



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30

Rev. Dr. Jim Black, Pastor

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DISAPPOINTED IN YOUR CHURCH?

Gerald May's reflection which follows sheds light on the disappointment many of us find with the Church: for God's sake, it's human through and through. We are daily reminded that our Gospel was never about the perfect Church....there are none....but the perfect Love of God made known to us in Jesus Christ is. The Apostle Paul even remarked that, "we have this treasure (the Gospel) in earthen vessels (you and me)." The institution and her members are, by nature, just a "clay pot." But, oh, boy! What is inside!

According to May, "The fact that discomfort with the Church exists is more a strength than a weakness of religious institutions. The discomfort, when it is indeed felt openly and manifested in caring ways, is the Church's greatest human resource. As long as the Church remains unsettled, criticized and scrutinized from within and without, its real weaknesses can be minimized and its distortions can be kept from becoming too destructive. Historically, it is obvious that when complacency of faith settles into religious institutions, those institutions turn first dry, then sour, then evil."

"The trouble people have with the Church, then, is in most cases trouble with love. For some the trouble is manifested by a wishful longing that is never really expressed. For others it is a romance in which one has felt rejected and terribly hurt, and against which one has become hardened and defensive. Both happen largely because of confusing divine love with human love. Of all places, one would expect to find unconditional love in Church. Yet, the Church is made of people, and through they are good people who may truly seek to be channels of divine love, their humanity is inevitable. Sometimes in (the) name of their faith they become truly callous and spiteful just as any human beings can. And thus they can deeply wound other souls who mistakenly expect from them a love without bonds." (Will and Spirit, Gerald G. May, pg. 145-146).

Pastor Jim Black



MARCH

- 1 Ash Wednesday Dinner 6:00 & Service 6:45 – St. Andrews
- 8 Lenten Dinner 6:00 & Service 6:30 – Lake Shore
- 15 Lenten Dinner 6:00 & Service 6:30 – St. Andrews
- 22 Lenten Dinner 6:00 & Service 6:30 – Lake Shore
- 29 Lenten Dinner 6:00 & Service 6:30 – St. Andrews



APRIL

- 5 Lenten Dinner 6:00 & Service 6:30 – Lake Shore
- 8 Spring Clean-up
- 9 Palm Sunday
- 13 Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service
- 14 Good Friday
- 15 Easter Egg Party 11:00am
- 16 Easter – 6:45 Sunrise & Breakfast; 10:30 Regular Service



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

6317 103rd Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

*Being the Face of Christ
In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

MARCH/APRIL 2017

Secretaries

Donna Kirksey

Judy Medearis

Judith Yeaton

Active Elders

Roger Barr – CCN and M&E

Summer Hackney – CE

Frankie Hawkins - CCN

Phyllis Herpy – BFS&P

Donna Kirksey - Fellowship

Mary McNair – BFS&P

Elaine Mechelke – B&G

Linda Miller – Fellowship

Janet St. Jacques - Worship

JR Wood – B&G

Judith Yeaton - Worship

I LOVE ANTS

You have watched them many times, I'll bet. They scurry about....this way and that....back and forth....up and down they go. Fascinating aren't they? What is even more interesting is how each one carries out each one's special calling or responsibility for the good of the whole colony. Even poets have asked the reader to "go to the ant, thou sluggard", etc. Let me say straight away that not a one of you reading this is a "sluggard". Over the years of your lives you have all worked well and hard to make things better for your section of the world's colony. Good for you! Where am I going with this? Well, the fact is...and this is not an "alt fact"....we need a few more good ants here at St. Andrews right now.

1. Who will be a Greeter Ant or Usher Ant in our little colony? I hope you will say "count me in".
2. Who will be a Family Night Supper once a month Ant? We really need help here and NOW!
3. Who will be a Monday Secretary, Hostess, Office Manager? Please say "I will be glad to help out there".
4. Who thinks that serving on the Mission and Evangelism and Christian Education is important? After all, Jesus said, "GO into the entire world....TEACHING them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Can you think of any calling could be more important and "disciple like" that reaching out to others for their soul's sake and assisting them in growing up into the blessings of all the gifts and grace God has for all of us through Christian Education??? I am not begging or pleading here, folks. I am repeating Jesus who is demanding that we take outreach and education seriously for the welfare of each of us and the whole world colony as His Spirit works with, in and through us. When Israel failed to do this very well, Jesus turned to you and me. Can you imagine the sad outcome should we fail Him and His will for the world through us???

