

THE VOICE

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He Is Risen! This is the great proclamation of our faith. It is what we are reminded of as we celebrate together on Easter Sunday. It is not, however, a proclamation merely for Easter. We are Easter people. We live each day with the news of Christ's

Resurrection ringing in our ears and flowing from our hearts. It shapes all of who we are, and how we conduct ourselves in the world. It is what continues to drive our work to make this world look more like the world Christ helped us glimpse through his ministry. It is what makes us yearn to draw closer to God. It is what inspires us to invite others to find the core of their beings in relationship with their Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer just as we have.

As we continue to celebrate the news of the empty tomb in the wake of the Easter celebration, I want to invite you to join us on Wednesday nights from April 11-May 16, as we return to a time of midweek fellowship and worship. If you are like me, you have missed our opportunities to gather in the Fellowship Hall to break bread with one another, share our lives and our prayer concerns, and to lift our hearts in prayer and worship. I am excited to again have a chance to gather, worship, learn, and pray with you outside of our weekly Sunday worship experiences, and I hope you will join us and invite others to join us as well.

These upcoming gatherings will be offered with the intent of bringing together all those who need a point of connection with God and the community of faith in the middle of our weeks that are so often full of stress and anxiety. We will begin with dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. Come when you are able with your family to share time around the tables with your church family. We will move to the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. for a time of evening worship and prayer. There will be opportunities

to sing hymns and spiritual songs. We will read and reflect on the scriptures together. We will seek to engage in spiritual practices that we hope you will incorporate into your personal spiritual life in a way that continues to fuel your walk with Christ. There will even be times for us to pray for and support our ministry partners who are daily engaged in lifting up our neighbors and our community in Christ's name.

While this time is geared primarily toward adults, there will also be separate opportunities for our children to gather, to play together, to learn, and to grow. We continue to feel called to minister to the needs of the entire family. The crucial need to model positive spiritual formation for the children in our midst only continues to grow.

Dr. Lisa J. Miller, author of, *The Spiritual Child: The New Science on Parenting for Health and Lifelong Thriving*, points out that,

Our predominantly materialistic, 24/7 media-infused world is not set up for the introspective thought involved in spiritual reflection. We're pressured to fill downtime with productive activity, and we often feel compelled to fill in any quiet moment with diversions. This is how we live and this is what we're modeling for our children.

She also states, however, that as humans created in God's image we are, "hardwired for spiritual connection."

Research shows that natural spirituality, if supported in childhood, prepares the adolescent for critical developmental tasks of that age. If supported in adolescence, natural spirituality deepens and can become a significant resource for health and healing through adult life.

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APRIL CALENDAR

8 SUNDAY

- Deacons Meeting (9:15 am)
- Coordinating Council Meeting (12:15 pm)

11 WEDNESDAY

- Pastor's Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm)
- Wednesday Night Dinner (5:30 pm)
- Worship (6:15 pm)

12 THURSDAY

- Friendly Neighbors (12:00 pm)
- Finance Committee Meeting (5:00 pm)

15 SUNDAY

- Youth Group (4:00 pm)

18 WEDNESDAY

- Pastor's Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm)
- Wednesday Night Dinner (5:30 pm)
- Worship (6:15 pm)

19 THURSDAY

- Administrative Team Meeting (5:30 pm)

20 FRIDAY

- PNO (6:30 pm)

22 SUNDAY

- Youth Group (4:00 pm)

25 WEDNESDAY

- Pastor's Noon Bible Study (12:00 pm)
- Wednesday Night Dinner (5:30 pm)
- Quarterly Business Meeting (6:15 pm)

29 SUNDAY

- Youth Group (4:00 pm)

Please Remember in Prayer...

- Mark Young's mother is having health issues.
- Dennis Eubanks had his prostate biopsy on March 9 and the results came back negative for any problems.
- Mira Eubanks will have surgery on April 26.
- Jim McCarter was in St. Francis-Patewood with pneumonia.
- Billie Clark's nephew, Jerry Hyatt, is hospitalized in Columbia with erratic heart beat and an elevated diabetic sugar level.
- Jared and Claire Sang welcomed their baby boy, Jackson "Jack" Edward Sang, into the world on March 21.
- Ellen League has moved to Brookdale at Cleveland Park.

Memorials and Honorarium for 1st Quarter 2018 (January, February, March) as of March 25

In Memory of Evalyn Carter:

Janet Holliday
Gene and Sarah Massey
Watkins Sunday School Class

JoAnn Watkins
Ned and Jean Page
ARBC Seniors Exercise Group

Clara Kuzma
Pat and Hank Sutherland
Barbara Dill
Carol Gallitzin
Sandra Campbell
Clinton and Barbara Flowers
Barbara Hawkins

In Memory of John DeWitt:

Janet Holliday
Sandra Campbell

In Memory of James Swanner:

Ned and Jean Page

In Honor of Mark and Jane Young:

Linda Lister

In Memory of Jim Childress (Alethea Peebles' father):

Sandra Campbell

In Honor of Wes and Eleanor Bean:

Chip and Katie Howard

In Honor of Carroll & Clista LeGrand:

Chris and Susan LeGrand

In Memory of Francis Gavigan (Megan McCarter's father):

Sandra Campbell

In Memory of Amy Berry (Valerie Kahler's mother):

Sandra Campbell

In Memory of Dr. Marion Hare

Sandra Campbell
Barbara Hawkins

In Memory of Tom Holliday

Sandra Campbell

In Honor of the Children's Ministry:

Tina Milsap

In Memory of Alvin Hawkins:

Barbara Hawkins

In Honor of ARBC Youth Ministries:

Dennis and Mira Eubanks

In Honor of Chip and Katie Howard:

Hank and Pat Sutherland



Mark your calendar now to join us for this fun-filled week where we will venture onto an uncharted island and learn to survive and thrive anchored in the truth that Jesus carries us through life's storms.

