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From the Pastor ...

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. – James 5:16b

Prayer is joining in on the conversation already going on in God. – Martin

Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done. - C.S. Lewis

January 12, 2014, begins an international journey for me, taking me to places I have only read about. I covet your prayers.

Mark and I board the plane a few hours after church on the twelfth and begin the journeys by heading to Beirut, Lebanon. There we will gather with less than a dozen other Americans and begin days of meetings with Christians, primarily Reformed Presbyterian-types, who live and worship in the Middle East. Elders and Pastors will travel from Iraq, Lebanon, and Syria to gather with us, pray with us, dialogue about God's work in our midst, and worship with us. This is not an easy place to be for them, given the security issues and extremists looking to make a statement. Still, we will travel there, as our presence (and this is quite humbling) is important, and brings hope: hope that there are those living outside the Middle East who are concerned, who care, who want to do what we can, even when that means just bringing ourselves.

Mark and I fly back home to wash clothes and pack quite differently for the next plane ride, beginning January 26, to northern Uganda. We each will have two trunks: one for medical supplies, and one taking personal items – including the 50 Bibles you purchased through your generosity, so that Ugandan women may have the word of God. This is a medical mission trip, where we will sleep in tents on cots and work from sun up to sun down to share God's love through the gospel, and through caring for physical needs and pains. Last year the clinic, with its four doctors and five nurses, saw about 2,500 people in four days.

Did I say I covet your prayers?

I would love for some of you (all of you?) to band together and sign up to pray on a particular day for our traveling teams and those we will meet. I will have a calendar and lists of my travel companions, available in the church office. Please put your name next to a particular date and commit to lift us, and more importantly, these ministries, up in prayer at some point (or maybe many points) during that day.

You have already joined in by committing \$500+ dollars for the purchase of Bibles. I am counting on you, my new church family, to come through again with your support of prayers.

And the good news? I know you will! Thanks be to God! *Pastor Toby*

January Volunteer Schedule

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Liturgists	Barbara Allen	Faye Anderson	Cheryl Ellerbe	Nellie Gates
Ushers	John Abbott 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 Harold Moore Brantley Motes David Nelson
Nursery				
Commun. Servers			Communion Preparation	Barb Mouton

January Celebrations

Birthdays

January 2 - Aileen Crawford

January 3 - Ruth Bochte

January 4 - Nellie Gates

Mavis Stephens

Dan Watt

January 5 - Stu Strong

January 8 - Don Foster

January 10 - John Shull

January 12 - Sherry Abbott

January 15 - John Corriveau

January 20 - Christine Smith

Anniversaries

January 21 - Bill & Kay Grubbs



Financial Report - Dan Watt

Session Notes

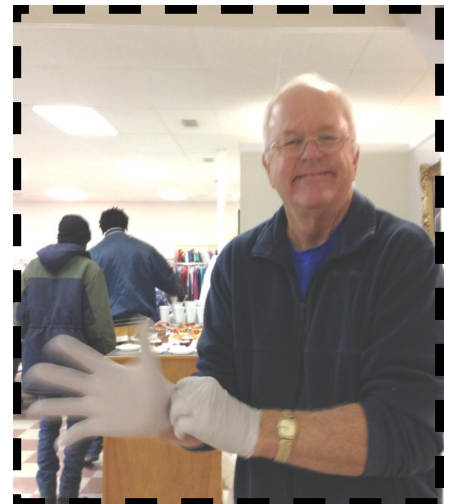
Meet our New Admin Assistant



Bonita Smith has been in church ministry since childhood, her first position was the pastor's daughter and then pianist at 10 years of age. She was saved as a child and has been active in U.S. and international mission work all of her life. She has been blessed with five children and fourteen grandchildren. Bonita has been in the corporate world for the past 30 years. She is a member of Westmeade Baptist Church and serves in the Worship Team, choir, and preschool department. She enjoys reading, fishing, and playing with the grandchildren in her spare time.

Seekers Class

C.C.C. Soup Kitchen



Thank You ...

Dear St. Andrew family,

I never imagined, when I started working here, that I would gain such a wonderful second church family! We have become friends over the past 6+ years as we've shared not only the pastoral changes in the church but also the changes in our individual lives. I thank God for you.

To the 'Folders' ... you made Thursdays such fun! Thank you!

To Dan and Tommy ... you guys are incredibly hard workers and such a huge blessing to this church! Thank you!

To B.J. - your exceptional proofreading skills were such a big help to me each month. Thank you so much!

To you dear folks who stopped to chat while working at the church, on community service projects, or session duties - you know who you are - I thank God for each of you!

To Pastor Toby - In the short time we've had together, it's been a great pleasure to work with you! I'm thankful God brought you here.

My work here is over, ... but God's work is NOT!

Love in Christ, Beth Philippians 1:3-6

Presbyterian Women

Meeting date: Tuesday, January 7, 2014

AM Circle - 9:30 a.m. / Lesson: #5 "God Provides"

PM Circle - 7:00 p.m. / Lesson #4: "Passing through the Water"

PM Lesson leader: B.J. Breeding

PM Hostess: Barb Mouton

January Project: Paper products collection for the C.C.C.

Presbyterian Men

North Alabama Presbyterian Men's meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2014. We will meet at St. Andrew at 6:00 p.m. to travel to 1st Presbyterian Church, Athens. Please let Tom Meier know if you will be attending.

January 2014

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Church office closed - NO Wednesday programs	2 Boy Scout Round-table - 6:00	3	4
5 Communion Sunday Congregational mtg.	6	7 PW AM - 9:30 Scout mtg. - 6:30 PW PM - 7:00	8 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	9	10	11
12	13 Chapel Hill N'hood mtg.- 7:00	14 Scout mtg. - 6:30	15 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	16	17	18
19 FNS ?	20 Scout Leaders mtg. - 6:30	21 Scout mtg. - 6:30	22 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	23	24	25
26	27 Presbyterian Men Quarterly Mtg. - Athens	28 Page Turners Book Club - 9:30 Scout mtg. - 6:30	29 Supper - 6:00 Bible Study - 6:30 Kids Prog. - 6:30 Choir - 7:30	30	31	



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