Give Summer or me a call and say, "Count me in as an Usher or Server or Secretary or Member of one of these two vital committees." Let's not let our tiny part of the colony die off! - Pastor Jim

Congregational Care & Nurture

The CC&N Committee met to establish goals for the new year. From this meeting several ideas were discussed of which two will be presented at the next session meeting. The first of these was to update and compile a new pictorial directory. In this way we hope to familiarize all our congregation using name/face recognition. This also helps our newest members to introduce and be introduced to the rest of the congregation. The second goal is to pair individuals with our homebound congregants. We hope in this way to communicate the importance of our members who are no longer able to travel to Church events to remain engaged in the ministry of St. Andrew's. We are looking for folks interested in this vital ministry to contact either Frankie Hawkins or Roger Barr for information on becoming a contact person to one of these members.

Frankie Hawkins & Roger Barr

OUR PRAYER LIST



Eula Rae Alban,
Duane Barkeim,
Diane Baylor,
Andy Berhardt,
Pat Bukovac,
Angela Bumey,
Barbara Canipe
Redick Copeland,
Kathy Dahl, Joyce Doty,
Barbara Gobbel,
Brian Hackney,
Terry Hallihan
Paul Hansel,
Rocky Harrelson,
Louise Hill,
Ellen Hume,
Carol Jepsen,
Virginia Johnson,
Ray Massey, Sue Massey,
Merri Kay Nelson,
Bart Parramore,
Charleen Pavlakovich,
Tim Pierson,
Vickie Roberts,
Kayleigh Roszel,
Vivian Sims,
Rob S. Jacques,
Butch Stafflenio,
Helen Starks
Jack & Linda Strickland,
Bill Strubbe, Jr.,
Bill Strubbe, Sr.,
Phyllis Stubbs,
Pat Sundt,
Clarence Sweat,
Betty Tanner,
Sam Taylor,
Caroline VanKouwenberg,
Roselle Wade,
Jan & Tony Westmoreland,
Don Wight &
The Friends & Family of
Betty Sanford



BFS&P Committee

Church Finances

SAPC was blessed to have a positive January 2017 finance report!! Income: \$10,409.24, Expenses: \$9,988.51 = Positive \$420.73. Thank you for your continued support for the mission work of St. Andrews.

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

Help is needed in the Church office!

A volunteer is needed who can assist in the office on a regular basis. Skills needed: computer skills, light typing, operating copier & fax machine. Training provided!!! Office hours are 9am to noon, Monday-Thursday. We need someone to work ONE day a week. Prayerfully consider how you can help this mission of the Church.

Condo for Sale!!!

Condo located at 7110 Cypress Cove, Unit 52, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1642 sq. ft., 2 stories is on the market for \$72,000. It must be owner occupied and cannot be purchased for investment purposes. Contact, Sheryl Harmon, Hunley Realty, 904-880-1428, for more information. Currently SAPC is responsible for the mortgage, condo fees & electric - about \$780 a month. Our payment of these expenses will be reimbursed when the condo is sold. Please help us get this unit sold!!

Mary McNair

VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



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

Fellowship

March

It is time for "Lent season" once again. March 1st will be the first Wednesday of "Lent", we are planning a baked potato dinner and we need some people to volunteer to cook potatoes, as there are only 2 members on the Fellowship Committee at this time. If you are able to bake about 20 average sized potatoes there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. We are having a Birthday lunch for Pastor Jim on March 5th. We would like everyone to bring their favorite covered dish. We will provide a big birthday cake. We will have another "Lent" meal at 6:00pm March 15th. The Fellowship Committee will meet March 12th after service. We have no other dinners scheduled at this time.

April

April is the month we will celebrate Easter. Maundy Thursday's meal and service will be April 13th at 6:00pm. We are going to have Easter sunrise breakfast on the 16th around 7:15am, we will need a few volunteers to come early and help cook all that good food. We will have a sheet for you to sign up to bring casseroles and also one to help us cook. We don't have any other dinners scheduled for April.

