



The Fishing Line

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30

Rev. Dr. Jim Black, Pastor

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BROKEN FLOWERS?

I witnessed this movie, starring Bill Murray, on T.V. last night. His was not the usual comic role he so often plays. He played the same dead-panned, sad-faced character we grew so used to with Buster Keaton (some of you can remember him). The story line goes that a next door neighbor (an unofficial frustrated detective) wonders if his neighbor (played by Bill) really has a son out there in the world somewhere. Yes, he snooped on Bill. This self-described neighbor will pay Bill to fly anywhere and try and see if any of his previous paramours might be the mother of a possible son that Bill had a part in bringing into this world. Off Bill goes and visits five previous relationships (pun, intended). He is only to bring a nice bouquet of picked flowers and ask if they might have a typewriter. This would open the door for Bill to help make the discovery as to whether or not the woman has a son...yes....with Bill. Each woman contacted was either married, or became a professional, was dead, or in one situation was the wife (?) of a motorcycle club member. Each encounter was sad and required great sensitivity to get through...as you might imagine. Toward the end, Bill sees a likely candidate for son-ship and reaches out to him and attempts to check out the background of this nineteen year old, cross-country hiker. It is an awkward encounter for them both. This kid asks Bill for some advice as they share a cold soft drink and sandwich. "What have you found to be 'Truth' for you over your years?" the young man asks. Our hero replies, "Well, the past is past, the future is unknown and all we really have is the present". Bill is the best he can be as a "father" to this prospect. Bill ventures to press the encounter, but the young man gets up and leaves. Despite the signs of being close, Bill cannot get an answer. There Bill stands, in the middle of a road in a small mountain town. He looks up each of the merging streets for the lad. Sad, yes, sad. Bill did not personally have much of a past, each road into his future standing before him might take him to a better or worse "somewhere" else. He is left with only that moment. Was the movie a comedy? A tragedy? Was there some moral for you and me as viewers?

Where are you "standing" now? What does life mean for you? What have you done with your past or will you do with your future? All any of us has is this moment. Who ever really makes the "best" of each moment? What might your Faith in Jesus Christ have to offer "Bill"? How did it help your past? How will it affect your future? What will each of us do with the present?

Pastor Jim



SEPTEMBER

- 3, 10, 17 & 24 Weekly Bible Study
- 6 WSCO Food Collection
- 7 Labor Day
- 13 Fashion Show
- 17 Get-together Program
- 19 Officers' Retreat



OCTOBER

- 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Weekly Bible Study
- 4 WSCO Food Collection
- 15 Get-together Program
- 19 Session
- 31 Halloween & Trunk-or-Treat



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

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*Being the face of Christ
In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015

Secretaries

*Donna Kirksey
Judy Medearis
Velvet Whitaker
Judith Yeaton*

Active Elders

*Michele Banks – M&E
Roger Barr – M&E
Lynda Edwards – Worship
Ben Gundlach –B&G
Donna Kirksey - Fellowship
Judy Medearis - CCN
Joyce Miller – BFS&P
Linda Miller – Fellowship
Ralph Ramsey – BFS&P
Judith Yeaton - Worship*

WHY AND HOW OUR CHURCH CAN GROW!

WHY

1. People will, at one time or another in their lifetime, want to experience "Something" that will give them the feeling that life, itself, is meaningful and offers them hope. It is as though there is a "God-shaped" space within them that **must** be filled. So it is a matter of timing.
2. They suspect or hope that "religion" at its best, has something to offer them.
3. Whatever the "Good" or "Spiritual" is, it is generally felt and makes its' appeal as a result of some kind or type of a personal relationship with another person or persons or crisis.
4. This is what Jesus meant when he said that "the field is ripe until the harvest." It is!
5. Why should YOU be interested in having some influence in the life of another? Not just because Jesus said for us to "go into all the world baptizing and teaching" but because you, personally, have gleefully experienced the greatness and goodness of God in your own life. As such, you have the power to share what you, yourself, have experienced of God.

