



St. Andrew,

Raise your hand if you're having fun this election season! Raise your hand if you've been enjoying the political song and dance leading up to November 5th!

Something tells me not very many hands just shot up in the air, if any at all. I don't blame you; it has been exhausting for a multitude of reasons.

Nevertheless, it is our duty to participate in the political process, as broken as it seems to be. But as we engage, we must be careful about how we do so.

Our allegiance to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, must always come before our allegiance to a political candidate or party. And our allegiance to Jesus Christ must be our guiding light for our words, our actions, and yes, even our votes.

As you take on this responsibility, I invite you to review "The Christian Voter's Guide" below, written by one of my favorite authors, Brian Zahnd, pastor of the Word of Life Church in St. Joseph, Missouri.

May it help you keep your focus where it needs to be, not just before you vote, but also once all the results are in.

THE CHRISTIAN VOTER'S GUIDE by Brian Zahnd

- 1. The political process, while necessary, has little to do with how God is saving the world.**
- 2. The fate of the kingdom of God does not depend upon political contests.**
- 3. Don't be naïve, political parties are more interested in Christian votes than they are in Christian values.**
- 4. The bottom line for political parties is power. The bottom line for a Christian is love. And therein lies the rub.**
- 5. While in pursuit of the Ring of Power, you are not permitted to abandon the Sermon on the Mount.**
- 6. If your political passion makes it hard for you to love your neighbor as yourself, you need to turn it down a notch.**
- 7. Your task is to bring the salt of Christian civility to an ugly and acrimonious political process.**
- 8. To dismember the body of Christ over politics is a grievous sin.**
- 9. Exercise your liberty to vote your conscience and conviction, while accepting that other Christians will do the same and vote differently than you.**
- 10. It's more important that your soul be filled with love than it is for your political team to win the game.**

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.....	Don Koza
Member Care	Faye Anderson & Jackie Naumann
Mission	Barbara Mouton & John Jordan
Treasurer	Philip Gilbert
Nominating	Shelly Shull
Worship	Linda Grissom



Jean Coshow	2
Tom Meier	7
Barbara Allen	21
B.J. Breeding	28



Robert & Connie Lawton	1
Don & BJ Breeding	16
John & Shelly Shull	17

CONNECT

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

NOV. 13

**5:30 PM
Bible Study
w/Rev. Tripp**

NOV. 20

**5:30 PM
Mission Night
Packing
Thanksgiving
Meals & Purses**



Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen

Monday, November 11th

Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring rolls, dessert, or serve.

Café Connect

8:00 AM to 9:50 AM

Fellowship Hall

Join us every Sunday morning for coffee, light refreshments and fellowship.



Volunteers are needed to assist with the refreshments. A sign-up sheet with details is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions contact any member of the Member Care Committee.

**THANK YOU
VETERANS!**

CHOIR *Practice*

Wednesday

November
13th & 20th

4:30 PM



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Presbyterian Women invite you to a luncheon following worship on Sunday, November 17th in the fellowship hall. This is one of our two fundraisers for the year. Your donations at the luncheon will help support PW's mission projects locally, nationally, and internationally.

The lunch will consist of a variety of casseroles (both meat and vegetable), desserts, and drinks. We hope to see you there for the food and fellowship!



MEET THE CHOIR

John Jordan

I was born and raised in Middle Tennessee and the Nursery Capital of the U.S.A. My parents and grandparents were charter members of Bates Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I grew up on the steps of the altar...literally...falling asleep with my blanket while my parents and big brother were in the choir. I was ordained as a deacon at Bates Hill CPC and as an elder at Virtue CPC in Knoxville. In all our moving around, the first thing Joan and I always sought out was a church family. There we were part of the body of Christ and found friends, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

I went to Vanderbilt University and obtained an electrical engineering degree. The summer before my senior year, Joan, the love of my life, and I were married. The same year I found the other love of my life, Process Control Software.

I have sung in choirs most of my life. Like my big brother, Louis, I AM LOUD! I don't read music and can only sing the tenor line if Tom is next to me.

I love being outdoors and playing around in flower beds (that haven't fared well this year). I also like DIY and piddling around in my woodworking shop. If I am indoors I have a crossword puzzle book in my lap. I love Jeopardy and trivia. Joan and I love to travel as much as we can afford! What I love best is being a professional Poppy to our youngest grandchildren, Win and Tilley.

An interesting fact about me is my parents were 46 and 47 years old when I was born! OOPS!

(Written by Joan Jordan)

So that visitors, new members, and even long-time members of St. Andrew get to know us a little better, this column will feature a different choir member each month. If you love singing and may be interested in joining with us, visit any one of our choir practices. You're always welcome!



Presbyterian Women's Meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 2024
at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Lesson: "Food Justice"
Leader: Linda Grissom
All Ladies Welcome!

