



**St. Andrew,**

**In 1910, the Presbyterian Church adopted six statements that define our fundamental purpose as the body of Christ. These "Great Ends of the Church" remain as relevant today as they were over a century ago, serving as both our mission statement and our call to faithful discipleship.**

**Over the next six weeks, we'll explore each of these Great Ends through worship, scripture, and reflection. Together, we'll discover how these enduring principles shape our identity as Presbyterians and challenge us to live out our faith in meaningful ways.**

**The Great Ends of the Church are:**

- 1. The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind**
- 2. The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God**
- 3. The maintenance of divine worship**
- 4. The preservation of the truth**
- 5. The promotion of social righteousness**
- 6. The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world**

**These six statements encompass the wideness of our calling as Christians. They remind us that the church doesn't just exist for itself, but to serve God's purposes in the world. From sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to working for justice in our communities, from nurturing one another in faith to preserving truth, these Great Ends guide everything we do as a congregation.**

**Each week, we'll focus on one Great End, examining what it means for our personal faith and our life together as a church family. As a special treat, banners made by First Presbyterian Church will be displayed in our sanctuary throughout the series, with each banner representing one of the Great Ends and serving as a visual reminder of our calling.**

**Whether you're a longtime member or new to our congregation, this series offers something for everyone. Come ready to be challenged, encouraged, and equipped for faithful service.**

**Join us, beginning August 3rd, as we rediscover our purpose and recommit ourselves to these timeless callings. Let's explore together what it means to be the church God has called us to be.**

**Grace and peace,  
Tripp**

<b>St. Andrew Elders &amp; Ministry Leaders 2025.....</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
Clerk of Session.....	Stu Strong
Building/Grounds.....	Stu Strong
Communications & Outreach.....	Rev. Tripp
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	B. J. Breeding
Finance & Administration.....	Don Koza
Member Care .....	D. Ann Norris & Jackie Naumann
Mission .....	Barbara Mouton & John Jordan
Treasurer .....	Philip Gilbert
Nominating .....	Shelly Shull
Worship .....	Linda Grissom
Comptroller .....	Tommy Gates



Jane Lowery	2	Ronnie Smallwood	7
Jackie Naumann	4	Turner Matthews	14
John Abbott	5	Sylvia Newbill	16
Jeremy Stephens	6	Donna Moore	21
Carol Strong	7	Linda Webster	22
Lorrie Smallwood	7		



Donald & Jan Foster	3
Doug & Jean Coshow	9
Stu & Carol Strong	24
Philip & Nelda Gilbert	30

## 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.

# Café Connect

8:00 AM to 9:50 AM

Fellowship Hall

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

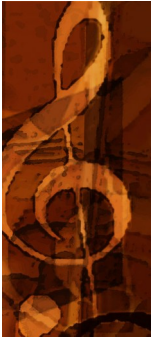


# CHOIR *Practice*

Wednesday

August  
13th & 27th  
4:30 PM





## MEET THE CHOIR

Genie and Bob Sparks have been singing in the St. Andrew choir for nearly three years. They both sang in the choir at First Presbyterian, Genie since 1966 and Bob since 1978. They have been married for almost ten years.

Both are cradle Presbyterians. Genie was raised in Birmingham at Sixth Avenue Presbyterian (now moved out of downtown and called Mt. Brook Presbyterian) and Bob at Maxwell St. Presbyterian in Lexington, KY. St. Andrew is only the third church to which Genie has belonged. During his medical education Bob was more mobile, and belonged to First (Scots) in Charleston, St. Lukes in Dunwoody, GA, First in Huntsville, First Decatur and now St. Andrew.

While a member of the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra, Bob played timpani in a recital at Carnegie Hall.

Genie earned a BA in English and an MA in school librarianship at the University of Alabama. Bob graduated from Davidson College in Davidson, NC and from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He did two years of training in General Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina and three years of residency in Orthopaedic Surgery at Emory University in Atlanta.

The army sent Bob to Alabama. With the rank of Major, Bob served two years at the US Army Hospital Redstone Alabama. He practiced medicine in Decatur for forty years.

