



The Fishing Line

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
 Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30
 Rev. Dr. Jim Black, Pastor
 January/February 2018
 Church Office: (904) 771-1596

A COUPLE OF "NEW YEAR" STORIES FOR YOU....

Story #1 A child asks her parents why they are staying up so late New Year's Eve. The mother replies, "Because I want to see the New Year come in". The father replies, "Because I want to be sure the old year leaves!"

Story #2 When Forrest Gump wished Lt. Dan a happy New Year, as he sat in his wheel chair with two amputated legs and drunk, Lt. Dan replies, "Yeah, well, what's so 'happy' about it?"

Many of you may be glad the old year has gone for some of your own reasons about various things you had to go through in 2017. I can see why you are glad to see it go and hope for the entire world that 2018 will be a whole lot better!

Whether you are happy to see it go or not, what can make 2018 "happy" for you? Here are a few things to keep in mind when...not if...challenges arrive:

- After a baby was born in Bethlehem, the soul, as Handel put it, "...did find its' worth". God did Hallmark one better! God sent "the very best" to show that God IS, that He is Emmanuel (with us) ensuring our total welfare and that flesh and blood and all other created things are valued as part of God's gifts which God affirms as "good".
- It means that God, knowing how there are times in our lives when we "reach up" for some help...some answer, some meaning, etc....has come near and reached down to where we are reaching up and He has grasped us and holds on to us, no matter what the New Year brings.
- It means that He enlists you to work with Him as He wants the world to come back into the proper relationship with Him and His Will...His Kingdom. His administration offers a kind of "peace" and "rest" whereby there is movement to having better relationships with God, with others and within our own self...a place of "quiet rest near to the heart of God". Jesus allows us to feel next to the Father's "chest" where we can feel His heart beating as it calms us.
- Life is hard...but a later resurrection reminds us that we will not have to go it alone into 2018...that we now have a "why" and a "how" to live...a purpose...a direction to live into...a fellowship with God and one another that tells us we are not alone and, by Grace, never will be! He placed the Holy Spirit within us and so many fellow Christians around us that things will be "alright" no matter what! We know now that although the wrong does seem oft so strong that, indeed, God IS the Ruler, yet. This is what the resurrection shouts to us.

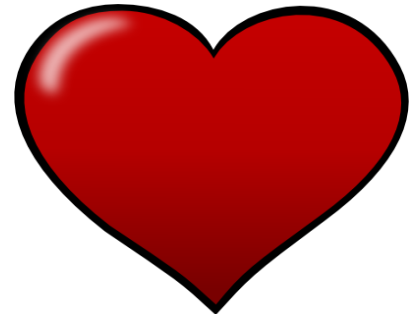
There are so very many more "good things the Father has for us" this year and for all the years that follow. I know this may sound trite but "keep your eyes upon Jesus" and think about those things you know that will cause God to smile and do them. You will find peace in the trials and struggles and, yes, even various kinds of losses ahead. Still, you will be able to sing, "It is well. It is well with my soul" because God has allowed it to become this way.

Pastor Jim Black



- 1 New Year's Day
- 21 Elder Ordination & Installation
- 28 Annual Congregational Meeting

FEBRUARY



- 10 Valentine Luncheon
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 14 Ash Wednesday



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

6317 103rd Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

*Being the Face of Christ
In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

Secretaries

*Donna Kirksey
Judy Medearis
Judith Yeaton*

Active Elders

*Michele Banks
Summer Hackney – CE
Frankie Hawkins - CCN
Bonnie McNally
Mary McNair – BFS&P
Elaine Mechelke – B&G
Linda Miller – Fellowship
Diane Parker – Worship
JR Wood – B&G*

Happy New Year Family and Friends

I wanted to take this time to extend a very big “thank you” to the exiting elders that have served so well on Session. Donna Kirksey, Roger Barr, Judith Yeaton and Phyllis Herpy are the Face of Christ in our Community and will continue to serve God, maybe with just a few less meetings. (lol)

We welcome to Session newly ordained Elder Bonnie McNally, and previously ordained Elders Michelle Banks and Diane Parker. Ordination and Reinstallation Sunday will be January 21, 2018. I would also like to remind all Elders that I need your committee’s yearend report by January 17, 2018. I need to have them so I can prepare the yearend report for the annual congregation meeting January 28, 2018.

I also wanted to tell all that we have invited Lakeshore Presbyterian Church and Murray Hill Presbyterian Church to join with us for a Valentines themed Luncheon on February 10th to share all the Mission work each church is doing on the Westside. This is for everyone we will have more information in the coming days.

Have a GREAT 2018!

Summer Hackney
Clerk

Worship Committee

Advent Christmas Season was enjoyed by all. The Cantata was beautiful as usual. Don’t be complacent because Ash Wednesday is just around the corner on February 14th and Easter is April 1st. Stay tuned as to dates and times of Lenten and Easter Services. We should be “de-Christmasing” the sanctuary on or about January 13th as we must wait until Epiphany, January 7th when the Wise Men get to the Christ Child.

