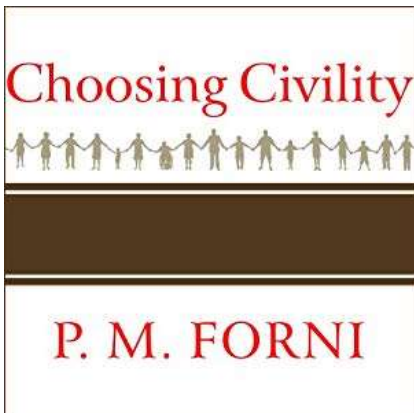




ST. ANDREW
BY THE SEA
A COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 2018



This fall, the Rev. George Myers will offer “**Choosing Civility**,” a short course on what we can do to foster a healthier public climate. Starting with 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 society – how we might shout less and listen more.

If ever there was a good topic for St. Andrew, this is it – because we have always aspired to be a community church that brings together from a wide variety of perspectives.

Please join George on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m., starting September 12.



A word from the pastor

Dear church family,

Twenty years ago, a handful of friends gathered on the Gulf of Mexico under a large cross to sing, pray, and worship together. They did not at first think of themselves as a church. If anything, they were refugees from church – people from a variety of traditions who felt God working in their fellowship.

It took a while for them to recognize where they were being led. And when they did, they sought help from all over the community. One church furnished choir robes. Another provided candlesticks for the altar. Another gave hymnals. Generous souls provided land on the Fort Morgan Road and a double-wide trailer to serve as a sanctuary. A great procession entered what seemed to them like a cathedral, and folks set about doing the work of Christ.

The story of St. Andrew by the Sea continues to inspire newcomers. And we are still growing in purpose, still discovering what God wants us to do for this community.

On Sunday, September 23, we'll celebrate our twentieth birthday with a fellowship reception and the dedication of our new building, music room, and covered walkway. We are blessed with a home, and even more so with a purpose.

May it always be so!

Memorials

Billy Racine

Building Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Wade Ward

Janet Seals

Mrs. Louise Smith and family

September Anniversaries

1st - Mike & Kathy Vaughn

5th - Jim & Jo Roy

5th - Tom & Staci Hand

9th - Tom & Bebe Gauntt

19th - Charles & Janice Runels

20th - John & Linda Burmeister

21st - Dave & Barbara Epperson

25th - Andy & Patti Haynes

29th - Jim & Becky Rutledge

September Birthdays

1st - Robert Warren

1st - Leon Null

2nd - Suzan Martin

3rd - Paul Barefield

3rd - Virginia Spencer

5th - Susan Coyne

8th - Ed Diercks

9th - Patti Cutchen

13th - Jan Zimmerman

14th - Shelley Owen

14th - Anne Saunders

15th - Peggy Lenz

16th - Duke Everitt

18th - Ed Klinske

20th - Leonard Atwater

20th - Mary Hughes

24th - Clint Davis

25th - Ron Viets

26th - Tommy Lee

28th - Ron McCullough

28th - Charles Runels

28th - Mickey Webb

29th - Betty McCullough

30th - Dale Burgess



The Festival Bell Choir will begin practicing on Tuesday, **Sept. 4th at 1:30 p.m.** We would love to have some new ringers join us. Not only do we play bells, but we have lots of fun together!! If you have ever considered ringing, please give us a try!! Call Harriet Slaughter at 251-422-4073 for information.

Calling all Bell Ringers and Choir members! Branyon Bells will resume practice on Wed. **Sept. 5th** at 5 p.m. as well as Choir Practice at 6 p.m. with dinner in between. Those of you who are interested in joining either of these groups please contact Joan Hand at 955-5807. **Child care will be available.**

Stephen Ministry In-service will meet in the Education building on Sept. 4th & 18th at 3 p.m.

Join the **St. Andrew Men** for our monthly breakfast on **Tues., Sept. 11th** at 9 a.m. Enjoy a wonderful breakfast as well as great fellowship. No reservation required.



