



Message from our Pastor:

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” - Psalm 90:1-2

Minister and prolific hymn writer Isaac Watts penned some of the most sung words in the church’s long history. His works include “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” “Joy to the World,” and his hymn from 1708, “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past.”

The first lines of the hymn declare, “Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.” These lyrics ask us to remember God’s steadfast faithfulness to the church, not just in the present, but in every past step of the church’s long and storied history. It also urges us to look forward in confidence toward whatever may lay ahead. We can, in hope, imagine wonderful times to come, because the God who has been with us in the past will be with us in the future, too.

This has been at the forefront of my mind as we prepare for a special Sunday at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. **On November 13th, we will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the forming of the St. Andrew congregation and the 20th Anniversary of our wonderful building and facilities!**

We will do so not only in worship, but also during the Sunday School hour as we gather together in the Fellowship Hall. Our time will be used to give thanks to God for both Covenant and Bethany Churches, to honor those who have gone before us, and to praise God for the future to which God leads us. And yes, before you ask, there will be a light breakfast provided. Y’all know good and well that Presbyterians can’t celebrate on empty stomachs!

Please make plans to join us for this joyous occasion, and remember in your own daily lives to praise God for our past, our present, and our future.

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.....	B.J. Breeding
Worship	Linda Grissom

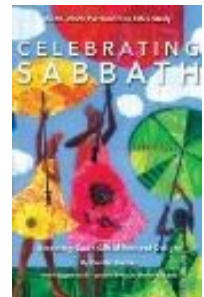


Jean Coshow 11/2
 Tom Meier 11/7
 Faye Anderson 11/17
 Barbara Allen 11/21
 John Newbill 11/23
 B.J. Breeding 11/28

Robert & Connie Lawton 11/1
 Don & BJ Breeding 11/16
 John & Shelly Shull 11/17



Presbyterian Women's Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 10:00 AM
Lesson: "Sabbath and Sunday"
Luke 4:16-22, Acts 16:11-15
Leader: B.J. Breeding



Austinville Elementary School
Invites the Veterans and families of Veterans to come to our
Veteran's Day Program
Thursday, Nov. 10, at 1:30 p.m.



Decatur Civic Chorus invites you to their Fall Concert on
Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 PM
Cost \$10 at the door





CONNECT

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2	NOVEMBER 9	NOVEMBER 16	NOVEMBER 30
No service on the 23 rd .			
<u>BIBLE STUDY</u> GREAT THEMES OF THE BIBLE #3 WITH TRIPP	<u>ARTS</u> Donna Moore Holiday Decorations	<u>MISSION</u> Tennessee Valley Outreach Matt Richards	<u>FELLOWSHIP</u> BINGO

November 2: Pastor Tripp will be continuing our study of Great Themes of the Bible.

November 9: Donna Moore will help us get CONNECTED with some fresh ideas for decorating for the holidays. Thanksgiving brings family and friends together so let's celebrate fall. Harold Moore has some surprises growing in his pumpkin patch just for you. You don't want to miss that! Christmas decorations and gift giving will be in full BLOOM so let's make this holiday season beautiful. There will be lots of giveaways so make plans to attend.

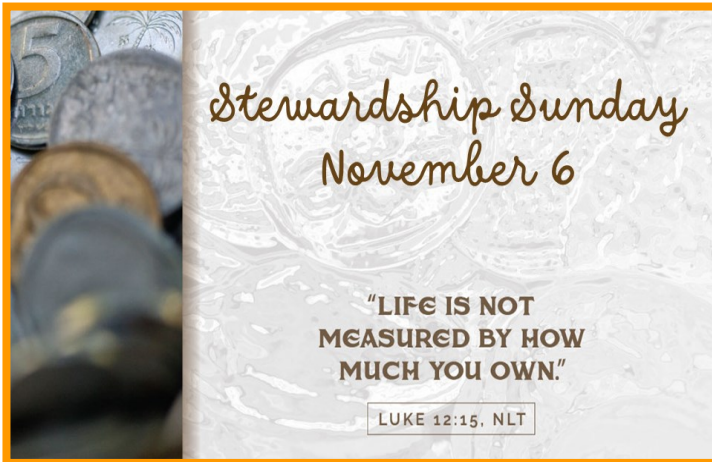
November 16: Matt Richards of TN Valley Outreach will speak to us about how the TVO reaches out to the homeless, hungry, hurting, and the hopeless throughout all of north Alabama. We will also have an opportunity to hear about the ways in which St. Andrew teams with TVO to help meet those needs.

November 23: No Program. . . Enjoy time with your family.

November 30: **BINGO**—You can be a winner! Join us in the fellowship hall for a game of Bingo. Look around your house and gather new or slightly used items that you do not need and bring them to be used as prizes. Invite a friend, and join us for the fun!

Restart Team Covid Guidelines
October 11, 2022

1. Disposable communion packets for the Lord's Supper will continue to be used for the time being. If Covid numbers are in a low category, we can return to normal elements.
2. Any food at the church must be served by folks wearing masks and gloves.
3. Outside groups no longer have restrictions regarding food.



**HANDS ACROSS DECATUR
LUNCH
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**Please sign-up on the bulletin
board for cornbread,
desserts, and servers.**



Thanksgiving Dinner Collection

Our yearly Thanksgiving meal collection is now in progress! A designated area at the Donation Location is set up for the items. Deadline is **Wednesday, November 16**. We will be accepting donations to purchase the turkeys in the church office. Make check payable to SAPC. Below are the items needed for a meal.

