



Abney Street Church of God

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

Rev. Stephen E. Hewitt, Interim Pastor

June 3, 2018

On the cusp of summer, Creator God, I praise you for warmer weather, nature's wonders and this season of both rest and growth.



CALL TO WORSHIP: *"Here I Am To Worship"*

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

HYMN #640: *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

OUR WORSHIP IN GIVING

HYMN OF PRAYER #612: *"It Is Well With My Soul"* (vs. 1 & 3)

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #47: *"How Great Thou Art"*

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: *"If Jesus Was Your Pastor...."*

Luke 8: 4-8

COMMUNION

HYMN OF INVITATION #393: *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

BENEDICTION

Today God Is First

CONNECTING THE DOTS

Commencement speeches and greeting cards are full of advice for graduates, yet good intentions and careful plans can't guarantee a perfect life - whatever that might mean.

"You can't connect the dots looking forward," said Steve Jobs. "You can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something - your gut, destiny, life..."

As Christians, we can do more than that: We can trust in God. Yes, he may speak to us through a "gut" feeling, and our eternal "destiny" is assured. And we know that life, not death, will win out. But recent grads - and all of us - need not just sit and wait to see how the dots of our lives will someday connect. God has shown us through Scripture, the church, and above all, Jesus that the dots connect this way: from God's heart, to Jesus' sacrifice for us, to our entry into relationship with God, to our heart and finally to our own loving outreach to others.

Whatever shape your education, work and family take through the years, "commence" with this: God has drawn your life to connect with him and your neighbors. If you follow those Spirit-etched lines, you'll be fine.

-Heidi Mann



Philippians 3:14

Good Morning! Sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to this time and space apart, where we can turn our focus from self to God and from fear to faith. May you sense God's gentle touch.

June 3-9, 2018

This week at our church

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

Ladies Prayer

5:15 p.m.

Pulpit Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Christian Education Meeting

7:00 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

WCG Meeting



UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNE 13 - Elder's and Deacon's Meeting

JUNE 17 - Father's Day

JUNE 21 - First day of summer