



Message from our Pastor:

St. Andrew,

This past Sunday, we held our yearly informational congregational meeting. We heard from several of our committees on their work this past year, along with their upcoming work for 2024. As I listened to their reports, I couldn't help but be thankful. God has been so faithful to us, and it is beyond clear to me that we try our best to respond to that faithfulness with faithfulness of our own.

Hearing the ways in which we support, build up, and care for one another...

Seeing all the ways we are actively involved in loving our neighbors locally, nationally, and globally...

Listening to the ways in which we are eager to learn from one another and teach one another...

Witnessing the selflessness and sacrifice of so many who give of their time, talents, and financial resources...

... all of those things tells me that we are, indeed, a vibrant and active church.

What a joy it is to be your Pastor!

That same joy has carried over into the Session's visioning efforts that we began in January. Knowing that we already have such a strong foundation to build upon, it makes our job that much easier as we discern where God is leading us in the future.

Stay tuned throughout the year, as you'll be hearing updates from the Session and from me concerning that work. In the meantime, pray.

Pray for St. Andrew. Pray for the Session. Pray for me. Pray for one another.

Pray with gratitude for God's faithfulness in the past, present, and future.

Grace and peace,

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St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2024	Chairperson
Clerk of Session.....	Stuart Strong
Building/Grounds.....	Bob Naumann
Communications & Outreach.....	D. Ann Norris
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	B. J. Breeding
Finance & Administration.....	
Member Care	Faye Anderson & Jackie Naumann
Mission	Barbara Mouton & John Jordan
Treasurer	Philip Gilbert
Nominating	Shelly Shull
Worship	Linda Grissom



W.C. Sweeley	3
Shelly Shull	5
Philip Gilbert	6
Abby Stephens	10
Harold Culbert	13
Anne Campbell	19
Peggy McMahan	24



Tom & Bobbie Meier	1
John & Sylvia Newbill	4
John & Rita Abbott	19

CONNECT

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

FEB. 14

5:30 PM
Ash Wednesday
Special Service

FEB. 28

5:30 PM
Movie Night

PRESBYTERIAN TOWERS HONORS BILL HEIM

St. Andrew's own Bill Heim was honored at the January meeting of the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Homes of Decatur (Presbyterian Towers) for being President of the Board for forty years. He became board president in January of 1984 and has been an outstanding leader, always concerned with the residents' well-being, safety and happiness. A luncheon was given in Bill's honor and was attended by Annette Witherspoon (Property Manager), Cindy Miller (Service Coordinator), and Leslie Warren of S.P.M. Management Company. Attending from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church were board members Sara Bush, Tom Meier, and Linda Grissom as well as Rev. Tripp Brogdon. Congratulations, Bill!



CHOIR
Practice
 Wednesday
 February
 14th & 28th
 4:30 PM

Movie Night
 Wednesday
 February 28th
 5:30 PM

The following items are highlights from the January 24, 2024, Stated Session Meeting:

