



**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

*Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30*

*Rev. Dr. Jim Black, Pastor*

*Church Office: (904) 771-1596*

## **Are You Merely Committed or Genuinely Engaged?**

No, I am not talking about living together or planning to be married. I am speaking to the question many people in many congregations ask, "Why aren't our people more committed?" Many believe that all we need do to have this happen is to get them so spiritually filled that the giving of their time, talents and money will naturally follow. So, go for it, Preacher! Maybe this is why I have often felt guilty when a lot of members have not seemed meaningfully involved. Did I fail them? All this is PARTLY true. THERE IS MORE!

Most folk will not become spiritually fulfilled enough to be involved because they are not engaged. Think of your car. It can sit there pretty, motor racing-and you can still go nowhere. Only until the transmission is engaged, will the critter move. We can have all the officers trained and all procedures and policies in place and still go nowhere. As one person said some time back, "It is easier to organize a church of two thousand than it is to redeem one of them." So what does an "engaged" congregation look like?

- ✓ 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 to others 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 to and respond to their specific needs as it sees them.
- ✓ Each member feels their opinion is listened to with respect.
- ✓ Each feels that what the church is doing is vital and making a difference in the world and they like feeling a part of this.
- ✓ Each has the chance to learn and grow spiritually at their own pace.
- ✓ Some of their best friends are in the congregation.
- ✓ 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."

The work of all the committees of the Session and 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 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 and more of you will be delighted that you felt engaged.

Pastor Jim



MAY

- 1 Community Dinner
- 10 Mother's Day & Blanket Collection
- 21 Thursday Night Dinner & Program
- 23 Youth Yard Sale
- 24 Pentecost
- 25 Memorial Day



JUNE

- 14 Church Picnic
- 21 Father's Day



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6317 103rd Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

*Being the Face of Christ  
In our Community.*

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**MAY/JUNE 2015**

**Secretaries**

*Donna Kirksey*

*Judy Medearis*

*Jan Poley/Velvet Whitaker*

*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*

## Let's Have a Little Bit of Fun for a Moment

In light of the power, promise and presence of Easter; in light of the fact that we are now officially, by the grace of God, "candidates for the resurrection" . . . we can relax a bit and have a little fun with the use of the following:

#1 "I am never going to go to another football game as long as I live!" One man declared. "Why?" I asked. He replied, "Because every time I go, I have to sit on a hard seat. Because I have to hear everyone around me talking all the time when I am trying to listen to the speakers! Because the whole thing goes overtime! Because the coach has never visited me once! Because sometimes I am either too hot or too cold! Because it is hard to find a parking place! Because it seems that all they are ever really interested in is getting my money! This is why!"

Where might we have heard this before?

#2 I love mx computxr. Thx only problxm is, it has onx little problxm . . . thx kxypad is missing onx lxttxr. Whxn I want to typx it, I havx to usx the lxttxr "x"! Bxing a good church mxmbxr is a bit likx this. Somx folks think thxy arx not vxry important in thx lifx of thxir church! But thxy arx!! In fact, vxry singlx pxrson is vxry, vxry important!. So, thx ntxt timx you think you arx not nxxdxd, you just think of my computxr kxypad. I want you to rxmxmbxr that you arx vxry much nxxded! In fact, if you wxrx not hxr, you would bx missxd, txrribly. In short, if you havx bxxn away for a whilx, comx on homx! Wx rxally do nxxd you and want xach and vxry onx of you!! You arx a wondxrful and lovxd mxmbxr of this family of God! (By the way, one word in this is spelled correctly! Did you find it?)

Pastor Jim Black

## Sell Where You Park, Church Yard Sales

The sale on March 14<sup>th</sup> raised \$67.00 and Marie Jean and Elaine Mechelke appreciate all the support the Church provided.

What was subsequently discussed was instead of a monthly "Sell Where You Park", having a Youth Yard Sale in the Spring, the Christmas Bazaar the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and 3 or 4 "Sell Where You Park Yard Sales" in 2016 in conjunction with a community activity such as the Blood Mobile, Book Mobile, Mammogram Mobile or Jacksonville Sheriff's Office/Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department doing free finger printing of children for parents or distributing information on "fire safety". Having such a community activity will attract those in the neighborhood to partake of the free services as well as the yard sale.

What do you think of this idea – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of January, February, September and December? Let M & E know your thoughts.

