & Dessert

May 8 - Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Butter beans, Rolls, Tea & Dessert

May 15 - Fried Chicken, Potato Casserole, Field Peas, Rolls, Tea & Dessert

May 22 - Baked Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Tea & Dessert

May 29 - Hamburgers, Chips, Potato Salad, Tea & Dessert

Meals are 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 = \$8.00 Children Under 12 = \$3.50

Take Out = \$.50

MAKING DISCIPLES

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20

Giving thanks for how Jesus made a way for us to have a personal relationship with Him through salvation. Think about all the men and women who have invested in you over the years and helped you meet Jesus and grow in your faith. Where would we all be without their love and positive influence and guidance.

I personally thank God for each of you and your witness and ask that you join me in reaching a lot more people for the kingdom of God. As Christians, we each have a responsibility to spread the good news and then to invest in the lives of others by His Word and our experience with Him.

As you well know I have shared with you all, a gift that has been given to our church to help us do just that. I challenge each of you to first -


- 1. Continue to spend time with the Lord in prayer, so that we are growing and in tune with HIS SPIRIT and pray over the neighborhood we have talked about.*
- 2. Be prepared to hear and respond to the plan. Asking God where HE wants you to serve in this plan, not just going with what you think is possible. Because all things are possible with Jesus.*
- 3. Be ready to help others to learn about Jesus just as someone has invested in you to learn about HIM. Let's be ready to help lost people to have a relationship with HIM.*

We also have many events in the month of May to show HIS love and be faithful in making disciples. Look at the calendar inside and ask God to show you where to be for HIM to use you. I want to thank all the mothers this month for teaching their children about who Jesus is and the importance of having a personal relationship with HIM!

*Happy Mother's Day
Pastor Debbie*

MEMORIALS RECEIVED DURING MONTH OF MARCH 2024:

FOR:	FROM:
Allen Barnette	Ida Fowler
Beth West	John & Vicki Inman
Beth West	Don & Iva Davis
Beth West	Faculty & Staff of AJHS & Ted & Brenda Horton



Let me be one of the first to wish all of our mothers a "Happy & Blessed Mother's Day!"


May is a great time to consider joining the Chancel Choir.

The Chancel Choir has begun working on the special Patriotic music service "I am Thankful To Be An American." It will be presented in the morning worship service on Sunday, June 30th.

Singing Joyfully,
Michael

EVANGELISM BLITZ..... On Sunday, May 19th, immediately after worship we need help to fill 100 bags of evangelistic information to later be distributed to households in our community. **The more people who stay & help will make the task go much faster. PLEASE STAY & HELP US!**

Avalon Missions Committee has designated all Communion Offerings for the month of May to **Magnolia Manor/League of Good Samaritan**



ALDON—73rd National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 2 from 12 Noon—12:55pm
222 Pine Avenue @ Albany Dougherty Government Courtyard

Theme: Lift Up the Word, Light up the World

Speakers: Pastor Keisha Cory, Hope City United
Pastor Jim Morrow, First Methodist Church
Dr. Steve Kitchens, Retired Chief Medical Officer for Phoebe & member of Porterfield Methodist Church
Charles Jones will be our special music


We will gather in the courtyard behind the fountain. Bring your lawn chairs or sit on benches.



"Where Friends Gather"


On Saturday, May 18, from 11:00am—3:00pm the Avalon Women's Ministry invites you to a Fun Event. There will be food, friends & fellowship and our Speaker will be Pam Grist of Blakely and Derrell Humphries will demonstrate ideas for tablescapes, and how to make small arrangements, wrapping gift baskets & much more. Seating is limited so call the church office at 229-436-2056 to reserve your seat. Tables will be judged at 10:30am and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners at end of the event. **Reservations will close on Wednesday, May 15th, so don't wait to call!**

Tickets are \$40.00 so grab yours NOW!




