

From Your Pastor ...Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman

Groucho Marx said, "My favorite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something." September feels like an important time on the calendar, maybe because it's a transitional time—the promise to an end of the Alabama heat, kids are back in school, and there seems a noticeable increase in activity everywhere. September 11th is etched on our hearts, but happier thoughts lead to remembering Frank Sinatra's "September Song," or Andy Williams' "Try to Remember the time in September . . ." September 2nd is International Bacon Day, and the 3rd is Labor Day—two great days on my calendar!

As a pastor for over 45-years, I personally see September as near the top of the roller-coaster, when you can sense the speed of Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day about to come at you faster than you can keep up. On the radio this morning, some middle-aged guy gleefully announced, "Only 120 days 'til Christmas!" and I topped that biggest hill on the coaster ride.

One significant change at St. Andrew is our Wednesday family suppers return to weekly and they present some interesting opportunities for learning and fun afterward. September is a good time to start a weekly routine of attending this important gathering with friends at 6 PM. Just bring a simple dish to share and enjoy the fellowship. It will charge your batteries.

I know some have difficulty driving in the dark and you may be better served by attending a weekly daytime small group study, the Pastor's brown bag lunch on the first Wednesday of the month, or the occasional CATS trips. Take advantage of these fellowship opportunities and you will find yourself wanting more.

There is power in being with other believers—others who are no more perfect than we but doing their best to serve God and others. It's encouraging to hear that their stories are not that much different from our own. In our social events, we often break bread together, laugh together, and pray together.

In a small town in Kentucky, there was a church with a bar across the street. The church was bothered by this and every Sunday they prayed that God would do something to get rid of the bar. One day the bar burned to the ground. The bar owner sued the church arguing that the prayers of the church resulted in the loss of his bar. In the courtroom, the church replied that this was not their fault, it was purely an act of God and the acts of God were beyond their scope.

Sighed the judge: "How ironic! Here we have the case of a bar which believes in the power of prayer and a church that doesn't."

Spending some time with fellow believers helps us figure out this dilemma of living for Christ in a very complex world. Take home the bulletin insert or go on-line to our website standrewdecatour.org to see which fellowship activities are available to you.

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11) "Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:25)

Darryl



John Brandon	9/11	Carol Watt	9/24		
Darryl Goldman	9/14	Joan Jordan	9/24	John & Betty Brandon	9/23
Sue Mitchell	9/15	Teresa Culbert	9/28		
Pat Wagner	9/21	Robert Lawton	9/29		

New in the Church Library!



We have several new books for your enjoyment and spiritual growth. John and Joan Jordan have given us the following books written by Max Lucado, who is a minister of preaching and writing for the Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas. Thank you John and Joan.

- And the Angels Were Silent
- He Still Moves Stones
- A Gentle Thunder
- Just Like Jesus
- The Great House of God

We also have another historical novel by Maggie Carter-de Vries given, which was donated by Barbara Allen: Amelia Island's Golden Years, Silver Tears

We also have many children's books you can read to your grandchildren or family members when they visit. Stop by and visit your library for inspiration and enjoyment.

Rita Abbott and Sylvia Newbill

Brown Bag Lunch



**Wednesday, September 5
Noon in the Church Library**

Bring your sack lunch and join us for a time of fellowship. Please sign up in the church office or call by Tuesday.



Presbyterian Women

Our ladies of the church had a nice lunch at the Freight House in Hartselle to kick off the new PW year. Join them on Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

Our study will be led by Nellie Gates "God With Us Wherever We Are." Our host is Cheryl Ellerbe.

All ladies are welcome!

SMALL GROUPS START SOON!

The Lunch Bunch: Meet at the church at 11:00 on Thursday, Sept. 13. The group will decide where to go for lunch this day and future plans. **Sign up by Sunday, Sept. 9**

The Craft Bunch: Please sign up by Wednesday, Sept. 12. Shelly Shull, Leader

This bunch could include more than one craft, meeting at different times. Bring a sample of your craft and a friend to share your talents. This may include knitting, crocheting, sewing, painting, scrapbooking, jewelry, making cards, etc. We are open to ideas.

Homemade Orange and Cinnamon Rolls, Sept. 27 at 9:00 AM and Oct. 11 at 9:30 AM

Linda Grissom will be teaching this class in St. Andrew's kitchen. **The Sept. 27 class is FULL.**

Sign-up for the Thursday, October 11, class by Sunday, Oct. 7.

Bring a rolling pin and an apron. Linda will demonstrate how to make the yeast roll dough. Participants will roll out and assemble their own pan of a dozen rolls to take home and bake. Take-home recipes will be provided. Samples of finished rolls will be eaten at the end of class.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Some classes are limited, so sign up soon.



**CHURCH PICNIC
RHODES FERRY PARK PAVILION
6:00 PM, SUNDAY, SEPT. 16**

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE
AND A LAWN CHAIR**



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Hello there!