1. The January Stated Session Meeting was held on January 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
2. The meeting was opened with a devotional led by Rev. Brogdon.
3. The Session elected Stu Strong to be Clerk of Session, and Philip Gilbert to be Treasurer for 2024.
4. Elder Shelly Shull was elected to be our Commissioner to the Winter Meeting of North Alabama Presbytery (NAP) which will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024, in our church facility. Rev Brogdon will be installed as the new Moderator of NAP at that meeting.
5. Rev. Brogdon reported on the Called Meeting of NAP which was held via Zoom on December 11, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a commissioner to the upcoming meeting of our General Assembly. They elected elder Mark Icenogle of Covenant Church in Huntsville.
6. John Jorden reported on the Called Meeting of NAP which was held via Zoom on January 4, 2024. The purpose of this meeting was to hear the report of the Executive Presbyter Search Committee and to vote on the next Executive Presbyter of NAP. They elected the Rev. Dr. Tom Lovell, who had been serving as the Interim Executive Presbyter for the last year and a half.
7. The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of November 15, 2023, and the Congregational Meeting of December 10, 2023, were approved.
8. Our membership as of December 31, 2023, increased to 81 by the addition of Tom Caddell by Letter of Transfer.
9. The Session voted to receive Hank Livingston by Reaffirmation of Faith.
10. Turner Matthews reported that year end December income was \$30,907 more than budgeted and expenses were \$22,744 more than budgeted, primarily due to the church's share of the expenses required to repair the sink hole near Vestavia Drive, down payment on a new air conditioning system for the Fellowship Hall, and increased mission giving. Work is in progress to develop a budget for 2024, which will be presented to the Congregation at a called meeting on January 28, 2024.
11. Yearly reports were given by Education & Spiritual Formation, Member Care and Mission committees which will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2024, immediately following the morning worship service.
12. Bob Naumann reported that materials have been ordered for the handrail in the long Sunday School hallway and that he had received thanks from Habitat for Humanity for our aluminum can donations.
13. Linda Grissom reported that we had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season, and we will have an Ash Wednesday service on February 14.
14. Rev. Brogdon led us in our first installment of the Session Visioning and Discernment process that we will be working on this year. This session dealt primarily with a lot of information on the current status of religion in America across various ages and church affiliations. Our next session will delve more into our local community situation.

The next Stated Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 2:00 pm.

Stu Strong, Clerk of Session



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Tuesday, February 6

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

"...a Physical Disability", Acts 3:1-10

Lesson Leader: Barbara Allen



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, Feb. 14

5:30 PM

Join us as we prepare for the
Season of Lent.

WORSHIP NOTES

After a wonderful Advent and Christmas season and a week-long ice storm, we are all looking ahead to spring. It won't be spring according to the calendar, but Ash Wednesday, which will begin our Lenten journey toward Easter, falls on February 14th. (Yes, Valentine's Day). Our Ash Wednesday service will begin at 5:30 following choir practice at 4:30.

Looking ahead, on March 24th we will shout "Hosanna!" on Palm Sunday and on Thursday, March 28th a combined Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service will be held. On Easter, March 31st, we will celebrate Resurrection Sunday. Mark your calendars for these special worship services at St. Andrew.

Linda Grissom

Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen

Monday, February 12

The menu is: New England Boiled Dinner, applesauce
Please sign up on the Bulletin board
to bring cornbread, rolls, or dessert.



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.



CARING HANDS MINISTRY

New Meeting Days-the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We will begin making cards that will be used to send out hope filled messages to those needing some encouragement or just a little extra "hug" to let them know how much we care about them. The only skills needed will be the ones you learned in kindergarten:

cutting and pasting! We have several paper artists in our group who will provide patterns and supplies from their overflowing stashes! No need to buy anything. We also knit or crochet shawls for Hospice and the Cancer Institute. No skills needed, we will teach you.



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.

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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F E B R U A R Y

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10A Member Care Meeting 1P Caring Hands	2	3
4	5 6P PEO	6 6P CC 10A PW	7 9A-1P F/H Hill & Dale Garden Club	8	9	10
11	12 HAD Lunch	13 6P CC	14 4:30P Choir 5:30P Ash Wednesday Special Service	15 1P Caring Hands	16	17 10A DMC
18	19	20 6P CC	21	22	23 PW decorate F/H	24 NAP meeting
25 1:30P DMC Scholarship	26	27	28 4:30P Choir 5:30P Movie Night	29 6:15P DCC Dinner Show-will be here early to set up		

February Worship Leaders

Feb	4	11	18	25
Liturgists	Nellie Gates	Cerese Sweeley	Faye Anderson	Stu Strong
Ushers	Harold Moore Betty Matthews	John & Shelly Shull	Bob & Jackie Naumann	Doug Coshow Barb Mouton
Nursery	Barb Mouton	Jackie Naumann	Joan Jordan	Shelley Shull
	Communion Servers	Bob Naumann, BJ Breeding, Don Koza, Stu Strong, Nellie Gates		