Thank you for your assistance at this time, in advance.

In The Lord's Name,
Donna Kirksey



March

2 Walter Poley	13 Katelynn Baylor
3 Viva McCall	19 Sherrie Smith
5 Jim Black	21 Clarence Sweat
5 Bailey Jones	24 Wendy Villa
6 Joe Brown	29 Lindsey McCall
9 Annesley Brightwell	29 Kourtney Starkey
12 Pat Bukovac	

April

1 Roger Smith	15 Caroline VanKouwenberg
5 Brian Hackney	20 Ralph Ramsey
5 Mike Whitaker	25 Janet St. Jacques
8 Sheryl Harmon	26 Kathy Dahl
8 Velvet Whitaker	28 Debby Macdonald
12 Julia Mago	29 Sue Ramsey
15 Catherine Edwards	30 Elaine Mechelke
15 Rebecca Edwards	30 Suzanne Brooks-Cope



March

18 Roger & Cathy Barr

April

14 David & Loraine Nelson
 18 Jerry & Terry Hallihan
 25 JP & Viva McCall
 27 Denny & Vicki Roberts



Buildings & Grounds

Hi Everyone,

B & G has been busy as usual, fixing roofs, keeping up grounds, this and that!

Walter kept fishing and got the tree limb down! Flo, Herman and Elaine are keeping up the garden. We are in the process of keeping the fence line clean (thanks Bill). We are also keeping roofs from leaking (Bill and Dick). Special thanks to Velvet Whitaker and all the B & G crew and other church members who helped out with the recent "short" estate sale of Byron Fredericks, whose family generously donated her estate for the good of the Church. The Church benefited from this mission and made over \$1,300.

Keep in mind Spring Work Day on April 8th! We need everyone to help from 8 am until ??? Lunch will be provided.

May we all benefit from the glory of God and work together.

J.R. & Elaine

Building and Grounds Chairpersons

Let's Jump for Joy!

Are your joints feeling stiff? Is it getting harder and harder to rise from a sitting position? As we age, it is very important to KEEP MOVING to prevent age related stiffness and promote good overall health. Consider joining our small but faithful LOW IMPACT (no jumping – really) aerobic class which meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Even if you can't keep up with Richard Simmons, you can start moving – even if you have to start by sitting in a chair and moving your upper body. The more you move, the more you will be able to move. Come join us!

Judith Yeaton, Leader

Christian Education Committee

Christian Education is for all ages. We want you to bring your children, grand children and friends for our children's Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Don't forget the teenagers they have a great time with youth Bible study and events and are a GREAT support for each other during this growing time in their lives. Sometimes as adults we forget we too need Christian Education. That is why we have an excellent Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 11:00am.

The Christian Education Committee is planning more opportunities for Bible Study this year. We are also planning the annual Children's Easter Party for April 15th at 11:00am and lunch will be served. A box will be placed in the Narthex for plastic eggs filled with candy (No Chocolate Please).

The Youth are planning a Mother's Day Breakfast for all on May 14th at 9:00am.

Keep on learning, Pastor Jim
Summer Hackney
Ashley Zeilic

*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

THIRD THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

The February 16th dinner had 18 members and 2 visitors. The emphasis was on fun and fellowship. It seems all had a full tummy and a good time.

During the Lenten Season there will be no Third Thursday Night Dinners.

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**MAY/JUNE
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
DUE**

***** APRIL 24th *****

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

gwhfth@comcast.net

*Or placed in the Newsletter box
in the office*

Mission & Evangelism Committee

Pastor Jim is chairing M&E for now and he is trying to have a missionary visitor from Jamaica who would preach for us the end of May.

He recently had a worship service that highlighted his niece's work in Nigeria as a representative of her Presbyterian Church in Denver, CO. While in Nigeria she taught the children songs and did medical work in a developing medical clinic there.

