



***A Message from Pastor Tripp Brogdon:***

*“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” - 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Happy New Year, St. Andrew! 2022 is here, and with it comes resolutions that all of us will surely keep and not break. Right? Right! If you haven't made any resolutions yet, now may be a good time to do it. If you're looking for one, may I suggest one of the following:

- *My New Year's resolution is to help all my friends gain ten pounds so I look skinnier.*
- *In this new year, I will consider taking up a hobby such as procrastination...or maybe I'll just do it later.*
- *I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter.*

OK, so maybe those aren't the best examples, but we all know that setting new goals and keeping them is hard work, and we often fail. Failure can produce guilt, shame, and frustration, which then leads to us abandoning our yearly hopes and dreams for an improved self.

As followers of Christ, though, it's not just about a once a year transformation into a new self. It can come before January 1st...or after...or even today! The beauty of God's grace in our lives is that God is making all things new, even when we fail or give up; God is at work within us.

If we break our resolutions, we are free to try again. If we fail to reach our goals, we are free to try again. Everything old has passed away. Everything. God yearns for us to be made new, even if it may seem that it happens over and over again...not just at the start of each year, but maybe even at the start of each day. God *has not* given up on us. God *will not* give up on us. See, everything has become new! Even you!

Grace and peace,

Tripp

<u>St. Andrew Elders &amp; Ministry Leaders 2022.....</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
Clerk of Session.....	Stuart Strong
Building/Grounds .....	Bob Naumann
Communications & Outreach .....	Harold & Teresa Culbert
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	B. J. Breeding
Finance & Administration .....	Turner Matthews
Member Care.....	Faye Anderson & Jackie Naumann
Mission .....	Barbara Mouton
Treasurer .....	Philip Gilbert
Nominating .....	TBD
Worship .....	Linda Grissom



Dan Watt	Jan 4
Mavis Stephens	Jan 4
Nellie Gates	Jan 4
Stu Strong	Jan 5
Bob Naumann	Jan 8
Donald Foster	Jan 8
John Shull	Jan 10
Cerese Sweeley	Jan 23



**CARING HANDS MINISTRY**  
**the 2nd and 4th Thursday**  
**each month**

**We make shawls and lap blankets for Hospice and hats for children. No skills or supplies need-**



**Presbyterian Women's Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 4**  
**10:00 am in the fellowship hall.**  
**Leader: B.J. Breeding**  
**Lesson: "Ruth and Redemption"**  
**Ruth 3 and 4**

**January Project: Collect paper products for Hands Across Decatur and Harold Coomer Ministries.**

## Where does your mission money go?

Just as members are asked to tithe, St. Andrew's budget for missions is at least 10% or more of our annual expenses. About 2/3 of our mission budget is sent to the North Alabama Presbytery for benevolences. The remaining amount is used for local, state, national, and inter-national projects with the an emphasis on supporting local needs.

St. Andrew sends various amounts quarterly to the Committee on Church Cooperation, Neighborhood Christian Center, Hands Across Decatur, Harold Coomer Evangelical Association, Tennessee Valley Outreach, Volunteer Center of Morgan County and the Talladega Children's Home. Yearly amounts are sent to two Living Waters ministries and a purchase is made from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. This year eight international families received chickens to improve their lives.

Throughout the year, members contribute goods for other projects like school supplies, homeless people, Thanksgiving and Easter meals, Holiday Hope Chests for local children, and groceries for the CCC Food Pantry.

Our church participates in four special offerings each year: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy. St. Andrew receives 40% of the Pentecost Offering which went this year to buy ukuleles for Austinville Elementary School. Another 25% was received from the Peace and Global Witness offering which was used for local projects.

Although the above covers our mission fund, this doesn't conclude St. Andrew's giving. Groups like the Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Men, and Caring Hands as well as individuals who support other causes throughout the year.

Barb Mouton, Missions Chair

## CCC FOOD PANTRY Collection the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.



### Items Needed Most

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Grits/Oatmeal</b>    | <b>Soup</b>          |
| <b>Hamburger Helper</b> | <b>Crackers</b>      |
| <b>Peanut Butter</b>    | <b>Canned Greens</b> |
| <b>Canned Fruit</b>     | <b>Pasta</b>         |
| <b>Canned Veggies</b>   | <b>Pasta Sauce</b>   |
| <b>Dried Beans</b>      | <b>Rice</b>          |

**Please leave items in shopping cart.**

### Restart Team Report

There continues to be daily increases in the COVID numbers. It is an individual's decision to attend functions at St. Andrew. Wearing masks remains optional and will be available at services each Sunday. Social distancing is encouraged throughout the building. The nursery is closed and workers have not been scheduled for assistance on a regular basis. Thank you for helping to keep St. Andrew healthy during this pandemic time.

### Seekers Sunday School



Beginning Sunday, January 9, the Seekers class will be viewing and discussing the television series, "The Chosen." "The Chosen" is a multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus, which was created outside of the Hollywood system and allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him.

Imagine that you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on earth with him – the disciples, Mary his mother, the Pharisees, the children, those he healed. What would that look like? Come and see what they saw.

All are welcome! Please join the Seekers in the junior high room on Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

Thank  
You

St. Andrew, I can never express how thankful I am for you and the way you kicked into high gear when you found out about the needs for the family in my school. We do have a lady stationed at Austinville who can help with finding them assistance, but it was too late for Christmas and clothes and even food by the time we found out about their needs. We called all over the city and no one had any help left. Rest assured, we will be able to help them from here on out. But watching you all go out into the community in this crazy, busy season and buy tons of groceries and clothes and toys for these kids has been overwhelming for me to watch. I'm amazed at your generosity and your care for kids that you don't even know. I told them about you because the dad had lots of questions about who would want to do this...after he and his sons helped me unload my car. They were overwhelmed with gratitude. You've certainly made a difference! Thank you for loving these kids!

Dr. Jeff

### THANK YOU FOLDERS FOR HELPING WITH BULLETINS EACH WEEK!

(Of course, we like to party too.)



### THANK YOU MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

Thanks to the Member Care Team for their help in planning and serving the Christmas Continental Breakfast. It was good to have the fellowship time together. Perhaps next year the pandemic will be over and we can enjoy the home cooked food that is so St. Andrew! It was good to hear the joyful noise that filled the fellowship hall after so long a time. Blessings and good health to each one for the coming new year!

Nellie Gates

# CHRISTMAS BRUNCH 2021





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## January Worship Leaders

January	2	9	16	23	30
Liturgists	Stu Strong	Cerese Sweeley	Barb Mouton	Samantha Simmons	Harold Culbert
Ushers	John Shull Shelly Shull	Doug Coshow Harold Culbert	Harold Moore Sylvia Newbill	Betty Matthews Andrew Simmons	Stu Strong Don Foster



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Communion	3	4 PW 10 am	5 Garden Club (Mavis) 9:30-12	6 DAR 12-1 pm	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Caring Hands 1:00 pm	14	15 DMC 10a-12 Sanctury 2 pm Memo- rial Service for Ed Wyle
16	17 PEO 5-9p (B. Meier))	18	19 Session 2pm	20	21	22
23	24 10:30a Restart Mtg. NAP Men's Mtg	25	26	27 Caring Hands 1:00 pm	28	29
30	31					