HOW

1. This is where YOU come in. . . as the Holy Spirit works within and through you. . . to have (hopefully!) a good influence on them. You are a kind of evangelist! Most of us are usually a good influence on others more than we are a bad influence or "evangelist" of how God is at work in and through our personal and family life.
2. You can only share what you, yourself, have or know. This is why we stand in worship and in the School of the Church. . . to feed yourself and get what it takes to influence others better.
3. Also, our worship services have to be "user friendly", our members must give a guest the feeling that we genuinely appreciate them being with us and that we hope their needs are met when they come.
4. Preaching must be Biblical, first of all, practical and listenable. The music must be good.
5. Schedule more interesting speakers and advertise this, be prepared for small children and appeal to youth. Have more variety in worship and music.
6. Help keep summer schedules fun, busy and meaningful.
7. Make better use of our Website and Facebook, etc.
8. Pick up and bring others to events that you know will interest them, help others not hurt so much, and offer others help and encouragement.
9. LISTEN TO THOSE AROUND YOU! What are their needs? Design and advertise programs and events that address these needs on a regular basis. Get them into small groups that allow them to feel a part of a group. . . whether they join officially is not all that important at this point.
10. Have more events that highlight children and youth! This really turns out parents and grandparents who begin to feel that THIS is truly their church home.
11. How can we have more singles or second- marriage folks to feel at home here? How can we better "beef up" our Senior Adult Ministry and who will oversee it systematically?
12. Could our Greeters meet visitors OUTSIDE and walk them in and help them make contact with another member. . .to start a good relationship going?
13. Help us become a great "word-of-mouth" church where we talk the Pastor and programs up.
14. Do we expect enough of each member to keep their eyes and ears open to those who are needing help or hope and actually pick them up and bring them to a service or program? Will they actually CARE AND DARE. . . Care for a neighbor and dare to offer them a ride here as well as friendship and "side door" evangelism?
15. What do YOU think about these suggestions? Add and act on your own.

Oh, we will make mistakes, but this is far, far better than making no mistakes! After all, we members have been BLESSED AND WE ARE TO BE A BLESSING.

God WILL bless us if we . . .each of us. . . live forward in this way!!

Pastor Jim

OUR PRAYER LIST



*Cheryl Bogacki,
Pat Bukovac,
Tom Dennison,
Joyce Doty,
Barbara Gobbel,
Ben Gundlach,
Karen Jefferies,
Christopher Jordan,
Ken Juhlin,
Kellie Malloney,
Ray Massey,
Debbie Pace,
Tim Pierson,
Laryn Rogers-Jordan,
Bill Strubbe, Jr.,
Bill Strubbe, Sr.
Joan Strubbe,
Clarence Sweat,
Betty Tanner,
Caroline
VanKouwenberg,
Susie Volpe,
Don Wight
and
The Families of
Anjeanette Larini &
Richard
VanKouwenberg*

VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



Anyone interested in visiting and/or taking Communion to our shut-ins, contact Pastor Jim Black.

JULIET (Join Us Ladies Into Eating Together)
Fourth Tuesday each month @ 6:00pm location TBD.

Adult Bible Study 11:00 Thursdays

Congregational Care and Nurture Committee

The CC&N Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted with our two recent bereavement meals. Thanks for the food, for setting up, for serving and for cleaning up afterward. It has been awhile since we have asked people to sign up to help with food and/or working in the kitchen so if there is anyone who would like to sign up for either or both, see me or Linda Miller.

We would also like to remind folks that if your birthday or anniversary is not in the Newsletter when it should be, please let us know so we can add it or correct the misinformation.

Our committee's purpose is just as its name indicates - the care and nurturine of our members. Do you have ideas of how we can better serve you? If so, please share those with us.

