



*St. Andrews Presbyterian Church*

*Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30*

*Rev. Dr. Jim Black, Pastor*

*Church Office: (904) 771-1596*

#### IN VIEW OF ALL THE BAD/NEGATIVE NEWS THESE DAYS.....

"Authentic beauty...unlocks the yearning of the human heart, the profound desire to know, to love, to go towards the Other, to reach for the Beyond. If we acknowledge that beauty touches us intimately....that it opens our eyes, when we rediscover the joy of seeing, of being able to grasp the profound meaning of our existence, the Mystery of which we are part."  
(Benedict XVI on how beauty invites us to move more into the Eternal Source of all loveliness.)

In Galatians chapter 5 the Apostle Paul speaks of what "worldly" folks are like. It is NOT a pretty picture! Then, later, he goes to share the Fruit of the Spirit...all Christ-like qualities we can also possess and benefit from (read them for yourself, please) as we live in faith and hope. As we enjoy the deeper, practical blessings of such Spirituality, thanks to the work of the Holy Spirit growing within us more and more, we actually do overcome the "World" that is far too much around us so much of the time.

When I think of all the wonderful people I have had the honor of knowing over the years of my living I have come to discover three things about them that have influenced me. They are "kindness", "thoughtfulness" and "being genuine". I am still trying to be more like them. When you think of those who have been really inspiring for you, what do you think their qualities were that had this positive effect on you? How much have you grow to be this way?

If you had to pick what you think are THE most important and meaningful passages of Scripture that have helped you deal with life and living, what would they be? I have several myself. I think THE most important one is "He is not here. He is risen!" Like most, I also enjoy John 3:16 and the Grace of it and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and the sure faithfulness of God to "come through" for us in it. A few more go like this: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" and "Christ, the hope of Glory within you". You have yours, too. Join me in thinking of them when the day is "cold and dark and dreary".

I love hymns, too! I sing so many of them but fail to stop and truly think about the words. When I do, I am also "lifted up on eagle's wings". Take some time with one of the hymnals you have at home (I suspect many of you have one...an older one). "Amazing Grace", "How Great Thou Art", "Blessed Assurance", "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (that is a great one!), "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above". Tell me some of yours and I will include them in worship.

Well, I hope that these positive and up-beat ideas have helped someone today. It is cold and dark and the news is bleak today. Loved ones I know are in trouble or pain. So, I had to tap into the above in order to find some of the blessings that are making my blue mood a bit lighter and more colorful.

"Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world," Jesus said. He still does.

Sursum corda! (Up hearts!)  
Pastor Jim Black



#### MARCH

- 4 Lenten Dinner & Service – St. Andrews
- 11 Lenten Dinner & Service – Lake Shore
- 14 Park & Sale Day
- 18 Lenten Dinner & Service – Lake Shore
- 25 Lenten Dinner & Service – St. Andrews
- 28 Spring Clean-up Day
- 29 Palm Sunday



#### APRIL

- 2 Maunday Thursday Service – St. Andrews
- 4 Easter Egg Hunt
- 5 Easter Sunrise & Breakfast
- 5 Easter Service



**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

6317 103rd Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

*Being the Face of Christ  
In our Community.*

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**MARCH/APRIL 2015**

**Secretaries**

*Donna Kirksey  
Judy Medearis  
Jan Poley  
Judith Yeaton*

**Active Elders**

*Michele Banks  
Roger Barr  
Lynda Edwards  
Ben Gundlach  
Donna Kirksey  
Judy Medearis  
Joyce Miller  
Linda Miller  
Ralph Ramsey  
Tom Whitmore  
Judith Yeaton*

## Life Is A Race We Run Only Once

*Athletes exercise self-control in all things;  
they do it to receive a perishable wreath,  
but we an imperishable one.  
So I do not run aimlessly.*

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

There are all kinds of races. Like life the participants must spend arduous hours in preparation. Our preparation is to see God's calling on our lives, make preparation for what that calling is, then run that race to the very best of our ability. Yes, we run our life race only once. It is more a long-distance race. We even have times when we can pause, look at where we are, make adjustments, and then pick it back up in the morning.