I am Samantha talking to you about the hunger relief project that I started with our Wednesday night kids back in May. All of the children helped choose the charity we are going to donate to. The charity is called "No Kid Hungry." Even though I only started collecting change, we were able to collect \$52.78, that's 527.8 meals for children in need!

We have started the project again. I will do my best to get all of the children/youth involved on Wednesdays. So, please keep your loose change and bring it on Wednesdays to help our kids fight hunger.

Samantha Simmons



WEEKLY WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE STARTS SEPT. 5

6:00 PM POTLUCK SUPPER

6:30 PM CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

7:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL



CATS TRIP—MONDAY, SEPT. 17
CAHAWBA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK
COST: \$50 EACH
Leave church at 7:30 AM
Sign-up in the office and pay by September 9

On December 17, 1819 Alabama became a state. Therefore, the CATS are making a trip September 17, 2018, to the first capital of Alabama, Cahawba. Cahawba was located at the fork of the Alabama and Cahawba Rivers from 1819 to 1826. Due to flooding, the capital was moved to Tuscaloosa (later to Goat Hill in Montgomery). Cahawba was a cotton farming, port town and the cotton warehouses became a military prison during the Civil War.

A forty passenger bus has been chartered (with a bathroom), to make the trip. The cost is \$50 per person and includes transportation (\$30), meals (\$10), and entrance fee (\$10). We will leave St. Andrew at 7:30 AM and return around 5 PM. A guide will join us on the bus for our tour of the park, so there is little walking. Money needs to be collected by Sept. 9. A Sign up sheet is in the church office. For any questions, see Nellie Gates, Faye Anderson, or W. C. Sweeley.

Want to learn more about the history and legacy of Cahawba? Visit www.cahawba.com.

New Fall Sunday School Classes, join us each Sunday at 8:45 AM

Seekers, Room 111: God's World and God's People

This fall, our lessons come from the Book of Genesis, the book of beginnings. Through its pages, God is revealed as the Creator, Sustainer, Judge, and Redeemer who brought all things into being. Our lessons survey God's creation of the universe, earth, and people.

Hargrave Class, Rm. 122: The Epic of Eden, A Christian Entry into the Old Testament by Sandra L. Richter. It is a study of the Old Testament as Christians heritage toward redemption. In the authors words, "my goal is to bring the heroes of the Old Testament into focus, such that you can see them as real people who lived in real places and struggled with real faith, just as you do." The Old Testament is our Christian story. This will include a DVD and lecture/question time. Come join us.

Hoppers Class, Library: 10 Things They Never Told Me About Jesus by John Bell. This book explores facets of the personal life, relationships and ministry of Jesus that are seldom the subject of preaching or conversation, but which are rooted in the Gospels—and are necessary if we are to be freed from the passive stereotypes that still dominate thinking about Christ.

CCC Food Pantry

This year instead of doing backpack meals for the schools, we are collecting food for the families in our community through CCC. We will collect food for the CCC Food Pantry each month on the first Sunday. Of course, you may bring food any time and place it in the shopping cart.

Food Needed: Non-perishables especially flour, sugar, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, pasta & sauce, rice, and soups. Please no glass containers.

Volunteers are also needed for the Clothing Closet on Wednesdays. Call 256-355-8893.

Next CCC Rummage Sale on Friday, Sept. 7, 7am-2pm



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>Communion Collect food for CCC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Labor Day Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pres. Women 7 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Brown Bag Lunch 5:00p Worship Comm. 6:00p Potluck 6:30p Activities 7:30p Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>CCC Rum- mage Sale 7a—2p</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00p Potluck 6:30p Activities 7:30p Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:00a Lunch Bunch Meets</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>DMC 9-4 pm Sanctuary & FH</p>
<p>16</p> <p>6:00 pm Church Pic- nic, Rhodes Ferry Park</p>	<p>17</p> <p>CATS trip to Cahawba 7:30a-5p</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:30p Session 6:00p Potluck 6:30p Activities 7:30p Choir</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00p Potluck 6:30p Activities 7:30p Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00a Roll Making Class by Linda G.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Joint Service at 1st Presbyterian</p>						



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September	2	9	16	23	30
Liturgists	L. Webster	H. Culbert	S. Strong	G. Vogel	C. Hydrick
Ushers	J. Abbott S. Strong H. Moore J. Newbill	D. Foster J. Shull E. Wyle G. Vogel F. Webster, alt	B. Naumann J. Naumann S. Newbill H. Culbert Shelly Shull, alt.	B. Naumann W.C. Sweeley J. Boyd T. Matthews	L. Webster W.C. Sweeley D. Ellerbe H. Culbert
Children's Message	Communion	Rev. Goldman	Nellie Gates	Rev. Goldman	Shelly Shull
Nursery	C. Ellerbe	J. Jordan	B. Mouton	J. Naumann	S. Nelson
Wednesday Host	9/5 Barbara Allen	9/12 Tom Meier	9/19 Nellie Gates	Need Volunteer	10/3 Joan Jordan
Communion Sept. 2	Preparer: Linda Grissom		Communion Servers: S. Strong, C. Hydrick, H. Culbert, G. Vogel, L. Webster		