By: Judy Medearis



Buildings & Grounds

Buildings and Grounds hopes everyone had a relaxing summer vacation. Tasks around the campus have kept us busy as usual especially cleaning up branches and debris from the summer storms. Our "flower garden task force" has been doing a wonderful job of keeping the flower gardens in beautiful condition. It is a lot of hard work and a never ending process. The summer heat makes it even tougher. A big Thank You to Herman, Flo, and Elaine for all you do!

The mower has been giving us some problems. We had to replace an idler pulley as the bearings were worn and the pulley fell apart. The mower was serviced and blades changed. It has not been running properly and we are still trying to figure out the problem. We hope to have it fixed and running smoothly very soon.

Our plumbers Dick and Walter finally brought the water leak in the Narthex ladies room under control. It was a challenge because of so many different things going wrong. They overcame the obstacles and accomplished the mission. Thanks!

Much progress has been made cutting brush and vines from our perimeter fence. The tree that was taken down still needs to be cut up and hauled away. The folks from Bono's did finally clean up part of drainage ditch, but more needs to be done. The work order for the city to clean the ditch has not been accomplished. It's only been about a year now. B&G will call and get an update from the city to see if they intend to do anything and when.

The A/C unit on the east side of Narthex was not cooling. It was discovered the capacitor was bad. B&G personnel swapped it out with a spare part from an old unit. With advice and guidance from Jack Strickland the A/C unit was repaired at no cost.

Please keep Pastor Jim and the Session in your prayers as they guide and serve St Andrews.

Remember: So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

By: Bill Starks

Save the Date – November 14th – Fall Clean-up!

Directory Updates

Death:

Tom Whitmore July 3, 2015

Marriage:

Ashley Zeilic & Anthony Licari August 22, 2015

New Address:

Diane Parker (904-887-3171)
827 Summercreek Dr.
Lewisville, TX 75067

New Members:

Frankie Hawkins (347-867-1767)
6734 103rd St. #242
Jacksonville, FL 32210
Birthday: June 29th

Donna Lamley (904-619-1721)
6734 103rd St. #246
Jacksonville, FL 32210
Birthday: December 2nd

LeoLine Young (904-551-4738)
7457 Wendell Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32210
Birthday: May 11th

Frankie was born in Mississippi but moved to New York City when she was a baby. She relocated from the city to Jacksonville after Hurricane Sandy. She worked in a hospital before retiring. She is a widow with 2 children and 4 grandchildren. She enjoys working crossword puzzles as well as jig-saw puzzles, previously she crocheted.

Donna was born in Kings Ferry, FL and worked for the city before retiring. She is a widow and has 2 sons, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren. She enjoys reading, loves music and conducts a Bible Study each Tuesday for six or so residents at her retirement home – Marcus Point.

LeoLine was born in Jamaica and moved to New York City in 1968. She became a naturalized US Citizen in August 1996 and moved to Florida in 2006 and then to Jacksonville in 2012 to live with her son Maurice. She enjoys baking and makes a fabulous carrot cake which you may have tasted at one of our lunches or dinners.

Please welcome these 3 new members of St. Andrews!

Thank You

To all my church family, July marked the one year since the “happening” changed my life. I’ve been on disability since 1988, but I felt I did well. I took care of myself and still was able to help others with rides and meals. Also, cheering people up. Then one night it ended. Doctors still have no reason but guesses it was TIA. Now I am the one who needs help. . . so many of you have been there for me from drives to the doctors, shopping for food and drug items, meals and haircuts, visits, and mostly the strength I get from (all of your) prayers. I miss sending cards to you all but my macular degeneration limits me from reading a book in a day or two. I barely can read the newspaper. The computer is off also. I think of you all and keep you in my prayers. Please do the same for me.

Love and prayers to all – Caroline VanKouwenberg



We are preparing for the annual Christmas Bazaar on November 21st (the Saturday before Thanksgiving). We have the same room set aside for your yard sale donations. Please bring your items anytime **on or before November 15th**. Don't forget any craft items you are working on as well as plants, Christmas items, and bake sale goodies- cookies, brownies, etc.

