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"God's Timing" – Jason Thomas, pastor (Ronceverte, WV)

One of the hardest lessons for anyone to learn is that God's timing and our timing don't always match up. We pray and want things and want them *now*! Our society of instant gratification has ruined our patience and faith in God, because what we want we want *now*, without even considering it may not even be God's will especially in our prayers.

We can rest assured if we have faith in God and a committed relationship with Him, He will ALWAYS give us what we NEED and not always what we want. But, it's more than just desires of wants or needs, the key is to understand that God is God and we are not and that His timing is not the same as ours.

So many times we try to bring God down to our level and place God in human terms, but instead we should be striving to be more like God, learning to wait on God's timing, and trusting in His will for our lives. He is God. He is Holy. He is creator. He deserves and demands our trust!

It's ok to pray for things, but we must learn that when we approach God we must not only pray in faith, but we also must learn to pray with the attitude of God's will be done, but most of all be willing to wait and trust in His timing. They say in the entertainment business that "timing is everything" and I believe that in the Christian faith. Timing is everything and that timing is God's not ours. It may take years to get a prayer answered and it may not be answered in the way we want, but that is where we trust in God's bigger picture and plan, things that we may not see or know.

Some of our prayers do get answered quickly and fairly often, but many take lots of time, because there are other factors going on. As the old song says, "God works in ways we cannot see-He will make a way". We have to learn to trust, wait, and have faith in God's perfect timing. It's perfect every time. Ours is not, and sometimes God may be trying to protect us, He may be working in someone else's lives and there are factors and things taking place and taking time that we do not know about, so therefore we have to wait on God and trust in His perfect will and timing.

Whether we are praying for others, ourselves, a situation, a problem, a loved one, an illness, a job, or anything and any situation we are praying to God about, we all have to give it to Him in prayer and understand the Holy Spirit even speaks when we don't have the words to express, and when we give it to God and keep praying about it, we must be faithful in our prayers, but also faithful in our trust, patience, and waiting on God to work. God's timing, let's wait on it!

Isaiah 64:4(NIV) Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

August Volunteer Schedule

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Liturgist	Nellie Gates	Stu Strong	Dan Watt	Cheryl Ellerbe
Ushers	John Abbott Brantley Motes Greg Vogel Dan Watt	Jim Bochte Jim Boyd Lee Brown Doug Coshow	Harold Culbert Ann D'Olive Matt D'Olive Dave Ellerbe	George Hilleary Ceil Hydrick Margaret Marsh Turner Matthews
Nursery	Lee Zeiher	B.J. Breeding	Juanita Kuykendall	Nair Sehler
Communion Servers	Cheryl Ellerbe, Nellie Gates, Stu Strong, Dan Watt		Communion Preparation	Margaret Marsh

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Birthdays

August 2 - Jane Lowery
August 5 - John Abbott
August 6 - Lisa Terry
August 7 - Carol Strong
August 11 - Kenny Kelley
 David Nelson
August 12 - Roda Kara
August 14 - Ann D'Olive
 Turner Matthews
August 16 - Sylvia Newbill
August 18 - Kay Grubbs
August 21 - Donna Moore
August 22 - Linda Webster

Birthdays (cont.)

August 24 - Sherrie Nelson
August 25 - Fate Webster
August 27 - Buzz Brown
 Virginia Wright

Anniversaries

August 3 - Don & Jan Foster
August 4 - Greg & Frances Vogel
August 9 - Doug & Jean Coshow
August 14 - Fate & Linda Webster
August 21 - Rick & Lisa Terry
August 23 - Jim & Joyce Boyd
August 24 - Stu & Carol Strong
August 30 - Philip & Nelda Gilbert

Financial Report

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

Contributions for July YTD 2013	\$120,730
Expenses for July 2013 YTD	99,651
Budgeted income/expenses	118,801

Our income for the first five months of 2013 was ahead of our expectations. Our expenses trailed the budgeted level by just over \$19,000. A significant portion of the "below-budget

expenses" was due to the lack of a pastor and the associated costs. Also, we received a check for \$42,619 from our insurance company for an initial payment toward the roof replacement. A detailed report of this information is posted on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall.

Our mortgage has been reduced to \$542,718 which is still a major burden, amounting to 31% of our spending. We do have a mortgage reduction fund, if anyone wishes to donate extra money for that purpose.

We have received notice that



our insurance premium is going to rise by about \$1,100 per year. We have been assured that this had nothing to do with our roof. Two other carriers were checked for quotes but were even higher than our increased premium. We will start an earlier search for comparisons next year.

