



Abney Street
Church of God

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

Rev. Jack A.C. Lawrence, Pastor

July 23, 2017

In Jacob's dream, angels went up and down a ladder to bring him God's word (Genesis 28:12-15). Thank you, God, that we need not climb up to you because you graciously come to us.



CALL TO WORSHIP: "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

PASTORAL WELCOME

HYMN #358: "Send The Light"

OUR WORSHIP IN GIVING

SPECIAL MUSIC: Pam Mullins and Louise Taylor

HYMN #330: "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" (2x)

PASTORAL PRAYER

BANNER OFFERING FOR RIPPLING WATERS

HYMN #429: "I Know"

MESSAGE: "Church Renewal: Content and Character"

Exposit the Book of Haggai

HYMN OF INVITATION #514: "I Will Serve Thee"

BENEDICTION

Today God Is First

A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

In *A Million Steps*, Kurt Koontz describes his month-long pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James"), a 490-mile route from southern France through northern Spain. Since the ninth century, millions have undertaken this challenging trek.

As Koontz hiked downhill one morning, he was awed by a gorgeous sunrise. "The path was so steep," he writes, "that I could descend a bit and relive the sunrise over and over. I took a gazillion photos and must have looked back at least 40 times." Yet the experience made Koontz realize that "going forward is difficult when you are always looking backward." We can't dwell on the past so completely that our progress and growth are impeded.

Jesus says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:2, NRSV). As we walk the path of faith, may we give thanks for God's past gifts while focusing on Jesus, who leads us ever forward.



Good Morning! In the words of Jacob: "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God! (Genesis 28:17). Welcome to worship!"

July 23-29, 2017

This week at our church

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 p.m.

State Church of God Camp Meeting (sign up on bulletin board if you need transportation)

TUESDAY

4:30 p.m.

WCG cooking for missions workers

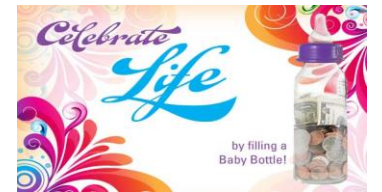
WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

Ladies Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m.

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



Baby Bottle Drive July 1-Aug 31

UPCOMING EVENTS



AUGUST 27 – Sunday School Promotion/Kick off

OCTOBER 15 – Church picnic