

From Pastor Tripp Brogdon:



“The purpose and pattern of leadership in the church in all its forms of ministry shall be understood not in terms of power but of service, after the manner of the servant ministry of Jesus Christ.” — Book of Order, G-14.0103

It is hard to believe that March is already upon us. Time flies when you're having fun! There have been so many great things happening here at St. Andrew in the first few months, and they have me even more excited about what is to come. The future is bright!

One particular event that is coming up this month that has me brimming with anticipation is my Service of Ordination and Installation on Sunday, March 15th at 3:00pm. At this special service here at St. Andrew, members from North Alabama Presbytery and selected guests of mine will preside over the meeting. I will officially be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) and officially installed as Pastor here at St. Andrew!

Whenever someone is ordained into a leadership position in the PC(USA), they are asked certain questions and make vows concerning their new role in the church. These questions cover all kinds of ideas, including their relationship with God and with others, scripture, and the church.

Here is a sample of the questions that are asked:

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I wonder how different things could be if each and every one of us continually ask ourselves these questions, whether we are ordained or not. I wonder how it could change the way we look at one another. I wonder how it could change how we serve. I wonder. How about you?

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



Betty Matthews	3/02
Jan Foster	3/10
John Jordan	3/10
Harold Culbert	3/14
Marilyn Hinkle	3/17
Don Breeding	3/21
Tripp Brogdon	3/23
Shelley Vinzant	3/23



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Tuesday, March 3, 10:00 AM
“Words of Love: Do Not Steal”
Exodus 20:15; Matthew 25:31-46
Leader: Cerese Sweeley
Hostess: Barb Mouton



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 March 12 & 26 at 1:00 PM

We have distributed 35 shawls, 12 lap blankets and 64 hats.
ALL ARE WELCOME! No skills needed, we will teach you.

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



You may pick-up an updated Member Directory in the Narthex. An electronic copy has been sent to all by email. Of course, you can get the Instant Church Directory app on your phone or iPad for an electronic copy wherever you go. If you need help, stop by the office during office hours.



We are still in the process of purging and cleaning the Library. Please do not donate any books until this process is completed. You may still check-out books. We appreciate your cooperation.

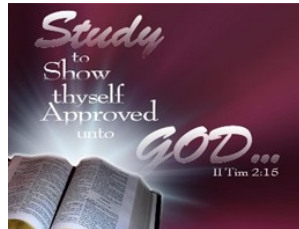
The Library Committee

JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY FOR SUPPER AND CLASSES

5:30 PM Potluck Supper

6:00 PM Bible Study/Classes for all ages

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal



The Shepherd and the Flock

Being an elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) requires more than simply making decisions about whether to replace a roof this year or next or manage the finances. It also requires being a shepherd, a spiritual caregiver to his/her flock that is composed of you, the church members and friends. As our Book of Order describes: *God calls the Church to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, caring for one another, sharing joys and sorrows, providing support in times of stress and need, and offering admonition, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Relying on Christ's grace and the Spirit's gifts, the church seeks to shepherd its members through times of danger and death, illness and loss, crisis and celebration, struggle and sin. Ruling elders, deacons, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament have particular responsibility for the exercise of pastoral care within the community of faith.*

Because St. Andrew does not have deacons, the pastor and the elders assume the role of shepherd. We are here to provide support, care, and prayer to this particular flock, and the way this session is doing so is by creating Shepherd Groups. Each elder has a group of five-six members/families under his or her care. The elders' responsibilities are to reach out to the flock, to let them know they have an elder-shepherd, and to be present when needed and as requested.

Please note your shepherd group for this year, and let your elder-shepherd know of any needs or concerns that you might have. The Elder List is on Page 4.

B.J. Breeding, Chair
Member Care Ministry Team

**C.A.T.S. Luncheon at Dot's
Lots of FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP and
FUN!**

**Join us April 17 at the
Freight House in
Hartselle!**



**Ordination Service for Pastor Tripp
Sunday, March 15, 3:00 PM**

We invite you to join the Session as we celebrate the Ordination and Installation of our pastor, Fredrick E. "Tripp" Brogdon, III, at St. Andrew. This is a special time in the life of our church, so you will want to be present for this event.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.



Easter Flower Arrangements

We will be placing two flower arrangements in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. After the service, the flowers will be donated to the Presbyterian Towers for them to enjoy.

You may donate for these arrangements in memory or in honor of a loved one. The names will be placed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

An envelope and sign-up sheet is provided in the office. Thank you for your contribution. The deadline for donating is Sunday, March 29.



We will collect canned and boxed food for Easter dinners to give to the CCC for distribution beginning Sunday, March 8. Food may be placed on the Donation Table by the Fellowship Hall. Please bring 1 large can or 2 small cans. Potatoes and dessert, should be boxed items, one per dinner. We plan to provide 30 dinners this year. The Mission Committee will be providing the ham. Items needed:

Canned Corn

Canned Beans

Canned Fruit

Boxed Potatoes

Canned Yams

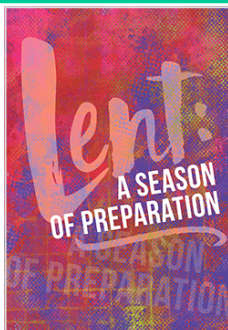
Dessert Mix (if you bring a cake, bring a frosting)

Donations for Hams may be left in the church office or put in the offering, marked "Ham." We will pack dinners Wednesday, March 25, after Bible study.

