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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.

# St. Andrew Chronicle

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## *Our New Pastor - the Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller*

On Sunday, August 25, 2013, the St. Andrew congregation met for the purpose of issuing a call to the Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller as Designated Pastor of our congregation. She comes to us with 17 years of experience in the pastorate, and we are excited and eagerly looking forward to God's next plans for His body here.



Dr. Mueller (Toby) was born in San Francisco, and then raised in Palo Alto, California, and Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Her B.A. is from the University of Arizona (Tucson) in elementary education. She taught grades 4-6 before going to seminary. Her husband, Mark, also began his career in education. God's call led them to seminary in Louisville, where they both graduated in 1996 with Masters of Divinity degrees. She also holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary.

Before coming to the area four years ago, she served with and among the churches of the Presbytery of South Alabama, where she lived for 12 years. Since moving to the North Alabama Presbytery, she has served Trinity PC (Huntsville), First PC (Guntersville) and First PC (Sheffield), as well as serving as the stated clerk for the North Alabama Presbytery.

Dr. Mueller's husband, Mark, serves as pastor at First PC in Huntsville. They have two grown daughters: Lauren, 28, was recently a high school math teacher and volleyball coach in South Carolina, and is now enrolled at Duke Divinity School, seeking ordination. Ashley, 24, has a degree in communication and spent the last year in missions around the world, serving in 11 countries in 11 months.

Dr. Mueller's first service at St. Andrew will be September 29, 2013.

# September Volunteer Schedule

	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
<b>Liturgist</b>	Faye Anderson	Harold Culbert	Jan Foster	Cheryl Ellerbe	Nellie Gates
<b>Ushers</b>	Harold Moore Brantley Motes David Nelson John Newbill	John Shull Stu Strong Greg Vogel Dan Watt	Jim Bochte Jim Boyd Lee Brown Fate Webster	Doug Coshow Harold Culbert Ann D'Olive Matt D'Olive	Dave Ellerbe George Hilleary Ceil Hydrick Margaret Marsh
<b>Nursery</b>	Shelly Shull	Betty Matthews	Margaret Marsh	Sylvia Newbill	Ann D'Olive
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Barbara Allen, Faye Anderson, B.J. Breeding, Cheryl Ellerbe, Jan Foster		<b>Communion Preparation</b>	Turner & Betty Matthews	

## September Celebrations

### ***Birthdays***

September 5 Diane Donahue  
 September 10 Easton Outler  
 September 11 John Brandon  
                                  Kerry Fohner  
 September 21 Pat Wagner  
 September 24 Joan Jordan  
                                  Carol Watt  
 September 27 Sherée Brown  
 September 28 Teresa Culbert

### ***Anniversaries***

John & Betty Brandon 9/23  
 Jim & Ruth Bochte 9/29



# Financial Report - Dan Watt

Our income and expenses for YTD August 2013 are holding up quite well. We have stayed on budget pretty well on the items that we can control. Our new roof was unbudgeted, of course.

By the time this SAC is published, we will probably have a really good idea of the major unknown in our budget – that of pastor expenses. With the call of a new pastor, let's all resolve to renew our support and

commitment to God through our congregation and see what God can do through us!

There is a copy of the expense and income report through July on the bulletin board across the hall from the doors to the kitchen. If you have any questions about our income or budget, or your personal giving, please contact me.

- Dan Watt, Treasurer



## The Main Event

Barbara Allen, Faye Anderson, B.J. Breeding, Jan Foster, and Margaret Marsh attended this leadership training event on August 10, 2013, at South Highland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. The Main Event is held the second week-end in August each year and is sponsored by North Alabama Presbytery and the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley.

Church leaders, teachers, officers, and pastors were able to choose from more than twenty-five workshops, which were designed to train and energize leaders and congregations. Dr. Ken McFayden, who serves as professor of Ministry and Leadership Development at Union Presbyterian Seminary



in Richmond, Virginia, and teaches courses in the areas of congregational leadership and administration, was the keynote speaker.

## PW News

The PW morning and evening circle meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The 2013-14 Bible study is *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*, and the cost is \$8.00. If you have never participated in a PW circle, please consider joining us this year for the study and the fellowship!

