



A Message from Pastor Tripp Brogdon:

Holy Week is upon us. Throughout the week, we will experience a whole host of emotions, beginning with the celebration of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Before we know it, though, the shouts of "Hosanna!" eventually become shouts of "Crucify him!" We will spend time on Maundy Thursday with Jesus and the disciples in the upper room as Jesus washes their feet, gives them a new commandment to love, and serves them the Last Supper. The same night, our Lenten journey with Jesus will come to an end at the cross as he is arrested, beaten, and put to death.

In preparation for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, St. Andrew will be offering the Journey to the Cross experience in the Fellowship Hall once again. I am so thankful to Cerese Sweeley for spearheading the effort once again, and I am thankful for those who have volunteered to help set up in advance.

Here's a special invitation from Cerese, not just to members of St. Andrew, but to the community, as well.

We invite you to come and experience Journey to the Cross with Jesus.

This journey will take you through the last hours of Christ's life, from the Garden of Gethsemane, His Trial, His crucifixion, and His burial, through the ten unique interactive prayer stations.

Your journey is self-paced, and you may stay as long as you like. There will be a chair at each table. This personal experience can be deeply moving and humbling as you come to a deeper understanding of the awful and beautiful sacrifice Jesus made for you.

This reverent experience will be available in the Fellowship Hall: Tuesday, April 4th and Wednesday, April 5th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Then again on Maundy Thursday, April 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., followed by our Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Church Service at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

I can attest that it is indeed an emotional and moving experience, and I know you will feel the same.

As I said, we often experience a wide range of emotions during Holy Week. Thankfully, after our time of mourning is done, we will end Holy Week with unspeakable joy as Jesus is resurrected and conquers the grave! Thanks be to God!

Come and experience it all, the lows and the highs, right here at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

He is risen. He is risen, indeed.

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St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2023..... Chairperson

Clerk of Session..... Stuart Strong
 Building/Grounds Bob Naumann
 Communications & Outreach Rev. Tripp Brogdon
 Education & Spiritual Formation..... B. J. Breeding
 Finance & Administration Turner Matthews
 Member Care..... Faye Anderson & Jackie Naumann
 Mission Barbara Mouton and John Jordan
 Treasurer Philip Gilbert
 Nominating Shelly Shull
 Worship Linda Grissom

 Comptroller Tommy Gates



Ceil Hydrick 7-Apr
 Connie Lawton 7-Apr
 Doug Coshow 22-Apr
 Roger Faulk 24-Apr
 Keith Abbott 28-Apr



Ronnie & Lorrie Smallwood
 April 12

 W.C. & Cerese Sweeley
 April 24



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

The Caring Hands group knits, crochets, and makes lap blankets for those going through hospice care. No supplies needed—we have plenty.



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 10:00 AM

Lesson: "Sabbath and Justice"

Isaiah 58

Leader: Nellie Gates

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.

Call or text Barb Mouton for more details or how you can volunteer.



Maundy
Thursday

April 6, 6:00 PM



Flowering of the Cross

Bring real or artificial flowers to
decorate the cross on
Easter Sunday.

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



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (February 22 – April 9), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. **In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.**



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One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.

Worship News

Spring has arrived and the month of April is bringing us several opportunities for special worship. April 2nd brings us to Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. When entering the sanctuary for worship on Palm Sunday, you will receive a cross made from a palm leaf as a reminder of this special day in our church year. Our scripture and music will be filled with "Hosanna!" and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

On Thursday, April 6th, the mood of our worship will change from joy to sadness and contemplation as we gather for our Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 PM. Scripture and music will take us through Jesus' arrest, conviction and crucifixion. Communion will be served as we come forward to the table.

Sunday, April 9th, brings us to Easter morning, when we will joyfully celebrate the Lord's resurrection. Fresh flowers and stirring music will fill the sanctuary. Communion will be served while the congregation remains seated.

Rev. Tom Lovell, Executive Presbyter of the North Alabama Presbytery, will join us for worship on Sunday, April 23rd to introduce himself and bring us news of the presbytery.

Please join us for each of these services as we worship our Lord together!

Linda Grissom, Chair

HANDS ACROSS DECATUR LUNCH

Monday, April 10

Menu: Pork Loin and sides

Sign-up on the bulletin board to cook food, prepare food at the church, or serve.



CONNECT

APRIL SCHEDULE

APRIL 12	APRIL 26
<u>BIBLE STUDY</u> with Pastor Tripp	<u>Scams Targeting the Elderly</u> Tricia Pruitt, Better Business Bureau

“CHAT N’ CHEW” BIBLE STUDY IN MAY



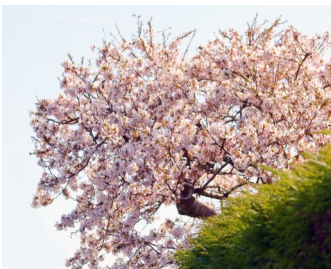
Beginning May 1, bring a lunch with you and join us for a weekly Bible Study on Mondays from 11:30-12:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Our first month of this new program will be a four-week study on prayer! Prayer is both a central spiritual practice for followers of Jesus, and, for many, one of the most difficult to grasp. It seems like prayer should be simple, just talking to God. But we worry about how we are praying, if we are saying the right words or doing the right things, and we wonder if anyone is really listening.

Bring your lunch and an open heart as we “chat n’ chew” on the Word together!

Additional teachers are needed, so if you are interested in leading a session from the curriculum, please contact Tripp.