We really need help from all of you. People are needed to tend the tables both inside and outside.

We also are selling spaces at \$20.00 each to vendors and anyone who wants to sell their own items. We are limited on tables, so if you rent a space you should bring your own table(s).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either of us. And THANK YOU in advance for your support.

We will work in the name of the Lord.

Judith Yeaton & Jan Poley



September

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| 5 Kathleen Creel | 15 Blayne Parramore |
| 7 Dadrian Perkins | 15 Bryan Parramore |
| 8 Caroline Vynanek | 16 Kristie Christiansen |
| 11 Loraine Nelson | 16 Judith Yeaton |
| 13 Hunter Jones | 18 Jody Wood |
| 14 JR Wood | 26 Summer Hackney |

October

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| 1 Justyce Leverett | 16 Ashley DeWolf |
| 1 Phyllis Stubbs | 17 Teresa Sweat |
| 2 JP McCall | 20 Joyce Miller |
| 5 Tessa Roberts | 22 John Vynanek |
| 6 Frank Edwards | 25 Mariah Cope |
| 8 Michael Banks | 29 Trevor Cope |
| 11 Bart Parramore | 29 Ezekiel Grusenmeyer |
| 12 Sue Massey | 31 Wesley Perkins |



September

- 10 Walter & Mary McNair
- 19 Jeff & Jennie Leverett
- 25 Jim & Linda Miller.

October

- 4 John & Suzi Starkey
- 6 John & Pat Eubanks
- 8 Michael & Velvet Whitaker
- 19 Brian & Summer Hackney
- 29 Jimmy & Ellen Meacham

BFS&P Committee

Our income for the month of July was good, however, we are still in the red!! Our income for the month was \$9,032.44 and expenses were \$12,078.49, leaving us with a deficit of \$3,046.05. We now have a deficit for the year of \$16,350.69. We still have a little time to lower, and hopefully, to erase, this deficit.

We are planning a pledge campaign for 2016. You will be receiving more information about the campaign next month. We at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, just as the disciple Andrew, have a mission. Our mission is to be witnesses, to and in, our community for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our mission is not finished!!! To keep our mission going, we need your help. If each of us could give a little more each Sunday, it would help to decrease not only our deficit, but help put us in the black. Search your heart and pray diligently that God will lead each of us in that direction.

BFS&P's next meetings are September 8th & October 13th at 7:00pm in the Media Room. God Bless !

Joyce Miller

November/December

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

****** OCTOBER 22nd ******

Articles can be e-mailed to Terry Hallihan:

99gwhfth@comcoast.net

Or placed in the Newsletter box in the office

Three Kinds of Grace A Heuristic Chart

While writing a sermon on Psalm 103, I was concerned that sometimes we Christians have a deficient view of the role of grace in the Christian life. I showed the following clips from *Saving Private Ryan* to illustrate one deficient view: that grace is something God saves us by, but we must then pay this back by how we live our lives. Most of you know the story: Private Ryan must be saved and sent home (his family has lost all his brothers in the war) and so a squad of Rangers scours the combat zone, some dying in the process, to find him. In the first clip Captain Miller, played by Tom Hanks, is about to die, and whispers his final words to Private Ryan.

The film ends with the clip below, as we see James Ryan return to honor those who gave their lives for him.

I couldn't help feeling sorrowful as the burden of "earning this" was placed on that young man. But the sorrow was personal: I too have struggled for much of my life with earning the grace of God, or being good enough.

For the sermon, I also wrote down the following chart on three ways that Christians can understand (or misunderstand) the place of grace within the Christian life. I advocated for the third understanding (grace as liberation).