He is also encouraging the use of some of the hymns in our hymnals that Afro-Americans, Koreans and Hispanics sing; but, we rarely use. Each of us knows the Church of Christ goes way beyond 103rd Street in Jacksonville, however we frequently reflect inward and forget about the broader impact. We need to remember that In fact, South Koreans come to America as missionaries to help us not get swallowed up by materialism and capitalism and risk losing our souls.

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Easter Egg Party
April 15, 2017
11:00am

St. Andrews will host a community Easter Egg Hunt/Party for children of the Church and family members as well as children in the neighborhood. Spread the word about this fun event.

Plastic eggs filled with candy (preferably not chocolate which melts in the heat) are needed. Church members are asked to bring filled eggs to Church between now and April 14th. There will be a bin in the Narthex for these goodies.

Summer Hackney

Updates

Addresses & Phone Numbers:

Diane Parker
5553 Pinebay Circle N.
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Flower Chart

There are several dates open on our Flower Chart. The cost is \$30.00 per arrangement. Please consider "signing up" to beautify our sanctuary and then take your flowers home or to a shut-in to brighten their day.

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

During the next several weeks the topic will be "The Reformation and Martin Luther and the benefits of the Reformation for today's Church".

Adult/Youth – SAM (Senior Adult Ministries) Spring Fling April 27th 9:30 – 2:30pm – Montgomery Conference Center – Cost \$18, Breakfast & Lunch – Register by April 21st. Hear Rev. Hunter Camp tackle questions of life, death and litterbugs.

Attention all Committee Members and others responsible for meetings:

Please ensure your meeting is on the Church calendar in the office. If it is not on the calendar, there is a good chance it will not be included in the Newsletter or weekly Ministry Page. Having it in the newsletter is not enough. I use the wall calendar to type the weekly Ministry Page.

Thank you. Judy Medearis



Our Hope Chest Thrift Store is still running very nicely. We'd like to recruit a few volunteers to help **clean** donations, load the buggy, and place items in the store. Call Jan to find out the days and hours someone will be in the "Prep" room. If you want to help out on Wednesday, you're welcome, too!

Just know that there is a lot of work still being done on Wednesday mornings, so "visiting" is saved for lunch after the store closes and outside table displays are broken down and things are packed away.

There are **so many** items and clothes that we **cannot** accept any more donations (except costume jewelry) for a few weeks. A notice will be in the ministry page to let you know when we will be accepting donations again.

During the first two months of the year the store's contributions to the general fund were \$ 1,691.07, not counting Wednesday, February 22nd, because the newsletter was run on the 21st. Last year's 9 month total was \$7,200 thanks to **your** generous donations.

We have had no flea vendors since before Christmas, but plan to have 3 Saturday Community Yard Sale Days - March 18, April 22, and May 20. These will be well-advertised among our regular customers and we'll have signs up beginning March 1st for the whole community to do their **Spring Clean and then come sell** their items in our parking lot on our "Community Yard Sale Days" with your friends and neighbors! Reservations for "Community Yard Sale Days" must be made in advance.

Jan Poley

Worship Committee

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Activities

Does it seem that you just put your Christmas decorations away? Well, in just two weeks, March 1st, Ash Wednesday will be upon us. Make plans to join us for a light supper at 6:00 and worship service at 6:45 with imposition of ashes. This service will be held at St. Andrews Church and lead by the Lake Shore Presbyterian Church's new part-time pastor, Rev. Steve Hulsey. Then we will begin the alternating meetings every Wednesday until Holy Week.

March 8th will see us at Lake Shore, March 15th at St. Andrews and so forth. The times will be dinner at 6:00 and program (not necessarily worship) at 6:30 and will last about ½ hour. We found last year that these times work best for everyone and no one is out late. Lenten devotionals will be available for every family on February 26th and you will be able to order Easter Lilies to beautify our sanctuary starting March 19th.

Palm Sunday is April 9th.

Maundy Thursday is April 13th with a light supper and worship service.

Easter is April 16th and of course we will have the Sunrise service at the fire circle in our back yard about 6:45 am with Communion, followed by a wonderful breakfast put on by the Fellowship Committee. Our regular Sunday service will be at 10:30.

We wish you all a Blessed Lent, Holy Week and Easter! Hope you can make as many services as possible.

Yours in Christ, Judith Yeaton