Hope Place

On Wednesday, November 20 we will be assembling purses for battered women through Hope Place. Many women flee their abusers with absolutely nothing and, as you all know, we gals love our handbags. We are collecting new or gently used handbags as well as the items that go in them like brushes, make up, tissues, etc. Again, a box will be set up at the Donation Location.

Thank you ~ Barbara Mouton



Stewardship Sunday
November 17th

"LIFE IS NOT
 MEASURED BY HOW
 MUCH YOU OWN."

LUKE 12:15, NLT

Seekers Sunday School Class

Join us at 8:45 on November 24 in the senior high classroom as we begin an Advent study, *Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph* by Adam Hamilton.

The Holiday Hope Chest Project is underway for the 2024 Christmas season!

Shoeboxes are available on the table in front of the Fellowship Hall. Please take an instruction page and a gift tag. A list of suggested items is on the back of the instruction page.

Boxes must be turned in by Sunday, November 24th.



Thanksgiving Meal Collection

We will be providing 50 Thanksgiving dinner kits this year to be divided between the Committee on Church cooperation (CCC), the Neighborhood Christian Center (NCC), the Volunteer Center of Morgan County (VCoMC), and Hope Place.

We have ordered the turkeys and the collection of groceries is in progress at the Donation Station in the church narthex. Each meal will consist of:

Corn - 2 cans ANY SIZE

Green Beans - 2 cans ANY SIZE

Candied Yams - 2 cans ANY SIZE

Cranberry Sauce - 1 can

Cornmeal - 2lb. Bag (or larger)

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Dessert Item - 1 box or bag

(if a cake, bring frosting)

Instant Potatoes - 1 box

(no fresh potatoes)

We are accepting cash donations to cover the cost of the turkeys, \$20-\$25 per turkey. Also, if you prefer to donate cash instead of purchasing the necessary groceries, the cost per meal for just the groceries will be \$18-\$20 per meal. Just mark your checks "turkeys" or "groceries". The last day to contribute is November 17.



Chat "N" Chew Advent Bible Study

December 2nd, 9th, and 16th

11:30 am-12:30 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Bring your own lunch.

Veterans Day Breakfast

Our local DAR chapter is hosting a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall for our Veterans at St. Andrew during the Sunday School hour November 10. All are invited to join. If you are a Veteran or a widow of a Veteran, please give the following information to the church office:

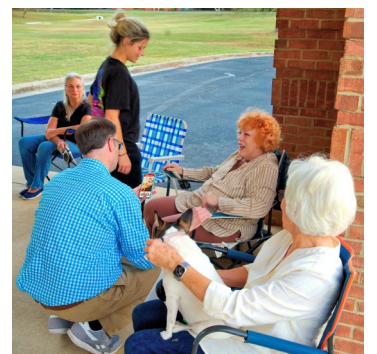
*Name *Rank *Specialty *Years Served

Member Care

The Shepherd Group gatherings are being scheduled. This is later than usual but it has been a busy year, and it has been difficult to find times that fit schedules. However, when your group meets, we invite you to join in for food and fellowship in a small group setting.

The Committee is developing plans for the Advent season activities. A Hanging of the Greens service with a soup dinner to follow is December 4, and the Christmas Brunch is December 15. Once again, we will invite members to decorate a table at the brunch. Details for these activities will be provided later

The Blessing of the Animals



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

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.

Clothing, sheets, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, tarps, coats, gloves, socks, bikes, etc. are all welcome.



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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Change Clocks
3 Daylight Savings Ends	4	5 10A PW 6:30P-8P CC	6 9:30A Garden Club-FH	7 1P Caring Hands		9
10 Veteran's Breakfast 2P-5:30P DMC	11 HAD Lunch Veterans Day Church Office	12 6:30P-8P CC	13 4:30P Choir 5:30P Connect w/Rev. Tripp	14 7P CC Concert Sanctuary & FH	15	16
17 last day to collect for Thanksgiving meal and Stewardship Sunday PW Fundraiser Lunch	18 Rev. Tripp off	19 Rev. Tripp off	20 2P Session Meeting 4:30P Choir 5:30P Pack Thanksgiving Dinners & Purses Rev. Tripp off	21 1P Caring Hands Rev. Tripp off	22 Rev. Tripp	23
24 Rev. Tripp off	25 9A Decorate for Christmas	26 Rev. Tripp off	27 Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	29	30

November Worship Leaders

Nov.	3	10	17	24
Liturgists	Don Koza	Ceil Hydrick	Cerese Sweeley	Nellie Gates
Ushers	Doug Coshow Barb Mouton	Stu Strong Dave Ellerbe	Don Koza D. Ann Norris	Shelly Shull Don Foster
Nursery	Joan Jordan	Barb Mouton	Shelly Shull	Carol Strong
	Communion Servers	Bob Naumann, Shelly Shull, John Jordan, Stu Strong, Nellie Gates		