Shepherd List for Elders – 2020

“Be shepherd of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be;” (1 Peter 5:2)

<p><u>Nellie Gates 256-227-5939</u> John & Rita Abbott 256-353-2731 Marilyn Hinkle 256-773-0919 W.C. & Cerese Sweeley 256-351-1441 Sharon Thomson 256-751-0090 Harold & Teresa Culbert 256-350-0664</p>	<p><u>Greg Vogel 256-340-1632</u> Doug & Jean Coshow 256-340-1836 George Hilleary 256-353-9629 *Jane Porter 256-616-7730 Dave & Cheryl Ellerbe 256-686-0800 Shelly Vinzant & Robert 256-763-4890</p>
<p><u>B.J. Breeding 256-345-5242</u> Connie & Bob Lawton 256-345-9074 Harold & Donna Moore 256-338-4403 Jeremy & Gretchen Stephens 256-758-8459 Amy Burks 256-566-9999 Ceil Hydrick 256-303-8810 Lisa Dobbs 256-324-5984</p>	<p><u>Sue Mitchell 256-345-6241</u> Stu & Carol Strong 256-350-3694 Jane Lowery 256-303-8364 (friend) Leslie Matthews 256-224-4113 (friend) Peggy McMahan 256-355-2728 Lee Zeiher 256-351-0571</p>
<p><u>Bob Naumann 256-366-3343</u> Faye Anderson 236-350-2815 John & Betty Brandon 256-355-7126 Jim & Joyce Boyd 256-654-9940 John & Joan Jordan 256-227-0561 Turner & Betty Matthews 256-350-0374</p>	<p><u>Dan Watt 256-355-4617</u> Randy & Sandy Baldwin 256-302-0821 Bill & Jamie Heim 256-651-2779 Tom & Bobbie Meier 256-350-0088 Mavis Stephens/Milton Bridges 256-353-1228 John & Shelly Shull 256-340-9560, Jacob</p>
<p><u>Ed Wyle 256-280-6025</u> Don & Jan Foster 256-353-2165 Linda Grissom 256-355-6083 Kayse Sharp 256-345-0915 (friend) Jeff Gilbreath 334-350-5145 *Joanne Wheat 256-340-9616</p>	<p><u>Philip Gilbert 256-350-5145</u> Barbara Allen 256-309-5990 Hank & Linda Livingston 256-350-1597 Sherrie Nelson 256-355-4005 Bonita Smith 256-565-6871 (friend) The Simmons Family (friends) 813-727-4369</p>
<p><u>Barb Mouton 256-476-6094</u> Ann Campbell 256-341-8883 John & Sylvia Newbill 256-686-2166 Jim & Virginia Wright 256-350-0032 Fate & Linda Webster 256-303-4795 Roda Kara 256-350-3980</p>	<p>*Indicates no email. Please call when important messages are received.</p> <p>It is important during inclement weather to check your email after noon for any updates.</p>



St. Andrew has begun special services for Holy Week and Lent. We began with the drive-through Ash Wednesday event and will conclude with the Easter Sunday service, April 12. We will have Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 on April 9 and Palm Sunday, April 5. Come celebrate these special services with St. Andrew.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3 10a PW	4 5:30p Potluck 6:00p Donna Huffman 7:00p Choir	5	6	7 	
8 DST begins	9 7p Chapel Hill Neighbors	10	11 5:30p Potluck 6:00p Classes 7:00p Choir	12 1:00p Caring Hands	13 6:00p DMC (Dosier) Recital	14	
15 3:00p Ordination Service for Pastor Tripp	16	17	18 4:00p Session 5:30p Potluck 6:00p Classes 7:00p Choir	19	20 Mullen Wedding Rehearsal 7:00p	21 Mullen Wedding 11:00a	
22	23	24	25 5:30p Potluck 6:00p Classes 7:00p Choir Last Wed. Night of Semester	26 1:00p Caring Hands	27	28	
29 Deadline to donate for Easter Flowers	30	31	Spring Break for Schools 3/30-4/3				



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Sunday School 8:45 am
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March Worship Teams

March	1	8	15	22	29
Liturgists	Nellie Gates	Phil Gilbert	Sue Mitchell	Bob Naumann	Greg Vogel
Ushers	J. Newbill J. Shull S. Newbill B. Mouton	S. Strong D. Foster F. Webster H. Culbert	H. Moore D. Ellerbe C. Ellerbe G. Vogel	D. Coshow D. Foster C. Sweeley B. Matthews	B. Naumann J. Naumann B. Wyle H. Moore
Nursery	S. Shull	C. Strong	B. Matthews	C. Ellerbe	
Wednesday Host	3/04	3/11	3/18	3/25	
Communion March 1	Preparer: Linda Grissom	Communion Servers: Sue Mitchell, Bob Naumann, G. Vogel, Linda Grissom, and Nellie Gates			

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.” Colossians 2:22