



Message from our Pastor:

“Those who plan good find loyalty and faithfulness.” - Proverbs 14:22

I’m sure most of you know the phrase “action-packed” when it comes to endorsements of movies, novels, shows, sports, and much more! It means that they are full of exciting events and moments.

“You’ll be on the edge of your seat with this movie’s action-packed plot!”

“Come and visit our wonderful town. Plan an action-packed day full of hiking and kayaking!”

“The game last night was full of action-packed moments!”

What does it mean, then, when a church newsletter is “action-packed?” We don’t often talk about what we do as a church in that way, but if any month allows us to do so, it’s this one.

Bonita said to me this morning, “This may be the longest newsletter I’ve ever done!” After all, it is ten pages long! That means we have a lot going on here at St. Andrew, and that is a welcome departure from our downtime during the roughest parts of the COVID pandemic.

With all that is happening, it’s important to recognize and appreciate the planning and work of so many folks in the church that make it all possible. Proverbs reminds us, *“Those who plan good find loyalty and faithfulness.”*

I hesitate to say that we are busy, because being busy doesn’t mean you are being faithful. Being busy is not, in and of itself, a virtuous thing.

Yes, we may have an action-packed newsletter, but more than anything, I am so thankful that you all have “planned good.” Because you have, we find loyalty and faithfulness all over each one of these ten pages, not just busyness.

Thanks be to God for your continued loyalty and faithfulness to do God’s work in the world.

Grace and peace,
Tripp

<u>St. Andrew Elders & 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.....	B.J. Breeding
Worship	Linda Grissom



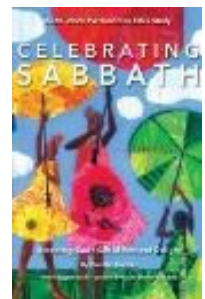
OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Hank Livingston	10/5	
Cheryl Ellerbe	10/12	Happy Anniversary!
Jacob Shull	10/13	Hank & Linda
Lee Zeiher	10/15	Livingston
Sheila Koza	10/19	10/05
Leslie Matthews	10/21	
Barb Wyle	10/27	
Dave Ellerbe	10/28	
Linda Faulk	10/30	



Presbyterian Women's Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 AM
Lesson: "Sabbath and Creation"
Genesis 1:1-2:3
Leader: Nelda Gilbert



Decatur Music Club invites you to a concert
by our own Dr. Jeff Gilbreath
on Saturday, October 15, 10:00 AM
at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
There is no admission charge.





Habitat for Humanity[®]
of Morgan County, Alabama

You're Invited

Marshall Home Dedication

Sunday, October 2, 2022

2:00 PM

405 Fairmont Ct.

Decatur, AL

This home is
sponsored by:

**St. Andrew
Presbyterian Church
Publix Charities
Capital Power
PNC Bank**

Women Build Teams:

**Construction Cuties
Chicks with Bricks
Sister Strength
Riveting Roses
Joe Wheeler Live Wires
Humanity in Progress
3M Dream Makers**

