

From Pastor Tripp Brogdon

"Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear." -Isaiah 65:24



As I sit down to write this message to you, the smell of diesel is still in the air and the asphalt is still warm from the moving trucks that just left my home in South Carolina. What an exciting time! I am filled with gratitude, excitement, and hope as I prepare to head your way. In my time since I started planning my move to Alabama, I've been doing a lot of thinking about moving. It's not something that magically happens overnight; there is a lot of work involved. For example, I've been furiously rifling through all my "stuff," deciding what I can let go of and what I need to keep. Some of those decisions have not been easy. I'll say this, though: the Library of Congress would be jealous of all of the books I obtained in just three years of seminary!

What makes this time extra special, though, is that I am not just physically moving. I am moving in a different way, into a new calling as your Pastor. I won't be alone this move, because I will have you right along beside me. In fact, you, the congregation of St. Andrew, are moving into a new time in the life of the church with me on the way, and that can stir up all kinds of emotions. You aren't alone in your move, either, because you will have me by your side. We are in this move together!

Even more importantly, though, is that we are not the only ones on the move. God is also on the move. God was on the move during creation. God was on the move through the exodus. God was on the move through the prophets. God was on the move as God became flesh in Jesus Christ. God was on the move with the early church, and incredibly for us, God is on the move right now in you and in me!

So friends, as we prepare ourselves for the work required of our upcoming moves, let us do so with the knowledge and faith that God goes before us, already at work. Hallelujah!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Tripp

***You are invited to meet and greet our new pastor on Sunday, January 19,
at 8:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Donuts and coffee will be available.
Be sure to wear your name tags so he can put a face to the names.***

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| St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2019 | Chairperson |
| Clerk of Session | Philip Gilbert |
| Worship..... | Nellie Gates |
| Member Care..... | B. J. Breeding |
| Education & Spiritual Formation..... | John Jordan |
| Mission..... | Greg Vogel |
| Communications & Outreach | Ceil Hydrick |
| Administration, Finance & Property..... | Turner Matthews/Ed Wyle |
| Building/Grounds | Bob Naumann |
| Nominating..... | Dan Watt |
| Comptroller | Tommy Gates |



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| Dan Watt | Jan. 4 |
| Mavis Stephens | Jan. 4 |
| Nellie Gates | Jan. 4 |
| Stu Strong | Jan. 5 |
| Bob Naumann | Jan. 8 |
| Don Foster | Jan. 8 |
| John Shull | Jan. 10 |



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, January 7, 10:00 AM

**“Words of Love: Don’t Kill Each Other”
Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-26**

Leader: B.J. Breeding

Hostess: Cheryl Ellerbe

ALL ladies are invited to join us the first Tuesday of each month.



Prayers for Wholeness

The opportunity for communal Prayers for Wholeness will be offered the first Sunday of each month. This is a time when those who would like to be prayed for and/or anointed with oil are invited to come forward. The congregation is asked to pray for these individuals as well. If you cannot get to church but would like prayers for wholeness, please let the pastor know, and she and a member of the Prayer Team will gladly come to your home. The power of prayer is a precious gift from God and a beautiful gift to give each other.



CARING HANDS MINISTRY
(Shawls & Lap Blankets for Hospice and hats for Clothe the Kids)

See you on January 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME! No skill needed, we will teach you.
Donations for supplies are appreciated. An envelope is available in the office.



North Alabama Presbyterian Men's Meeting
Monday, January 27, 6:00 PM
First Presbyterian, Athens.

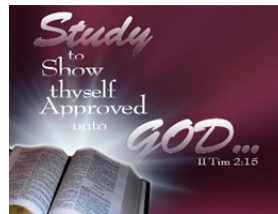
Dinner and Program about Haiti Hospital.
Please sign up on the bulletin board.

JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY FOR SUPPER AND CLASSES

5:30 PM Potluck Supper

6:00 PM Bible Study/Children's Classes

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal



The Way Made Clear, The History of Presbyterianism
by Donna Huffman

Starting Wednesday, January 8, at 6:00 PM

This will be a 5-week study led by Donna Huffman of First Presbyterian Church in Decatur. It will include Presbyterian migration from Europe, missionaries, pioneer days, early worship, Great Awakenings, Native Americans and the Presbyterians, Old School vs. New School divisions, and early Alabama and Decatur/Morgan County Presbyterians.

THANK YOU!

To the St. Andrew Congregation:

Thank you so much for the *very generous* Christmas gift from the church. You all went above and beyond in your giving, and I was humbled to receive your gift. Please know it was accepted with a very grateful heart and will be used to bless others as you have blessed me.


Merry holidays and many blessings on your New Year! Pastor Rosemary



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Sunday School 8:45 am
 Worship Service 10:00 am
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| JANUARY | | | | | | |
| January | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | | |
| Liturgists | B.J. Breeding | Nellie Gates | Harold Culbert | Philip Gilbert | | |
| Ushers | D. Ellerbe H. Culbert C. Ellerbe B. Matthews | H. Moore B. Wyle S. Shull J. Shull | D. Coshow B. Naumann B. Mouton J. Naumann | W.C. Sweeley C. Sweeley J. Newbill S. Newbill | | |
| Nursery | C. Ellerbe | B.J. Breeding | J. Jordan | B. Mouton | | |
| Wednesday Host | 1/8 B.J. Breeding | 1/15 T. Meier | 1/22 the Naumanns | 1/29 B. Allen | | |
| Communion Jan. 5 | Preparer: Linda Grissom | Communion Servers: Turner Matthews, Bob Naumann, B.J. Breeding, Greg Vogel, Nellie Gates | | | | |

In Romans 12:2, God’s Word promises: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” What the Father envisions for us is “good and acceptable and perfect.” May these three words fill all of us with peace and confidence in the new year. Thank you for everything. Happy New Year.
 Grateful and blessed, Bonita