Genie and Bob were both elders at First Presbyterian and Bob served as Clerk of Session there.

Genie's late husband, Mickey Foster, was a principal in schools in Decatur and Lawrence County.

Genie has two daughters and three grandsons. Bob has three sons, three grandsons and one granddaughter.



**Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen**

**Monday, August 11th**

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

# **CONNECT**

## **AUGUST SCHEDULE**

**AUG 13**

**5:30 PM  
CONNECT  
Bible Study**

**AUG 27**

**5:30 PM  
CONNECT  
Ice Cream Social  
&  
Hymn Sing**



**Hey Ladies!**

**Do you have plans for the first Tuesday of each month, September through May?**

**Presbyterian Women (PW) would love to have you come join us for Bible study, fellowship, and mission involvement at 10 AM each first Tuesday in the Fellowship**

**Hall. The purpose of PW is to help nurture our faith through prayer, Bible study, supporting missions and having a caring community of women. This year's study is "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ."**

- **How do we find resilience to adapt to adversity, trauma, tragedy or stress in our daily life?**
- **How can we find joy in the midst of difficult circumstances?**
- **How can we find identity in Jesus Christ?**

**We can find some answers to these questions in examples set by biblical characters who responded to God.**

**PW meetings are an invitation for you to join us to renew your faith and find support of your fellow Christians, as well as providing support for others.**

**All ladies are welcome. See you on the first Tuesday in September!**





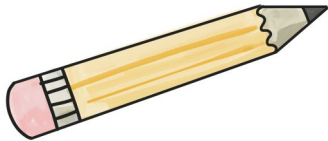
### **CATS Trip—August 5**

**CATS will journey south to Jasper, Alabama to tour First Methodist Church known as “A White Marble Church”. The church was built in the 1920’s and features large marble columns. The Sanctuary of the church is crowned by a stained glass dome that is 9 feet high, 105 feet in circumference and 34 feet in diameter. This awesome feature consists of 109 sections and contains 30,000 pieces of stained glass.**

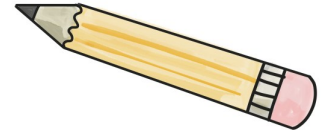
**After touring the church, we will eat lunch at Victoria’s, a meat and three buffet.**

**The history of the church and a binder with pictures can be found on the table outside of the church office for your perusal.**

**Text CATS2025 to 256-804-0363 to sign up or scan the QR code.**



### **School Supply Drive**



**Below is a list of everything donated by our loving congregation.**

<b>2 boxes colored pencils</b>	<b>27 boxes of 24 crayons</b>
<b>3 3 ring binders</b>	<b>4 glues</b>
<b>5 boxes of color markers</b>	<b>10 bags of #2 pencils</b>
<b>161 packs of paper</b>	<b>168 spiral notebooks</b>
<b>360 pairs of 5 in. Scissors</b>	

**How wonderful is that?! These will be handed out on Thursday, July 29 between 5 PM - 8 PM at Ingllas Harbor. This event is sponsored by Decatur City School District and Decatur Youth Services. The goal is to help 1500 students be ready for the first day of school.**

**The mission team really thanks all of you for helping this happen.**

**Joan Jordan and the Mission Committee**

## Mission's Update

1. Thank you to everyone who brought school supplies. Coordinating our donations with other churches and groups through Decatur Youth Services sounds like a great way to make sure our kids have what they need. Joan and John Jordan will be at Ingall's Harbor Thursday night for distribution. They will let us know how this new program worked.
2. Right across from our "Donation Location" table, look for three "Folder Holders" containing information about many of the charities St. Andrew supports. If anyone would like to know more about volunteer or donation needs, check here.
3. Due to health concerns, Harold Coomer Ministries has closed. Because of this, along with raising prices, lack of affordable housing and high temperatures, homeless needs are growing.
4. St. Andrew has been helping HAD to organize their pantry along with the monthly lunches and other things we normally do. Volunteers are really needed to help process donations, clean, help with food prep, put dates on pantry items, pack to go lunches, etc.

HAD currently needs cases of water and Gatorade more than ever.

