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From the Pastor ...

Happy are those... [whose] delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. (Ps. 1: 1a, 3)

There is a reason this particular psalm is the first psalm. It sets the tone for the entire book of psalms, emphasizing the necessity of reading and following the law of the Lord, and setting out the consequences for those who heed this and for those who do not.

It's good advice. Following the law of the Lord is the way to go, and although storms may come, as long as we continue to plant ourselves beside streams of water (i.e. that which feeds our soul) we will grow and produce fruit.

It's planting time here in North Alabama. Now that the last frost is behind us, it's time to put the tomatoes plants in the ground, and tend to nurturing the green things around us which not only provide beauty, but shade, places of rest, homes for birds, and food to enjoy.

I'd say it's planting time here at St. Andrew, as well. It's time to put the past behind us, and set out to nurture those things which feed us as individuals and a community (like worship, study, and fellowship) but also to bring to life those things which allow us to use our gifts for God's glory, like serving Decatur, and the larger world. We are not an organization which exists to support itself. We are the Body of Christ, sent into the world to share the good news of God's grace and mercy! There are SO many opportunities to share in spreading the gospel: volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School – volunteer to cook/serve at the CCC kitchen in June –clean out your garage and donate to the Yard Sale, and then come on by to support scholarships for Camp Maranatha – come join us as we celebrate at Presbyterian Towers on 5/20 from 2-4 and bring some joy to its residents. These are but a few of the ways you can join in on what God is already doing around us!

Have other ideas about mission and witness? Share them with Margaret Marsh and John Jordan, who head up the Mission Team.

Together, let's make sure others see the Easter in us, and want it for themselves!

I continue serving in Christ,

Pastor Toby

(if you have needs, or know of someone who does, please contact either myself, or Nellie Gates, chair of the Member Care committee.)

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May Volunteer Schedule

	5/4/14	5/11/14	5/18/2014	5/25/2014	
Liturgists	Margaret Marsh	Dan Watt	John Jordan	Turner Matthews	
Ushers	Harold Culbert 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	
Nursery Worker	Tracy Shugrue	John Shull	Cheryl Ellerbe	Sylvia Newbill	
Wednesday Host	Nellie Gates	Barbara Allen			
Communion Servers	Faye Anderson, Dan Watt, John Jordan, Turner Matthews, Ceil Hydrick		Communion Preparation	Doug & Jean Coshow	



It's a Yard Sale!!!

May 3

8 am—Noon

Proceeds will provide scholarships for our kids and youth to go to Camp Maranatha this summer!

Please bring your desirable items (NO clothing please!) to the church, in the Middle School room. Want to share in the fun of the sale? Come and join us as we sort, price, and sell!!! Sorting and pricing will occur at 1 PM Friday. We would love your help setting items outside, as well as selling them! You can sign up for a shift (6 am-9 am or 9 am – noon) in the office.

Questions? See Pastor Toby or Ruling Elder, Faye Anderson.

MAY

Birthdays

May 1 - Milton Bridges

May 9 - Samantha Kelley

May 16 - Jim Bochte

May 19 - Amy Burks

May 24 - Bobbie Meier

May 29—Jane Porter

Anniversaries

May 17 - Tom and Nellie Gates

May 24 - Jim and Virginia Wright

Thanks a million from Pastor Toby!!

Pastor Toby is filled with gratitude to all who gave boxes, newspapers, even furniture sliders and a dolly to expedite the big move to Madison! In addition, so many hands made possible dinner for the Muellers on Friday... and unloaded the truck, twice! (thanks especially to Stu Strong, Tom Meier, Harold Culbert, and Philip Gilbert.)

Another load of gratitude goes to all who helped with Holy Week services – from the palms, to the choir, communion serving on Thursday to readers for Good Friday, to rejoicing and dancing on Sunday – what a glorious celebration of the grace of our Merciful God!!

Did You Know?? St. Andrew Presbyterian, through your generous donations, has donated over \$600 so far to the Syrian refugee relief efforts! Thank you!

Financial Report



Finance Committee

Our income and expenses were essentially on budget through March. We do have some notables in our finances this year:

On Easter Sunday we contributed \$707 to the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry of our denomination.

We have almost repaired/replaced all damaged items from the break in. We expect that our cost will be our deductible - \$1000.

We continue to give faithfully and generously. It would really be nice to give our ministry teams more of our budget so that they can attain their dream projects.

Please contact me if you have any questions about our finances. I will try to get an answer for you.

Dan Watt, Treasurer

Appreciation Luncheon for CCC Volunteers Noon, Tuesday, May 20 at the CCC

If you have cooked or served for the CCC in the past year, they want to show their gratitude to you with a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. There will be delicious food, wonderful fellowship and attendance prizes with the CCC volunteers.

A sign up sheet to attend is in the church office. Deadline to sign-up is May 11. If you have questions, contact Margaret Marsh.

Missions Corner Stats

230 Meals served at CCC

92 Cans/boxes of food were donated to CCC

51 doz homemade cookies were made for Kairos (prison ministry)

\$200 gift to Meals on Wheels

\$600 gift to Syrian Refugees

\$707 to One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

A big THANK YOU for sharing.

