



Abney Street Church of God

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

Rev. Stephen E. Hewitt, Interim Pastor

October 8, 2017

*"My presence will go with you," said God, "and I will give you rest" (Exodus 33:14).
Thank you, God, for being with us as you were with Moses, and for the gift of rest.*



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

PASTORAL WELCOME AND INVOCATION

HYMN 56: *"Blessed Be The Name"*

OUR WORSHIP IN GIVING

HYMN OF PRAYER 590: *"He Touched Me"*

PASTORAL PRAYER

DISMISS CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

HYMN 604: *"Love Lifted Me"*

MESSAGE: *"A Time of Renewal (Revival)"*
Acts 3:19 (NKJV)

HYMN OF INVITATION 36: *"Revive Us Again"*

BENEDICTION

Today God Is First

REFORMATION MILESTONE: CELEBRATION AND REPENTANCE

October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his "95 Theses" on a church door in Germany. This wasn't an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ ("the priesthood of all believers"), so there's no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave Catholic Church but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose - Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others - and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults "with the best of them"; the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany, states: "In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years."



Good Morning! Brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome to worship, Christian fellowship and a time, we pray, for your faith to be rejuvenated.

Oct 8-14, 2017

This week at our church

TUESDAY

6:30 p.m.

Deacon's Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

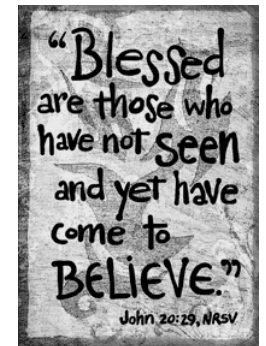
Ladies Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Elder's Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Adult Bible study, youth fellowship, children's music and Bible clubs



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



OCTOBER 15 – Church picnic
OCTOBER 31 – Trunk or Treat