OUR PRAYER LIST



*Eula Rae Alban, Bill Allen,
Pam Altwater, Bryce Bagley,
Tiffaney Bailey, Diane Baylor,
Marsha Best, Barbara Bradshaw,
Diane Breitsprecher,
Pat Bukovac, Betty Byrd,
Barbara Canipe, Kim Cope,
Kathy Dahl, Connie Davis,
Diane Davis, Joyce Doty,
Andy Eberhardt, Terry Fountain,
Marsha Feezor, Helen Garris,
Diane German, Robert Hackney,
Terry Hallihan, Art Hendon,
Phyllis Herby, Holly Hilton,
Dibby Johnson, Safia Kalup,
Glen Kemp, Dale Kerup,
Donald Kollath, Ellen Lee,
Redick Loring, Guy Madrid,
Mike, Robin & Craig Marshall,
Ray Massey, Sue Massey,
Joan McCutchen, Johnny McNally,
Jim & Linda Miller, Ron Moore,
Merri Kay Nelson, Julie Normal,
Bart Parramore,
Charleen Pavlakovich, Tim Pierson,
Walter Poley,
Ralph Ramsey, Vicki Roberts,
Lou Rymza, Larry Scronce,
Charles Severance, Vivian Sims,
Butch Stafflenio, Ralph Story,
Linda Strickland, Bill Strubbe, Jr.,
Jason Strubbe, Phyllis Stubbs,
Shirley Stuckey, Pat Sundt,
Clarence Sweat, Betty Tanner,
Robert Tarkinson, Sam Taylor,
Caroline VanKouwenberg,
Leslie Wade, Alsandra Warren,
Don Wight, Dean Wilson and
Russell Wright*



A note from BFSP Committee

2017 was a good year! The change from a full-time pastor to a part-time pastor has greatly helped the financial stability of SAPC. Challenges are still ahead. Our first committee meeting for 2018 will be held Wednesday, January 24, 10 a.m. Interested in being part of Budget, Finance, Stewardship & Personnel Committee?? Join us! Mary McNair, Chair BFSP

Part-Time Pastor Committee

Pastor Jim submitted his resignation to the Session, September 2017 and is willing to stay until we find a new pastor. A Part-Time Pastor Search Committee has been formed. We are beginning the process of searching for our new Part-Time Pastor. This process will take time but with prayer and support we will get through it. Please know the search process is a very confidential process, sometimes we will not be able to share answers with you. We hope that you will pray for our Part-Time Pastor Committee and our congregation throughout this process and know God has already picked our new Part-Time Pastor. He or she will be a blessing to our congregation in the near future. A 'job' in the PCUSA is referred to as a "Call from God" it is more than a job or career -- it is a calling.

If you have questions or concerns about the search process, feel free to contact the Part-Time Pastor Search Committee (Mary McNair, Linda Miller & Frankie Hawkins).

Mary McNair

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) First Tuesday each month @ 6:00pm location TBD.

Adult Bible Study in Lieu of Sunday School – Each Thursday at 11:00AM



Salvation Army Barrels

Once again our barrels were filled to their brims with toys for little ones. Your gifts brought many a broad smile and plenty of happy faces and twinkling eyes. Thanks for your generosity.

Flo Six and Helen Starks



January

5 Terry Hallihan

11 Chloe Allen

11 Jack Herpy

14 Hannah Miller

18 Bert Yeaton, Jr.

19 Helen Ballester

20 Diane Parker

24 Jan Poley

25 Kristen Merrill

26 Donna Kirksey

30 Bill Starks

February

1 Lynda Edwards

2 Bernadette Gilmore

2 Jimmy Poff

4 Jennie Leverett

6 Sydney Baldwin

6 Claire Helmer

11 Michael Miller

11 Baylee Parramore

13 Liz Parker

16 Roger Barr

21 Kyle Miller

22 Pat Eubanks

25 Olivia Hume



January

4 JR & Jody Wood

February

2 Bernadette Gilmore & Jimmy Poff



Buildings & Grounds

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year!

B&G fixed the security light in the Fellowship Hall, thanks, Dick! Also, the JEA issue was fixed.

Upcoming projects include new doors and air condition estimates. If you know of someone who would treat us right installing a system, please see me.

HELP! If anyone would like to take over our beautiful "Garden" in front of the office, please see me. If not, in the Spring it may be replanted with sod. The area was re-bedded by Herman and Flo in December for the last time unless someone steps up to the plate.

A special thanks to Gregg for helping with lighting in the restrooms! And our Scouts with "workday" help.

Working for the Glory of God!

What a crew!

JR Wood

Church Directory Updates

Address Changes

Jim & Liez Dennison
5679 Billmore Cr. E.
Jacksonville, FL 32222



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THANKS

To the Elders that are rotating off Session:

- Roger Barr
- Phyllis Herpy
- Donna Kirksey
- Judith Yeaton

Welcome to the new members on Session:

- Michele Banks
- Bonnie McNally
- Diane Parker

*A Note from
the Clerk*



- Installation/Ordination of elders January 21, 2018
- Annual Congregational Meeting January 28, 2018
- Valentine's Luncheon February 10, 2018

Summer Hackney

**MARCH/APRIL
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
DUE**

***** FEBRUARY 20th*****

Articles can be e-mailed to
Terry Hallihan:

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Or placed in the Newsletter box
in the office