Mission Opportunity

Sunday, May 4, is "Collection Sunday" for the CCC Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items and leave them in the shopping cart or on the tables outside the Fellowship Hall. If you forget them on Sunday morning, you can leave them anytime during the week. The Mission Team will deliver them to the CCC the following week.



Thanks for helping the hungry in our neighborhood.

John Jordan, Missions Committee

Session Notes

The following items are highlights from the April 21, 2014 Stated Session Meeting

1. Rev. Mueller opened the meeting with a prayer and a study on Transformational Leaders, Chapter 4: Education.
2. Our membership remains at 121 as of March 31, 2014.
3. The minutes for the Stated Meeting of March 17, 2014 were approved as amended.
4. Approval was given for the use of our facility to the Daughters of the American Revolution and Jan Foster for meetings on September 4, 2014, December 4, 2014, and January 8, 2014. See the church calendar for details.
5. An invitation was send to the Congregation by the D'Olives for commencement ceremonies at Athens State University on May 3, 2014 at 3:00 pm.
6. Thank-you notes were received from Alacare, for the use of our facility, from The Outreach Foundation for contributions to Syria Relief (we also received a Syria Relief Update Newsletter) and to support of Global missions, from the Presbyterian Mission Agency for our gift in support of Chenoa Stock's work in Bolivia.
7. Building and Grounds are working on alternatives for a security system. Thanks was also expressed for all the work Tom Meier does every week to keep our facility up and running!
8. The Christian Education Team reviewed plans for our Yard Sale on May 3. Be sure to bring lots of sale-worthy items to help support youth activities.
9. The Communications Team announced we have consolidated and updated our URL and domains. Progress is being made on our online directory. Stay tuned for how to submit your photos for inclusion.
10. The Mission Team reported that we are looking for ways to work together with other churches in our cluster to better serve our communities.
11. Finance is exploring alternates for our Church Insurance due to a substantial rate increase by our current carrier.
12. Rev. Mueller is leading a team to develop a Vision for St. Andrew. Other members of the team are: B. J. Breeding, Harold Culbert, Ceil Hydrick, John Jordan, Turner Matthews, Stu Strong, and Dan Watt. If you have any ideas or suggestions, pass them on to one of the team members.

The next Stated meeting will be on May 19, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Stu Strong
Clerk of Session



PW Celebrated 25th Anniversary 1988 – 2013

Presbyterian Women (PW) is the national women's organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). With more than 300,000 members, PW is organized at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and offers women in the church meaningful ways to live out their faith in the midst of a caring community of women.

Bringing together the women's organizations from the two denominations that merged to become the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Presbyterian Women was created in 1988. In 2013, PW celebrated twenty-five years of praying and working together as "Presbyterian Women".

To fund mission projects, Presbyterian women have been giving generously for many years. That tradition continues through special offerings.

The Birthday Offering is a special offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. From the Birthday Offering, ninety-one national and international projects were funded major grants with gifts totaling more than \$20,000,000 from 1989-2012.

Collected each fall, the Thank Offering funds projects that meet the needs of people who are aging, disabled, homeless or displaced as well as children, youth and women through educational, health, peace, and justice programs. From 1989–2012, 000, with grants made to nearly 2,000 national and international projects, gifts to the Thank Offering totaled nearly \$24,000,000.

The Least Coin Offering is collected throughout the year. The Fellowship of the Least Coin invites women from around the world to set aside the least coin of their country as a concrete symbol of their prayers for peace and reconciliation. These least coins support a range of programs, including gender justice issues, literacy and education, and health and social concerns.

At St. Andrew, Presbyterian women are committed to supporting mission locally and worldwide and working for justice and peace through these activities:

Providing birthday and Christmas gifts for two special friends from DHR

- ◆ Hosting birthday party for Presbyterian Towers residents
- ◆ Providing gifts and reception for St. Andrew's high school graduates
- ◆ Encouraging and supporting our college students by sending "prayer-o-grams" before exams and love gifts on Valentine Day.
- ◆ Collecting various needed items for organizations such as:
 - DHR foster children program
 - Operation Santa Claus for Mental Health Association
 - Mission Haven
 - Soles 4 Souls
 - Community Free Clinic
- ◆ Sponsoring bake sales before Thanksgiving and before Easter, which provides for the following budgeted benevolences:
 - PW Thank Offering
 - PW Birthday Offering
 - Columbia Seminary
 - Meals on Wheels
 - Presbyterian Home for Children
 - Interchurch Medical Assistance
 - Hope Place

Presbyterian Women at St. Andrew meets the first Tuesday during September through May. All women of the congregation are invited to participate in the fellowship, Bible study, and mission of PW. If you are interested in attending a circle meeting, please talk with Moderator Jan Foster or call the church office. Next meeting is May 6 at 7:00 PM at the church.

As we celebrate all that Presbyterian Women has done to witness to the promise of God's kingdom and transform lives around the world during the last twenty-five years, please continue to support this organization through your prayer, your financial support, and your participation.



