

From the Pastor ...Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman

Dear Church Family,

Summertime is often a period of transitions. Folks tend to move or change jobs or get married in the warm months. We had our church's ice cream social at the Culbert's, some choir members went to Montreat, and many of you went or will go on vacations. Some will go to exotic places far away, while others journey to familiar places to see family.

Churches tend to welcome new members in summer and say farewell to others in life transitions. With heavy hearts we celebrate Margaret Marsh's move to North Carolina to be near her family. This is an important move for her, though we will miss her greatly.



Margaret has not only served as a church and Presbytery leader for years, but her valuable gifts made a tremendous difference in so many lives. Her wise counsel, and willingness to roll-up her sleeves to accomplish innumerable tasks, is testimony to her dedication to the Lord's work. Margaret made a permanent impact on this church family and we will always consider her "ours."

Several years ago we lost our primary musician and Juanita Neiman stepped in to help us on the organ and piano. Juanita and "Charlie" are a wonderful couple and they have added so much to St. Andrew. They are both long-time music professionals and we have learned from them and enjoyed their sweet spirit. They will be going to Maine during the month of July to see their son and his family. Rather than Juanita returning to the position of organist at St. Andrew, they will be pursuing whether to relocate to Maine on a more permanent basis. We will miss their smiles and presence at St. Andrew.

However, after much prayer, and hard work by Linda Webster, Mavis Stephens, and Harold Culbert, we welcome Mr. Jeff Gilbreath as our worship musician for the remainder of the summer. Jeff has incredible talent and credentials and we look forward to his helping us worship with great joy.

We celebrate the new families who have joined us this year and are excited that we just welcomed W.C. and Cerese Sweeley into membership.

Transitions are painful and stirring. We miss those who depart and welcome those who come to us as part of our exciting future as a church. Change can be challenging but, as Ecclesiastes says, "For everything there is a season."

Our prayer is that St. Andrew will continue to strengthen as a church and reach our community and minister to one another even more effectively. Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Mt. 7:7)

I take that as God's promise. Let's look forward to good things coming our way. Romans 8:28 says, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

May the Lord bless you, Darryl



July Birthdays

Barb Mouton July 3
 Addi Zeiher July 9
 George Hilleary July 13
 Ella Stephens July 21
 Betty Brandon July 29

July Anniversaries

Turner & Betty Matthews July 18

Page Turners

The Summer read for our group is Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance. Hillbilly Elegy is an analysis of white working-class Americans. The decline of this group has been slowly disintegrating over forty years. The Vance family, J. D.'s grandparents, were "dirt poor and in love," and moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio to escape the poverty. They raised a middle-class family, and their grandchild (the author) graduated from Yale Law School, a marker of their success in achieving upward mobility.



The Page Turners will meet September 26 at 10:00 am in the church library for a discussion of the book. Please join us.

Join the Fun at VBS



V. B. S.

Saturday, July 15

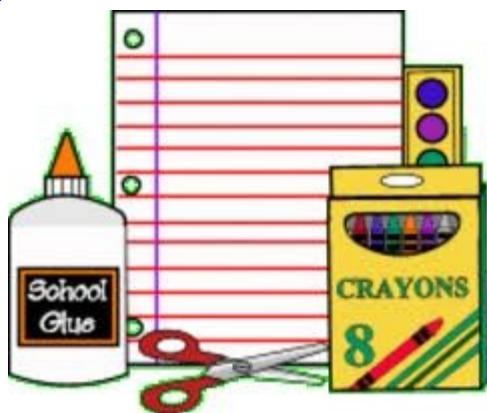
8:30 am—4:00 pm

We need teachers and volunteers to be helpers in the classroom.

We need people to help with snack time, recreation, crafts, and music.

If you can show children the love of Jesus on July 15, please see Shelly Shull, Teresa Culbert, or let the church office know your preferred area to work and time available.

Work one hour or all day!



Back to School Mission Project June 18—July 16

Our Mission: Provide School Supplies for those who can't afford them.

