



Message from our Pastor:

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” - Romans 12:5

We are all connected. You and I. You and every member of St. Andrew. You and every neighbor in Decatur. You and all of creation. And most importantly, you and God. Connections are all around us, but it doesn't always feel that way. So often, we can feel disconnected from the world, the church, our own lives, and even God.

In recognition of the importance of connection, St. Andrew is beginning a new Wednesday evening program for the fall, beginning on September 7th. We are calling it *CONNECT*. Wednesdays will become a day focused on connecting with God and connecting with others.

We understand that each individual connects with God and with others in different ways, so our focus this fall is to provide the congregation with various avenues for connection. Each Wednesday of the month will have a different focus, including Bible Study, the Arts, Mission, and Fellowship.

1st Wednesday of the Month - Bible Study (led by me)

2nd Wednesday of the Month - The Arts (music, arts, and crafts)

3rd Wednesday of the Month - Mission (speakers and projects)

4th Wednesday of the Month - Fellowship (games, movies, and a cookout in October)

You can find the detailed September schedule for specific topics and events on page 2 of this Chronicle. Along with our Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 31st, I will be giving a devotional based around our *CONNECT* program, along with a more comprehensive overview of our plan.

Please join us this fall as we *CONNECT* more deeply with God, with each other, and with our neighbors. As Paul tells us in Romans, “We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” We are indeed all connected.

I can't wait to see everyone there!

Grace and peace,
Tripp

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	Philip Gilbert
Nominating.....	TBD
Worship	Linda Grissom

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

John Brandon	Sept. 11
Carol Watt	Sept. 24
Joan Jordan	Sept. 24
Teresa Culbert	Sept. 28
Robert Lawton	Sept. 29

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

John & Betty Brandon
September 23

CONNECT

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 7	SEPTEMBER 14	SEPTEMBER 21	SEPTEMBER 28
BIBLE STUDY	ARTS	MISSION	FELLOWSHIP
Great Themes of the Bible #1 with Tripp	Music with Linda Faulk	Speaker from the Neighborhood Christian Center (NCC)	Game night



Decatur Music Club invites you to a concert
by our own Dr. Jeff Gilbreath
on Saturday, September 17, 10:00 AM
at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
There is no admission charge.



AED/CPR Training at St. Andrew

Our AED/CPR Training Class lead by Lt. Brandon Sivley of Decatur Fire & Rescue was a complete success! Thanks to those in attendance, now over 22% of our congregation (some pictured here), have either “hands-on” experience or instruction in this life-saving process.

Lt. Sivley shared that due to the “Good Samaritan Law” in Alabama, no one should have concerns of liability when performing these procedures in good faith.

W. C. Sweeley



CATS Sighted At Local Logan's Roadhouse Friday, September 23, at 11:30 AM

Hello St. Andrew Presbyterian CATS! We have a reservation in “The Garage” (a private dining room) at Logan's Roadhouse on the Beltline. The room is large, so we hope you will join us. Logan's requires:

- 1) Deadline for a final count is noon, Tues, Sept. 20.
- 2) **All participants** must be **present** prior to seating (so, please, arrive by **11:15....**)
- 3) An automatic 18% gratuity is added to each guest check.
- 4) Please be ready to order upon arrival. Copies of the menu are available in the church office. The prices are not listed as prices are subject to change.
- 5) Individual guest checks will be provided.

**Sign-up sheet and Menus are available
in the church office.**



Friend 1: (While at lunch with a friend): “Look at those two elderly ladies across the room. That will be us in 10 years.”

Friend 2: “That's a mirror. That is us!”

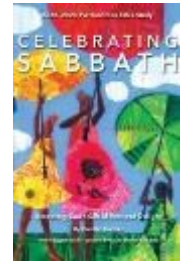
I envy people that grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine.
I'm aging like milk...getting sour and chunky.



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Tuesday, September 6
10:00 am in the fellowship hall

Matthew 11:28-12:13



Presbyterian Women extends an invitation to all women in the church to join us for the new study, *Celebrate Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol M. Bechtel. If you once belonged to Presbyterian Women but stopped attending, we've missed you and look forward to seeing you again. Let Barb Mouton know if you wish to receive emails regarding Presbyterian Women if you are not currently receiving them. Our emails share news about Circle and North Alabama Presbyterian Women. St. Andrew will provide the refreshments for the Meet & Greet at the NAPW Fall Gathering at Maranatha on Saturday, September 17th. Due to Covid, we will be using packaged items which we'll buy in bulk. If you feel led, please donate for this meeting.

In the nine lessons of this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider the Sabbath:

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God's intent for all of creation and that includes busy women too
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care. Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

Carol M. Bechtel, an ordained minister, is Professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, where she has taught since 1994. Books will be available at the meeting. All ladies are invited, please join us in the Fellowship Hall, Sept. 6.

North Alabama Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering

Registration, Coffee Meet & Greet with
Rev. Brett Gudeman 9:15-9:50 AM
Program 10:00 AM

Maranatha Camp and Conference Center
Saturday, September 17, 2022

Contact Barbara Allen for more details.

CCC FOOD PANTRY

Collection the 1st Sunday of the month.



Items Needed Most

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

Please leave items in shopping cart.



CARING HANDS MINISTRY

We knit or crochet shawls & cut & tie lap blankets for Hospice and the Cancer Institute.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 1:00PM.

ALL ARE WELCOME! No skills needed, we will teach you.



HOMELESS

Ministry

- Canned Food
- Toiletries
- Men's clothing
- Women's Clothing
- Underwear
- Socks
- Antiseptic ointment
- Insect Repellent
- Travel size shampoo
- Bar Soap / Deodorant
- Tissues
- Aspirin

More items listed in the donation area.

As you begin to do fall cleaning and changing to warmer clothing, please remember the homeless who will items for cold weather. Warm clothing, sheets, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, tarps, coats, gloves, socks, bikes, etc. are welcome.



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September Worship Leaders

Sept.	4	11	18	25
Liturgists	John Jordan	Samantha Simmons	Barb Mouton	Faye Anderson
Ushers	Bob & Jackie Naumann	Stu Strong Andrew Simmons	Harold Moore Cerese Sweeley	John Shull Shelly Shull
Nursery	Carol Strong	Barb Mouton	Betty Matthews	Jane Lowery



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 Pres. Women 10 am Civic Chorus 6:00 pm	7 CONNECT 5:30p Bible Study	8 Caring Hands 1:00 pm	9	10
11	12	13 Civic Chorus 6:00 pm	14 Choir 4:30 pm CONNECT 5:30p Arts	15	16	17 DMC Concert w/ Dr. Jeff 10 am
18	19	20 Civic Chorus 6:00 pm	21 Session 2:00 pm CONNECT 5:30p Missions	22 Caring Hands 1:00 pm	23 CATS to Logan's 11:30 am	24
25	26 Joanne Wheat Memorial 2:00p	27 Civic Chorus 6:00 pm	28 Choir 4:30p CONNECT 5:30p Fellowship	29	30	