**Faith Steppers
Journey Girls
Beauty and the
Build**

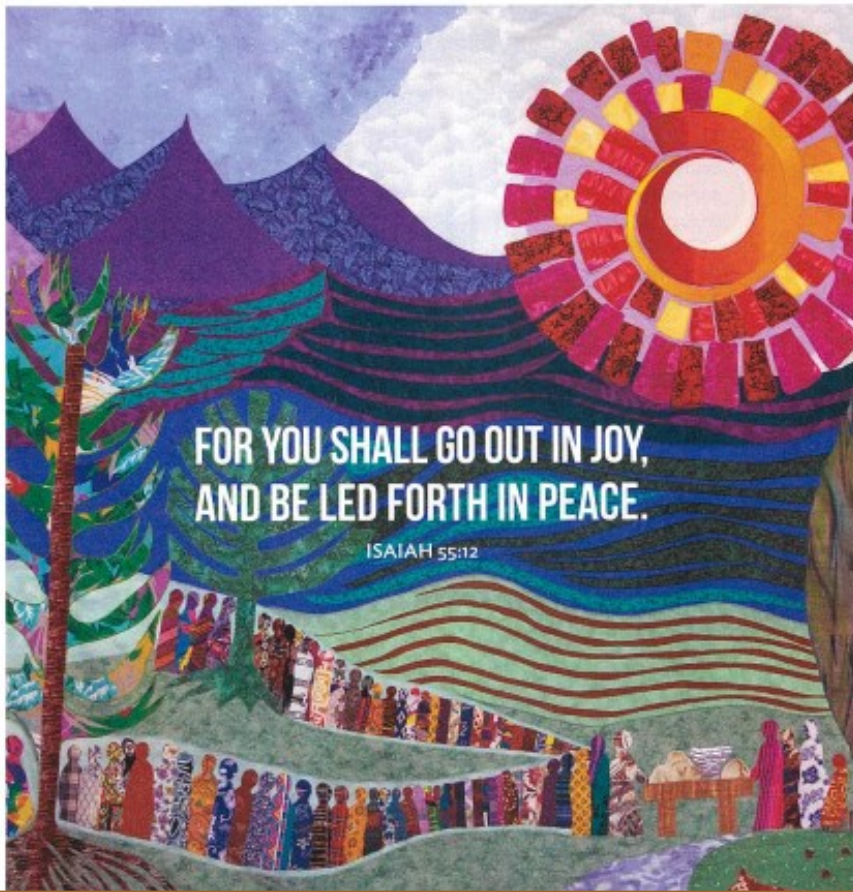
**Come celebrate and dedicate this home with us.
This is your mission dollars at work!**

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PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

October 2



Join us this Sunday, October 2, as we give together to help people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for all of us.

Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own community and across the world.



Holiday Hope Chest Project Christmas Shoeboxes for Morgan County

Shoe boxes are available on the table in the narthex. Please take an instruction page with gift tags attached. A list of suggested items are on the back side of the instruction page.

Boxes are due back at the church, Sunday December 5.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LEADERS 2022



New leaders of 2022-23 year are:

Moderator: Barb Mouton

Circle Leaders: Barbara Allen

Treasurer: Ann Campbell (not pictured)

Secretary/Historian: Jackie Naumann

Special Friends: Cheryl Ellerbe (not pictured)

Cards: B.J. Breeding

Graduate Gifts: Betty Matthews

Love Gifts: Mavis Stephens (not pictured)

Yearbook: Nellie Gates (not pictured)

**Join us the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM for a Bible lesson
and missions update.**



**MEMBER CARE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
3:30 PM**

*"I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another. Just
as I have loved you, you also
should love one another.*

John 13:34

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.



CHURCH-WIDE COOKOUT

Wednesday, October 26, 5:30 PM

More details will follow in your Weekly Touch! Don't miss this—food, fun and FELLOWSHIP!



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.

Your MISSION Projects

Be sure to take time to read all the letters we have received thanking us for our contributions to mission projects here and abroad. **Thank you for your generous support. St. Andrew is a church on mission!**

Letters include:

Presbyterian Mission Engagement & Support—Pentecost Offering
Outreach Foundation—Ukraine Appeal
Living Waters for the World
Neighborhood Christian Center
Tennessee Valley Outreach
Presbyterian Giving Catalog—chickens, sewing machine, and education
Hands Across Decatur—homeless ministry, soup kitchen
Maranatha Camp & Conference Center
Presbyterian Children's Home
Habitat for Humanity and others.

Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering

We had four ladies from St. Andrew attend the Fall Gathering. Barbara Allen is shown introducing Connie Malone as Member-at-Large (Women of Color), NAPW Treasurer Glady Bracy/Secy. and Harriet Bibb, Publishing Editor. The other photo is our ladies who attended the meeting held at Maranatha: (left to right) Barbara Allen, Jackie Naumann, B.J. Breeding, and Barb Mouton.



CARING HANDS MINISTRY



Pictured: Barb Wyle, Betty Matthews, Cheryl Ellerbe, Ceil Hydrick, Joanne Wheat
Not pictured: Jackie Naumann and Bonita Smith

We knit or crochet shawls and 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.