- Corn - 2 regular or one large can per meal**
- Green Beans - 2 regular or one large can per meal**
- Candied Yams - 2 regular or one large can per meal**
- Cranberry Sauce - 1 regular can per meal**
- Cornmeal – 2 lb. bag (or larger)**
- 1 boxed dessert item (if a cake, bring frosting)**
- 1 box of instant potatoes (no fresh potatoes)**



WORSHIP NOTES

November's worship services promise to be filled with exciting opportunities to look forward to St. Andrew's future, while also remembering our past.

On November 6th we will "look forward" as we present our pledges and begin planning for the opportunities 2023 will bring.

On November 13th we will "celebrate our past" by commemorating the 25th anniversary of the joining of Bethany and Covenant churches to become St. Andrew Presbyterian Church – and the 20th anniversary of St. Andrew's present location.

November 27th will be the first Sunday of the season of Advent, when we begin preparing our hearts for, and "looking forward" to the birth of the Christ Child.

"Come, worship Him" as we join our voices in celebration through prayer, scripture, and music! We hope to see everyone in worship with us!



NEW POLICY

St. Andrew now has a defibrillator available in case of an emergency. However, there is a new policy regarding its use which will be strictly followed. From the Health/Weather/Safety Plan Policy, revised September 21, 2022.

- ◇ **The Pastor or an Action Team Lead/Member will designate who will:**
 - Call 9-1-1
 - Get the AED Unit
 - Send someone to the parking lot to await First Responders
 - Ask for previously trained people in the CPR Process to “line up for compressions.”
- ◇ Open the AED Unit, TURN IT ON and follow its audio instructions.
- ◇ **In the AED Unit, look for the “Member DNR List.”**
- ◇ If a member does not wish the church to administer CPR or the AED, he/she must let the pastor know so that their name can be kept in the AED case and on file. This request will be honored by the church. **HOWEVER** (and this is a big however), First Responders are required by Alabama Law to practice such life-saving techniques unless they see a current copy of a **Do Not Resuscitate** Order on file at the church. If there is not a copy on the premises, even if the church states a member does not wish to be resuscitated, that member **will** receive CPR or the AED from First Responders.
- ◇ A Do Not Resuscitate Order (DNR) must be requested by the member and member’s doctor. The DNR is good for **one year** from the signature date and then it must be renewed. The form can be found at:
<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/ems/assets/dnar.form.010317.pdf>.
- ◇ Copies of this form are available in the church office but must be signed by one’s doctor.



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.

**Empty, wrapped boxes are on the table. Just fill ‘em!
Boxes are due back at the church, Sunday December 4.**

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



- | Items Needed Most | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 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.



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.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTIAN CENTER (NCC) TOUR

Some of you have expressed an interest in touring the NCC. We will go on Wed., November 9 at 10:00 AM. Meet at the church at 9:30 AM to car pool. Sign-up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

The NCC is collecting new and slightly used toys now for the children for Christmas. A tub has been placed in the Donation Location. These toys will be added to the Toy Store of NCC where a family member can shop for a child. You can also adopt a child or family for Christmas by emailing decaturncc1994@gmail.com.

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

The Member Care Committee is pleased to announce that a brunch will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 8:45 am. Casseroles will once again be welcome! Mark the date to join us in the Fellowship Hall.

Decorating the church for Advent will be November 22 at 9:00 am. If you have helped before, please plan to help again. If you have not had an opportunity to assist in the past, come and we can find a place for you.

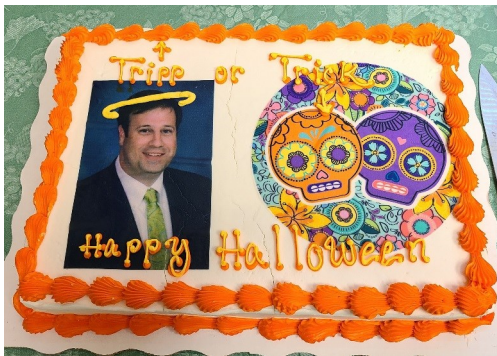


Our mission dollars at work. A home for Ms. Marshall through Habitat for Humanity. Left to right: Carol Strong, Barb Mouton, Cerese Sweeley, Ceil Hydrick, Stu Strong; back row: Rev. Tripp Brogdon and Bob Naumann. Ms. Marshall sitting on porch.

CONNECT: COOKOUT 2022



We had a great turnout for the cookout! Thank you W.C. for cooking the burgers and hotdogs, and for all the member care team who prepared food, served, and decorated. It was a great time of fellowship!





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November Worship Leaders

Nov.	6	13	20	27
Liturgists	Harold Culbert	Stu Strong	Don Koza	John Jordan
Ushers	Bob & Jackie Naumann	John & Shelly Shull	Betty Matthews Barb Mouton	Sylvia Newbill Harold Culbert
Nursery	Betty Matthews	Jane Lowery	Joan Jordan	Shelly Shull



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 am PW	2 Choir 4:30p Connect 5:30p Bible Study	3	4	5
6 Stewardship Sunday	7 5-9p PEO (B. Meier)	8	9 Finance Mtg 1pm Connect 5:30pm Holiday Decor	10 Civic Chorus Concert 7 p Veterans' Day 1:30p Austinville	11	12
13 DMC Fundraiser-Recital 1-3 Anniversary Sunday	14 HAD Lunch	15	16 Session 2 p Choir 4:30p Connect 5:30p TN Valley Outreach	17	18	19
20 Christ the King Sunday	21	22 Decorate Church 9 am	23 No Service	 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Office Closed</div>	25	26
27 1st Sun. of Advent	28	29	30 Choir 4:30p Connect 5:30p BINGO			