Many people help us on our way. Some have finished their race and are cheering us along, awaiting our arrival at the finish line. Winning that race is to know that we have tried our very best to fulfill God's calling for our life.

**Action Step:** Continue your training every day through Bible study and prayer.

*Direct our pathway, O Lord, that we may run our race with you. Amen.* – Norlan D. Scrudder, Park Hill, OK

- 1) These Days – Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, February 12, 2015.

## Sell Where You Park, Church Yard Sale

You say I have had this stuff o' so long. Don't really need it or use it. So bring it by car, truck, boat, train or plane, Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 1:00pm, to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Choose your space in the Church parking lot and use Church tables as long as they are available. There is a \$10.00 donation to St. Andrews to be used for current expenses.

We're hoping this will be a monthly Church event and will grow. If there is inclement weather the event will be postponed to a later date. For more information contact Marie Jean at 771-6788 or Elaine Mechelke 327-6517. Come out and support this effort to engage those in the community in activities at St. Andrews and raise money to reduce our operating deficit.

By: Marie Jean & Elaine Mechelke

## OUR PRAYER LIST



Diane Baylor, Sheryl Bogacki,  
Steve Bok, Dee Dee Bouknight,  
Jamie & Andy Bouknight,  
April Burnes, J.C. Cantrell,  
Dee Crews,  
Dale & Joyce Doty, Edith Dumm,  
Catherine Ford, Torri Frame,  
Phyllis Freitag, Ben Gundlach,  
Steve Harden,  
Heather Houdashelt,  
Jack & Alice Hutchinson,  
Heath Jacob,  
Judy Johnson, Jan Jones,  
Parker Jones, Emily Kehler,  
Diane Little, Kim Little,  
Elizabeth Marsh, Paul Massey,  
Ray Massey, Sue Massey,  
John Merriweather,  
B.J. Meadows, Loraine Nelson,  
Amanda Owen, Parramore Family,  
Tim Pierson, Mrs. Ragan,  
Carol Riggs, Chelsey Roberts  
Melissa Roberts, Vicki Roberts  
Preston Ryan, Edna Sands,  
Jessica Schriber, Tim Simpson,  
Helen Starks, Patrick Starks,  
Bill Strubbe, Sr., Pat Sundt,  
Clarence M. Sweat,  
Betty Tanner,  
Sam Taylor's Daughter-in-law,  
Michael Tignor,  
Caroline VanKouwenberg,  
Art Vaughn, Susie Volpe,  
Roseann Weir,  
Tom Whitmore, Jack Woodcock,  
Reta Woodward, Don Wight,  
Jean Yeaton  
&  
The Families of Kay Laabs,  
Mr. Stanly, Mr. Stuckey,  
Katie White and Janza Yeaton



### **BFS&P Committee**

Even though our income was \$7,494.97; our expenses were \$11,616.75. As you can see, this left us with a deficit of \$4,121.78. The Church liability insurance came due which accounts for half of the deficit. Although we did not have a pledge campaign this year several members have said they will continue to give as they did last year. If you are able to continue to give at the same level as last year it would be greatly appreciated.

Our next meetings will be March 10<sup>th</sup> and again on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Media Room. If you are interested in joining our Committee or to just attend our meeting, please feel free to come to our meeting(s).

By: Joyce Miller

### **Congregational Care & Nurture**

The Congregational Care and Nurture Committee has broken away from the Fellowship Committee once again and is a separate entity. We have gotten off to a good start. Members have "adopted" our shut-ins and have taken them a gift for Valentine's Day. Sue Massey has agreed to be the person to keep up with our memorials and see that both givers and family members are acknowledged.

Thank you Nancy Anson, for the very good job you have done on this task in the past. We are working on a survey to give church members (and friends) the opportunity to help with some of our tasks such as bereavement meals and hospital visits and/or cards. If anyone has ideas as to how our committee can be of assistance to our members, please let us know.

