



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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October 2, 2022

Prayerful Purpose

My first driving lessons came on a go kart as a kid. It was basically a lawnmower engine on a sheet of metal with four wheels and a steering wheel. **But it was the '80s. So, my brother and I would strap on a helmet and drive around our neighborhood and the vacant lot next to our house.**

One of the most fun times to drive the go kart was after a good rain. We would spin those wheels, spin out on acceleration, and get a good power slide to come to a stop. One of the things I learned early was how to deal with **mud puddles. You don't go slow into the puddle because the water and mud might come over the wheels leaving you stuck. Instead, you press the gas and power through it.**

There are times in every life and organization when it feels like you've hit the mud. We've experienced that at Aldersgate due to a complex set of issues (the coronavirus effect on attendance and participation, denominational lack of clarity, etc.) that are effecting many organizations.

It might feel like it's time to personally or organizationally pump the brakes. However, I'm convinced more than ever that it is time to press the gas and power through.

On Sunday October 2, we will begin our 21 Days of Prayerful Purpose. During these days, we as a church, and each of us individually, will prayerfully consider how we will **press the gas in mission and ministry. You'll be sent a prayer focus for each day. You'll also be asked to share with us your financial commitment to God and his mission through Aldersgate for 2023.**

During worship, our focus will be on the rebuilding of the temple as the **people of God returned to Mount Zion after exile. We're honored to have Rev. Robin Wilson as a part of that, joining us on October 16. Then, on October 23, we will celebrate together as we bring our estimates of giving and enjoy a great lunch together.**

I'm strapping on my helmet and about to pull the engine cord. I hope you'll hop on the go kart with me!

Peace,
Brian

Prayer Requests

Continue steadfastly in prayer - Colossians. 4:2

Pray for Our Leaders and Staff Members: Bishop David Graves; D.S., Dr. Jeff Wilson; our Senior Pastor, Dr. Brian Miller; our Minister of Worship, Rev. Steve Badskey; and the Aldersgate Staff

Please Remember in Your Prayers: For all of those in the path of Hurricane Ian, Barbara Geneaux (upcoming medical tests), Jerry Lobb & family (death of 104-y-o cousin Raymond), Erik Hanson (cancer), Anne Gongwer (missionary partner, health issues), Doug Baxter (cancer, on home health care), Florene Briley (fainting spells), Hazel Ward (Guillain-Barre Syndrome), Mindy Rigney (chemo problems and port infection), Paul Marchbanks (radiation treatments), Larry Wells (health problems), Wendy Barber (breast cancer surgery recovery), Amanda Watkins, Wendy Askew (medical tests), Patsy Eiland (radiation treatments), Elizabeth Jones (rehab), Adam Greene (health issues), Della Little (swallowing problems), Marily Dewberry (cancer), Judy Powell (radiation treatments), Joe Brown (colon cancer), Adrian E. (breast cancer treatments), Shannon Landholm Newman (cancer recurrence), Curt Terling (cancer treatments), those with COVID, our nation, our city, state and world.

Christian Love and Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Steve and Laura Hughes on the death of Steve's father, Stephen E. Hughes, Jr; and to the family of Curt Terling who passed away Tuesday, September 27th.

Nursing Home/Homebound: Cards appreciated

Mary Godbold, 8659 Old Marsh Way, Montgomery, AL 36117

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Missions:

SIFAT Ecuador and TMS Global

Answering Our Call:

- Ask God to purify our hearts.
- Ask God to help us be agents of calm in the midst of the chaos of our world.

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Worship Arts Notes 🎵🎶

The word *worship* is a contraction of an old expression in the English language, *woerth-scipe*, denoting the giving of reverent praise to an object of superlative worth. True worship, then, is an act by a redeemed man, the creature, toward God, his Creator, whereby his will, intellect, and emotions gratefully respond to the revelation of God's person expressed in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit illuminates the written word to his heart.

The author of this text, Robert Grant, described himself and all of us as "frail children of dust, and feeble as frail," even though he was a member of a distinguished British political family, a member of the Parliament of Scotland and governor of Bombay, India, for a time. Throughout his entire life, Grant was a devoutly evangelical Christian who strongly supported the missionary outreach of his church and endeared himself to the people of India by establishing a medical college in Bombay.

Although "O Worship The King" is the only hymn by Sir Robert Grant in common usage today, it is considered to be a model for worship. Its descriptive names used in exalting the Almighty are significant: Shield, Defender, Ancient of Days, Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend. Also the vivid imagery – "pavilioned in splendor," "girded with praise," "whose robe is the light," "whose canopy space," "chariots of wrath," "wings of the storm" – aids us in the worthy praise and adoration of our heavenly King. From *Amazing Grace – 365 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions* by Kenneth W. Osbeck.

Outreach News

From Adam and Melissa Williford: "God continues to do new things in our family. Currently we are in the midst of a big transition to move back to the U.S. after nine years. This is bittersweet with leaving an amazing ministry, dear friends, and the beautiful home that Mexico has been to our family. However, we are excited for all God has in store for the next chapter in Georgia, and of course, being so much closer to family after so long. About a year ago we started sensing God was preparing us for change, but we didn't know when, how, or what that would look like. While we waited, we continued praying for clarity and direction. At the beginning of this summer God brought a job opportunity for Adam.

