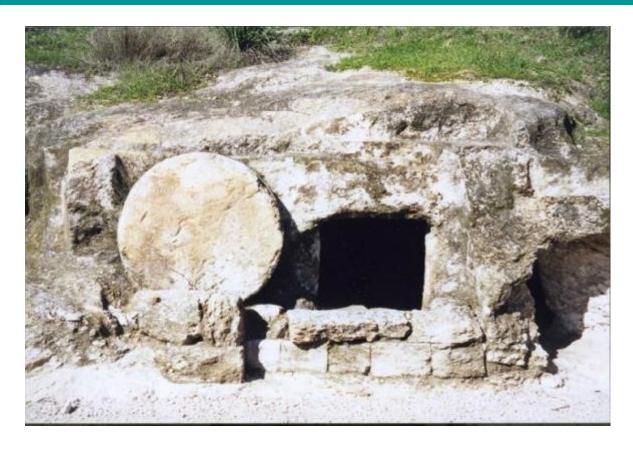


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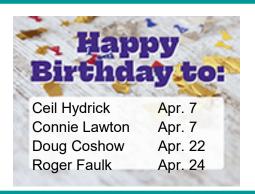
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But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Luke 4:1-6a (NRSV)

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2022	Chairperson
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	
Nominating	TBD
Worship	
Comptroller	Tommy Gates





W.C. and Cerese Sweeley



CARING HANDS MINISTRY the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM

The Caring Hands group knits and makes lap blankets for cancer and hospice patients. No supplies needed—we have plenty.



Join us on Wednesday, April 6, for the conclusion of our Lenten Bible Study, Lent in Plain Sight, by Jill J. Duffield at 10 am or 5:30p (both studies in-person).



MaundyThursday Service, April 14, 6:00 PM



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Tuesday, April 5 , 2022 10:00 am in the fellowship hall Lesson: "Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church" Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-52; John 2:5; John 19:25-27

CCC FOOD PANTRY Collection the 1st Sunday of the month.



Items Needed Most Grits/Oatmeal Hamburger Helper Crackers **Peanut Butter** Canned Fruit Canned Veggies **Dried Beans**

Soup **Canned Greens Pasta** Pasta Sauce Rice

Please leave items in shopping cart.



Shepherd Luncheon

The first luncheon was held on Thursday, March 24, with Elder Faye Anderson and her flock. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and getting to know one another.

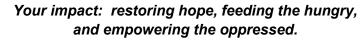
Attendees were (R-L) Roger

Faulk, Ceil Hydrick, Faye, Jane Lowery, Pastor Tripp, and Harold Moore.



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

For over 70 years, OGHS Offering has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need here and around the world of disaster, hunger and oppression. Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity for self-development.









Call Barbara Allen or Barb Mouton for carpooling information.



We will collect canned and boxed food for Easter dinners to give to the CCC for distribution on Monday, April 11. 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. 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." Deadline for contributing is <u>Sunday</u>, <u>April 10</u>.

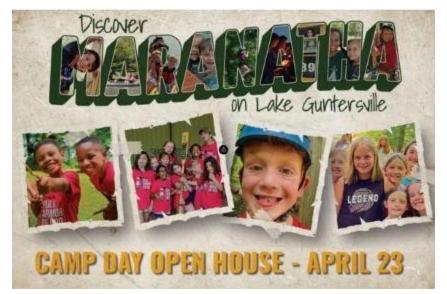
The following items are highlights from the March 16, 2022, Stated Session Meeting:

- 1) The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of January 19, 2022, and the Called Session Meeting of February 17, 2022, were approved.
- 2) Our membership as of February 28, 2022, remains at 72, with no changes in the previous two months.
- 3) Harold Culbert reported on the virtual Winter Meeting of North Alabama Presbytery which was held on February 26, 2022. The bulk of the meeting was spent examining 3 new pastors for our Presbytery, including Stacey Nelson, who will be serving Westminster Church, Decatur.
- 4) Turner Matthews reported that February YTD income was about \$3800 below budget, but our spending was approximately \$2200 below budget, so we continue to be in very good shape, with our total cash and savings of approximately \$261,000.
- 5) Rev. Brogdon was happy to relate that we have set the date for Parker Vandine to be baptized and to join our church. These events will occur during the morning worship on April 3, 2022. He also reported that several other families are talking to him about membership. All is going very well as we meet in person and relax measures for members safety regarding COVID. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our policies as required. The next meeting of the Restart Team is on April 4, 2022.
- 6) Bob Naumann advised us that work will be going ahead as soon as weather permits to correct a drainage problem coming down the hill from Vestavia Drive. Dave Ellerbe was able to work with a contractor, who has agreed to do the work for us and only charge us for the materials to do the job. Thanks to Dave, Bob and the team for all of your hard work! Thanks is also due to Linda Livingston, and Teresa and Harold Culbert who are selecting shrubs and plants to place near the south entrance to the sanctuary, behind where the tree was removed last year.
- 7) The Session agreed to have Leslie Matthews be in the Nursery for Easter Sunday and will remain on church staff at least until the end of the year, providing Nursery help as needed. Depending on the need, we will evaluate extending her service later this year.
- 8) Harold Culbert reported for the Communications Team that work is in progress to upgrade our obsolete phone system and improve our internet capabilities for broadcasting our services and the team will be updating our website to reflect our ongoing ministries more accurately.

