



## ***Message from our Pastor:***

St. Andrew,

Whenever November rolls around on our calendars, we turn our hearts and minds to the practice of giving thanks... and for good reason! Many of us think that way because of the Thanksgiving holiday, complete with eating far too much and taking the longest nap in the history of the world. I guess I'm just talking about myself at this point, aren't I?

I appreciate the opportunity to stop, to reflect, and to give thanks for the grace of God found in our lives. I am also moved hearing others at this time of year express their gratitude.

This November 5th, we have an opportunity to give thanks in a special way at St. Andrew. We will observe the ancient tradition of All Saints' Day. It is always a moving service of worship, and I encourage you to be present.

All Saints' Day has its roots in early Christian observances that marked an anniversary of a martyr's death - their "birthday" as a saint. By 609 AD, there were so many martyrs that they couldn't all have their own days, so one day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

As time went on, the day began to take on a different focus within our Reformed tradition. As the Presbyterian Mission Agency puts it, "Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age."

With that in mind, our focus at St. Andrew will be remembering and giving thanks for our loved ones who have died.

This year, we will provide a flower to each person entering the sanctuary. During the worship service all will have the opportunity to come forward and place their flower near the communion table in memory of our beloved saints who have gone before us. It will be a beautiful opportunity to give thanks to God and for our loved ones. Join us so we may remember together.

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." - Hebrews 12:1-2*

Grace and peace,  
Tripp

<b>St. Andrew Elders &amp; Ministry Leaders 2023 .....</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Clerk of Session.....</b>	<b>Stuart Strong</b>
<b>Building/Grounds.....</b>	<b>Bob Naumann</b>
<b>Communications &amp; Outreach.....</b>	<b>Rev. Tripp Brogdon</b>
<b>Education &amp; Spiritual Formation.....</b>	<b>B. J. Breeding</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Administration.....</b>	<b>Turner Matthews</b>
<b>Member Care .....</b>	<b>Faye Anderson &amp; Jackie Naumann</b>
<b>Mission .....</b>	<b>Barbara Mouton &amp; John Jordan</b>
<b>Treasurer .....</b>	<b>Philip Gilbert</b>
<b>Nominating .....</b>	<b>Shelly Shull</b>
<b>Worship .....</b>	<b>Linda Grissom</b>



<b>Jean Coshow</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Tom Meier</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Faye Anderson</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Barbara Allen</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>John Newbill</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>BJ Breeding</b>	<b>28</b>



<b>Robert &amp; Connie Lawton</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Don &amp; BJ Breeding</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>John &amp; Shelly Shull</b>	<b>17</b>

# CONNECT

## NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

**NOV. 8**

**4:30 PM**  
**Choir**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Bible Study**  
**With Turner**  
**Matthews**  
**"Calvinism in**  
**Colonial America"**

**NOV. 22**

**NO CONNECT**

**NOV. 29**

**4:30 PM**  
**Choir**



Bob Naumann accepted the Peace Dove on behalf of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church at the North Alabama Presbytery meeting at Maranatha Camp and Conference Center on October 17, 2023. The Peace Dove is a reminder of St. Andrew's commitment to peacemaking.



## Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Tuesday, November 7

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

"A Bleeding Woman...", Luke 8:43-48

Lesson Leader: Barb Mouton



## Thanksgiving Dinner Collection

The deadline for our yearly Thanksgiving meal collection is November 15! Please place donated items at the Donation Location. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase turkeys. Make checks payable to SAPC and give to the office. 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)

## Shoeboxes for kids



## Holiday Hope Chest Project

The Holiday Hope Chest Project is underway for the 2023 Christmas season!

The Volunteer Center of Morgan County provides Christmas boxes for children from low-income households. Here's how you can help; preassemble a box, donate items to fill a box or give a monetary donation. More information can be found at the table set up in front of the Fellowship Hall. Boxes must be turned in by Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

## WORSHIP NOTES

November promises to be a busy month for St. Andrew. Each week we will have opportunities to worship, fellowship, and serve others.

This year All Saints Day falls on a Wednesday, so we will observe that special day on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> along with communion. This year, in remembrance of our loved ones who have passed on, the ushers will give each person a flower along with their bulletin. At the appropriate time during the worship service, everyone will have the opportunity, if they wish, to come forward and place their flower in one of two vases.