The CCC is needing help from the community to provide school supplies for children. Each year St. Andrew helps the CCC provide supplies for 500+ children. We are asking for your help to spread the word throughout our church about the items needed. Please place your donations in the boxes provided by the Fellowship Hall. Picking up an item a week won't hurt our pocket-books at all. My grandmother always said, "If you've got a dollar, you can share." Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

John Brandon, Missions Committee

Items needed :

Pencils (No. 2)	WIDE Ruled Notebook Paper
Colored Pencils	Spiral Notebooks (1, 3, & 5 Subject)
Crayola Crayons	Pencil Sharpeners
Highlighters	Dry Erase Markers
1" Binders	Pocket Folders with brads
Fiskar Scissors (blunt or pointed)	Pencil Pouches (for 3-ring binder)
Hand Sanitizer	Kleenex
Glue Sticks	Tab Dividers

Please bring items to the church by Sunday, July 16. Thank you in advance for your giving spirit.





Thank you Harold and Teresa for hosting our annual ice cream social. Thanks to the member care group who coordinated everything! No one went away hungry!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING AT THE CCC SOUP KITCHEN



Wednesday Night Potluck Suppers and Classes will meet the following dates during the summer starting at 6:00 pm:

Wednesday, July 26 (Session meets at 4:30 pm)

Wednesday, August 23



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

What is Gideon doing when the angel of the Lord appears to him with God's call to lead Israel's fight against the Midianites?

- A. Threshing wheat
- B. Harvesting grapes
- C. Keeping sheep
- D. Making a sacrifice to the Lord



Answer: A (See Judges 6:11.)

North Alabama Presbyterian Men's Meeting

The NAP Men will meet on Monday, July 24, at Big Cove Presbyterian Church. Registration will start at 5:30 pm with dinner to follow starting at 6:00 pm. The speaker will be Rev. Christie Ashton. Please call in your reservations to Mary Hooper at Big Cove, phone 533-5570 by Wednesday, July 19, or see Tom Meier.



AL/MS Women's Conference

July 19-21 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Huntsville

"The Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews" led by Rev. Dr. Melissa Bane Sevier, Bible Study Leader. Rev. Peggy McClure will be leading in worship. This two and a half day conference features field trips to RiahRose, Child Advocacy Center, and Lowe's Mill, Bible studies, workshops (candy making, floral arrangements, create, make and take), lesson on community service, daily community singing, lunch, dinner, and snacks. If interested, pick up a brochure on the south side table in the Narthex. Registration is needed immediately.



Who went to Santa Fe recently and came back with these fancy socks?

*"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."
2 Cor 3:17*

*"Rejoice always, Pray without ceasing, Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
2 Thess. 5:16-18*



In Miss Lilie's Sunday school class, she was teaching how everything in the world was created by God, including human beings. Little George was particularly interested in how Eve was created out of Adam's rib.

Later in the week the five-year-old's mother found him lying down as though he were ill. She asked him, "George, What's the matter?"

To which George replied, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



JULY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
School Supply Collection deadline Sunday, July 16						1
2 Communion Sunday	3 Office Closed	4 Happy July 4th 	5 Noon—Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15  8:30a—4:00 p
16 School Supply Collection Deadline	17	18 NAP Stated Mtg, FPC Athens	19	20	21	22
23	24 NAP Men's Mtg at 5:30 pm Big Cove	25	26 4:30p Session Supper - 6:00 p Activities 6:30p Choir 7:30p	27	28	29
30	31					



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July Volunteer Schedule

	7/2	7/9	7/16	7/23	7/30
Liturgists	Linda Webster	Nellie Gates	Harold Culbert	Stu Strong	Greg Vogel
Ushers	John Abbott Stu Strong John Newbill Harold Moore J. Brandon, alt.	Don Foster Turner Matthews John Shull Ed Wyle F. Webster, alt	Doug Coshow Dan Watt Greg Vogel David Nelson George Hilleary, alt.	Dave Ellerbe Harold Culbert Bob Naumann Ceil Hydrick Jim Boyd, alt.	Fate Webster John Brandon George Hilleary Jim Boyd Betty Matthews, alt.
Nursery	Shelly Shull	Terri Morris	Betty Matthews	Sherrie Nelson	John Shull
Wednesday Host	No activities	No activities	No activities	Wed., 7/26 B.J. Breeding	
Communion Preparers	7/2 Linda Grissom		Communion Servers	Intinction	