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# You Don't Know Jesus...

September 11/12: | People Thought He Was Crazy  
*including the Lord's Supper*



Is Church Membership  
Your Next Step?

**STARTINGPOINT**

September 18 @ 5:00pm | McManus Hall

At Starting Point, you'll learn more about Alice Drive's mission, vision, and values, and have an opportunity to ask as many questions as you like. We want to help you find the right church for you...even if it's not us! Supper will be served, and childcare is provided.



# Crazy...

*DIRECTIONS*  
by  
*Dr. Clay Smith*  
*Lead Pastor*

I've seen people I thought were crazy.

When I was on duty as an emergency room chaplain in seminary, EMS brought in a girl one night who was diabetic. She drank three beers, not realizing beer has sugar in it. She couldn't have weighed more than a hundred pounds, but it took two EMTs, two orderlies, two hospital security guards, and one chaplain (me) to move her from one gurney to another. She was in a diabetic rage. We had to strap her down and put her in the quiet room until she was sedated enough for the doctor to do an exam. No doubt in my mind, in that moment, she was crazy.

Crazy isn't just about being out of control. I watched a documentary on the construction of the Empire State Building. In those pre-OSHA days, steel workers walked the beams hundreds of feet in the air without a safety harness or a net. Not one of them fell to their death. I couldn't watch the show without feeling queasy. I would call those men

"crazy." Sometimes one man's crazy is another man's way of making a living.

I remember counseling a couple. The wife was very beautiful; the husband, average looking. Strangely, he was having an affair. As it happened, I knew the other woman involved. When they first shared their situation with me, I made a very superficial judgment and thought, "Man, you are crazy! You have a beautiful wife; why would you cheat on her?" As is always the case, the affair was a symptom of deeper issues involving him and her. After spending time with them, I realized the man was not as crazy as I thought; he was in pain, and his pain was leading him to bad choices. What seemed crazy to me at first turned out to be not craziness, but pain.

We can be quick to hang the crazy label on people who are out of control, who are living in a way that would terrify us, or who are acting out of a deep pain. But that doesn't mean they are crazy. It means they don't fit our profile or our definition.

Did you know people thought Jesus was crazy? There were times his disciples thought he had lost it and tried to correct him. His mother and brothers believed

he was delusional and came to get him. They were going to take him by force to get him calmed down. Religious scholars could not explain how he did what he did, so they said he cast out demons by the chief crazy maker himself, Beelzebub.

Jesus didn't accept the "crazy" label. Nor did he choose to conform so everyone would stop calling him crazy. He kept being who he was (and is): A Messiah on a Mission.

His mission was to tell people the Kingdom of God has come. His death on the cross paid our sin debt so we can participate in this new Kingdom. His resurrection gives us the power to live every day in the Kingdom.

You know what is really crazy? People who would rather live in their own little kingdom of darkness, than come into the Kingdom of Light, the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus. That's crazy.

Just one last question: Are you crazy?

Grace,



It's TIME to begin the  
VIP's monthly gatherings!

September 13 @ 6:30pm  
McManus Hall



The second Tuesday of each month, September-May, we get together for a time of community, dinner, and entertainment. A catered meal is served. Tickets are \$6 each and are available in the lobby on Sunday between services. Menu: Beef stew over rice, veggies, salad, dinner roll, dessert, and tea.



September 10  
10:00am  
202C



September 10  
12:00pm  
202C

## STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST REPORT

Baptisms	<b>8</b>
Worship Attendance Avg.	<b>1,497</b>
LIFE Groups Attendance Avg.	<b>976</b>
Ministry Fund Needs	<b>\$193,096</b>
Ministry Funds Given	<b><u>\$161,065</u></b>
Over (Under)	<b>(\$32,031)</b>
Open Door Offering YTD	<b>\$20,115</b>

*Find your community.*

**LIFE**  
Where we do life together  
**Groups**

New groups are starting this weekend. Come by the LIFE Group Desk in the lobby or contact Rob Nicholes: [rnicholes@adbc.org](mailto:rnicholes@adbc.org)

## FOOD COLLECTION

for Sumter United Ministries

September 18/19:

**Cereal**



(individual & regular boxes, grits, & oatmeal)

Place items in the bin inside the carport entrance.

