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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **April 14, 2016**

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# PRAYERS THAT CHANGE HISTORY

A New Message Series Starts April 17/18: Bargaining with God

What would  
it look like if  
the church were to  
step outside its walls  
and into the  
community to help  
and serve?



**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

Sign up in the lobby

Various projects including: food drive, shoe walk, prayer walk, construction, yard work, block parties and more.

Visit the lobby to find out how you can make a difference.



# Prayers That Change History...

*DIRECTIONS*  
by  
Dr. Clay Smith  
Lead Pastor

Can something as simple as prayer change anything? So often we hear that it can, but our skeptical side wonders. Ponder then, this true story:

In April 2011, the staff of The International Justice Mission (or IJM), a Christian organization that works to rescue victims of slavery and sexual exploitation, heard some incredible news. In a village near Chennai, India, a local official identified as S. Kandaswamy summoned the courage to rescue the captives in his own community. He organized a raid against a brick kiln where 143 families, a total of 522 people, had been kept as slaves. Police under his direction freed the laborers, commanded a local high school to provide them with health care, and arrested the owner of the brick kiln. On that day hundreds of men, women, and children who had been robbed of their God-given dignity had been set free.

Where did S. Kandaswamy get the courage to initiate the raid? Just a few weeks before the raid and the bold actions of this local official, one thousand staff and friends of IJM gathered in a Washington, D.C., hotel ballroom for a weekend of prayer for IJM's most urgent needs. They spent an agonizing, energizing night praying specifically for the end of bonded labor in the countries where it persists—countries like India. It seemed like an audacious and impossible thing to pray for—and it was, because to pray for the end of bonded labor is to pray for nothing less than an institutional revolution. And yet everyone in the room that night dared to ask God for that bonded labor might be eradicated. The Spirit came with extraordinary power, pouring out on that group of believers the willingness to ask something none of them could possibly bring about with their own resources or power.

Is it only a coincidence that four weeks later, this local official, who had not acted with courage before, took up the image-bearing power granted him by his position and dared to set free 522 slaves?

*(Adapted from Andy Crouch, Playing God (InterVarsity Press, 2013), pp. 208-209)*

What could happen if we prayed? Not just a casual sentence or two, but prayed with an open heart, and asked God to be our partner so the world could be changed for His glory. Maybe, just maybe, we could see history changed, lives saved, prisoners set free, and countries turned around?

I want to invite you to join with me and let's start praying prayers that change history.

Grace,

## GOD'S 500

The God's 500 Prayer Ministry is designed to be a group of Praying Warriors that pray specifically for the mission of Alice Drive Baptist Church. Pastor Clay Smith provides some focused prayer areas for us to take to God in prayer each week on decisions our ADBC staff have upcoming.

As a member of this ministry you will receive an email each Monday and you will also have access to our closed Facebook page to receive the weekly praying mission. Members range from veterans of prayer to those that have a struggling prayer life that needs reviving. Contact Laurie Hussey: x223 | lhussey@adbc.org

Is Church Membership  
Your Next Step?

**STARTINGPOINT**

April 17 @ 10:00am | studio4.3

- Enjoy a free brunch & childcare
- Learn about Alice Drive's mission, vision, & values
- Have a Q&A time
- Your next step toward church membership



Tuesdays @ 7:00pm | studio4.3

We are pleased to announce that Alice Drive Baptist Church is officially launching a Celebrate Recovery chapter on Tuesday, April 19.

Celebrate Recovery is a biblically-based 12-step program that helps those who are struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits by showing the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process.

There is no cost, and childcare is provided.



We are collecting health kits to be distributed to those in need in our community through our partnership with the Santee Baptist Association.

Visit the lobby display and pick up a 2-gallon Ziploc bag with instructions. Kits must be returned by April 25.

## FOOD COLLECTION

for Sumter United Ministries

April 17/18

This month's item:

Hot Dog Chili Sauce



Place items in the bin inside the carport entrance.

Our ministry fund giving for Sunday, April 10, 2016 totaled **\$45,741**.

There are many ways you can financially be a part of the ministry of Alice Drive. You can give through the offering baskets; you may give online by going to [alicedrive.org](http://alicedrive.org); you may set up an automatic draft through an ACH transfer from your bank; you may utilize your bank's bill pay service; drop a check by the office or in the secure drop boxes found around the Main Building anytime of the week; or you may utilize the new text to give service by texting ADBC to 50155. If you have questions about any of these options, please feel free to contact Mark Partin, Administrative Pastor, at [mpartin@adbc.org](mailto:mpartin@adbc.org).

## Parent/Child Dedication

May 8/9

Contact Mandy Easton:  
x250 | [measton@adbc.org](mailto:measton@adbc.org)

Paperwork is required by April 29



# CALENDAR

## Sunday, April 17

Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)  
 LIFE Groups for all ages (9:45 & 11:00am)  
 10:00a Starting Point, studio4.3  
 5:00p Outreach, Worship Center

## Monday, April 18

7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center  
 LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade  
 8:00p Adult LIFE Group, 118

## Tuesday, April 19

7:00p Celebrate Recovery Worship, studio4.3  
 8:00p Celebrate Recovery Shared Groups, studio4.3

## Wednesday, April 20

2:00p Praying Ladies, 119  
 4:00p In-Depth Bible Study, 202A  
 5:00p Fellowship Meal, Worship Center  
 5:30p FISH Market, Upstairs Adult Hall  
 6:00p FISH Adult Discipleship Classes  
 Awana (kids)  
 The Mix (Middle School), studio4.3  
 7:15p Vision Council Meeting, Admin Building  
 7:30p The Mix (High School), studio4.3  
 \*No Worship Choir Rehearsal until May 25

## Thursday, April 21

9:00a MOPS, Worship Center  
 10:00a Thimble Thursday, 104A/B  
 5:30p Tech Talk, Balcony  
 6:00p Vocal Team Rehearsal, Green Room  
 7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal, Worship Center

## Sunday, April 24

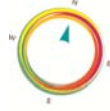
Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)  
 LIFE Groups for all ages (9:45 & 11:00am)

### The Lord's Supper in all services

4:00p Deacons' Meeting, 104E/F  
 5:00p Outreach, Worship Center

## Monday, April 25

7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center  
**The Lord's Supper**  
 LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade  
 8:00p Adult LIFE Group, 118



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## SERVANT LEADERS HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

### FISH DISCIPLESHIP LEADERS

Take your next step - Contact Stacy Wright: [swright@adbc.org](mailto:swright@adbc.org)

ATTENDANCE 4/10 & 4/11		LIFE GROUPS 4/10 & 4/11	
8:30am.....	217	Adults.....	441
9:45am.....	574	Students.....	158
11:00am.....	554	Children.....	163
Monday Night.....	151	Preschool.....	273
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,035</b>

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL | April 20

Country fried steak & gravy, potatoes, garden peas, & dessert  
 Kids' Menu: Hot dog, chips, & cookie  
**\$5/adults, \$3/kids under 12, \$15/family max**

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WORSHIP  
 TIMES

SUNDAYS

8:30am Traditional  
 Childcare for 5 & under  
 9:45 & 11:00am Contemporary  
 LIFE Groups for all ages

MONDAYS

7:00pm Contemporary  
 LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade  
 8:00pm Adult LIFE Group