North Alabama PW will hold their "Fall Gathering" at Big Cove Church on September 10, 2013. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m., and the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. A lunch will follow the meeting. Please let B.J. Breeding know if you plan to attend.

## Children's Church Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to be the second person in Children's Church for safety reasons. The program is developed and conducted by Jane Lowery. The volunteer is present with the beautiful children in their special service.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer. If you are willing to be assigned once every few months, please make a check beside your name. Please consider serving in this special way.

## Page Turners Book Club

Page Turners will resume their meetings in September 24, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. We have been reading Desert Queen by Janet Wallach, which is the biography of Gertrude Bell. Gertrude Bell explored, mapped, and excavated the world of the Arabs. Recruited by British intelligence during World War I, she played a crucial role in obtaining the loyalty of Arab leaders. After the war, she played a major role in creating the modern Middle East and was, at the time, considered the most powerful woman in the British Empire.



# Tailgate Party

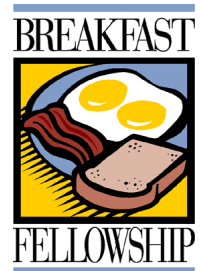


Are you ready for some football? How about this — are you ready for a tailgate party? Well, whether you love or hate football, it's time for our annual tailgate party on Sunday, September 15, 2013. Let's decorate our vehicles, wear our favorite team's colors, and come together for some good food and fellowship on the lawn at 5:30 p.m.

You are asked to bring along "finger foods" (foods that can be eaten without utensils) to share. Here are some suggestions: chicken, sandwiches, pizza, tacos, chips, veggie tray, deviled eggs, fruit tray, brownies, cupcakes, etc. Also, please bring along drinks for your family and lawn chairs to sit on. If you have questions, please contact either Margaret Marsh or Barbara Allen.

# Church Breakfast

You are invited! A church breakfast will be held on Sunday morning, September 29, 2013, at 8 a.m., sponsored by the Presbyterian Men's group. Bring the family and a dish to share and join the fellowship before our Sunday school hour begins.



# Bob C.A.T.S. Trip — Good food and fellowship at All Steak in Cullman



# Tennessee Valley Presbyterian Cursillo -

**Maranatha Camp & Conference Center**



Presbyterian Cursillo (pronounced "cur-see-yo") is a three-day retreat to renew and refresh our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. It is a time of fun, fellowship, music, learning and worship in a casual and relaxed setting. Any adult member (18+) of the PC (USA) is eligible to attend. The weekend begins at 5:00 PM on Thursday and concludes by 4:00 PM on Sunday. The cost is \$150.00 per person. Scholarships are available.

Who attends a Cursillo weekend? People just like you. We are Christians practicing our faith. The word Cursillo means "a short course," and a Cursillo weekend is a short course on Christian living. The lay-led retreat is a great opportunity to grow in your faith and relationship with Jesus.

Leave the busyness of the world behind and treat yourself to a time of experiencing and reflecting on God's love for you! There are application forms on the table in the foyer. When your application is received, you will get a confirmation letter with more information.

## Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast



Boy Scout Troop 142 will host a pancake breakfast at Applebee's in Decatur on Saturday, September 14, 2013, from 7 - 10 a.m. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage and beverage. Breakfast is FREE, but donations are graciously accepted. This is a bi-annual fundraiser. The boys who serve will receive a portion of the profit to fund their scout activities. We encourage the boys to pay their own way in Scouts, and this is one way we help them to do this. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

# September 2013

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Communion Sunday CCC Collection Sunday	<b>2</b>  <b>Church office closed</b>	<b>3</b> PW - 9:30/ 7:00 Scouts - 6:30	<b>4</b> Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	<b>5</b> Boy Scout Roundtable - 6:00	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> C.C.C. Soup Kitchen	<b>10</b> Scouts - 6:30	<b>11</b> Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	<b>12</b> Session - 7:00	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Family Night Supper Tailgate Party - 5:30	<b>16</b> Scout Leaders mtg.- 6:30	<b>17</b> Scouts - 6:30 (fellowship hall)	<b>18</b> Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	<b>19</b> Scouts - 6:30 (fellowship hall)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Decatur Music Club event - 10:00
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Page Turners Book Club - 9:30 Scouts - 6:30	<b>25</b> Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Church Breakfast - 8:00	<b>30</b>					



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