**NAP Men's Association
Quarterly Gathering
Monday, October 17 @ 6:00 PM**

(Registration & fellowship begins at 5:30pm)

Grace Presbyterian Church
5555 Wall Triana Highway, Madison, AL 35758

Dinner Cost—\$10

(provided by Grace Madison volunteers)

Please RSVP early @ 256-722-0508 to reserve your plate

Program

**North Alabama Presbytery:
Where We Are and What's Ahead**
Led by Dr. Tom Lovell,
Transitional Presbyter

The Future of NAPMA
Led by Stan Cowan
NAPMA President

**Contact Tom Meier if you want to attend.
We will meet at the church at 5:00 PM.**



CONNECT

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 5

OCTOBER 12

OCTOBER 19

OCTOBER 26

BIBLE STUDY

Great Themes of the Bible #2 with Tripp

ARTS

The Story of Early Christian Art
Nelda Gilbert

MISSION

Volunteer Center of Morgan County
Casey Coleman

FELLOWSHIP

Church-wide Cookout

The following items are highlights from the September 21, 2022, Stated Session Meeting:

1. The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of July 20, 2022, and the Called Meeting of August 7, 2022 were approved.
2. Our membership as of August 31, 2022, is at 75. Since our last report, Ronnie and Lorrie Smallwood and Keith Abbott joined and Joanne Wheat died.
3. B. J. Breeding agreed to serve as the Session representative on the Nominating Committee which will be active in the next few weeks working on finding members to fill positions of Ruling Elder and members of the Nominating Committee for the next class.
4. W. C. Sweeley has updated the church's policies and procedures for health and safety reflecting recent training on CPR and AED. After review and discussion, the Session approved those documents. They are kept in the office and are open for review by any interested member.
5. Turner Matthews reported that August YTD income was about \$5600 above budget, and our spending is about \$9200 below budget, so we continue to be in very good shape. Our total cash and savings are approximately \$238,000. We are looking into adding a keyboard with organ like functions to enhance our music experiences during worship.
6. Our Restart Team will continue to monitor the COVID situation and adjust our policies as required.
7. Bob Naumann reported that new signs have been placed around the playground and basketball court at the recommendation of our insurance company.
8. Each Wednesday this month our new CONNECT program is functioning and we have had about 20 attendees for each event. Come and join us if you have not done so already!
9. All of our Shepherd Group lunches with Tripp have been held and have had very positive feedback. Faye Anderson also reported that we will be having a church cookout on Wednesday, October 26, 2022
10. Barb Mouton reminded us all about upcoming Fall events, including Holiday Hope Chests and Thanksgiving meals. We will also be serving meals for Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen on one Monday during the months of October, November and December.
11. Linda Grissom announced we will have Worldwide Communion Sunday on October 2, Reformation Sunday on October 30, and Pledge Sunday on November 6.

The next Stated meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 2:00 pm.

Stu Strong, Clerk of Session



"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing...Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me."

Psalm 23:1, 4a (CEB)



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October Worship Leaders

Oct.	2	9	16	23	30
Liturgists	Cerese Sweeley	Ceil Hydrick	B.J. Breeding	Bob Naumann	Linda Grissom
Ushers	B. Naumann D. Ellerbe	D. Foster F. Webster	D. Coshow B. Mouton	S. Newbill S. Strong	C. Sweeley H. Moore
Nursery	Joan Jordan	Shelly Shull	J. Naumann	Carol Strong	Barb Mouton



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 World Communion Sunday Collect food for CCC	3 HAD Lunch PEO 6pm	4 10a Pres. Women	5 Member Care 3:30 PM Choir 4:30 PM CONNECT — Bible Study 5:30 pm	6 DAR 11:00am	7	8
9	10	11	12 CONNECT 5:30 pm	13 1:00p Caring Hands	14	15 DMC 10:00 a Dr. Jeff in concert
16	17 NAP Men's Mtg. 6:00 PM	18 NAP Mtg.	19 Finance Mtg 1 pm Choir 4:30 PM CONNECT 5:30 pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 CONNECT Church-wide Cookout 5:30 PM	27 1:00p Caring Hands	28	29 DMC Hymn Festival 8:00am
30 Reformation Sunday	31					