



**ST. ANDREW
BY THE SEA**
A COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 2018



A word from the pastor

Dear church family,

One of the things I most appreciate about our church family is that people of different backgrounds, neighborhoods, denominations, and political beliefs all come together as brothers and sisters in Christ. St. Andrew is a welcoming place. As our membership vows put it, we “accept and desire the unity and diversity of this special and unique community.”

All that stands in contrast to the climate in which we live, where people have retreated into partisan camps, unable to agree on what is true. It’s an uncivil society.

This fall our church will offer “**Choosing Civility**,” a short course on what we can do. It comes from a book by Dr. P.M. Forni, co-founder of the Johns Hopkins University Civility Project. We will hear from people in the front lines and explore the biblical basis for civil behavior.

George and I believe that St. Andrew will grow as our church school grows. Above and beyond that, we hope that our church can influence the world around us. That’s our calling, surely – to make a difference right here.

With every blessing,

Congregational Meeting

August 19th

**in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following
the Sunday worship service**

You will receive an agenda packet in the mail soon. Nursery care will be provided. Please mark your calendar for this very important meeting.

**If you are unable to attend,
please call the office at 968-
3900 to insure a quorum.**

Summer with our children and youth

August Anniversaries

1st - Lane & Carolyn Merchant
3rd - Larry & Candice Snedeker
5th - Harry & Ardys Dalton
6th - Allen & Nicole Woerner
12th - Ron & Pam Viets
13th - Herb & Bessie Malone
17th - Orren & Susanna Lax
17th - Cory & Erin Davis
20th - George & Carole Myers
20th - Gerald & Carolyn Wallace
24th - Perry & Joan Hand
27th - Harold & Joan Morgan
27th - Max & Betty Patton
29th - Tim & Debbie Fulmer
29th - Leonard & Ranae Atwater
30th - Wade & Pat Ward
30th - Mel & Pauline Kerns
30th - Wayne & Alice Villadsen

August Birthdays

2nd - Allison Hendricks
3rd - Bebe Gauntt
3rd - Michael Villadsen
4th - Hope Wood
5th - Barbara Struthers
6th - Pat Ward
7th - Lynda Thurmond
7th - Roger Jones
8th - Allen Woerner
11th - Becky Rutledge
11th - Wayne Villadsen
11th - Rexene Wood
13th - Dian Lawrence
18th - Bob Davidson
19th - Lynn Boller
19th - Doris Hulett
19th - Eula Myers
21st - Lance Matherne
21st - Lillian Guthrie
22nd - Charles Norwood
22nd - Jo Roy
26th - Taylor Egbert
26th - Harriet Slaughter
28th - Anna Elise Ellsworth
30th - Bill Parks
31st - Kaleigh Davis

Our children and youth have had an adventurous summer. We have ridden on horseback and watched dolphins frolic in the surf with our friends from Baton Rouge. We have explored the Rolling River Rampage at Vacation Bible School with Romper the river otter and the best team of volunteers in the land. We have traveled hours from home and miles from "civilization" to help someone in need. The best thing about each of these experiences is that near and far, we were never out of range of the constant prayers of our church family or out of the sight of God. He was there when we heard of unfortunate situations that our Baton Rouge companions face daily. He was there when we opened the doors to discover everything our new education building has to offer. He was there with us in the high altitude of the most majestic mountains in Tennessee as we worked for days to help make someone's life just a little easier. We are never out of the reach of the Almighty God. We are blessed to have been in His presence every day and night as we found new ways to glorify Him. *Sara Hunter*

Youth Mission Trip Copperhill, Tenn.



Memorials

Shirley Douglas

Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Garner

Janet Seale

Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Garner

Ms. Deborah Zinser

Mr. & Mrs. James Grayson

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Owens

Mr. Charles Seale

Thank You...

Dear St. Andrew Family,

To say that Roger and I are humbled beyond words would truly be an understatement. The love, prayers, generosity, cards, donations, and kind words of concern have been greatly appreciated. The visits while my mother, Shirley Douglas, was in the hospital from Larry and George were heart-warming and much needed by our family. What a loving and caring church we have, thanks be to God!

Thank each and every one of you for your love and support during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. And may God continue to bless our church family.

Thank you, again, and God bless.

In Christ,

Dee and Roger Jones

August scriptures

August 5th Matthew 4:18-22
& Luke 5:11

August 19th Ezekiel 34:23-31

August 26th John 15:12-17



Back to School is an exciting time and **St. Andrew Women** are working to ensure that it is a happy time for some of our Children of the Island who might otherwise have to start school without their needed backpacks and supplies. Thanks so much to all the wonderful ladies who have shopped and donated money, backpacks, and supplies for this project.

