



Abney Street Church of God

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

Rev. Stephen E. Hewitt, Interim Pastor

March 18, 2018

We praise and thank you, God, for richly blessing us. Open our hearts to you, and to one another.



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

PASTORAL WELCOME AND INVOCATION

HYMN #616: "There Is Joy In The Lord"

OUR WORSHIP IN GIVING

HYMN #343: "Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #525: "Trust And Obey"

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: "*A Life of Sacrifice*"

Mark 8:31; Matthew 21:23-27

HYMN OF INVITATION #647: *Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus*"

BENEDICTION

BUS DEDICATION (Church parking lot)

Today God Is First

REWOVEN

After Jen Hatmaker's dog shredded an heirloom baby blanket, she piled up the dirty yarn and asked her mother-in-law to somehow reassemble the original. In *Of Mess and Moxie* (Nelson Books), Hatmaker explains how this is a picture of God's sovereign work.

When our lives are tattered by sin and suffering, God doesn't start from scratch or create a replica. Instead, he uses the original threads to reweave a stronger version and to restore beauty. (Interestingly, when Joseph tells his brothers in Genesis 50:20 (ESV), "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good," the word *meant* is Hebrew for wove.)

"Nothing bears a better witness than watching God resurrect someone's life," writes Hatmaker. "That is a God who folks want to know, a God worth his glory."



Good Morning! Welcome, dear family in Christ, to Christian fellowship, education and worship this day. God bless us, every one.

March 18-24, 2018

Today is the deadline to order Easter Lilies

This week at our church

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

Ladies Prayer

12:05 p.m.

Lenten Service – Christ's Kitchen

7:00 p.m.

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



Invite a Neighbor to Church

UPCOMING EVENTS



MARCH 25 – Palm Sunday
MARCH 29 – Maundy Thursday
MARCH 30 – Good Friday
APRIL 1 – Easter Sunday