Thank you, Judy Medearis

## **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 in Lieu of Sunday School** – Each Thursday at 11:00AM

### **Worship Committee**

Ash Wednesday dinner was enjoyed by all and the service and distribution of ashes was moving. We were glad so many people were able to attend. Pastor Jim did a great job with the Stations of the Cross and we look forward to hearing about the last parables of Jesus in the coming weeks.

### **Lent, Holy Week and Easter Schedule**

- Wednesday, March 4, dinner (6:00) and service (7:00) at St. Andrews
- Wednesday, March 11, dinner (6:00) and service (7:00) at Lakeshore
- Wednesday, March 18, dinner (6:00) and service (7:00) at Lakeshore
- Wednesday, March 25, dinner (6:00) and service (7:00) at St. Andrews
- Palm Sunday, March 29, 10:30 at both Churches
- Maunday Thursday, April 2, dinner (6:00) and service (7:00) at St. Andrews with Communion
- Easter Sunday, April 5, Sunrise 6:30 with Communion at St. Andrews & breakfast
- Easter Sunday, April 5, 10:30 with Communion at both Churches

We wish you all a Blessed Lent, Holy Week and Easter!  
The Worship Committee



## March

2 Walter Poley

2 Joan Strubbe

3 Viva McCall

5 Jim Black

5 Bailey Jones

9 Annesley Brightwell

12 Pat Bukovac

## April

1 Roger Smith

5 Brian Hackney

5 Mike Whitaker

7 Patty DeWolf

8 Sheryl Harmon

8 Velvet Whitaker

12 Julia Mago

15 Catherine Edwards

15 Rebecca Edwards

13 Katelynn Baylor

15 Barbara Gobbel

19 Sherrie Smith

20 Glenda Gibbs

21 Clarence Sweat

24 Wendy Villa

28 Matt Merrill

29 Lindsey McCall

29 Kourtney Starkey

15 Caroline VanKouwenberg

20 Patricia Cope

20 Ralph Ramsey

25 Janet St. Jacques

28 Debby Macdonald

29 Sue Ramsey

30 Jonathan Fekete

30 Elaine Mechelke

30 Suzanne Brooks-Cope



## March

18 Roger & Cathy Barr

25 Nike & Alexis Morris

27 Paul & Sherrie Fekete

## April

9 Steve & Kat Bierly

14 David & Loraine Nelson

17 Jonathan & BriAnna May

18 Jerry & Terry Hallihan

25 JP & Viva McCall

27 Denny & Vicki Roberts



## Buildings & Grounds

Buildings and Grounds would like to welcome back all of the returning members of the committee and two new members Mike Whitaker and Ron St. Jacques as well. Thank you for volunteering to serve the LORD through participation in the never ending task of keeping the campus in "ship shape" condition.

We have listed a great number of projects that require attention. Some of them were left over from last year but we have a host of new things to accomplish in 2015.

We will have our Spring Workday coming up before Easter and it is scheduled for 28 March this year. I am looking forward to having numerous enthusiastic participants this time around. Thank you in advance for your help!

St. Andrews has a new piece of equipment that will help in getting the leaves removed this spring as they are always the heaviest this time of year. Jerry and Joyce Miller donated a 50 inch leaf sweeper to Buildings and Grounds in memory of their son, Paul, who went to be with the LORD this past year. Thank you for making things easier for us.

We are also in the process of gathering materials to replace the roof on the old garage that we have had on our list for quite some time. We hope to have that project completed before work day arrives. We will have plenty of work for everyone, so don't be shy just come on out and lend us a hand. Julia will be on vacation so we will have to clean all the buildings in addition to outside work.

Please remember to keep Pastor Jim and the Session in our prayers as they guide and serve St. Andrews. Pray for our committees and their members as they accomplish deeds put before them. Pray also for all who need healing, both physical and spiritually, and those that need comforting in our church family.