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

Dan Watt, Treasurer

Pastor Nominating Committee Note

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to interview candidates and talk with references in regard to the Designated Pastor position for St. Andrew.

Listening to sermons for spirituality of content of sermons and the worship service, Bible teaching skills, pastoral skills, leadership styles and skills, and involvement in community and congregational activities are an emphasis for the reviews of PIF and contacts. These are the items that were reported on most of the returned surveys. Your comments are welcomed, but please be reminded that the PNC has to respect the confidentiality of the candidates. Please continue to keep the PNC in your prayers, as well as the needs of St. Andrew.



Bob C.A.T.S. Trip

Let's Do Lunch!



For our summer outing, the "Bob" C.A.T.S. will travel to Cullman to have lunch at All Steak (at its new location) on Tuesday, August 20, at 11:00 a.m. Come join us for good food and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the office. For additional information, please see Margaret Marsh. Margaret will contact you about carpooling a few days prior to August 20. Bring a good appetite and your suggestions for future Bob C.A.T.S. trips.

Christmas in August

Get an early start on Christmas by ordering your holiday cards from the Presbyterian Home for Children - and make a donation to this worthwhile cause at the same time. Orders will be taken through August 12, 2013; the Christmas cards will be delivered in September. An order form is in the church office, or you may also order online at www.phfc.org. All proceeds from the card sales will be used to support the Fine Arts programs of the Presbyterian Home. The cost is \$14 per package (10 cards in each package).

Thank You Note



Thank you, St. Andrew family, for the memorials, cards, and words of sympathy following the passing of my brother, Arthur.

We will attend a celebration of Arthur's life in September when we will be with family in England.

- Rita & John Abbott

School Supplies Collection



C.C.C. is gearing up for the next school year already! Through the help of our church and other organizations and individuals, they hope to provide 500+ children with school supplies this year.

The needed school supplies are listed below, and there is a bin at the Donation Location for your donations. Thanks you so much for the help you give to children who need it most!

Supply List

Binders (1", 1½", 3")	Book Bags	Colored Pencils
Composition Books	Crayons	Dry Erase Markers
Glue Sticks	Hand Sanitizer	Kleenex
Markers	Pencils	Pencil Sharpeners
Folders w/pockets & brads	Pencil Erasers	Scissors (blunt or pointed)
Tab Dividers	Pencil pouches	Spiral Notebooks

Back to School Party

A children's "Back to School" party will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at St. Andrew from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. There will be a devotional, refreshments and games. Bring your kids and grandkids too!

Library News

Bob McGehee has donated the following books to our library:

- * *The Power of a Praying Woman* by Stormie Omartian, given in loving memory of Corinne.
- * *A Step in the Right Direction* by Stormie Omartian, given in memory of Bob's older brothers - Ralph, Joseph and Vernon.
- * *Just Enough Light for the Step I'm On* by Stormie Omartian, given in memory of Bob's parents - Robert and Wessie McGehee
- * *Simply Christian* by N.T. Wright, given in memory of Corinne's parents - Tome and Corinne Smith.

We thank you, Bob. These are wonderful books.

VBS — Third St. Boys & Girls Club



For three days in July, St. Andrew sponsored Vacation Bible School at the Third Street Boy's and Girls' Club. Through stories, crafts, and music, the children heard about God's love, God's forgiveness, and God's presence with us.

At the culminating event, the older youth provided an audience for songs and presentations after which refreshments were served to all those present and Bible were presented to everyone who wanted one.

Helping to make the program a success were Faye Anderson, B.J. Breeding, John Brandon, Teresa Culbert, Nellie Gates, Connie German, Kay Grubbs, Ceil Hydrick, Joan Jordan, Margaret Marsh, Tom Meier, Sylvia Newbill, Shelly & John Shull, and Stu Strong.

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" - Romans 10:15b



August 2013

Sunday Service Times: Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Boy Scout Roundtable mtg. - 6:00	2	3
4 Communion Sunday	5	6	7 Worship Comm. mtg. - 5:00 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Back to School Party (kids) - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	8 Session mtg. - 6:30	9	10
					<div>The Main Event - S. Highland Pres. Church, Birmingham</div>	
11	12	13	14 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	15 Mission mtg. - 10:00	16	17
18	19 Scout Leaders mtg. - 6:30	20 C.A.T.S. Trip to All Steak - 11:00	21 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24
25	26	27	28 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	29	30	31



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