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Our Mission:

We believe God is calling St. Andrew Presbyterian Church to provide an opportunity for every person to know, to love, and to experience Jesus Christ.

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From the Pastor ...

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. – Ps. 136:1

November is one of my favorite months of the year. My youngest would say it is because she was born in November... and that is true, but it's not the only reason. In my head and heart, November is the time of gathering: of fall leaves into big piles, of friends around times of fellowship, of family members usually far-flung, of family recipes for a feast. It is harvest time, when the once-tall corn stalks are now cut down, the cotton bolls are compacted into bales, and the earth settles in for a season of rest.

November is also a time of year when congregations typically finish out the annual stewardship drive and treasurers fanatically try to make ends meet for the coming year's ministry needs. I know that in the various churches I have served, I am asked to 'preach on stewardship.' And of course I say yes to the request, but I am also somewhat taken aback by the request because, in my heart of hearts, stewardship is not something I believe relegated to a few Sundays each year. It is a lifestyle, enacted every day of our lives.

Being a disciple of Jesus means living in obedience to God and responding to God's grace out of the abundance with which God has blessed each of us. Day in, day out, we are to live responsively to God's grace. Day in, day out, we tell the world, by how we live, what we believe and who we serve. Therefore, in many ways, I believe and hope that every sermon I preach has something to do with being a disciple of Jesus, a child of God, and living that out.

You are a child of God too. You, too, are asked, from the abundance of God given to you, to return a portion – a tithe – back to God. My hope and prayer is that you will, indeed, make a pledge for the coming year of ministry for St. Andrew in this season of gathering. You are St. Andrew, and the work does not get done and the ministry does not happen without you. Prayerfully consider your response to the grace and abundance of God in your life and how you can respond and be part of ministry of this congregation for the coming year.

I continue serving in Christ,
Pastor Toby

November Volunteer Schedule

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Liturgists	Dan Watt	Barbara Allen	Faye Anderson	Cheryl Ellerbe
Ushers	Ann D'Olive Matt D'Olive Dave Ellerbe George Hilleary	Cecile Hydrick Margaret Marsh Turner Matthews Harold Moore	Brantley Motes David Nelson John Newbill John Shull	Stu Strong Greg Vogel Dan Watt Fate Webster
Nursery	Lee Brown	Kathy Simmons	Sherrie Nelson	Trecie Shugrue
Communion Servers: Barbara Allen, Harold Culbert, Cheryl Ellerbe, Nellie Gates, Dan Watt			Communion Preparation	Barbara Allen

Reminder: The outside door by the nursery will be locked at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for the safety of our children and adults.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Nov. 1: Mary Brown
Nov. 2: Jean Coshow
 Dot Johnson
Nov. 4: Louise Walters
Nov. 7: Tom Meier
Nov. 9: Cheryl Heeth
Nov. 15: Phillip Outler
Nov. 16: Rick Heeth
 Susie McMahan
Nov. 16: Terri Morris
Nov. 21: Barbara Allen
Nov. 23: John Newbill
Nov. 24: Tom Van Natta
Nov. 28: B.J. Breeding
 Rick Terry

Anniversaries

Nov. 12: George & Kay Hilleary
Nov. 14: Larry & Amy Burks
Nov. 16: Don & B.J. Breeding
Nov. 17: John & Shelly Shull
Nov. 29: Dan & Carol Watt



Birthdays &
Anniversaries
This Month!

***"This is the day the
Lord has made. Let us
rejoice and be glad in it!"***

Financial Report

Our income and expenses for YTD September 2013 were as follows:

Contributions for September
YTD 2013 \$166,896

Expenses for September 2013
YTD 145,195

Budgeted income & expenses
..... 178,201

Our income for the first nine months of 2013 has remained ahead of our expectations. Our expenses trailed the budgeted level by just over

\$33,000. A significant portion of the "below-budget expenses" was due to the lack of pastor and the associated costs. A detailed report of this information is posted on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall.

We are about to begin a new and exciting chapter in the history of St. Andrew, and we are in decent financial condition. We do need to be aware that our 2013 pledge level will not meet the expected expenditures in 2014, so our excitement will need to reach into our pockets a little deeper to



maintain our financial state. On November 10 we will have the opportunity to make our 2014 pledges to the church so that our session can plan our ministries for 2014.

If you have any questions about our income or budget, please feel free to contact me.

Dan Watt, Treasurer

Session Notes

The following items are highlights from the October 6, 2013, congregational meeting and the October 10, 2013, stated session meeting:

1. The members voted on October 6, 2013, to elect Ceil Hydrick, John Jordan and Turner Matthews as elders and John Newbill as trustee, all for the Class of 2016. In addition, the congregation approved a reduction in the size of each class of elders, from four to three, beginning with the Class of 2016. Once two more classes have been elected, the session will consist of nine members.
2. The minutes for the congregational meeting of October 6, 2013, and the stated session meeting of September 12, 2013, were approved by the session on October 10, 2013.
3. Our membership was reduced to 125 as of September 30, 2013, due to the death of Juanita Kuykendall on September 10, 2013.
4. A thank-you note was received from Decatur Music Club, expressing their appreciation for the use of our facility on numerous occasions.
5. Stu Strong was elected as elder-commissioner to the fall meeting of North Alabama Presbytery, held at Camp Maranatha on October 15, 2013.
6. The session approved a wedding request for Samantha Kelly and Billy Locker, to be held on November 2, 2013.
7. Elder training will be conducted by Rev. Mueller for one evening a week for four weeks, beginning on November 4, 2013.
8. Expectations of elders, who are primarily spiritual leaders of the congregation, were reviewed by Rev. Mueller.
9. A position description for a church administrative assistant was approved by the session in order to move forward and find a replacement for Beth Clymer. Beth will be leaving us by the end of December, so we will move quickly.