By: Terry Hallihan

## OUR PRAYER LIST



Helen Ballester, Diane Baylor,  
Sheryl Bogacki, Steve Bok,  
Dee Dee Bouknight,  
Jamie & Andy Bouknight,  
Pat Bukovac, J.C. Cantrell,  
Elosie Collins, Dee Crews,  
Dale & Joyce Doty, John Eubanks,  
Catherine Ford, Torri Frame,  
Phyllis Freitag,  
Ben Gundlach & his friend Tom,  
Susan Gunn,  
Steve Harden, Pansy Helms,  
Heather Houdashelt,  
Jack & Alice Hutchinson,  
Heath Jacob, Judy Johnson,  
Elaine Jones, Jan Jones,  
Emily Kehler, Diane Little,  
Kim Little, Elizabeth Marsh,  
Paul Massey, Ray Massey,  
Sue Massey, Bonnie McCrosky,  
B. J. Meadows,  
Johnnie Merriweather,  
Amanda Owen,  
Parramore Family, Elaine Parsons,  
Sally Parsons, Luke Peacock,  
Hunter Pedora, Carol Riggs,  
Chelsey Roberts  
Melissa Roberts, Vicki Roberts  
Preston Ryan, Edna Sands,  
Jerry St. Jacques, Patrick Starks,  
Jean Stewart, Bill Strubbe, Sr.,  
Pat Sundt, Clarence Sweat,  
Betty Tanner,  
Sam Taylor's Daughter-in-law,  
Michael Tignor,  
Caroline VanKouwenberg,  
Susie Volpe, Roseann Weir,  
Tom Whitmore, Jack Woodcock,  
Reta Woodward, Jean Yeaton,  
& The Families of  
Mr. Bird, Barbara Gobble's Friend  
Donna, Anna Littleton, Gwen  
Owen & Tim Simpson



### **BFS&P Committee**

Even though March had five Sundays and our income for the month was \$8,690.58; we still ended the month with a deficit of \$821.60. The deficit for the first three months of the year is really high - \$6,819.44. The Committees are all doing a great job in helping to keep our expenses down. We cannot keep going by adding to this deficit each and every month.

God still has a mission for St. Andrews. This mission is not finished – not by a long shot!!! I'm asking you once again, to search your heart and pray diligently that you can increase your weekly giving. With your help and prayers, we can lower this deficit and continue the work God has for us, not just one or two of us, but each and every member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Each of you has shown how God has blessed you by your giving last year and you have been an inspiration to us all. Please don't give until it hurts, but until it feels good!

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Media Room. I invite you to attend any of our meetings.

By: Joyce Miller

### **Worship Committee**

Our Lent/Easter season was enjoyed by all. Rev. Kathy McLean led some very unique and moving services at Lake Shore on Ash Wednesday and two other Wednesdays. The three Wednesday services led by Rev. Dr. Jim Black here at St. Andrews revolved around the Parables and unlawful trial of Christ.

Maundy Thursday service here at St. Andrews was very touching and highlighted the apostles' part on this Holy Night. Sunrise Service (although began too early) was enjoyed by all. Our traditional breakfast was wonderful and many thanks go out to the Fellowship Committee. The 10:30 service was led in part by our wonderful choir and all sang Glory to the Risen Lord.

In His Name, Lynda Edwards

## **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

## **Join in a Fun Time**

# **Annual**

# **Church**

# **Picnic**

# **&**

# **Games**

# **June 14<sup>th</sup>**

# **11:30AM**



## May

4 Pattie Vynank	19 Janet Fowler
11 LeoLine Young	20 Michelle Simms
13 Chuck Kersten	21 Rachel Kersten
15 Paul Fekete	23 Valerie Boardman
15 Scott Haynes	23 Phyllis Herpy
17 Sam Heredia	25 Kathryn Bierly
	25 Virginia Johnson

## June

3 Adina McCall	19 Pat Sundt
7 Phillip Nadar	21 Ron Moore
8 Meredyth Hume	22 Colen Johnson
12 Flo Six	22 Gladys O'Heir
12 Bill Strubbe, Sr.	26 Veda Gilmore
15 Brett Christiansen	27 William R. Strubbe, Jr.
18 Kenadie Christiansen	29 Melissa McCrosky
19 Chuck DeWolf	



## May

10 Ron & Stephanie Moore	26 Aaron & Michelle Simms
12 Trevor & Kim Cope	27 Carlos & Wendy Villa
18 Todd & Jennifer Allen	28 Joseph & Helen Ballester
20 Herman & Flo Six	31 Scott & Shirley Haynes
21 Colen & Judy Johnson	

## June

1 Scott & Suzanne Brooks-Cope	19 Joe & Janet Fowler
4 Michael & Susan Jones	24 Bert & Judith Yeaton



## Buildings & Grounds

Buildings and Grounds installed a new metal roof on the church garage on March 10, 11 & 12 and would like to thank those who made that happen. Herman Six provided the logistics for selecting materials needed, purchasing and delivering materials to St. Andrews. Walter McNair, Ron Moore, Jerry Miller, Dick Massey, Bill Starks provided manpower and expertise to accomplish the task put before them. A big "Thank You" to all B & G members that do so much to enhance the campus at St. Andrews.