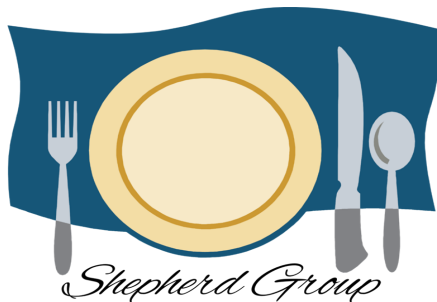
On Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> the choir will practice at 4:30 followed by Bible Study at 5:30. Choir practice will resume after the Thanksgiving holidays on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Presbyterian Women will host a breakfast in the fellowship hall on Stewardship Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted. This will replace the usual fall bake sale or certificate sale in support of PW's mission projects.

This month also gives us the opportunity to donate food for Thanksgiving dinners for the less fortunate. There are so many in our community who need our help. Think of them as you sit down at your Thanksgiving table.

This is an exciting time of year. Before we know it, the Season of Advent will be upon us! Take advantage of all the opportunities that St. Andrew offers this month to worship, serve, and enjoy your church family!

Linda Grissom



**Stu Strong - Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM**

**Barb Mouton – Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM  
in the Fellowship Hall**

Since this is the last Shepherd Group luncheon this year, anyone who missed their own gathering is welcome to attend this one. Please call or text Barb Mouton at 256 476-6094 if you want to come.

## MEMBER CARE

### SAC Report November 2023

An evening of flowers, Tiki lights, music, and food was enjoyed by all at the Hawaiian luau cook-out. Laughter filled the room as we had burgers off the grill and cake and ice cream. Philip Gilbert and Tommy Gates were recognized for their many dedicated hours of work on financial and audio-visual activities. Thank you, Tommy and Philip.

All the Shepherd's meetings have been scheduled. These are a nice time to visit together in small groups.

The season of Advent begins December 5, and the committee is making plans for our traditional events. The Christmas Brunch is scheduled for December 17 during the Sunday School hour. Mark your calendar and plan to join in.

# Music Together!

## An Ensemble Fundraiser Concert Benefitting the Decatur Music Club Scholarships

Sunday, November 5, 2023, 3:00 PM  
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Decatur, AL

Tickets are \$5 each and are available from any music teacher or at the door. Come enjoy a program of both teachers and students celebrating the joy of creating and sharing music together!



Daylight Savings time is Sunday,  
November 5th.

Don't forget to set your clocks back  
Saturday night!

Decatur Civic Chorus invites you to their  
"Sing We Now of Christmas" Concert on  
Thursday, November 16, at 7:00 PM  
Cost: \$10 adult \$5 students, available at the door



Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen  
Monday, November 13

The menu is hot dogs, slaw, chips, and dessert. Please sign up on the Bulletin board to bring individual bags of chips or dessert.





## 2023 Church Cookout





# CCC FOOD PANTRY

## Collection the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



### 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 need items for cold weather. Warm clothing, sheets, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, tarps, coats, gloves, socks, bikes, etc. are welcome.



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# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Shepherd Group-Stu Strong 5:30	2	3	4 
5 Shepherd Group-Barb Mouton DMC Concert 3PM	6 Color Group 9A PED 6P	7 PW 10A CC 6P	8 Choir 4:30P CONNECT 5:30P	9 Caring Hands 1P	10	11 
12 Rosemary Preaching	13 HAD Lunch	14 CC 6P	15 Session Meeting 2P	16 CC Concert 7P	17	18
19 Stewardship Sunday PW Breakfast 8:45 AM	20 Color Group 9A	21	22 No CONNECT Office Closed	23  Office Closed	24	25
26	27	28	29 Choir 4:30P	30		

## November Worship Leaders

Nov.	5	12	19	26
Liturgists	Linda Grissom	Harold Culbert	Faye Anderson	Cerese Sweeley
Ushers	John & Shelly Shull	Cerese Sweeley Dave Ellerbe	Betty Matthews Harold Culbert	Doug Coshow Harold Moore
Nursery	Shelly Shull	Betty Matthews	Jane Lowery	Joan Jordan
	Communion Servers	Faye Anderson, BJ Breeding, John Jordan, Barb Mouton, Linda Grissom		