Another thing they desperately need is dishcloths and dish towels. If anyone one has extra ones to donate, please bring them to church. These don't need to be new, just usable.

Barb Wyle has volunteered to teach how to crochet dishcloths on the days Caring Hands meets at 1:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. All crocheting supplies will be provided so if anyone already knows how to make these, pick up what you need and make them at home.

Thank you.



## 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! All supplies are provided. We also knit or crochet shawls for Hospice and the Cancer Institute.



# IVORY INSPIRATIONS

Thank you, Kay and Linda. What a wonderful evening with a great crowd!



**HYMN SINGING & ICE CREAM**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27-5:30 PM**



Do you miss some of the old hymns many of us sang years ago? Do you like ice cream?

Join us in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, immediately following choir practice, for a good old-fashioned ice cream social and hymn singing. Some “new” old hymns have been added to our program like “The Old Rugged Cross”, “Faith of Our Fathers”, and “Sweet Hour of Prayer” so bring your ice cream appetite and singing voice and join us!

See you there!



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.



The following items are highlights of the July 16, 2025, Stated Session Meeting:

1. The July Stated Session Meeting was held on Wed., July 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
2. The meeting was opened with a devotional led by Nellie Gates on the cycle of laughter and sharing joy.
3. Barb Mouton reported on the Summer Meeting of North Alabama Presbytery which was held at First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville on June 10, 2025.
4. The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of May 21, 2025, were approved as issued
5. June year to date income was \$1,174 less than budgeted and expenses were \$13,533 less than budgeted. Our checking and saving accounts increased by \$19,420 since the first of the year.
6. B. J. Breeding reminded us that on July 23, Linda Webster and Kay Grubbs will present a music program at 5:30 pm and that we will have an Ice Cream Social with a hymn sing on August 27.at 5:30 pm.
7. Rev. Brogdon reported that the new communication system is working well.
8. D. Ann Norris reminded us that the CATS trip is fast approaching, and we need to sign up if we are interested in participating. Work is in progress to update our Nursery policy for child protection.
9. Barb Mouton and John Jordan updated us on Mission work. Our Pentecost offering collected \$995 on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Part of this offering (\$400) was used locally to donate to the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center who made a presentation to us on Wednesday evening, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Joan Jordan is leading our drive for school supplies – we are collecting wide lined paper and spiral bound notebooks. Harold Coomer Ministry has closed and it is likely that those being served by his ministry will put more needs onto HAD. Homelessness is up in Decatur, and we helped HAD by donating two shelving units and donated food for their pantry.
10. Linda Grissom informed us that Rev. Brogdon is planning a sermon series on The Great Ends of the Church to begin on the first Sunday in August. We will be using banners which came from First Presbyterian Church in Decatur to illustrate each weeks' sermon topic. Rev. Sandra Locke-Godbey will lead us in worship on September 14, when Rev. Brogdon will be on vacation.
11. Rev. Brogdon led us in another installment of the Session Visioning and Discernment process. We are considering, among other things, the possibility of providing food for people in need, by taking it to places where they are in the community.

The next Stated meeting will be on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 2:00 pm.

Stu Strong, Clerk of Session



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## AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 CATS Trip	6	7 1:00P Caring Hands	8	9
10	11 HAD Lunch	12	13 4:30P Choir 5:30P CONNECT	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 1:00P Caring Hands	22	23
24	25 Member Care Meeting	26	27 4:30P Choir 5:30P Ice Cream Social w/ Hymn Sing	28	29	30
31 Combined Sunday School w/Rev. Tripp						

## August Worship Leaders

August	3	10	17	24	31
Liturgists	Shelly Shull	Jackie Naumann	B.J. Breeding	Bob Naumann	D. Ann Norris
Ushers	Alan & Shelia Chapman	Lynn Panter & Gillian Buttgereit	Betty Matthews & Stu Strong	Harold Moore & Don Foster	Cerese Sweeley & Don Koza
Nursery	Lynn Panter	Carol Strong	Shelly Shull	Betty Matthews	Barb Mouton
Communion Servers		Bob Naumann, Shelly Shull, John Jordan, Jackie Naumann, & Linda Grissom			