The next Stated meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 2:00 pm.

Stu Strong, Clerk of Session

Bring your friends! Invite your family! Camp Day at Maranatha is Saturday, April 23!



It's back! The Camp Day Open House at Maranatha is April 23rd and we want you to join us! Whether you're a new camper or camper parent and want to check out what Maranatha has to offer, or a long-time friend, alumnus, or supporter that wants to see what's new... we want to see you at Maranatha for this awesome event!

Come enjoy some awesome summer experiences like lake activities, high ropes, giant swing, games, and more. You can meet the staff, get a preview of Day Camp and Overnight Camp 2022, and enjoy the great outdoors! It's going to be awesome... and how many other times do you get to spend a day at the best place on earth?

See you at Maranatha on April 23rd!

Reservation: www.facebook.com/events/294869312786173



Flowering of the Cross

Bring real or artificial flowers to decorate the cross on <u>Easter Sunday</u>.

Please place flowers on the cross near the fountain before Worship.

Look at everything as though you were seeing it for the first time or the last time. Then your time on earth will be filled with glory. —copied

"Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture." Psalm 100:3

An Invitation to Worship

Two years ago last month, on March 15, 2020, St. Andrew was celebrating the ordination of our pastor with a grand worship service and a wonderful luncheon. Before we left the luncheon, news was already spreading that Covid19 had reached Alabama, and all non-essential businesses and all schools were to be shut down within two days. We were to remain at home, hopefully for only two weeks, to stop the virus's spread. For St. Andrew and most other churches, that two weeks became more than a year. During the year that we were apart, thanks to Tripp and Jeff, we were fortunate to be able to "see" and "hear" worship services online, and "tune in" to meaningful and hope-filled devotions each Wednesday evening. "Pajama Church", as it has been called, was necessary then, and it helped hold the church together while we were isolated from each other.

On Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, we cautiously began Sunday morning services with everyone wearing masks, temperature checks, strict social distancing, sanitizing surfaces, and gallons of hand sanitizer! But we were so happy to be together again!

Here we are now in April, 2022, after vaccine and booster shots, back to "almost normal". Covid is at its lowest level in Alabama since early last year. The positivity rate in Morgan County has fallen steadily to less than one-tenth of what it was just a few months ago. We have so much to be thankful for!

Lately, in Sunday School, choir, and after worship services, I've heard different people make these statements:

- "It's so good to be back together!"
- "I missed my church friends so much during Covid."
- "Virtual church was great at the time, but it just wasn't the same!"
- "I missed the 'feeling' of worshiping together."

We are so fortunate that this year on Palm Sunday (April 10th), Maundy Thursday (April 14th), and Easter (April 17th) we will be worshiping in person, with almost no restrictions, in community with our church family. YOU ARE INVITED to join with us as we complete our journey through Lent on our way toward Resurrection morning!

"See you in church!"
Linda Grissom, Chair of Worship Committee



CATS (Carefree Adults Travel Society) NEWS Sign-up NOW for April 26 on the bulletin board!

Tuesday, April 26—Huntsville Botanical Gardens and lunch

Featured at the Garden is "Stickwork" by Patrick Doughtery. Follow this link for more information https://hsvbg.org/stickwork Meet at church at 9:30 am or at the Gardens at 10:00 am Cost is \$15 plus tax

Lunch at Baumhowers Victory Grill https://baumhowers.com/

Other planned activities:

Monday, July 25—Cook's Museum and lunch. Cost is \$18.53 pp for museum September—Lunch outing after worship service, Freight House, Hartselle Aug/Sept—Trash Panda Ball Game

Final arrangements will be announced for future events when we are closer to the dates. We hope you will join us for this fellowship time.

Many Thanks, WC Sweeley



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APRIL Worship Leaders

APRIL	3	10	17	24	
Liturgists	Barb Mouton	Cerese Sweeley	Stu Strong	B.J. Breeding	
Ushers	John & Shelly Shull	Doug Coshow Harold Culbert	Harold Moore Cerese Sweeley	Don Foster Stu Strong	



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 5th Sunday in Lent	4 Restart Mtg 10am	5 PW 10 am	6 Lent Study 10 am & 5:30 pm	7 DAR Noon (Foster)	8	9
10 Palm Sunday OGHS Offering	11 Coloring Group 9:30 am	12	13	14 Maundy Thurs. Service 6:00 pm	15	16
17 Easter	18 Easter Monday Office Closed	19	20 Finance Mtg. 1:00 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26 CATS to HSV Botanical Gardens 9:30 am	27 Bonita Out Habitat for Hu- manity Speak- er 5:30 pm	28 Bonita Out Caring Hands 1 pm	29*	30