



*"An intelligent mind acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." Proverbs 18:15*

Not many people have accused me of having an intelligent mind or being wise, but I will admit I do love to acquire and seek knowledge! I love reading. I love learning something new. I sometimes wonder if I got that curiosity from my time growing up in church, attending Sunday School each and every Sunday. As a child, there was always something that I

had never heard before, and it seemed like we could study for the rest of our lives about God, Jesus, the Bible, and the Church and still not know everything. Now that I'm a little older, I'm seeing just how true that thought is!

Being a follower of Christ is a constant learning experience and an unending journey of growth and understanding. While coming to Sunday worship will give you a taste of this, the church offers more opportunities for knowledge.

As you may have seen, our Sunday School program kicks off again on Sunday, July 11. On top of just seeking and acquiring knowledge, these Sunday School classes offer opportunities for fellowship, support, and community in a smaller group setting. I encourage you to join a class this summer. You won't regret it!

Who knows? You may learn something unexpected, just like one poor teacher I heard about...

*A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"*

*One child answered, "Mary."*

*The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"*

*A little kid said, "Verge."*

*Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"*

*The kid said, "Well, you know they are always talking about*

*Verge n' Mary."*

You learn something new everyday, folks! So why not do it with your church family each Sunday morning?

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Tripp

<b>St. Andrew Elders &amp; Ministry Leaders 2021</b>		<b>Chairperson</b>
Clerk of Session.....	Stuart Strong	
Worship .....	Linda Grissom	
Member Care.....	Nellie Gates	
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	Turner Matthews	
Mission .....	Barbara Mouton	
Communications & Outreach .....	Harold Culbert	
Treasurer/Administration.....	Philip Gilbert	
Finance.....	Greg Vogel	
Building/Grounds .....	Bob Naumann	
Nominating .....	TBD	




Barb Mouton	7/3
Addi Zeiher	7/9
George Hilleary	7/13
Ella Stephens	7/21
Betty Brandon	7/29




Shelley & Jeremy Vinzant	7/11
Turner & Betty Matthews	7/18

**Thurs., July 1**  
**Mon., July 5**

**Office Closed (Bonita on vacation)**  
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 We are excited to welcome the choir back to our worship services! For the past few weeks, they have faithfully met early on Sundays to practice the hymns for that day, always looking forward to singing their favorite anthems once again. That time has arrived! During the summer the choir will sing once or twice a month and will welcome a guest soloist or musician each month. You'll also notice some "new" faces in the choir. We welcome back Sheila Koza, Cheryl Ellerbe, college student Parker Vandine (when he isn't working at Point Mallard), and new member Linda Faulk. We hope to see and "hear" you on Sundays this summer!

The Worship Team 

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RESTART, JULY 11, 8:45 AM

Hargrave Class: "Jonah" by Dr. Sarah Richter  
Hoppers Class: A variety of studies taught by class members  
Seekers Class: "Feasts of the Bible" by Sam Nadler  
Classes are also available for children and youth. A nursery will be provided.

## JULY Mission Project: School Supplies



**Needed by Sunday, July 25.**



- Pencils (No. 2)
- WIDE Ruled Notebook Paper
- Colored Pencils
- **Crayola** Crayons
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Glue Sticks
- Washable Highlighters
- Dry Erase Markers
- Tab Dividers
- 1" Binders
- Pocket Folders with brads
- Hand Sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Fiskar Scissors (blunt or pointed)
- Pencil Pouches for 3-ring binder
- Spiral Notebooks (1, 3, and 5 Subject)



**NAP Men's Meeting  
Grace Pres., Madison  
Monday, July 19  
6:00 PM**

**Rev. Frank Broyles, speaker**

**Sign-up on the bulletin board by Sunday,  
July 11 for dinner reservation or see Tom  
Meier. Meet at St. Andrew at 4:45 PM.**

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FREEDOM TO WORSHIP**



## Love and prayers go with Ms. Jane Porter



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## 65 years old is still young!

How old is old? The World Health Organization (WHO) had declared that 65 years old is still considered young. Before, based on the Friendly Societies Act (1875) in Britain, old was defined by age 50. The UN has not adopted a standard criterion, but lately 60 years old was referred as a border age to the word "old." However, the health organization had done a new research recently, according to average health quality and life expectancy and defined a new criterion that divides human age as follows:

- 0 to 17 years old: underage
- 18-65 years old: youth or young people
- 66-79 years old: middle-aged
- 80 to 99 years old: elderly or senior
- 100+ years old: long-lived elderly

—copied (thank you to John Abbott for sharing



The following items are highlights from the May 19, 2021 Stated Session Meeting and the May 23, 2021 Called Session Meeting:

- 1) The minutes of the Stated Meeting of March 21, 2021 were approved.
- 2) Our membership as of April 30, 2021 is 74 with the sad passing of both Virginia Wright and Frances Vogel in March of this year.
- 3) Barb Mouton was named to be our Elder Commissioner to the Virtual Meeting of North Alabama Presbytery on June 8, 2021.
- 4) A Called Meeting of Session was scheduled for May 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving new Members. (See note 10) below, on that meeting.)
- 5) The Session confirmed three email approvals which had been conducted in the weeks leading up to the meeting. Those approvals allowed: 1) Action Team Training Update, 2) Choir singing from the Loft and 3) Sunday morning Nursery with 2 volunteers.
- 6) Greg Vogel reported that April YTD income is about \$7k below budget, but our spending is approximately \$13k below budget, so we continue to be in very good shape. The Finance team will be meeting to consider how to best utilize the resources we have, since the pandemic resulted in increased reserves for the church.
- 7) Nellie Gates reported that all is going very well as we continue to meet in person and see restrictions being slowly lifted. Virtually all of our regular attendees have been fully vaccinated.
- 8) Turner Matthews indicated that we will be restarting Sunday School Classes during the summer. Stay tuned for exact dates.
- 9) The next Stated meeting will be on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 2:00 pm.
- 10) There was a Called Session Meeting on Sunday morning, May 23, 2021 to receive new members: Sheila and Don Koza by Reaffirmation of Faith and Linda and Roger Faulk by Letter of Transfer. They were introduced to the Congregation during the morning Worship Service. With their addition, our membership increased to 78.

Stu Strong, Clerk of Session



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Join us:  
**Sunday Worship 10:00a**  
(in person and on-line)  
**Wednesday Bible Study 6:00p**  
(on-line)

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am  
Facebook: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church,  
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## July Worship Leaders

JULY	4	11	18	25
Liturgists	Barb Mouton	Nellie Gates	Samantha Simmons	Harold Culbert
Ushers	Harold Culbert John Shull Shelley Shull	John Newbill Sylvia Newbill Ceresee Sweeley	Greg Vogel Betty Matthews Andrew Simmons	Don Foster Bob & Jackie Naumann
Nursery	Jackie Naumann	Joan Jordan	Barb Mouton	Barb Wyle



**CARING HANDS MINISTRY**  
**2nd & 4th Thursdays each month, 1:00 PM**  
We knit or crochet shawls & cut & tie lap blankets for  
Hospice and the Cancer Institute.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME! No skills needed, we will teach you.**



**Are you looking for a chance to socialize and do something fun? Join the Coloring Group!**  
**July meetings are on Mondays, July 12 and 26.**

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