

From Pastor Tripp Brogdon



Well, folks, we made it! After so much anticipation on both of our ends, I am finally here and getting settled into life at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and Decatur. I cannot tell you the joy I have felt as you have welcomed me with open arms. As I have been reflecting on these past few weeks, I cannot help but overflow with gratefulness and praise. God has been so faithful in my life, and it is evident that God has been faithful to St. Andrew. I feel as though I have said, "Thank you" more times in the past month than I have my entire life!

The question that always comes up when the anticipation and waiting is done is an obvious one: Now what? I have waited and you waited. Our waiting is over. Now what? Before we can answer that, we need to reflect on some key points. We, as a community of faith, are:

Called Together – Acts 9:1-19

Loved Together – 1 John 4:7-21

Nourished Together – Matthew 26:20-30

Sent Together – Matthew 28:16-20

While these points do not directly answer our question of "Now what,?" thinking through them will help us understand the ways that God is working in and through us.

Over the next month, I invite you to join me as we begin considering our hopes and dreams for St. Andrew and for Decatur. Tell each other about them. Tell me about them. We will discern where God is leading us together. We will join with God's ongoing work together. We can do these things because we are called, loved, nourished, and sent together. Praise God!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Tripp

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2019	Chairperson
Clerk of Session	Philip Gilbert
Worship.....	Nellie Gates
Member Care.....	B. J. Breeding
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	TBA
Mission.....	Barbara Mouton
Communications & Outreach	Sue Mitchell
Administration, Finance & Property.....	Greg Vogel/Ed Wyle
Building/Grounds	Bob Naumann
Nominating.....	Dan Watt
Comptroller	Tommy Gates

W.C. Sweeley	Feb 3
Shelly Shull	Feb. 5
Philip Gilbert	Feb. 6
Jim Boyd	Feb. 7
Abby Stephens	Feb. 10
Harold Culbert	Feb. 13
Frances Vogel	Feb. 17
Anne Campbell	Feb. 19
Peggy McMahan	Feb. 24

 **FEBRUARY**
Birthdays & Anniversaries

John & Sylvia Newbill
Feb. 4

John & Rita Abbott
Feb. 19



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, February 4, 10:00 AM

“Words of Love: Hold Your Marriage Sacred”
Exodus 20:14; Genesis 2:18-25; John 8:1-11

Leader: Linda Grissom

Hostess: Jackie Naumann

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



CCC Food Pantry

Just a reminder that we collect non-perishable foods for the CCC Food Pantry on the first Sunday of each month. This food will go to families in need and also the homeless of Decatur.

Let's share the bounty of the Lord's table each month.



CARING HANDS MINISTRY

(Shawls & lap blankets for Hospice and hats for Clothe the Kids)

See you on February 13 & 27 at 1:00 PM

We have distributed 35 shawls, 12 lap blankets and 64 hats.

ALL ARE WELCOME! No skill needed, we will teach you.

Donations for supplies are appreciated. An envelope is available in the office.

Stated Session Highlights, January, 2020

Moderator Rev. David Palmer

1. W.C. Sweeley presented the quarterly review of the Safety/Action Team Plan with proposed changes along with an update of interactions with Public Safety organizations. The Session approved the report with changes as presented.
2. Noted the next North Alabama Presbytery stated meeting will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church in Madison at 9:00 a.m., Feb. 22 with Dan Watt as our church's representative commissioner.
3. An update of the Policies and Procedures Manual was noted as being available for respective elder/committee review and input for any final comments prior to Session approval at the Stated March Session Meeting.
4. Finance Committee presented a proposed change to the Terms of Call for Tripp Brogdon as resulting from the Presbyterian Church U.S.A approving our church's application in the 'Pathways to Renewal' program. With the Session having approved the proposed change to the Terms of Call, a Congregational Meeting will be called Feb. 2, 2020 to submit this change for congregation approval.
5. The Session approved a motion from the Finance Committee that Philip Gilbert and Tommy Gates be elected Treasurer and Comptroller, respectively, for 2020.
6. The Finance Committee presented the proposed 2020 Budget which was approved by the Session.
7. Building and Grounds Committee reported that 13 carbon monoxide detectors have now been installed in the church.
8. Worship Committee reported that St. Andrew will be hosting the Ordination Service for Tripp Brogdon to be held March 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. with a reception following the service.

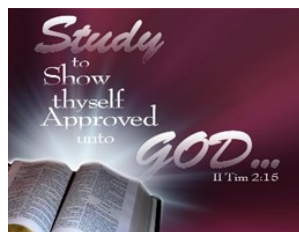
Philip Gilbert, Clerk of Session

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





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Sunday School 8:45 am
 Worship Service 10:00 am
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Worship Teams

February	2	9	16	23
Liturgists	Bob Naumann	Sue Mitchell	Barb Mouton	Greg Vogel
Ushers	H. Culbert J. Shull F. Webster D. Foster	G. Vogel D. Ellerbe C. Ellerbe B. Matthews	B. Naumann H. Culbert J. Naumann TBD	D. Foster H. Moore C. Sweeley S. Strong
Nursery	J. Naumann	B. Wyle	S. Newbill	J. Shull
Wednesday Host	2/5 Nellie Gates	2/12	2/19	2/26 the Naumanns
Communion Feb. 2	Preparer: Linda Grissom	Communion Servers: Linda Grissom, B.J. Breeding, Bob Naumann, Greg Vogel, Nellie Gates		

“God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of Spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)