Registration information will be available soon.

Can you volunteer for VBS? We are looking for volunteers to walk around with children during the day and we also need teachers. If you are interested, please contact Bridget. This is a great opportunity to get involved and serve.



Our next Parents' Night Out is happening Friday, April 20 from 6:30-9:00 pm. There will be activites and snacks for the older children, and childcare for younger children. Our hope is that parents can use this time to connect with their spouse, a friend, or simply to rest. You can register by emailing Bridget.

YOUTH GROUP:

April 15, 22, and 29
4:00 pm

2018 ARBC summer CAMP

CHRIST CENTERED - FUN - FELLOWSHIP

Registration is now open for
Summer Camp 2018!
June 11-August 17
1st through 8th grade

More information can be found
on the ARBC website:

arbc.com/weekday-ministries/summer-camp

or call Mary Dell at 232-2728

ARBC Spring Festival



SPRING FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who made our 2018 Spring Festival a great success! We couldn't have done it without the Hospitality Team, After School staff, all those who donated candy, eggs, and cakes, and to everyone who helped volunteer with the games and crafts.





April Birthdays

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| 1 Sandra Campbell | 15 Megan McCarter |
| 2 Tina Milsap | 16 Caroline Geib |
| 3 Cheryl Baxley | 16 Lynn Hill |
| 3 Macy McWhite | 17 Pat Sutherland |
| 3 Lynda Romanstine | 19 Helen Jameson |
| 4 Emily McCarter | 20 Mary Gabala |
| 6 Elsie Brown | 21 Stephanie Taylor |
| 6 Gary Romanstine | 22 David Brown |
| 8 Teresa Brady | 22 Henry Sutherland |
| 11 Ruth Bridges | 24 Katherine Crosby |
| 12 Melodye Putman | 25 Adeline Beeks |
| 13 George Kirksey | 25 Craig Eady |
| 14 Mary Katelyn Brady | 26 Ed Zeigler |
| 14 Jennifer Magnus | 28 Mary Messer |
| 15 Samantha Combs | |

Wednesday Night Activities RESUME APRIL 11

Dinner at 5:30 pm
(Fellowship Hall)
Worship at 6:15 pm
(Sanctuary)

Weekly Contributions

MARCH 4	\$10,256.00
MARCH 11	\$8,862.00
MARCH 18	\$10,839.00
MARCH 25	\$6,412.00

AVG. WEEKLY GIVING: \$9,092.25
WEEKLY NEED: \$8,647.25
MONTHLY NEED: \$34,583.00

From the Pastor (continued from cover)

This is something to keep in mind as we all continue to develop as Christ-followers.

During these Wednesday gatherings, our school age children will be able to learn spiritual practices of prayer, scripture reading, and mission service while their parents are doing the same. Their time will compliment the time of learning and worship for our adults in a way that will equip and empower families to share what they experienced throughout the week as they sit around the dinner table, or as they travel to school and their many extracurricular activities. Age-appropriate childcare will also be available for those who are four years of age and younger.

Finally, we hope that this additional time of worship and study will be a welcomed opportunity for all of those who are unable to gather with us

at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. If you know of someone whose work schedule or responsibilities in caring for loved ones prevents them from worshipping at a traditional time, this will be a perfect time for them to experience the presence of God with our community in worship. Come. Invite your neighbors. Join with our congregation as we continue to grow together in the wake of the Easter celebration.

May the Risen Christ continue to bless you, your family, and the family of faith at Augusta Road Baptist Church.

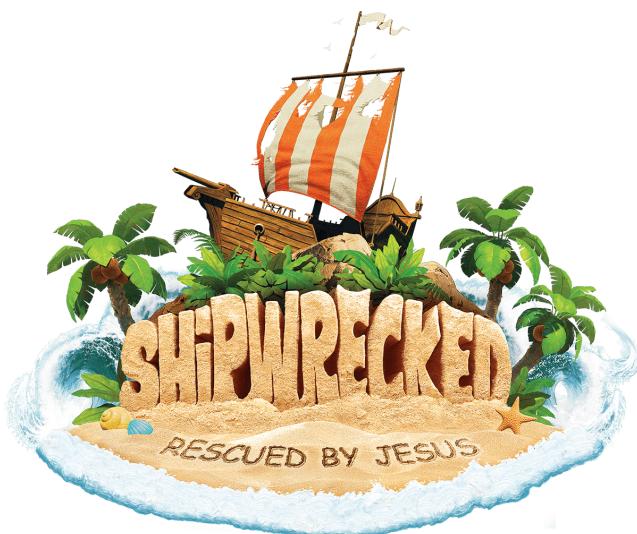
Peace,

Rev. W. Mattison King

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ALL ARE INVITED!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018
JULY 9-12
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
K5-6TH GRADE



More information:
www.arbc.com/vbs

Church Staff

Rev. W. Mattison King, *Senior Pastor*
Dr. Barry L. Combs, *Minister of Music*
Rev. Bridget Kokolis, *Minister to Families*
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Rev. Clinton Flowers, *Organist*
Cordell Golden, *Custodian*

WCEP Staff

Phyllis Duchinski, Director
Preschool Education Program
Mary Dell Fletcher, Director
After School Program

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 am - 5 pm
Friday
9 am - 12 pm