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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **April 21, 2016**

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What would
it look like if
the church were to
step outside its walls
and into the
community to help
and serve?



SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Sign up in the lobby

Various projects including: food drive, shoe walk, prayer walk,
construction, yard work, block parties and more.

Visit the lobby to find out how you can make a difference.

**PRAYERS
THAT CHANGE
HISTORY**

April 24/25: "Go Between", including the Lord's Supper



What Would You Do If You Thought God Was About to Make a Mistake?

DIRECTIONS
by
Dr. Clay Smith
Lead Pastor

What would you do if you thought God was about to make a mistake?

I know what you are thinking: God doesn't make mistakes. But in times past, people thought gods did make mistakes. Read Greek mythology. It is one story after another of a god who has poor judgement, just like us.

Then came this odd little folk called Israel who dared to claim that their God, the LORD, did not make mistakes. He was perfect. But when Israel told their story, they told it in such a way as to make it sound like there were people who stopped God from making a mistake:

- Abraham told God that He was too good a God to destroy the righteous with the wicked at Sodom and Gomorrah.
- Moses told God not to destroy the Israelites because it would give Him a bad reputation. Besides, God had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that they would have many descendants. If God wiped them out, He would have to start over.

- David pleaded with God not to let his son die.
- Job told God He wasn't being fair, that he had done nothing to deserve all the suffering that piled onto his life.
- Jeremiah told God He expected too much, that he had been sent to a bunch of people who wouldn't listen, and who put him down (sometimes literally) every chance they got.
- Jesus, God himself, asked the Father, "Is there any way this cup can pass from me?" He knew the plan; he just wanted to check one more time to see if there was another way.
- Paul told God it would be a lot better if his "thorn in the flesh" was removed. When it seemed like God didn't hear Him the first time, Paul asked again. And again.

Look up the stories. God's response differs:

- God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, but spared Lot, the only semi-righteous person for miles around.
- God listened to Moses and didn't destroy the people of Israel, though they did deserve it.
- God let David's son die. Later, God gave David another son. Still, David always had to look at the empty chair

that should have been filled.

- Job never got an answer to his question of "why," but he did meet God. In the end, Job said that was good enough.
- Jeremiah expressed his feelings, but God kept giving him messages no one wanted to hear.
- Jesus took the cup, drank, and went to the cross.
- Paul lived with his "thorn in the flesh" 'til the day he died.

What's the common thread? When all these folks in the Bible thought God was about to make a mistake, they talked to Him about it. They even made specific requests. Sometimes, God accommodated their requests. Sometimes, He didn't. Sometimes His plan flexed. Sometimes, it didn't.

The lesson: God wants to hear from you, even when you think He is about to make a mistake. He wants the conversation to happen. So talk to Him about all the thoughts that enter your mind. Asking God for something is embracing the tension that He wants to hear from us and that He is in charge.

Grace,

AT THE MOVIES WITH ALICE DRIVE



This Sunday
April 24 @ 7:00pm
Sumter Opera House
21 N Main Street

Tickets are free but **REQUIRED** for admission.
Tickets are available Sunday in the church lobby on a first come first serve basis. Limits apply.

Our ministry fund giving for Sunday, April 17, 2016 totaled **\$49,713.81**.

There are many ways you can financially be a part of the ministry of Alice Drive. You can give through the offering baskets; you may give online by going to alicedrive.org; you may set up an automatic draft through an ACH transfer from your bank; you may utilize your bank's bill pay service; drop a check by the office or in the secure drop boxes found around the Main Building anytime of the week; or you may utilize the new text to give service by texting ADBC to 50155. If you have questions about any of these options, please feel free to contact Mark Partin, Administrative Pastor, at mpartin@adbc.org.

Celebrate Recovery®

We are pleased to announce that Alice Drive Baptist Church has launched a Celebrate Recovery chapter held Tuesdays at 7:00pm in studio4.3.

Celebrate Recovery is a biblically-based 12-step program that helps those who are struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits by showing the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process.

There is no cost, and childcare is provided.

FINISH STRONG

This is the last week for the health kit drive. We are collecting health kits to be distributed to those in need in our community through our partnership with the Santee Baptist Association. It's an easy yet tangible way to show someone they matter to God. Simply pick up a 2-gallon Ziploc bag with instructions in the lobby, fill it, and return it by April 25.




Parent/Child Dedication
AT ALICE DRIVE

May 8/9

If you are interested in participating in this upcoming dedication, all information must be submitted no later than April 29.

Contact Mandy Easton: x250 | measton@adbc.org

CLASS OF
2016

HS GRADUATE RECOGNITION WEEKEND

May 28 & 29

If you are interested in participating, contact the Student Department by May 20.

Student LIFE

Summer Camp // June 20-24
for MS & HS Students
Lee University, Cleveland, TN
\$250 // Limited slots left // Register online



**baseball • softball • soccer
art • cheer • dance • tennis**

June 13-16 // 9:00am-noon

Register now - Space is limited!
\$50 by May 1; \$65 after May 1
Register online or fill out a form at church.

1st grade completed - 5th grade completed
Includes one activity taught by a trained coach, t-shirt,
water bottle, backpack, snacks, and an unforgettable week!

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 24

Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)
 LIFE Groups for all ages (9:45 & 11:00am)
 The Lord's Supper in all services
 4:00p Outreach, Worship Center
 5:00p Deacons' Meeting, 104E/F

Monday, April 25

7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center
 The Lord's Supper
 LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade
 8:00p Adult LIFE Group, 118

Tuesday, April 26

7:00p Celebrate Recovery Worship, studio4.3
 8:00p Celebrate Recovery Shared Groups, studio4.3

Wednesday, April 27

2:00p Praying Ladies, 119
 4:00p In-Depth Bible Study, 202A
 5:00p Fellowship Meal, Worship Center
 5:30p FISH Market, Upstairs Adult Hall
 6:00p FISH Adult Discipleship Classes
 Awana (kids)
 The Mix (Middle School), studio4.3
 7:15p Stewardship Team Meeting, Admin Building
 7:30p The Mix (High School), studio4.3
 *No Worship Choir Rehearsal until May 25

Thursday, April 28

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

Saturday, April 30

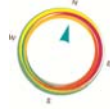
8:45a Inasmuch United Sumter,
 Meet in Worship Center

Sunday, May 1

Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)
 LIFE Groups for all ages (9:45 & 11:00am)
 5:00p Outreach, Worship Center

Monday, May 2

7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center
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CELEBRATE THE SERVANT LEADERS OF THE WEEK **Inasmuch United Leaders**

Ready to take a next step in volunteering, but not sure where?
 We can help! Contact Stacy Wright: swright@adbc.org

ATTENDANCE 4/17 & 4/18

8:30am.....241
 9:45am.....518
 11:00am..... 525
 Monday Night.....178
Total.....1,462

LIFE GROUPS 4/17 & 4/18

Adults.....429
 Students.....133
 Children.....169
 Preschool.....253
Total.....984

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL | April 27

Chicken alfredo w/ bacon over noodles, veggie medley, & dessert
 Kids' Menu: Chicken fingers, French fries, & fruit cup
\$5/adults, \$3/kids under 12, \$15/family max

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**WORSHIP
 TIMES**

SUNDAYS

8:30am Traditional
 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 Group