

**From the Interim Pastor:** ~ Try Something Different!



If you were a parent, do you remember attempting to get your child to eat broccoli or spinach and using those famous, well-worn words, “Just take a little bite. You might like it!” Humans inherently resist change or trying something different, so it’s important to remember that the seven deadly words for a church are “We’ve never done it that way before.” Let’s shake things up a bit because you just might like it!

Beginning September 4, St. Andrew will resume its Wednesday Night Study for all ages. However, there will be two differences. The first is that the program will begin with dinner at 5:30 PM, and study from 6-7 PM, and the semester will be twelve weeks instead of sixteen. Why these changes? Since most of those who attend the adult study are retired, starting a little bit earlier will get you all home a little bit earlier. It will also make it easier for the children and youth to finish any homework before bedtime, and the reduced semester means your volunteer teachers for children/youth have more flexibility.

The second difference is that along with your study (this fall we will be looking at **Philippians: N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides**, available on Amazon.com), we have invited four speakers to come throughout the semester to speak on topics of interest that the Christian Ed Team believes will be meaningful to you. Please see the schedule on page 5 and invite your friends to come hear these experts. This opportunity is a wonderful way to get people into the church, along with giving you a different kind of learning experience.

If you do not wish to participate in the covered dish dinner at 5:30 PM, please still come for the study at 6:00 PM. Most importantly, if you would like to attend any of the Wednesday night events but do not drive at night, please contact Bonita or me and we will find transportation for you.

Try it! You just might like it.

Blessings,  
Pastor Rosemary

*NOTE: An audio and written copy of each week’s sermon is available on the website at [www.standrewdecatur.org](http://www.standrewdecatur.org).*

### St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2019

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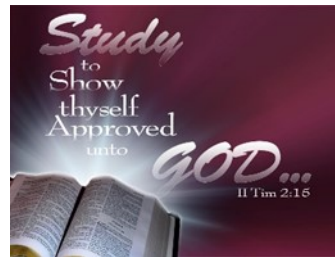
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## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 4

**5:30 PM Potluck Supper**

**6:00 PM Bible Study/Children's Classes**

**7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal**



### From the Library Staff

Thank you for your donations. However, we have no more shelf space. We are in the process of purging and cleaning shelves. Please do not donate any more books until further notice. Free books are available on the table in the narthex.

## NEW FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDIES FOR ADULTS

**Make plans now to join us at 8:45 am for Bible Study each Sunday.**

Hargrave: "Focus on the Family", a DVD study, on the land of the Bible and the culture during Bible times. The historian, Ray Van Der Laan, will lead us through the culture and land of the Israelites in this study. He will also provide a faith comparison after each "history" lesson. Join us for this journey through the Holy Land. This study will go through Christmas.

Seekers: The Present Word Lessons: "Responding to God's Grace"

The "grace of God" is a central conviction of Christian faith. The studies this quarter explore what it means to live in the grace of God and perceive God's grace all around us. As 2 Peter 3:18 counsels, "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

Hoppers: Will continue with Teacher's Choice lessons in September.



### **CARING HANDS MINISTRY (Shawls & Lap Blankets for Hospice) 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm**

The Caring Hands ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in the church library. You don't have to know how to sew or knit to be a part of this ministry. We will teach you.

Some ladies are now making knitted hats for Austinville Elementary children who need a warm hat for winter.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Donations for yarn, fleece material, needles, labels, etc. are appreciated. An envelope is available in the office.

**We'd love to have you join us each time, but if you can't, join us when you can!**  
If you have any questions, please contact Barb Wyle or the church office.

### **Fall Bible Study: Philippians**

This fall, Pastor Rosemary, along with some of the Christian Ed Team, will be facilitating the study of Philippians: N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides on Wednesday nights from 6-7 PM. According to the description on Amazon.com, "Things don't always go the way we intend. It's easy to feel discouraged because what we hope for is badly thwarted, or because people make life difficult. Paul, writing to the Philippians from prison, certainly knew what it was like to have plans interrupted. But he maintained robust confidence in God's overruling power, even when everything seemed to be going wrong. These eight studies will help us learn from Paul the art of seeing God's purposes working out through problems and difficulties, and they will deepen our own confidence in God's will."

This eight-week study will be complemented by four outside speakers who will be presenting programs on Brain Power "Use It or Lose It"; Aging Gracefully; Elder Law; and Understanding Autism. Watch for more information about the program and the speaker closer to time.



## MISSION REPORT

### Committee on Church Cooperation (CCC)

### Lunch for GED Students

### Tuesday, September 10

St. Andrew is partnering with CCC to provide breakfast and lunch to GED students enrolled in class through Calhoun Community College. Some of these students are homeless and most have very limited resources.

We will provide a biscuit with meat and orange juice for breakfast, which will be purchased. Lunch will consist of an entrée, side item and home-made dessert. We will prepare the lunch at the CCC kitchen. CCC will provide salad and beverage. We will serve both meals on Tuesday, September 10.

#### Presbyterian Giving Catalog

We purchased two families of chickens through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. The chickens provide eggs for food, feathers for pillows and fertilizer for crops which improves the food security and livelihoods of farmers around the world. Additional copies of the Presbyterian Giving Catalog are available in the narthex and offer a wide variety of ways to help others.