# HELPS

Sep 11 @ 4:00pm | 201

HELPS is the local "share light" ministry of ADBC. This is a monthly meeting for HELPS team members and those who are interested in seeing what HELPS is all about. We will be discussing upcoming projects and review any that we have recently completed.

**September 30 • 6:00-9:00pm**

\$10/child (6 weeks-5th grade)

Register online or on a kid's hall through the 28<sup>th</sup>

Take advantage of this great opportunity!

Whether it's a restaurant you've been wanting to try,

a romantic evening out, or a quiet night in, plan a few hours just for yourselves!

## Parent's Night Out



If you are planning to participate in Parent/Child Dedication September 18/19, paperwork must be submitted by September 9. Contact Mandy Easton: [measton@adbc.org](mailto:measton@adbc.org)

# CALENDAR

## Saturday, September 10

- 10:00a Stitches of Love Quilting, 202C
- 12:00p Crafters' Escape, 202C

## Sunday, September 11

- Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)
- LIFE Groups (9:45 & 11:00am)
- 9:45a Group Link, Lobby
- 4:00p HELPS Ministry Team Meeting, 201
- 5:00p Deacon Outreach, Worship Center

## Monday, September 12

- 6:00p A new adult LIFE Group starts, 118  
Prayer Group, 119
- 7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center  
LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade
- 8:00p Adult LIFE Group, 118

## Tuesday, September 13

- 6:55a Men of Impact Bible Study, Worship Center
- 10:00a Grief Share Class, 119  
James Class, 118
- 6:30p VIP's Senior Adult Dinner, McManus Hall  
Precepts: Romans Pt. 1 Class, 208
- 7:00p Celebrate Recovery Worship, studio4.3
- 8:00p Celebrate Recovery Shared Groups, studio4.3

## Wednesday, September 14

- 2:00p Praying Ladies, 119
- 4:00p In-Depth Bible Study, 202A
- 5:00p Fellowship Meal, Worship Center
- 5:30p FISH Market book sales, East Hall 2nd Floor
- 6:00p Adult Discipleship Classes  
Awana (newborn-5th grade)  
The Mix (Middle School), studio4.3
- 7:30p the Mix (High School), studio4.3

## Thursday, September 15

- 9:00a MOPS, 2nd floor Mezzanine
- 10:00a Thimble Thursday, 104A/B
- 5:30p Tech Talk, Balcony
- 6:00p Vocal Team Rehearsal, Green Room
- 7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal, Worship Center

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Deacon Outreach, Worship Center



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## CELEBRATE THE SERVANT LEADERS OF THE WEEK HELPS Team

Ready to find your purpose in serving others, but not sure where?  
We can help! Contact Stacy Wright: [swright@adbc.org](mailto:swright@adbc.org)

### ATTENDANCE 9/04 & 9/05

8:30am.....	244
9:45am.....	469
11:00am.....	544
Monday Night.....	139
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,396</b>

### LIFE GROUPS 9/04 & 9/05

Adults.....	n/a
Students.....	n/a
Children.....	144
Preschool.....	124
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>n/a</b>

## Wednesday Fellowship Meal | September 14

Spaghetti casserole, salad w/assorted dressings, garlic bread, & dessert  
Kids' Menu: Little Caesars pepperoni pizza, chips, & cookie  
\$5/adults, \$3/kids under 12, \$15/family max

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WORSHIP  
TIMES

SUNDAYS

8:30am Classic  
Childcare for 5 & under  
9:45 & 11:00am Contemporary  
LIFE Groups for all ages

MONDAYS

7:00pm Contemporary  
LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade  
8:00pm Adult LIFE Groups