August 11th Volunteer for Sunday School and Wednesday night activities Sign-Up and Training 9-11am in the fellowship hall. Breakfast will be served

Blessing of the Backpacks: There will be a blessing of school backpacks on Sunday, **August 12th**. All children are encouraged to bring the backpacks and receive a blessing.



Our new education building allows us to offer classes at many more age levels than ever before. And in this day and age, it's a good practice to have a second adult in each room. We also need volunteers to greet parents and sign young children in and out. So please consider what God may be asking you to do!

Teachers and helpers will have training, materials, and time off in the summer. There's no better way to deepen your own faith. Betty McCullough, Sara Hunter, and Amy Tucker will be glad to talk with you.



**August 19th -
Sunday School
kick-off**
Invite a friend or
neighbor to join you
for Sunday School

Financials at a glance

Building Pledges

Families pledged to date: 78
Total giving households: 106

Total Building Fund Pledges to date: \$768,400.00
Funds Received to date: \$551,171.00

Offering for July

	Pledged	Unpledged
Budgeted	\$25,000.00	\$13,000.00
June Actual	\$29,814.00	\$11,103.00
Year to Date		
Budgeted	\$172,000.00	\$104,000.00
Year to Date Actual	\$179,842.00	\$ 98,638.00

July Communion offering

The Lighthouse \$574.00



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Committee meetings



Ushers for August

5th Tom Gauntt, Herb Malone, John Milano, Robert Monk, Jim Roy, Lynda Thurmond, Allen Woerner

12th Marge Bumann, Robert Craft, Mike Cutchen, Clint Davis, Andy Haynes, German Moran, Betty Patton, Mike Vaughn, Allen Woerner

19th John Boller, Dolly Crewes, Tim Fulmer, Chance McLemore, Charles Runels, Jan Zimmerman

26th Bob Davidson, Tommy Lee, Joe Slaughter, Mike Stanley, Eileen Sylvester, Mickey Webb, Murrell Webb

Our preacher on August 12

will be Dr. Wallace T. Davis. For the past 38 years, Dr. Davis has served as President and CEO of Volunteers of America Southeast. The faith based organization assists people with developmental disabilities, chronic mental illness, and physical disabilities. It also provides special needs housing for seniors and veterans along with substance abuse treatment programs and disaster relief in Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia.

Dr. Davis has had a long career serving as a teacher, mental health counselor and therapist, and pastor. He holds degrees from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Samford University. He is married to Barbara and they have four children and nine grandchildren.

Trustee's - Wednesday, August 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Church Council – Tuesday, August 14th - 4:30 p.m.

Finance Committee – Tuesday, August 21st - 4:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – August 21st - 5:30 p.m.

Join the **St. Andrew Men** for our monthly breakfast on **Tues., August 14th** at 9 a.m. Enjoy a wonderful breakfast as well as great fellowship. No reservation required.

You are also invited to attend the **Men's Community Prayer Breakfast** on Thurs., **August 16th** from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall here at St Andrew by the Sea. We encourage you to invite a friend. **Please contact Perry Hand at 251-604-7936 for your reservation.**

St. Andrew Ladies Lunch Bunch is back for the Fall!

We will meet in the former Nolan's on Hwy 59 called **Coast AL** Monday, **August 27** at noon. Please make your reservations by Monday, August 20th by calling Laura Geneux at 233-9349 or emailing her at lg36535@gmail.

We're looking forward to a great gathering so bring your new friend from church or a neighbor to help us celebrate fall and hopefully cooler weather!



In-service will meet on **August 7th** and **21st** at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

July attendance

1st – 160
8th – 165
15th – 182
22nd – 170
29th – 160

July church school

1st - 29
8th - 30
15th - 58
22nd - 35
29th - 44

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Trustees 4 p.m.	2	3	4
5 Communion Sunday	6	7 Prayer group 9 a.m. Stephen Ministry In-Service 3 p.m. Weight Watchers 5	8	9	10	11 Volunteer for Sunday School and Wednesday night training 9- 11am in FH Breakfast will be served
12 Blessing of the backpacks	13	14 Prayer group 9 a.m. St. Andrew Men's Breakfast 9 a.m. Church Council 4:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 5	15 Back to School	16 Men's Community Prayer Breakfast 7 a.m.	17	18
19 Sunday School Kick-off Congregational Meeting	20	21 Prayer group Stephen Ministry In-Service 3 p.m. Finance Com. 4:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 5 Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Prayer group Weight Watchers 5	29	30	31	