B&G would like to thank everyone who turned out for our spring workday to make it a huge success. A special thanks to our scout troops both Boys and Girls who raked and hauled wagon loads of leaves and spread them around the azalea bushes. They also cut down a large amount of unwanted brush and weeds in the back yard and picked up trash all over the campus. Thank you, your parents and your scout leaders for participating in St. Andrews cleanup day that allowed us to accomplish so much! The leaves were so wet we were unable to use our new leaf sweeper but not to fear the leaves have a way of returning and we will be able to use it then.

Our flower beds are looking great in spite of the frosty weather of late thanks to the watchful eye of the Sixes and all who help keep the weeds under control.

We have a shiny new cross installed above the Sanctuary entrance doors that looks really great! Thanks to Ron St. Jacques for making the bracket and climbing the ladder to install it. Ron's granddaughter did the refinishing for us. Thanks you both very much!

Some of our fluorescent lighting in a couple of our classrooms needs replacing. B & G are determining the most economical way to approach this latest project.

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

### Remember:

"Give as you would to the Master  
If you met His searching look;  
Give as you would of your substance  
If His hand the offering took".

Bill Starks



## THIRD THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

The Third Thursday Night Dinner and Program will be held May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM. The topic is "Faith for Our Future." Please plan to attend.

Pastor: Jim Black

## Mission & Evangelism Committee

May 1<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting a community spaghetti dinner, free for all. Also, we will be giving out free hot dogs at the Youth Yard Sale on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Again this year M&E will coordinate women in the Church sewing clothing protectors for Duvall Home and dresses for little girls in Africa. Your donated towels and pillow cases will be collected on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Look for the collection bins in the Narthex.

If you are interested in helping M&E with their planned activities, please come to our Committee meetings on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.

In Christ, Michele Banks

*A Note from  
the Clerk*



*St. Andrews has numerous activities in May and June. Please bring your family and friends and participate. The Annual Church Picnic and games on June 14<sup>th</sup> are always a fun time!*

*Summer*

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**JULY/AUGUST  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES  
DUE**

**\*\*\* JUNE 19th \*\*\***

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

**99gwhfth@comcast.net**

*Or placed in the Newsletter box  
in the office*

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## Congregational Care & Nurture

Do you use the prayer list insert in you bulletin? Do you have ideas about how to maintain our prayer list so that it is more user friendly? The CC&N Committee feel that because of the length of the list it is not being used as we would hope. A suggestion has been made that perhaps not every name turned in for prayer on Sunday needs to be included on the list. For example, someone is having a medical test done during the week and would appreciate prayer for that test. By the next Sunday the test has been completed and if the results are good may not need to be on the prayer list at all. Should there be a space on the card so people can choose for their request to be put on the prayer list or not? Should there be a space to check if this should be a long-term prayer request? Perhaps a name should only be kept on the prayer list two or three weeks unless the individual requests that it stay on until notified otherwise? This is your prayer list. We maintain it for your convenience and want to do whatever will work best for you, our members. If you have suggestions let me know at 504-6707 or call me Wednesdays at the church office before noon.

If anyone would like to be a member of this committee, we meet the second Sunday of each month in the Media Center at 9:15 am. New members are always welcome. Or if you just have an idea as to how we can better serve our congregation, come to a meeting and share it with us or just let me know your idea.

By: Judy Medearis

## Updates

### Addresses & Phone Numbers:

Jerry & Joyce Miller – [jomiller12120763@gmail.com](mailto:jomiller12120763@gmail.com)

Pansy Helms - Life Care Center  
Room 231B  
2145 Kingsley Ave.  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
904-272-2424

Tom Whitmore – C/O Wyndham Lakes Assisted Living Facility  
Room 916  
10660 Old St. Augustine Rd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32257.  
904-635-7021

Passing Of: Parker Jones February 28, 2015

## Christian Education Committee

The Youth will be having a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00AM and M&E will be giving away free hot dogs during lunch. Over the next few weeks bring your donated items to the Church for storage in the Youth Room.

The Youth are raising money for two of them to attend Camp in North Carolina in June.

The Thursday Bible Study is great and all that attend thoroughly enjoy themselves. Come and join in the learning.

Keep on learning,  
Pastor Jim, Ashley Zeilic and Nancy McCall