



# Abney Street Church of God

.....*A Christ Centered Church*.....

Rev. Stephen E. Hewitt, Interim Pastor

**January 14, 2018**

*Preparing for worship, Lord, I pray in the words of Samuel, "Speak, for your servant is listening" (!Samuel 3:10).*



CALL TO WORSHIP: *"Shout To The Lord"*

PASTORAL WELCOME AND INVOCATION

HYMN #36: *"Revive Us Again"*

OUR WORSHIP IN GIVING

HYMN #637: *"Through It All"*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Great Are You Lord"*

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: *"A Conversation With God"*  
*Luke 11: 9-10*

HYMN OF INVITATION #346: *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*

BENEDICTION

# Today God Is First

## THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS

Martin Luther King Jr. called forgiveness "a permanent attitude," as opposed to "an occasional act." Maintaining a forgiveness mind-set leads to peace and freedom.

Author and pastor Max Anders experienced that freedom in seminary. After cheating on a Hebrew final, he was distraught and confessed his sin to God and the professor. "I felt deeply cleaned. Pure. Holy," Anders writes in 21 Unbreakable Laws of Life. "I wanted to laugh and cry at the same time. I wanted to run and jump and dance. The burden was lifted...I was free!"

By contrast, he writes, "If we don't ask for forgiveness when we wrong someone, we lose our moral authority; the debris of sin begins to accumulate in our hearts, choking our conscience... Others know when we sin against them, and if we don't make it right, it hurts our reputation as well as God's."



*Good Morning! Welcome to worship, fellowship and christian education. May the Holy Spirit touch your life during your time here today.*

**Jan 14-20, 2018**

**This week at our church**

**WEDNESDAY**

**10:00 a.m.**

Ladies Prayer

**7:00 p.m.**

Adult Bible Study, Youth Fellowship, Children's Bible Clubs

**SATURDAY**

**11:00 a.m.**

W.C.G. Meeting



**UPCOMING**  
**EVENT**



**JANUARY 24** – Annual Business Meeting

**FEBRUARY 4** – "Soup'er" Bowl Sunday