Pastor Jim

THIRD THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

6:00pm

September 17..... Our own Stephanie Moore will discuss "the purpose of, and need for, a health care directive. "

October 15 Dr. Barry Strohman will talk about basic health issues, what questions you should ask your doctor, how to work with your doctor, and when you should call your doctor.



October 31, 2014

1:00-3:00PM

Spend Halloween with your family and your community. This is such a fun event each year, and every year it gets bigger and bigger. We need you, and the trunk of your car.... Join us starting at Noon to decorate your trunk (prizes will be given for best trunk, most original, and best themed trunk). Invite everyone. We will have hotdogs, chips and soda, along with the best Halloween snacks, a cake walk and pie throwing.

Ohhh and lots and lots of candy for the children and the children at heart. Costumes are not necessary, but all are welcome to dress in costume. Prizes will be awarded for best trunk.

Also, M&E has arranged with Masonic Child ID for those parents attending with their children to have free digital finger printing done of their children.

Summer Hackney



To Ralph Story on his 50 years of volunteer service as a VyStar Director!!! He is being honored for his many years of service with a reception on September 17th (6:00 – 9:00pm) at the credit union – 4949 Blanding Blvd., Cascone Building Employee Lounge.

Worship Committee

Remember to contact us for prayer requests and to keep the weekly prayer list current. Thanks!

In His Name, Lynda Edwards

Helpful Hints/Things You Are Supposed To Know!

When cooking something in a pot that may boil over (pasta, beans, peas, etc.), lay a large wooden spoon over the top of the pot to prevent spillover when the item starts to boil. The wooden spoon can take the heat more than its plastic counterparts and it pops the steam bubbles.

Store peanut butter jars upside down so the oils distribute evenly.

Mission & Evangelism Committee

Hi to everyone. We hope you had a safe and happy summer. Once a month, M&E will host donuts and coffee outside after Worship to help us get to know our visitors and catch up with each other.

On September 13th we will be having our fashion show of the clothing protectors for the adult residents at Duvall Home and the pillow case sun dresses for Africa and other needy areas. These are works of art sown by a dedicated group of ladies here at St. Andrews. Once again Stephanie Moore coordinated this project and did a wonderful job. A special thanks to those that donated towels and pillow cases as well as a round of applause to our many talented seamstresses.

On October 31st at our annual Trunk N Treat, Masonic Child ID will attend and provide parents free digital finger printing of their children.

Thank you for all your support of the M&E Committee. Our next meeting is 9:15am on September 13th.

Michele Banks

*A Note from
the Clerk*



St. Andrews has numerous activities in September and October. Please bring your family and friends and participate.

~ Summer

ARE YOU MERELY COMMITTED OR GENUINELY ENGAGED?

- An engaged member knows what is expected of them.
- Their spiritual needs are met and they know what Reformed spirituality is.
- Each member has the chance to share/offer what they do best.
- Each member has felt recognized and praised within the past month.
- Each feels the spiritual leaders in the church really know and care about them.
- The church tries to listen and respond to their specific needs as it sees them.
- Each member feels that what the church is doing is vital and making a difference in the world and they like feeling a part of this.
- All other members share the joy and understanding of what it means to grow into maturity in Christ. . .feel "Christ, the Hope of Glory, within us."
- Some of their best friends are in the congregation.
- Someone in the congregation inquired about their spiritual growth within the past six months and asked in a genuinely honest and caring way.
- Each has the chance to learn and grown spiritually at their own pace.

The work of all the committees of the Session, Women and Fellowship groups are very conscious of seeing to all of these.

How will the church know when it is "successful" and effective? It knows by measuring four areas:

1. Members are serving and helping others in the church and community, as Christians.
2. Members are talking up their church, fellow members, the choir, the pastor, etc.
3. Members are glad and natural about supporting "their" (share of ownership) church.
4. Members self-report more life satisfaction.

You can look pretty and you can be well organized, but my prayer for you in the near and distant future is that more of you will be delighted that you felt **Engaged!**

Pastor Jim