Remember: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8 - 9.

Bill Starks



### THIRD THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

The past months' dinners and speakers have provided valuable information for St. Andrews members and their guests. With the dinners scheduled on Wednesdays during Lent and with Spring and Summer just around the corner, the Third Thursday Night Dinners and Programs are suspended until September. Please plan to attend these again in the Fall.

Pastor: Jim Black

### Mission & Evangelism Committee

M & E has many activities planned for 2015. Please consider joining the M & E Committee to assist in upcoming activities.

We started the year with collecting money for WSCO through the Souper Bowl of Caring which yielded over \$100.

March 1<sup>st</sup> will be a Good Sam collection. We will be hosting a community spaghetti dinner, free for all, on May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in helping with the dinner and/or other M & E planned activities, please come to our Committee meetings March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

In Christ,

Michele Banks

*A Note from  
the Clerk*



*St. Andrews has numerous activities in March and April as we celebrate Lent and Holy Week. Please bring your family and friends and participate.*

*Summer*

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### **MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**

**\*\*\* APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> \*\*\***

*Articles can be e-mailed to  
Terry Hallihan:*

**99gwhfth@comcast.net**

*Or placed in the Newsletter box  
in the office*

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## In Your Heart

*No, the word is very near to you; it is in your  
Mouth and in your heart for you to observe.*

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

There are many theories on how to modify bad behavior. How do you go about changing bad habits into good ones? Some of us spend long hours talking about our feelings, based on the assumptions that once we have sorted out our feelings, the resulting clarity will enable us to act accordingly. Others start with their thoughts, realigning that what we think determines how we feel, which in turn shapes how we act. A third option is to act, trusting that habitual actions will in turn shape our hearts and minds. There is truth in all three approaches, because our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual selves are all connected.

That's the insight proclaimed in Deuteronomy 30. God's word inside us enables a congruity among our actions, thoughts, and feelings, a life lived in obedience to God.

**Action Step:** Choose one Scripture to memorize each week.

*Holy God, re-form us so that every aspect of our lives gives glory to you. Amen.* – Paddy Eastwood, Richmond, British Columbia

- 1) These Days – Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, February 28, 2015.

## Updates

### Addresses & Phone Numbers:

All address and phone changes are in the **new** directory which is available in the Narthex, if you did not receive one from an usher or greeter at Worship on February 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.

Virginia Johnson – missysj66@aol.com

### New Baby:

Hayden Vynanek ~ Born 12-3-2014  
Parents: Jamie and Brandi Vynanek  
Big Brother: Hunter  
Proud Grandparents: John & Kathy Vynanek

John Arthur McCall – Born 2-12-2015  
Parents: J.P. & Viva McCall  
Proud Grandparent: Nancy McCall  
Proud Aunt & Uncle: Rachel & Chuck Kersten

### New Members:

4 new members were Baptized 2-15-2015 and joined by profession of faith upon completion of their confirmation class.

Bryce Parramore is 13 and in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Westview. He is interested in History and thoroughly enjoys all things soccer.

Blayne Parramore is 12 and in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Westview. He is a sports fan and plays both soccer and football.

Brian Parramore is 12 and in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Westview. He is interested in technology and is frequently found doing things on a computer.

Baylee Parramore is 10 and in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Westview. She loves the colors pink and purple, is a "girly girly" and enjoys doing things for others.

### Passing Of:

Janza Yeaton	February 18, 2015
(Daughter-in-law of Bert & Judith Yeaton)	
Kay Laabs	February 21, 2015
(Daughter of Sheryl Harmon)	

## Christian Education Committee

We will be having the annual Easter Egg Hunt and lunch for the kids on April 4th starting at 11:00 am, the Saturday before Easter.

We need filled Easter eggs with wrapped candy that doesn't melt. Please remember to bring your filled eggs to Church and leave them in the Narthex.

Thank you so much.

Keep on learning,

Pastor Jim  
Ashley Zeilic  
Nancy McCall