BACK-TO-SCHOOL-BIBLE-BASH
SATURDAY, JULY 27

The Children's Ministry & Evangelism Committees will join in a Back-To-School-Bible-Bash this coming school year. We want to give a new school backpack with school supplies to each child. We also plan to bless each backpack and to have each child participate the next morning during the worship service. Please begin to purchase school supplies and backpacks for us to disperse. You may leave them in the Narthex in the labeled container. County schools begin on July 31 so be on the lookout for backpacks & school supplies when out & about this summer.



Spring Fling It's Spring Fling time!! On May 4th we will host our Spring event for kids, grandkids, and those you wish to invite to participate. There will be games, food, inflatables, and lots of fun on this day. Make plans now to bring your family to help celebrate this fun event. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CANDY!**





Circle Of Concern: Dorothy Griffin, Wendy McLeod (friend of Pastor Debbie), Janice Roberts (Mother of Pastor Debbie), Jerry & Cherry Garrett, Leon Perrett, Wayne & Diane Barnette, Dee Barronton, Pam Reed (Sister-in-law of Katie Reed), Mona Faye Williams, Beverly Martin, Norma Jean Smith, Ted Glazier (Katie Reed's nephew), Rhonda Brown (Pastor Debbie's sister), Janet Battiste, Ricky Ford (Brother-in-Law of Pastor Debbie), Bobby Bruner, Dewey Perrett (Son of Leon Perrett), Michael Perrett (Brother of Leon Perrett), Mary & Floyd Herman, People of Israel, Savannah Burnett (Great Granddaughter of Carolyn Luttrell), Nola Bricker, Tifton Hall (Grandson of Rita Hall), Janice Lesley (Daughter of Carolyn Luttrell), Judy Timmons (Friend of Linda Jenkins), Connie Conley (Cousin of Linda Jenkins), Carolyn Luttrell, Bill Beard, Gay Sheffield in death of husband on 4/23/24

If you know of anyone that can be 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, Gay Sheffield, Margaret Bruner, Wilda Rutland, Phyl Strawbridge, Graham Lowe, Carolyn Ivey

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR MONTH OF MAY, 2024

Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
1:15pm Small Group Bible Study "Jesus, The God Who Knows My Name"	Pavilion
6:00pm Bible Study "The Great Disappearance"	Pavilion
6:30pm FNF.....	Pavilion
7:00pm Choir Practice.....	Choir Room
Sunday, May 5, 2024 (HOLY COMMUNION)	
8:00am UMM.....	Pavilion
9:30am Sunday School.....	Celebration Hall & Classrooms
10:30am Worship.....	Sanctuary
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	
1:15pm Small Group Bible Study "Ten Men Of The Bible".....	Pavilion
6:00pm Bible Study "The Great Disappearance"	Pavilion
6:30pm FNF.....	Pavilion
7:00pm Choir Practice.....	Choir Room
Sunday, May 12, 2024 	
9:30am Sunday School.....	Celebration Hall & Classrooms
10:30am Worship.....	Sanctuary
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	
1:15pm Small Group Bible Study "Ten Men Of The Bible"	Pavilion
6:00pm Bible Study "The Great Disappearance"	Pavilion
6:30pm FNF.....	Pavilion
7:00pm Choir Practice.....	Choir Room
Sunday, May 19, 2024 (DAY OF PENTACOST) 	
9:30am Sunday School.....	Celebration Hall & Classrooms
10:30am Worship.....	Sanctuary
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	
1:15pm Small Group Bible Study "Ten Men Of The Bible"	Pavilion
6:00pm Bible Study "The Great Disappearance"	Pavilion
6:30pm FNF.....	Pavilion
7:00pm Choir Practice.....	Choir Room
Sunday, May 26, 2024	
9:30am Sunday School.....	Celebration Hall & Classrooms
10:30am.....	Sanctuary
Monday, May 27, 2024 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED!	
Wednesday, May 29, 2024	
1:15pm Small Group Bible Study "Ten Men Of The Bible"	Pavilion
6:00pm Bible Study "The Great Disappearance"	Pavilion
6:30pm FNF.....	Pavilion
7:00pm Choir Practice.....	Choir Room

