

From Pastor Tripp:



“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching.” -Hebrews 10:23-25

Ever since the session meeting a few weeks back, I have been so excited for the events lined up in October! We got a good taste of actually seeing each other at the beginning of September with our Drive-Thru Fellowship Event. It highlighted just how much we’ve missed each other. It was so refreshing to actually see smiles on everyone’s faces and hear laughter again!

That’s why I’m even more ready for our “Wednesday Night Lite” education and fellowship programming to start up Wednesday, October 7th, both in-person and on Zoom!

Even better? On Sunday, October 11th we will have an outdoor event, consisting of dinner and worship!

As I saw the above verse from Hebrews 10 earlier this week, it reaffirmed why it is so important for us to be together, whether it be on the phone, online, or in-person. We all need encouragement, especially with what is going on in our world.

I have witnessed an extraordinary amount of faithfulness from so many of you since we “closed” back in March. Seeing the way you all have continued to worship, work, encourage, and love one another has allowed me to “hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering.” I hope it has done the same for you, too.

I am blessed to be your Pastor and blessed to be a part of this faith community of St. Andrew. I can’t wait to see the fruit we will bear from our time together, not just in October, but for years to come!

Grace and peace,
Tripp

NOTE: An audio of each week’s sermon is available on the website at www.standrewdecatour.org, Facebook, and YouTube

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2020

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OCTOBER
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Hank Livingston Oct. 5
 Joyce Boyd Oct. 8
 Cheryl Ellerbe Oct. 12
 Lee Zeiher Oct. 15
 Leslie Matthews Oct. 21
 Barb Wyle Oct. 27
 Dave Ellerbe Oct. 28

Hank & Linda Livingston Oct. 5



Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, October 6, at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Please come masked, sit far apart, and there will not be any refreshments. We will be sending out Zoom information if you want to attend that way.

Lesson: B.J. Breeding, "The Heart of Lament"
 Psalm 22:1-19; Matthew 27:45-56

Our October project is socks for the homeless. The new books were given out but we still have copies of our PW book available. Come with ideas on how to make our fall bake sale a success.



If You Were Homeless, What Would You Need or Want in Your Tent?

The mission committee recently sent out information about who to call for help. Now we want to let you know how you can help.

Most of us have the blessing of having way too much “stuff.” As you do your Fall or COVID cleaning, please think about donating things to those in need. We have set up bins and a tent in the youth room for this purpose.

Most of our contributions will go to Hands across Decatur which is an organization that works directly with Decatur’s growing homeless population. Many of us have camping equipment and bikes that we will not ever use again. Tents, tarps, bungee cords, and ropes create “homes” with sleeping bags, comforters (no sheets or pillows), flashlights, towels, washcloths, backpacks, grocery bag mats, etc. As “furnishings.” None of these items need to be in pristine condition. Being homeless often means sometimes having to abandon items. Bikes, helmets, and bike locks provide transportation to jobs.

Not having an address, heavier camping equipment like stoves and cookware cannot easily be carried. If you include them, they can be given to one of the thrift stores/rummage sales operated by CCC, TVO, or the Salvation Army.

Other needed items are rain gear, leftover prescription medicines (no narcotics), over the counter medicines, feminine hygiene products, reading glasses, band aids, toiletries, etc. On Page 4 is a more complete list compiled by John and Sylvia Newbill. Men’s clothing needs include shoes/boots (especially larger sizes), pants (especially smaller waists), underwear and socks. Larger sized women clothing is needed along with underwear and socks.

If you have any questions, please call Barb Mouton at (256) 476-6094.

Needs for the Homeless

Men and women's clothing needs include shoes/boots (especially larger sizes), pants (especially men's smaller waists), underwear and socks. Larger sized women clothing is needed along with underwear and socks.

