

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Pastor—Rev. Debbie Cone**  
**Music Director— Michael Wojnar**  
**Song Leader—Leah Anglin**  
**Youth Director —**

**Secretary—Linda Jenkins**  
**Finance— Kim Glass**  
**Nursery Coordinator— Leigh Warren**

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

# Avalon United Methodist Church

Loving God, Loving People

**Pastor Debbie Cone**

**April 1, 2024**



You are invited to a bridal shower to honor the upcoming wedding of Leah Anglin on Sunday, April 21, at 3:00pm in the Pavilion. Leah is registered at Target, Place on the Pointe, and Amazon. Her wedding colors are navy blue with accents of gold and lighter blue. Please join us for this celebration.

### THOSE WHO SERVE DURING APRIL

**Offering Stewards:** **April 7** — Bob Fowler / Barry Justice  
**April 14** — Kim Plette / Ron Wolfe  
**April 21** — Jenni Bode / Kim Plette  
**April 28** — Mike Dollar / Rainey Owen

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

**Nursery Volunteers:**  
**April 7** — Ann Owen                          **April 14** — Nancy Newman  
**April 21** — Linda Stevens                  **April 28** — Terri Stumpe

**Sound Technician:** Randy Warren & Tory Martin

**Trustee for the Month of April:** Vicki Cirone

**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!**

- April 3** - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Butterbeans, Rolls, Tea & Dessert
- April 10** - BBQ Pork, Baked Beans, Slaw, Rolls, Tea & Dessert
- April 17** - Fried Chicken, Cream Corn, Field Peas, Rolls, Tea & Dessert
- April 24** - Chicken Pot Pie, Garlic Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, 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**

### SET FREE

**Have you been set Free? Are you willing to die for Christ? Are you willing to live for Christ?**

*“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom.” 2 Cor. 3:17*

Thank God that we don't have to count on anyone but Jesus for our freedom! I'm reminded of a phrase I heard a while back, "If you complain you will remain." I can't remember the author of that, but it has stuck with me and also reminds me of who we are supposed to be in the Lord.

As believers we know the Spirit of the Lord is in us and we have freedom in all areas of life, so why would we complain? Let's look at Acts 16:22-31. Paul and Silas had a reason to complain but they didn't. Just imagine, they were stripped and beaten with rods and thrown into prison with their feet fastened in stocks for their faith. Even so, they praised God through singing hymns and praying. They continued to praise the Lord, sharing their faith with the jailer and his family and as a result God moved in an amazing way through them.

After the earthquake the jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God (he and his whole household). This is a powerful story of the Resurrection Power of our Lord Jesus and how He changes lives from bondage to freedom.

We have just celebrated Resurrection Sunday as a church and my prayer is that we will know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the same God that set Paul and Silas, the jailer and his household free is still setting people free everyday. HE wants us to join HIM in spreading His Good News so that 'whosoever will come to a personal relationship with Jesus.' Remember, you are free because of Jesus now, so we are called to tell others how to be set free. Who are you sharing the Good News with?

Share the Good News,  
Pastor Debbie

**MEMORIALS RECEIVED DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024:**

FOR:	FROM:	TO:
Beth West	Diane & Dee Barronton	
Beth West	Michael Meyer Von Bremen	
Beth West	Donna M. Gray	
Beth West	Joanne Gauntt	
Beth West	Mary Jane Nance	
Beth West	Barbara Bode	
Beth West	John & Shelia Creel	Vashti
Beth West	Carolyn Luttrell	
Beth West	Don & Carolyn Rentz	Missions
Beth West	Roy & June Staines	
Best West	Stephen & Janice Robinson	
Beth West	Martha Duvall Arnold	
Beth West	Thomas & Robin Nance	
Beth West	Debbie Cone	
Ray Mears	Debbie Cone	
Ray Mears	Shirley Bruner	
Ray Mears	Don & Carolyn Rentz	Missions
Ray Mears	Guy & Jan Spindle	
Ray Mears	Roy & June Staines	
Ray Mears	Mona Faye Williams	Missions
Sherry Tracy	John & Shelia Creel	Benevolence
Debra Cook	Debbie Cone	
Debra Cook	Ida Fowler	Benevolence
Debra Cook	Mona Faye Williams	Missions
Dwayne Bowden	Mona Faye Williams	Missions

Avalon's Mission Committee has designated all Communion Offerings for the month of **APRIL TO SAMARITAN'S PURSE**



First, I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who are so faithful to Avalon's music and media ministries. You are truly a blessing!

If you have been thinking about joining the choir or you play an instrument, what are you waiting for??? Now's a great time to join. We will begin to work on our July 4th celebration in April.

Singing Joyfully!  
Michael

Church Council  
Meeting on April 14  
@ 4:30pm in Sanctuary

**S.E.W.N.**  
April 21 @ 4:15pm  
First Methodist

Spring Fling is just around the corner. On May 4th we will host our Spring event for our kids, grandkids, and those you wish to invite to participate. We will have games, food, inflatables, and lots of fun on this day. Make plans now to bring your family.



**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, JoAnn Brown, Ted Glazier (Katie Reed's nephew), Rhonda Brown (Pastor Debbie's sister), Janet Battiste, Rev. Jennifer Sherling, 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, Richard Griffin, Savannah Burnett (Great Granddaughter of Carolyn Luttrell), Nola Bricker, Tifton Hall (Grandson of Rita Hall), Janice Lesley (Daughter of Carolyn Luttrell), Herb Benford, Yuki Oldham

*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 APRIL, 2024**

**Wednesday, April 3, 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, April 7, 2024 (HOLY COMMUNION)**

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

**Wednesday, April 10, 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, April 14, 2024**

- 9:30am Sunday School.....Celebration Hall & Classrooms
- 10:30am Worship.....Sanctuary
- 4:30pm Administration Board Council Mtg.....Sanctuary**

**Wednesday, April 17, 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, April 21, 2024**

- 9:30am Sunday School.....Celebration Hall & Classrooms
- 10:30am Worship.....Sanctuary
- 11:45am **Evangelism Committee Mtg.....Sanctuary**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

- 1:15pm Small Group Bible Study "Jesus, The God Who Knows My Know" .....Pavilion
- 6:00pm Bible Study "The Great Disappearance" .....Pavilion
- 6:30pm FNF.....Pavilion
- 7:00pm Choir Practice.....Choir Room

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

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

