

## Sunday Morning Opportunities

8:00-8:45am – Adult Bible Study

9:00-10:00am – Worship Service

TBD – Youth Catechism

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 9:20-10:00am – J.A.M Kidz

### ON BREAK FOR SUMMER

(for preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade - Ages 4-10)

## Mark your calendar!!

### TODAY

**Abiding Word Church Picnic** after worship

Hosted by the Women's Ministry Team

### July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Ladies Book Club** at 6:30pm at Abiding Word

“The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion”

by Fannie Flagg

BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE at the reception desk

### August 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

**AWLC Campout** at Wellington Lake near Bailey

-see *Communique* for more information,  
registration and payment

**REGISTER NOW TO WIN A FREE TENT!!**

### August 9<sup>th</sup>

**Men's Breakfast Club & Bible Study** at 8:30am at AW

- “Noah – The Man, The Ark, The Flood”

### August 16<sup>th</sup>

**Women's Bible Study** at 9:00am at Abiding Word

- “The Gospel of Luke”

### August 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>

**20s and 30s Group Hike**

-annual Fourteener Hike **open to all members of the  
congregation – STAY TUNED!**

### September 27<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

**AWLC Fall Festival**

Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Curt and Darlene Sayer 1<sup>st</sup> - Troy and Michelle Beatty 7<sup>th</sup>

### HOSPITALITY FAMILIES

#### FOR JULY

6<sup>th</sup>

Lineberry/Jacobs

13<sup>th</sup>

Bublitz/Kloes

20<sup>th</sup>

Abiding Word

Church picnic

Hosted by the Women's  
Ministry Team (WMT)

27<sup>th</sup>

Campos/Lamb

#### August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Morgenstern/Roberts

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jill Richards 3<sup>rd</sup>

Michael Harris 3<sup>rd</sup>

Elliot Lamb 11<sup>th</sup>

Owen Lamb 11<sup>th</sup>

Amber Martus 15<sup>th</sup>

April Martus 15<sup>th</sup>

Morgan Mattson 18<sup>th</sup>

Michelle Beatty 21<sup>st</sup>

Sheryl Narducci 22<sup>nd</sup>

Lindsay Lineberry 27<sup>th</sup>

Christine Roberts 30<sup>th</sup>

Vicki Campos 31<sup>st</sup>



**GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!**

*Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:2*

**We are so happy to spend this time with you. If you are visiting us today, we look forward to meeting you and hope that you will join us again. Please sign our guest registry located near our front entry. Our ushers are here to assist you, but please note the following:**

Your **CHILDREN** are welcome in worship! J.A.M. Kidz (Jesus And Me), our children's church for ages 4-10, meets most Sundays during the second half of the service (9:20-10:00am). There will be an announcement when the children go to their classroom. On the first Sunday of the month, and on certain other occasions, there will be a children's message in the sanctuary in place of the J.A.M. Kidz program. **WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER**  
Our Nursery for children (0-2 years old) is located at the back of our Fellowship Hall. Feel free to listen to the service in the nursery with your little one(s). It is provided for members and guests alike.

In our **WORSHIP SERVICE** we seek to first honor God for his work in our lives, especially as he gives us his grace in the Word, baptism, and communion. In much of what we do, we connect with the way believers have worshipped the Lord over the many centuries of our faith, while also adding newer hymns and arrangements that express the truths of the Bible. Our responses to Christ's love are thankfulness, prayer, praise, and a daily renewed commitment to glorify his name in our way of life.

The order of worship is presented on the large screen(s) in the front of the sanctuary. You may also follow along using the Bibles and Christian Worship hymn books under each bench. Personal prayers for worship or quiet meditation may be found in the: red Christian Worship hymn book on pgs. 10-11 or blue Christian Worship hymn book pgs. 255-258.

We welcome your **PRAYER REQUESTS**. Please speak with the pastor prior to the service.

**VIDEO RECORDINGS** of the service and sermon can be found on our website (awlc.org).

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP – July 20, 2025**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**“Undivided Attention”**

**TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE (BCW p. 154)**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN #633 – Speak, O Lord**

**GATHERING – CONFESSION – ABSOLUTION – LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS – Glory Be to God p. 157**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**WORD OF GOD**

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-14 p. 24**

**PSALM 119 – Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet**

**SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:14 p. 1828**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42 p. 1615**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #645 – One Thing’s Needful**

**SERMON – “When God Visits, He Gives Us the Promises We Need to Hear”  
– Genesis 18:1-14**

**APOSTLES’ CREED – PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – OFFERINGS**

**HYMN #913 – Come Away from Rush and Hurry**

**PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER – BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN #640 – God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY: ON THE ONE THING NEEDED**

Most would agree with Jesus’ teaching that “Few things are needed” (Luke 10:42). We understand that people often confuse their wants with needs. We might want many things; but in reality, we only need a few things. So, we would agree with Jesus. “Few things are needed.” However, Jesus said more. “Few things are needed—or indeed only one.” Now we might object. There seems to be more than one true need. We need water, food, clothing, shelter, friendship, etc. Yet, what Jesus said is true. Because only one thing—the gospel—can create and sustain the faith that makes one God’s dear child and an heir of the everlasting kingdom. If you didn’t have water, you would die in a few days; without oxygen, in a few minutes. But without Jesus speaking to us through his Word, there is no hope for eternal life in heaven. We literally need the gospel more than water or oxygen. So, let us listen to Jesus speak, giving him our undivided attention.

**TAKE THE MESSAGE HOME WITH YOU**



**Sermon theme: “When God Visits, He Gives Us the Promises We Need to Hear”  
– Genesis 18:1-14**

Why might God and the angels have appeared to Abraham in the form of visitors rather than in a more obvious way (verse 1)?

When might you be tempted to doubt the word of God to you as Sarah did?

In verse 14, God asks Abraham, “Is anything too hard for the Lord?” How might this question challenge or encourage believers today?

What does this reading teach us about God’s timing and patience with our doubts and uncertainties?

**Dig Further in the Scriptures**

Our God is a God of promises:

- 1 Kings 8:54-61
- 2 Corinthians 1:18-22
- Nehemiah 9:1-37
- Revelation 21:1-5

**“As we enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those who are preparing for worship with prayer and Scripture and keep conversations to a minimum. Thank you, and may God bless our time together!”**