



A Message from Pastor Tripp Brogdon:

“Lord Almighty,
Feel my temperature rising
Higher, higher
It’s burning through to my soul.”

At first glance, you might think these words come from the Book of Acts as the author describes that first Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came rushing in like a mighty wind and tongues of fire rested on those gathered together.

Those words take on an entirely different meaning when you realize that those are lyrics from Elvis Presley’s “Burning Love.”

While Elvis may have been describing something entirely different, I wonder what it means to us, as a church, to have a burning love... a Pentecostal love for the world, for our neighbors, and for ourselves.

Have a burning love for singing? Get involved in our choir.

Have a burning love for the Bible? Come to Bible study or join a Sunday School class.

Have a burning love for helping the least of these? Go and feed the hungry at Hands Across Decatur or bring to church canned goods, clothes, or supplies for the homeless.

Have a burning love for fellowship? Join us for the CATS lunch, or come to the church picnic later in the month.

Whatever your burning love for the world is, you can feed that flame here at St. Andrew. The Spirit is moving in, around, and through us... burning in our hearts and guiding us to be witnesses of the resurrecting power of Jesus Christ, now and always.

Grace and peace,

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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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bill Heim	1-Jun	Harold and Teresa Culbert
Jamie Heim	5-Jun	June 20
Nelda Gilbert	7-Jun	
Linda Grissom	15-Jun	
Linda Livingston	19-Jun	
Jeff Gilbreath	20-Jun	
Rita Abbott	20-Jun	
Sandy Baldwin	26-Jun	



**New Study in Seekers
Sunday School Class
meeting in the Sr.
High Room**

Beginning Sunday, June 18, the Seekers Sunday school class will begin a new study, *Reading the Old Testament through Jewish Eyes, A Study of the Scriptures That Jesus Read*. In his book, Rabbi Moffic explores the Torah, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, and highlights points of interest to Christians. He describes the role of the Torah in Jewish worship and practice and explores the key themes of each book guided by the wisdom of Jewish interpreters through the centuries. Join us in the senior high room each Sunday at 8:45 am as we find new insights into the Biblical story.

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.



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.



Choir Rehearsal

Wed., June 14, at 4:30 PM

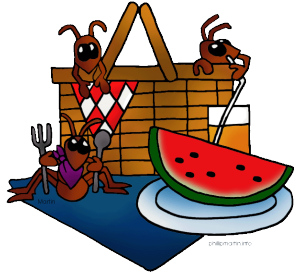
Wed., June 28, at 4:30 PM



There will be a Grave Marking for a Revolutionary War Veteran, David Johnson, in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery (just north of the Church) on Sunday, June 4th, at 2:00 PM. This grave marking will be done by the Sons of the Revolution (SAR). The Scouts, who have been helping clean up the cemetery, will be there and a Color Guard from SAR will attend. This is an Alabama State event so many folks might be coming. Parking will be in the St. Andrew parking lot. Everyone is welcome.

HANDS ACROSS DECATUR LUNCH, JUNE 12

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Menu will be sloppy joes, chips and dessert. Please sign-up on the bulletin board to bring chips or dessert and/or prepare at church, serve, and/or help clean-up.



CHURCH PICNIC, JUNE 28, 5:30 PM

Meet on the patio of the fellowship hall.

Bring your own picnic supper. Drinks will be provided.

CONNECT

JUNE SCHEDULE

JUNE 14, 5:30 PM

JUNE 28, 5:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY

CHURCH PICNIC
Bring your own
dinner.

Member Care Activities

The Member Care Committee invites you to participate in upcoming events.

A CATS' lunch is planned for Thursday, June 8, at 11:30 AM at the Freight House in Hartselle. Specific information and sign-up sheet is in the church office. Everyone is welcome to join us. Food is great (rated #8 in Alabama) and the fellowship is superb.

The Elders will begin scheduling the **Shepherd Group gatherings**. These are times to visit and get to know each other in a small group setting. It is not a structured meeting--just an informal opportunity to share and, of course, eat! When your group meeting is scheduled, please consider joining in.

Session Highlights

The following items are highlights from the May 17, 2023, Stated Session Meeting held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

- 1) The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of March 15, 2023, and the Called Session Meeting of April 23, 2023, were approved.
- 2) Our membership as of April 30, 2023, increased by 2 to 75, with the addition of Ella Stephens and Addi Zeiher by Profession of Faith.
- 3) Faye Anderson was selected to be our Elder Commissioner to the Summer Stated Meeting of North Alabama Presbytery to be held at First Presbyterian Church in Guntersville on June 13, 2023.
- 4) Turner Matthews reported that April YTD income was \$1223 more than expected and expenses were \$656 less than expected. These figures do not include the \$40,000 gift we received from First Presbyterian Church of Decatur. In addition, the Finance Committee made a motion to eliminate the Organ fund and transfer the remaining funds (approximately \$10k) into the General Fund of the Church. In the past 6 months, monies from this fund had been used to purchase a new lawn mower for the church and to purchase a new keyboard for the sanctuary. We expect the keyboard to be used in worship once the final connections are made to our sound system and it becomes fully functional.
- 5) The Session approved a sponsoring relationship with Stacey Nelson to take her under care of St. Andrew after she officially becomes a member of our congregation and as she works to complete her studies at Dubuque Seminary in the next 15 months and then completes her ordination process.
- 6) Bob Naumann informed us that upcoming projects under consideration are the installation of handrails along the hall from the Nursery to the Fellowship Hall, repairs to the Church entrance signage and the water fountain and washing of windows.
- 7) B. J. Breeding reported on the programs being planned for Wednesday evening through the summer. Be on the lookout for more information regarding specific programs.
- 8) Faye Anderson advised us that new Shepherd Lists have been distributed and Shepherd Group Gatherings will be scheduled soon. Two CATS lunches are also being planned.
- 9) The Mission Team received enough money and food that we have some left to carry over to the Thanksgiving meals later in the year according to Barb Mouton. We had a great response to our One Great Hour of Sharing offering and are looking forward to our Pentecost offering next Sunday.
- 10) Linda Grissom reported that we will again be having special music during worship services over the summer months.

The next Stated meeting will be on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 2:00 pm.

Stu Strong, Clerk of Session



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June Worship Leaders

June	4	11	18	25
Liturgists	Harold Culbert	Shelly Shull	B.J. Breeding	Faye Anderson
Ushers	Bob & Jackie Naumann	Doug Coshow Dave Ellerbe	Betty Matthews Barb Mouton	Don Foster Harold Moore
Nursery	Shelly Shull	Jackie Naumann	Carol Strong	Betty Matthews
	Communion Servers	Faye Anderson, BJ Breeding, John Jordan, Barb Mouton, and Linda Grissom		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Ceremony at Cemetery 2p	5 PEO 6p	6 6p NAP Men's Meeting St. Andrew	7	8 CATS lunch 11:30 AM Freight House	9	10
11	12 HAD Lunch	13	14 Finance 4p Choir 4:30p CONNECT 5:30p	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Choir 4:30p CONNECT: 5:30p Church Picnic	29	30	31