*Whitney Elane Smith
and
Todd Allen Bennich
together with their parents
invite you to celebrate their marriage on
Saturday, the seventeenth of May
two thousand and fourteen
at 5:30 in the evening
2429 County Road 324
Moulton, Alabama*

Dinner, dancing, and live music will follow.

**Living and Leaving A Legacy
Saturday, May 3, 2014
Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Huntsville
9:00 am—Noon**

A Workshop for Wills, Bequests, IRA, Charitable gifts, and Legacies.

**Leader: The Rev. Dr. James Foster Reese
Minister for Specialized Interpretation
Presbyterian Foundation**



From the Audio/Visual Leaders

For quite a few years audio/visual has recorded the worship service every Sunday on cassette tape. A couple of years ago audio/visual started recording the worship service on a laptop and then burn it to a CD. Since cassettes have basically become a thing of the past, we have decided to stop recording the worship service on cassette tape. We have enough blank cassette tapes to last through May. So starting in June, audio/visual will only be recording the Sunday morning worship service to a CD. Tommy Gates

Page Turners Book Club

Since we will not meet during the Summer (June-August), you will have one book for Summer reading, The Lost Wife by Alyson Richman. In pre-war Prague, the dreams of two young lovers are shattered when they are separated by the Nazi invasion. Then, decades later, thousands of miles away in New York, there's an inescapable glance of recognition between two strangers. This book explores the power of first love, and the resilience of the human spirit.

Come join us for the discussion on Tuesday, September 23 at 9:30 in the Church Library.
Barbara Allen

May 2014

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

Morning Worship -10:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6 PM Boy Scout Roundtable	2 1 PM Sort/ Price Yard Sale	3 YARD SALE 8-Noon Living & Leaving a Legacy in HSV
4 Communion Sunday CCC Food Collection CROP Walk 2 PM @ Park	5 2:00 PM Member Care Team 4:30 PM Missions Team	6 Scout mtg. - 6:30 PW Luncheon 11:30 Back Alley Bistro	7 Vision Mtg 5:00 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	8 CATS Tour Franklin, TN	9	10 8-noon Spring Cleaning at Church
11  PW Birthday Offering	12 11 AM Nominating Committee	13 Scout mtg. - 6:30	14 Vision Mtg. 5:00 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	15	16	17 Smith (Breeding) / Bennich Wedding 5:30p in Moulton
18	19 6 PM Session Scout Leader mtg. - 6:30	20 Pres. Towers Birthday Party 2 PM	21 Vision Mtg. 5:00 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27 Page Turners 9:30a	28 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	29	30	31



MARANATHA SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE 2014

Experience God Through Creation, Community and Play
Registration is online www.Maranathacc.com 256-574-4539

Open House and Yard Sale

Sunday, May 25th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Come prepared to play. Bring a bathing suit and have a great afternoon exploring our camp and meeting our highly trained staff. Families can try soaring over the trees in our giant swing or climb the 48 foot climbing wall. Check out the High Ropes Course or bounce on our giant river toys. We will have bikes and other items for yard sale prices.

Day Camp

Age 6 to 14 Monday - Friday.

Transportation, lunch and crafts included. Experience fantastic outdoor activities like archery, swimming and playing on giant bouncy lake toys. Transportation is provided at Faith Presbyterian church \$180 a week. We will also have vans in Madison and Hampton Cove on certain weeks. See the website for more details.

May 27th to August 8th 2014

Resident Camps

Explorers and Trailblazers are the best way to have the overnight camp atmosphere. you experience a sampling of what Maranatha does best. \$405

Trailblazers

3rd through 5th Grade

Session 1: June 8—13

Session 2: July 13— 18

Session 3: July 20-25

Explorers

6th through 8th Grade

Session 1: June 22-27

Session 2: July 6-11

Session 3: July 27— August 1

Wet and Wild Resident Camp

3rd through 10th Grade

Slip and Slike, Kayaking, Ski Tubing, Knee boarding \$499

Session 1: June 1-6

Session 2: June 29-July 3

Session 3: July 20-25

Pioneer Weeks

3rd through 12th Grade

Can't get enough of Maranatha? Spend 2 weeks!

Make sure you have time to experience all the games, adventures, and fun!

July 13 through July 25 \$715

Night Owls

5th through 12th Grade

Do you love staying up all night and sleeping all day? This is the camp for you! Enjoy Maranatha under the stars.

July 7-11 \$405

Sign-up sheets in the Church Office.



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Seekers Sunday School

Beginning on Sunday, May 18, the Seekers Sunday School class will begin a new study using *Easter from the Back Side* by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

"...J. Ellsworth Kalas presents new insight into the biblical Easter story. The author looks beyond the traditional Gospel scriptures to connect the story of Christ's resurrection with other stories and scriptures throughout the Bible, including both the Old Testament and the New Testament."

"Kalas's creative approach both clarifies basic teachings and introduces new possibilities of meaning, even for those who are most familiar with the Easter story. Enriched with contemporary illustrations and personal experiences, this volume will provide new perspectives on Easter." (from back cover)

John Jordan and B.J. Breeding lead the discussion each Sunday in Rm. 111. The Seekers invite any who are not participating in Sunday school to join us for this seven-week study as we study God's Word.