



*But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”*

*Luke 4:1-6a (NRSV)*

<b>St. Andrew Elders &amp; Ministry Leaders 2024</b> .....	<b>Chairperson</b>
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



<b>Ceil Hydrick</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Connie Lawton</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Doug Coshow</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Roger Faulk</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Keith Abbott</b>	<b>28</b>



<b>Ronnie &amp; Lorrie Smallwood</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>W.C. &amp; Cerese Sweeley</b>	<b>24</b>

# CONNECT

## APRIL SCHEDULE

**APRIL 10**

**5:30 PM  
Bible Study  
with John Shull**

**APRIL 24**

**5:30 PM  
with  
Teresa & Harold  
Culbert  
"Evolution of a  
Southern Shade  
Garden"**



We are in the process of updating our church directory. Please check your hard copy or the Instant Church Directory App to make sure all of your information is correct. If you have a change in your information, please call or email Jennifer at [churchoffice@standrewdecatour.org](mailto:churchoffice@standrewdecatour.org) as soon as possible.



### Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Tuesday, April 2  
10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall

**"Lydia Encounters Jesus..."**, Acts 16:11-15  
Lesson Leader: Cheryl Ellerbe

**CHOIR**  
*Practice*  
Wednesday  
April  
10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 PM

Adult Coloring Group  
Monday,  
April 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:00 AM  
In the Church Library



### Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen

Monday, April 8th

Join us as we serve chicken pot pie and salad.  
Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring  
cornbread, rolls, or dessert.

Presbyterian Women's Spring  
Fundraiser Lunch

You are cordially invited to lunch in the  
fellowship hall on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
immediately following our morning worship  
service.

This will be PW'S spring fundraiser. Donations will be accepted to help support the  
group's mission work. Watch for more details in the coming weeks



The following items are highlights from the March 20, 2024, Stated Session Meeting:

1. The March Stated Session Meeting was held on March 20, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
2. The meeting was opened with a devotional led by Linda Grissom.
3. The Session voted to approve the Baptism of Samuel Shull on Sunday, April 7, 2024, during the worship service.
4. Elder Shelly Shull reported on the Winter meeting of North Alabama Presbytery (NAP) which was held on Saturday February 24, 2024, in our church facility. Rev Brogdon was installed as the new Moderator of NAP at that meeting. Also installed at the meeting were the new Executive Presbyter, the Rev. Dr. Tom Lovell and Stated Clerk, Rev. Tom Lewis. A report on Camp Maranatha as given by Micah Beard, the new director, who told of the renovations to the dining hall and restrooms. Doug Marshall, of the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, reported that they are doubling the size of their operation so they will be able to help 24 families.
5. The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of January 24, 2024, and the Congregational Meeting of January 28, 2024, were approved.
6. February year to date income was \$755 less than budgeted and expenses were \$448 less than budgeted. Our checking and saving accounts increased by \$3,213 since the first of the year.
7. Bob Naumann reported that our new heating and cooling system for the Fellowship Hall was installed on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and our kitchen is much quieter since we replaced our old double door refrigerator with a new 21 cubic foot refrigerator. In addition, 4 trees that had died have been replaced with new Yoshino Cherry trees.
8. B.J. Breeding announced that Tripp will lead a combined Sunday school class on June 30 and Connect will only meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month during May, June, July, and August.
9. Faye Anderson told us that the coffee time on Sunday mornings will continue during March and will be reevaluated for continuation.
10. Mission projects are on budget, and we will be packing Easter Dinners on Wednesday March 20, after the Connect program.
11. Linda Grissom reported that the team is developing guidelines for outside groups wishing to use our facility and set expectations for them if they need our AV help.
12. Rev. Brogdon led us in our second installment of the Session Visioning and Discernment process that we will be working on this year. We first considered how we talk about, think about, and see ourselves. This session dealt primarily with how we think we are perceived by our community and God.

The next Stated meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 2:00 pm.

Stu Strong, Clerk of Session

# 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

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



We make 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 need: warm clothing, sheets, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, tarps, coats, gloves, socks, bikes, etc. are welcome.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church Office Closed 9A Color Group 6P PEO	2 10A PW	3	4 1P Caring Hands	5	6
7 Samuel Shull baptism during worship	8 HAD Lunch  ←-----	9  -----	10 4:30P Choir 5:30P CONNECT w/John Shull  Rev. Tripp Vacation	11  -----	12  -----	13  -----
14  -----	15 9A Color Group  -----→	16	17	18 1P Caring Hands	19	20
21 PW Fundraiser Lunch	22	23	24 4:30P Choir 5:30P CONNECT w/Harold & Teresa Culbert	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## April Worship Leaders

April	7	14	21	28
Liturgists	Stu Strong	Linda Grissom	D'Ann Norris	Ceil Hydrick
Ushers	Harold Culbert Doug Coshow	Dave Ellerbe Betty Matthews	Cerese Sweeley Don Koza	Harold Moore Barb Mouton
Nursery	Carol Strong	Jane Lowery	Jackie Naumann	Shelley Shull
	Communion Servers	Faye Anderson, Shelly Shull, John Jordan, Stu Strong, Linda Grissom		