NORTH ALABAMA PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S SPRING GATHERING



Covenant Presbyterian Church, Huntsville
Registration and Coffee Meet-and-Greet
with Rev. Sharon Gearing – 9:15-9:50 A.M.
Program 10:00 A.M.
April 15, 2023

If interested in attending, contact: Barbara Allen
at 256-309-5990 or decaturba@charter.net

Member Care

The Member Care ministry team is responsible for care, nurture, and fellowship of the church membership. The Shepherd's groups are one of the ways we support this ministry. Each Elder is assigned to a group of members to support and maintain contact. If a situation arises that the church can help, the Elder will inform the pastor and others as appropriate. The Elder can also be contacted by a member to inform them of needs; the information will be shared as directed by the member. An updated list of the Shepherd's groups is included in this edition of the Chronicle. Please note the Elder for your Shepherd group and let the Church Office or your Elder know if you have concerns/needs.

If you are worshipping with us, and you are not on the list but wish to be included, we can make that addition. Please let the Church Office know, and we will be happy to add you to a group.

Last year we began Shepherd Group gatherings. These were meals at a scheduled time for the group members to meet with each other and with Tripp. Feedback on these gatherings was very positive, so we will continue that activity this year. Your Shepherd Group Elder will contact you about the event when it is scheduled. We plan to begin these after Easter.

Faye Anderson

Shepherd List for Elders – 2023

"Be shepherd of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be..." (1 Peter 5:2)

Faye Anderson Roger & Linda Faulk Ceil Hydrick Jane Lowery Tom & Bobbie Meier Parker Vandine	B. J. Breeding Anne Campbell John & Rita Abbott Keith Abbott Ron & Lorrie Smallwood Sharon Thomson
Linda Grissom Jeff Gilbreath Philip & Nelda Gilbert Don & Shelia Koza Fate & Linda Webster	Turner Matthews Amy Burks Bob & Connie Lawton W.C. & Ceresse Sweeley Harold & Donna Moore
John Jordan Dave & Cheryl Ellerbe Jimmy & Debbie Simmons Hank & Linda Livingston Harold & Teresa Culbert	Barb Mouton John & Betty Brandon Don & Jan Foster Kayse Sharpe Carol Watt Sandy Baldwin
Bob Naumann George Hilleary Jimmy Wright Barb Wyle Leslie Matthews	Stu Strong Doug & Jean Coshaw Bill & Jamie Heim Mavis Stephens Jeremy Stephens Tom & Nellie Gates
Shelly Shull Barbara Allen John & Sylvia Newbill Shelley & Robert Vinzant Lee & Addi Zeiher	

The following items are highlights from the March 15, 2023, Stated Session Meeting:

- 1) The March Stated Session Meeting was held on March 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.
- 2) The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of January 18, 2023, and the Annual Congregational meeting of January 22, 2023, were approved.
- 3) Our membership as of February 28, 2023, remains at 73. There were no changes since our last report.
- 4) Stu Strong reported on the February 3, 2023, Called Meeting (by Zoom) of North Alabama Presbytery (NAP) which met to approve the sale of the Church Building and Property of First Presbyterian Church in Decatur. He also reported on the February 25, 2023, Winter Stated Meeting of NAP held at First Presbyterian Church in Athens. The primary highlights of that meeting were 1) the installation of the Rev. Tripp Brogdon as Vice-Moderator of Presbytery, 2) a Celebration of Ministry service for two churches which have closed in our Presbytery: Huntsville Sa-Rang Community Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Decatur, and 3) voting on 33 proposed amendments to the PCUSA Book of Order. If you have any questions, please contact Stu.
- 5) Turner Matthews reported that February YTD income was about \$4,100 less than our spending – primarily due to paying our entire year's per capita apportionment in January, the purchase of a fire-proof filing cabinet (as recommended in our recent Audit), and 4th quarter 2022 Federal and State Taxes, which were paid in January 2023.
- 6) Bob Naumann told us that 4 new Yoshino Cherry trees were planted to replace old and damaged trees which were removed last fall. We also had some minor roof damage from the storm a couple of weeks ago, which has been repaired. We just had our 10-year inspection to maintain our Termite Bond.
- 7) B. J. Breeding reported that all adult Sunday School material has been organized in the Library and should be consulted prior to purchasing more for your class – you might find something interesting that we have already paid for. Beginning in May, we will be starting a new, weekly Bible study class to be held on Mondays around lunch time – look for more details soon.
- 8) Tripp reported that he will be working closely with Harold and Teresa Culbert to update our website to more accurately reflect our current church activities and membership.
- 9) Faye Anderson advised us that due to the positive responses last year we will have two CATS lunches this year and will again have Shepherd lunch/supper gatherings as well as a church cook-out, and a Christmas Brunch.
- 10) The next Stated meeting will be on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 2:00 pm.

Stu Strong, Clerk of Session

Laugh a little! Why was the chef a tough boss? *He always beat the eggs.*

I heard Arnold Schwarznegger won't be playing the Terminator anymore. *I guess he is an ex-terminator!*



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Worship Leaders

April	2	9	16	23	30
Liturgists	Faye Anderson	B. J. Breeding	Cerese Sweeley	Barb Mouton	Stu Strong
Ushers	H. Culbert B. Mouton	C. Sweeley B. Matthews	J. Shull S. Shull	B. Naumann J. Naumann	D. Coshow D. Foster
Nursery	J. Jordan	S. Shull	J. Naumann	C. Strong	B. Mouton



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Palm Sun. Collect food for CCC	3 Easter dinner pickup 9a Color Grp.	4 10a Pres. Women 10-4 Journey to the Cross	5	6 Maundy Thurs 6:00 PM 10-5:30 Journey to the Cross	7	8
9 Easter	10 HAD Lunch	11	12 Finance Mtg 4p Choir 4:30 PM CONNECT — Bible Study	13 1:00p Caring Hands	14	15
16	17 9a Color Grp.	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Choir 4:30 P CONNECT 5:30 pm	27 1:00p Caring Hands	28	29
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