You are invited to St. Andrew Women's Coffee on Thurs., **Sept. 13th**, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a new year! We will be planning for the coming year, planning for our Fundraising, and enjoying visiting with each other! **Everyone is invited and needed! Bring a friend with you and join us!**

You are also invited to attend the **Men's Community Prayer Breakfast** on Thurs., **Sept. 20th** 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.**



Teen Movie Night: Sept. 22nd 6:00 pm to 9 p.m. Teen movie night at Saint Andrew (6th -12th grade) "The Princess Bride". Popcorn and sweets provided. Bring a friend!



St Andrew Women

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Playa Restaurant (the former Bayside Grill) on Monday, **Sept. 24** at noon. Please make your reservations by Monday, Sept. 17th 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 cooler weather!

Ushers for September

- 2nd** Tom Gauntt, Herb Malone, John Milano, Robert Monk, Jim Roy, Allen Woerner
- 9th** Marge Bumann, Robert Craft, Mike Cutchen, Clint Davis, Andy Haynes, German Moran, Betty Patton, Mike Vaughn, Allen Woerner
- 16th** John Boller, Andy Burgess, Dolly Crewes, Tim Fulmer, Chance McLemore, Charles Runels, Jan Zimmerman
- 23rd** Bob Davidson, Tommy Lee, Joe Slaughter, Mike Stanley, Eileen Sylvester, Mickey Webb, Murrell Webb
- 30th** Susan Coyne, Betty Patton, Linda Thurmond & Jan Zimmerman



September scriptures

September 2nd
Luke 11:1-4, 5-13

September 9th
John 7:1-18

September 16th
Psalm 19, Isaiah 50:4-7

September 23rd
Psalm 122

September 30th
James 5:13-16

Breakfasts and dinners

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? Sunday morning breakfasts and Wednesday night dinners are deeply appreciated, and make it much easier for families to attend. By taking a turn now and then, individuals, friends, and classes can make St. Andrew a welcoming place. Please see the sign-up sheets outside the church office, or call Pat Strahan at 968-3900. Many thanks!

Wednesday night family activities

will resume on September 5th, with dinner at 5:45 p.m.
Child care will be available beginning at 6 p.m.

August attendance and church school

5th -	5th - 51
12th - 140	12th - 53
19th - 167	19th - 60
26th - 169	26th - 51

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: \$559,988.00

Offering for August

	Pledged	Unpledged
Budgeted	\$24,000.00	\$14,000.00
August Actual	\$15,385.00	\$11,347.00
Year to Date		
Budgeted	\$196,000.00	\$118,000.00
Year to Date Actual	\$195,227.00	\$109,985.00

August Communion offering

The Care House \$387.00



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Sunday	3 Labor Day The office will be closed	4 Prayer group 9 a.m. Festival Bells 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry In-Service 3 p.m. Weight Watchers 5	5 Bells and kids choir 5:00, dinner 5:30, Choir 6:00 Family activities	6	7	8
9	10	11 Prayer group 9 a.m. St. Andrew Men's Breakfast 9 a.m. Festival Bells 1:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 5	12 Bells and kids choir 5:00, Civility 5:00, dinner 5:30, Choir 6:00 Family activities	13 St. Andrew Women's Coffee 10 a.m.	14	15
16	17	18 Prayer group 9 a.m. Festival Bells 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry In-Service 3 p.m. Finance Com. 4:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 5 Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.	19 Trustees 4 p.m. Bells and kids choir 5:00, Civility 5:00, dinner 5:30, Choir 6:00 Family activities	20 Men's Community Prayer Breakfast 7 a.m.	21	22 Teen Movie Night 6-9 p.m.
23 St. Andrew's 20th birthday party and dedication of Education Bldg.	24 Women's Lunch Bunch 12 noon	25 Prayer group Weight Watchers 5	26 Bells and kids choir 5:00, Civility 5:00, dinner 5:30, Choir 6:00 Family activities	27	28	