WASH CLOTH/HAND TOWEL
 BABY WIPES OR WET WIPES
 HAND SANITIZER
 ANTISEPTIC OINTMENT / BAND-AIDS
 SUN SCREEN
 INSECT REPELLENT
 TRAVEL SIZE SHAMPOO
 LOTION
 TOOTHPASTE & TOOTH BRUSH
 BAR SOAP
 DEODORANT
 COMB/BRUSH
 PACKET OF TISSUES
 ASPIRIN
 FOR WOMEN - SANITARY NAPKINS
 PACKAGES OF SNACK CRACKERS
 PACKAGES OF NATURE VALLEY PEANUT BARS
 BUTTER BISCUITS
 PACKAGES OF GRANOLA BARS
 SLEEVES OF SALTINES
 PLASTIC UTENSILS & NAPKINS
 JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER
 CANS OF VIENNA SAUSAGE
 SNACK SIZE CONTAINERS OF FRUIT, APPLES SAUCE, ETC



Thanksgiving Baskets

Our yearly Thanksgiving Meal project is now in progress! We plan to do 45 meals again this year. Below are the items needed for the meals. A designated area at the Donation Location is set up for the items. Thank you for your continued support.

Corn - 2 regular or 1 large can
 Green Beans - 2 regular or 1 large can
 Candied Yams - 2 regular cans or 1 large can
 Cranberry Sauce - 1 regular can
 Cornmeal - 2 lb. bag or larger
 Instant Potatoes (no fresh potatoes please)
 Boxed Dessert Mix (If bringing cake, bring frosting.)

Turkey donations are appreciated. Make check payable to St. Andrew and place in envelope. The **deadline for donations is Sunday, November 15.**



Due to concern for St. Andrew's congregation, we will not meet for in-person worship during October. However, through coordination with Member Care, Christian Education, and Worship teams, activities of Bible study, Wednesday Lite, and an outdoor worship are being planned. This will provide St. Andrew with some in-person fellowship and worship times following safety guidelines. Teams have really had to be creative this year to keep us focused and provide support for our members. The first activity is an outdoor worship service on the Fellowship Hall patio Sunday, October 11 (detail below). Please make sure you read the guidelines for this activity because they are set up to protect each and every one of us while we are enjoying fellowship and worship. It is hopeful that you can make this worship/fellowship time. The COVID-19 / safety team will meet again in October to review the possibility of resuming in-person worship in November, with Session approval.

Nellie Gates, Worship Chair



Outdoor Dinner/Worship Service Guidelines Outdoor Patio at St. Andrew October 11, 2020

1. Entrance will be through the fountain door of the building, proceeding through the fellowship hall to the patio maintaining 6-foot distance.
2. Seating will be in designated spots with your own chair, maintaining social distancing.
3. **Temperatures will be taken before entering the building.**
4. **A Mask must be worn entering building and prior to dinner and during worship. Bring your own mask.**
5. **The Kitchen will be closed.**
6. Offering plates will be available in the narthex after the service.
7. Hand sanitizer will be available in the fellowship hall.
8. The church door near the fountain will be unlocked at 4:30 PM. Supper is at 5 PM and worship is at 5:30 PM.
9. No nursery will be provided.
10. Exit through the fellowship hall and out the fountain door practicing social distancing.
11. Each family is to bring their own food, drink, eating utensils, and napkins. Nothing will be available from the kitchen.

There will not be a dinner or worship service if there is rain.

The Worship Team

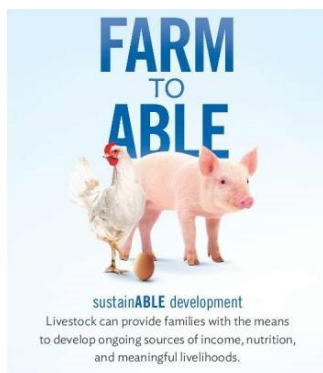


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THANK YOU ST. ANDREW



I wanted to reach out to thank the members of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Alabama, for their recent gifts of chickens through the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog*! Your generosity will make a large and long-lasting impact in the lives of people around the world! I would love to learn what inspired you to contribute these items during this time and if there is anything I can do to support future engagement with the Catalog. Between this and your engagement with the Special Offerings, we are just so grateful.

Blessings,

Lauren W. Rogers

Mission Specialist, Special Offerings and the Presbyterian Giving Catalog



"My train of thought always leaves the station without me."

"I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly." (Inspire Uplift)