"After lots of prayer and talking we were united in excitement believing this is what He has in store for our family. We know that wherever we are we are always on mission for Him and that He will use the lessons He taught us here for the next chapter. ... We are so grateful for all that the Lord has done over these years, and filled with gratitude for the privilege of serving in YUGO Ministries. ... We continue to encourage each of you to say "yes" to the Lord and missions. It will be uncomfortable and stretching, but so worth it. ... Your prayers have carried us through so much in these last years, and we continue to need them for this transition. ... Most importantly, THANK YOU! Thank you for your prayers, sacrifices and love on this journey!" Having the Willifords as missionary partners has blessed us. Our prayers for them will continue as they enter this new phase of service.



Festival Of Lessons and Carols Service
 Sunday, December 11 at 10:30
 Featuring music by the Chancel Choir, String Quartet, Percussion,



FAMILY ZOO NIGHT!

We've rescheduled our Zoo Night! Join us for dinner and a presentation for families of all ages from The Montgomery Zoo about "Animals in the Bible!" Dinner at 5:30, Presentation at 6 – Wednesday, October 5th.



Fall Festival!

Mark your calendars! Our Fall Festival will be held on Friday, October 28th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. As always, we will have trunk or treat (starting at 6 pm), games, treats, and perhaps even some special guests! We will be inviting the WCM and Brewbaker Elementaries, which means we will need volunteers to supervise games and assist with registration! Additionally, we will be needing donations of individually wrapped candy and packs of Little Debbie cakes for the cake walk. If you can help with volunteering or donations – let Paxton know!

Aldersgate Community Zoo Day!
 Our friends in the Weekday Children's Ministry have organized a morning of fellowship and fun on Saturday, October 8th! Families of all ages from the WCM and Aldersgate are invited to attend. Everyone will meet at the front gate of the Montgomery Zoo at 9 am. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time online or day of at the gate. They also would like to kindly remind families that this is a social event, therefore you will be responsible for your tickets and supervising your children.

Aldersgate Food Pantry
OCTOBER FOOD OF THE MONTH:
Canned Meats and Mac and Cheese
 Any Kind!
 Thank you for your support of the Aldersgate Food Pantry!

MIDWEEK DINNER
Wednesdays @ 5:30pm | CAC
October 5, 2022
 Bereans Serving
 Baked Chicken and Dressing, Sweet Potatoes,
 Green Beans, Rolls and Red Velvet Cake
We look forward to this time of fellowship and food with each other! Make plans to join us!

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Join us for worship this Sunday!

Join us for in-person worship this next Sunday for our 8:15 Chapel Communion Service or our 10:30 Sanctuary Service for a warm-hearted, open-collared traditional experience. We encourage folks in our high risk groups due to age or underlying health concerns to join us via Livestream on our Aldersgate Website or Facebook page.

Sunday, October 2, 2022

21 Days of Prayerful Purpose: "Return

Ezra 3:1-3 (NLT)

The Altar Is Rebuilt

3 In early autumn,^[a] when the Israelites had settled in their towns, all the people assembled in Jerusalem with a unified purpose. ² Then Jeshua son of Jehozadak^[b] joined his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel with his family in rebuilding the altar of the God of Israel. They wanted to sacrifice burnt offerings on it, as instructed in the Law of Moses, the man of God. ³ Even though the people were afraid of the local residents, they rebuilt the altar at its old site. Then they began to sacrifice burnt offerings on the altar to the LORD each morning and evening.



Worship Watchmen

We thank JoAnn Waters, Carla Pugh, Sheila Elmore, and Jim Eiland for serving as our Worship Watchmen during the past month and undergirding Aldersgate's 10:30 worship service with their prayers. If you'd like to serve in this very important role one Sunday this year, please contact Sarah Mingleorff at smingled@outlook.com or 334-462-3941. This is something that can be done from home, in the prayer closet near the atrium, or while sitting in the service. An optional prayer guide and orientation are available.

Stewardship Corner

Budget for 2022	\$955,879
<i>Through August 31, 2022</i>	
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	637,571
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	578,539
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	647,980
Faith Promise (4/1/22-3/31/23)	
Total Commitments	\$68,607
Total Received through 8/31/22	\$23,108

THIS WEEK AT ALDRERSGATE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 8:15am Chapel Service/Chapel
- 9:15am Sunday School/Classrooms
- 10:30am Morning Worship/Sanctuary and Online
- 2:30pm TELUGU Association of Montg / CAC
- 3:30 Blessing of the Pets/Bark Park
- 4:00pm Guitar Lessons
- 4:00pm Youth Worship Arts/Choir Rm and Sanctuary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 6:00pm Lay Leadership/Room 26
- 6:45pm BSF/Churchwide

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 10:00am Food Pantry/Room 29
- 10:30am Worship Planning/Room 26
- 6:00pm Scouts/Rooms 19, 22-29, 119, CAC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 9:30am Covenant Bible Study/Room 26
- 5:30pm Midweek Dinner
- 6:00pm Midweek Activities
- 6:30pm Adult Ensemble/Choir Room
- 7:00pm Festival Singers/Choir Room
- 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 9:30am Knitters/Room 25

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 12:00pm Baby Shower/CAC



October 2 | 3:30 - 5:30pm
Hannah Daye Ridling Bark Park

