



Abney Street
Church of God

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

Rev. Jack A.C. Lawrence, Pastor

July 30, 2017

"Search me, God, and know my heart...lead me in the way everlasting"
(Psalm 139:23-24, NIV) Amen.

WORSHIP  WITH US!

CALL TO WORSHIP #29: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (v.1)

PASTORAL WELCOME

HYMN #565: "Little Is Much When God Is In It"

OUR WORSHIP IN GIVING

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mary Boothe

HYMN #45: "Holy, Holy" (v1, v4)

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #309: "Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore"

MESSAGE: *"Church Renewal: Presenting Reality in a World That Prefers
Reality Shows...."*
Revelation 3: 14-22

HYMN OF INVITATION #533: "Reach Out and Touch"

BENEDICTION

Today God Is First

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN

Literature, painting, music - the most basic lesson that all art teaches us is to stop, look and listen to life on this planet, including our own lives, as a vastly richer, deeper, more mysterious business than most of the time it ever occurs to us to suspect as we bumble along from day to day on automatic pilot...



When Jesus [says] that the greatest command of all is to love God and to love our neighbor, he too is asking us to pay attention. If we are to love God, we must first stop, look and listen for him in what is happening around us and inside us. If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in.

--Frederick Buechner, *Whistling in the Dark*



Good Morning! Brothers and sisters, thank you for your presence at worship today. Our praise is stronger and our prayers are deeper because of each precious individual enriching the whole. Welcome!

July 30-Aug. 5, 2017

This week at our church

MONDAY-FRIDAY

Church office closed

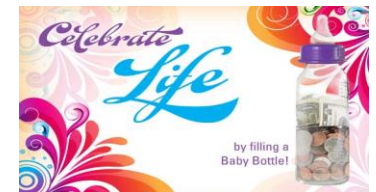
WEDNESDAY

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 8 – Deacon's Meeting

AUGUST 9 – Elder's Meeting

AUGUST 20 Resume Children's Church

AUGUST 27 – Sunday School Promotion/Kick off

AUGUST 30- Fifth Wednesday Sing

OCTOBER 15 – Church picnic