- Stu Strong, Clerk of Session

PW News



Bake Sale

Presbyterian Women's circles will meet on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Both groups will study Lesson Three, "Set Free by God." The evening circle leader will be Cheryl Ellerbe, and the hostess will be Nellie Gates.

A bake sale will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2013, in the fellowship hall from 8:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Please price your own items for this sale and bring them to the fellowship hall on Sunday morning.

The other project for November is Thanksgiving dinner to our shut-ins. For more information about these projects, see Jan Foster.

Thanksgiving Baskets



Our yearly Thanksgiving meals project is well underway! Below is the list of items. You may bring them in on the scheduled week or however you choose. A designated area at the Donation Location is set up for the items.

Thank you for your help!

October Items - Corn, Green Beans, and Candied Yams
(2 regular cans or 1 large can of each item)

November 3 - Cranberry Sauce (1 regular can)

November 10 - Cornmeal and 1 box Dessert Mix

November 17 - 5 lb. bag of Potatoes

(Please do not bring potatoes before this date.)

November 24 - 10 lb. Turkey or a monetary donation

Checks may be made payable to St. Andrew Church (write the word 'turkeys' on the memo line) and placed in the envelope in the church office marked "Turkey Donations."

On Wednesday evening, November 20, 2013, following our Bible study, we will pre-bag the food that has been collected so far. On Sunday, November 24, 2013, right after morning worship, we will finish bagging the food. On Monday, November 25, 2013, the bags will be distributed.

If you are available to help at any of these times, please see Jan Foster ... *or just meet us at the Donation Location!*

Installation Service

On Sunday afternoon, October 27, 2013, at a 2:00 p.m. service, the Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller was installed as Teaching Elder of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. We look forward to a fruitful ministry together for Christ's kingdom here in Decatur.



Poinsettia Orders

As the advent and Christmas season approaches, it is time to place your poinsettia order in memory of or in honor of the special people in your life. The cost is \$10.00, and the deadline to order is Sunday, December 1, 2013. The order sheet is in the church office. The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary, beginning on December 15, 2013. Following the Christmas Eve service, you are invited to take your poinsettia home with you.

Thank-you Notes

The family of Juanita Kuykendall would like to say 'Thank you so much' to the many who baked and helped in any way at Jaunita's memorial service. Also, thank you to all those who sent cards, gave memorial contributions, and prayed for us. You have been a blessing to all of us!

Pat Wagner, Cheryl Vaughn & families

Thank you to everyone that helped Dianne and me during my illness and to thank you for all the prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards, as I'm much better.

Thank You, Anne Gates

St. Andrew Family,




Words cannot fully tell you how blessed I felt by the kindness of this church family at the time of my mom's passing. Your cards, gifts, calls, emails – and especially your prayers – meant so much to me. Thank you all very much!

Beth Clymer

November 2013

Service Times: Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship -10:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 C.A.T.S. Trip - Meet at 7:30 at church	2  Turn clocks back one hour tonight Kelley/Locker Wedding - 2:00
3 Communion Sunday Thanksgiving Meals collection - Candied Yams	4 Beth - out of the office this week	5 PW AM - 9:30 Scout mtg. - 6:30 Civic Chorus - 6:00 PW PM - 7:00	6 CCC Clothes Closet Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	7 Boy Scout Roundtable - 6:00	8	9 Ensemble practice - 1:00
10 Stewardship Sunday Thanksgiving Meals collection - Cornmeal - Dessert mix	11  Veterans Day Chapel Hill Neighborhood mtg. - 7:00	12 Scout mtg. - 6:30 Civic Chorus - 6:00	13 CCC Clothes Closet Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	14 Civic Chorus Concert - 7:00	15	16 Ensemble practice - 9:00
17 Decatur Music Club - 1:00 Thanksgiving Meals collection - 5 lb. potatoes	18 Session mtg. - 6:30 Scout leaders mtg. - 6:30	19 Scout mtg. - 6:30	20 Clothes Closet Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Prep T'giving Bags Choir - 7:30	21 Mission mtg. - 10:00	22	23
24 PW Bake Sale Thanksgiving Meals collection - Turkey / donation Prepare bags for distribution	25 Thanksgiving meals distributed	26 Scout mtg. - 6:30	27 CCC Clothes Closet Office closed NO Wednesday evening activities	28 Happy Thanksgiving! 	29	30



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