**Our mortgage balance as of August 31, 2019 is \$ ???**

**Save the Date October 20, 4:00 PM for the  
MORTGAGE BURNING CELEBRATION!  
Dinner included from Swamp John's!**



#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, September 3, at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. This year's study is "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" by Eugenia Anne Gamble, an author, speaker, retreat leader, and former Presbyterian minister.

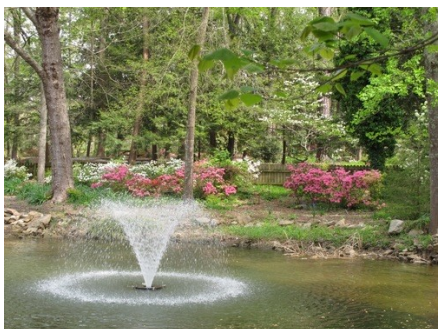
Lesson: "Words of Love: I am Your God: You Shall Have No Other"

Exodus 20:1-6 and Matthew 22:34-37

Lesson Leader: Nellie Gates

Hostess: Jan Foster

ALL ladies are invited to join us.



**C.A.T.S. (Casual Adults Traveling Society)**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**Noccalula Falls Park**

**Gadsden, AL**

**Cost \$4 for Seniors and Lunch**

Details will be announced in the Weekly.



## Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Please continue to keep the PNC in prayer as this team of faithful volunteers give countless hours searching and praying for the next called pastor for St. Andrew. Let them know you are praying for them and that they have your support. Team members are Harold Culbert (chair); Faye Anderson; BJ Breeding; Joan Jordan; Turner Matthews, and Stu Strong.

### September Upcoming Events:

Sept. 3: 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women's Meeting  
 Sept. 4: Wednesday Activities Resume  
 5:30p Potluck Supper  
 6:00p Bible study, children and youth activities  
 7:00p Choir  
 Sept. 10: CCC Lunch for GED Students  
 Sept. 11: 5:30p Wednesday Activities  
 Sept. 12: 1:00 PM Caring Hands  
 Sept. 18: 1:00 Member Care Mtg.  
 4:30p Session Meeting  
 Wednesday Activities  
 Sept. 25: 5:30p Wednesday Activities  
 Sept. 26: 1:00 PM Caring Hands

**The church office will be closed on Thursday, September 26 and Monday, September 30.** Bonita will be on a mission trip with her church in New York City. Please pray for the team as they minister to the less for-

### Update on Heath/Weather/Safety Planning

Thank you to those who attended the overview of St. Andrew's new Health/Weather/Safety plan in August. The team appreciates all the positive and encouraging feedback. To bring you up to date, the defibrillator has been ordered (thanks to an anonymous donor) and CPR/defib training is scheduled for Sunday, September 8, following our morning worship service.

The Action Team has been trained by the Decatur Police Department, and steps for the congregation to follow in the event of bad weather or an intruder will be presented. A weather radio is in the office and new, updated First Aid Kits are in the main office and in the kitchen.

If you wish to attend the CPR/Defibrillator training on September 8, please let Bonita know or sign-up in the church office by Wednesday, September 4. A light lunch will follow the training session.



## Wednesday Wisdom Each Wednesday at 6:00 PM

**October 2**

### **BRAIN HEALTH—USE IT OR LOSE IT**

*Marsha Farrell, BSN, M-BC, CHPN. Marsha Care Consulting, LLC*

**October 9**

### **BEAUTIFUL SUCCESSFUL AGING**

*Pam Frazier, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach—  
Emmaus Wellness*

**October 30**

### **UNDERSTANDING AUTISM**

*Laura Frederick, M.S., MFTA, The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center*

**November 6**

### **ELDER LAW**

*Connie Glass, CELA—Elder Law Firm  
of Connie Glass, PC*

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**Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor**  
**Sunday School 8:45 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**  
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**[www.standrewdecaturn.org](http://www.standrewdecaturn.org)**

SEPTEMBER

## Ministry Teams

September	1	8	15	22	29
Liturgists	Philip Gilbert	Cecil Hydrick	Bob Naumann	Turner Matthews	Greg Vogel
Ushers	J. Newbill G. Vogel E. Wyle H. Moore	D. Coshow C. Ellerbe A. Simmons S. Shull	J. Newbill S. Newbill B. Matthews J. Abbott	W.C. Sweeley C. Sweeley B. Naumann J. Naumann	J. Shull S. Strong D. Foster F. Webster
Nursery	Cheryl Ellerbe	B.J. Breeding	Betty Matthews	Joan Jordan	Barb Mouton
Wednesday Host	9/4 Nellie Gates	9/11 BJ Breeding	9/18	9/25 Naumanns	10/2
Communion Sept. 1	Preparer: L. Grissom	Communion Servers: Ed Wyle, B.J. Breeding, Philip Gilbert, Dan Watt, and Nellie Gates			

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY POTLUCK SUPPERS**  
**Set-up plates, plastic ware, drinks, and serving spoons. Clean-up kitchen**  
**after the meal. Grab a friend and volunteer for one week!**  
**Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.**