



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30

Rev. Dr. Jim Black, Pastor

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By now everyone knows that our Session is in search of a new Stated Supply (Part-time) Pastor. This means that his or her contract, like mine now, has to be reapproved each year by the Session....which also has the right to hire or let such a person go. Right off, I asked that my name be "in the pot" for consideration. If, after much thought, prayer, listening and talking, the Session feels that they have found just the right person (myself or not), I expect the following from this congregation"

1. That you will pray them up, talk them up and support them and their work as best you can.
2. If I am not the person (which really will be alright with me), I do not expect you to leave this church (I'm really not all THAT wonderful), live in the past or keep some kind of lingering loyalty to me...this goes for all our secretarial staff. They are to throw their loyalty behind the new pastor 100%.
3. It takes about a year for him or her to get to know you, your sacred cows, preferences, the "ropes", etc. Be gracious and patient and grant them the right to make mistakes here and there.
4. Remember, no pastor will be "good" in all areas. The Lord knew this when he set up ministers. Each has a gift and YOURS may be just the right one to fill in a hole or two in the Rev. so that God's work can get done. Each of us really NEEDS each other, according to the Apostle Paul.
5. Let them into your lives, get to know him or her. They are there to love you and help "equip the saints" (you) for ministry.
6. If I might not be the new pastor, remember that, if you really want to feel "close" to me, join in the work I join in to feel close to Christ! If you serve Him with me, we shall always be together in the ways that truly matter and I will always be with you, too.

I know there will be some degree of time missing me by some of you, as I will miss so many of you. This is normal but, in time, it passes. Remember, too, that each of us is merely a pilgrim in time and space. We are always both called and invited to live our lives forward into Christ. So, when you feel ready, pick up your load for Christ and His people and move on. I will have more to say later but I think it is pastoral for me to share this in view of the length between newsletters and I hope everyone can read this and not just hear it in church or miss it.

Pastor Jim



MAY

- 4, 11, 18 & 25 Mid-Week Flea & Thrift Store
- 8 Mother's Day & Blanket Collection
- 15 Pentecost
- 19 Thursday Night Dinner & Program
- 30 Memorial Day



JUNE

- 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Mid-Week Flea & Thrift Store
- 12 Church Picnic
- 19 Father's Day

FINAL ON "BECOMING A BLESSED CHURCH"

It has been said that, when you plan a speech, plan what to tell 'em. Tell 'em. Then tell 'em what you told 'em". I am about to tell you what I have told you on Graham Standish's great book.

First, he stated that the reason most churches fail and do not grow is because they have failed to "feel and understand the purpose, presence and power of God in the life of that congregation. He stated that a church may have all the rock bands, TV screens, testimonies, theology lectures, planned trips and mission activity it wants...but....unless it has actually felt the practical presence, power and purpose of God in its life, it is wasting its time.

He goes on in his book to speak of God's Purpose, God's presence and God's power in the local church and suggested many ways (at the end of his book with questions and suggestions for the congregation to ask of itself and implement) we might want to move in the direction of giving much thought to and putting into practice. To Graham, the goal is not to be successful in a worldly sense or get more members, per se, or serve as a cruise director to have something going on all decks for all travelers. These are only outcomes...products.....of the more important spiritual insight and growth we can be blessed to have as a result of giving serious attention to the study of his book

Standish tried and taught and learned and traveled and asked all the right questions about the "spiritual" and "spirituality" and, while nice to do, he presented this good book as being far more beneficial and thought provoking for the readers/students to see what his proposals have actually provided for sound growth and improvement in the life of a congregation.

Pastor Jim

HAVE YOU NOTICED SOME NEW FACES OF LATE IN OUR CONGREGATION?

I HAVE AND I DELIGHT IN IT! WE ARE MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TRUE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST. SOME FACES ARE DARK, SOME ARE OLIVE, SOME FACES ARE TAN AS WELL AS WHITE. I KNOW YOU JOIN ME IN SEEING THIS TAKING PLACE. THIS IS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE. THIS IS WHY OUR HYMNALS HAVE SONGS THAT ARE SPIRITUALS, KOREAN, AFRICAN, IRISH, ETC. THE TRUE CHURCH IS "ALL ONE BODY, WE. "

I, PERSONALLY, WANT TO HAVE MY AFRO-AMERICAN MEMBERS, MY HISPANIC MEMBERS, MY PHILIPINO FRIENDS, ETC., TO LET ME KNOW WHAT HYMNS YOU WISH WE MIGHT SING...WHAT IDEAS YOU WOULD WANT US TO INCLUDE OR CHANGE IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES. EACH OF YOU IS A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER NOW. AS YOU KNOW, YOU ARE OPEN TO BE ELECTED AS ELDERS AND ABLE TO OFFER YOUR INSIGHTS AND IDEAS AS TO HOW WE, TOGETHER, MAY GROW AND FIND THE WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE HERE TO BE EVEN MORE MEANINGFUL FOR ALL OF US.

PASTOR JIM

Pen Pals Wanted

The prisoner the Pastor has been visiting for 5 years is hoping for more "pen pals." If you would like to connect to him through letters let Pastor Jim know and he can share information and answer any questions you have.

Pastor Jim

Annual Church Picnic

The Annual Congregational Picnic will be June 12th at 11:30am. We will have food, fun and games. Remember to make your favorite picnic side. The sign-up sheet will go up in May.

Summer Hackney



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

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*Being the Face of Christ
In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

MAY/JUNE 2016

Secretaries

Donna Kirksey

Judy Medearis

Jan Poley

Velvet Whitaker

Judith Yeaton

Active Elders

Michele Banks – M&E

Roger Barr – M&E

Lynda Edwards – Worship

Summer Hackney – Fellowship

Donna Kirksey - Fellowship

Mary McNair – BFS&P

Judy Medearis - CCN

Elaine Mechelke - CCN

Joyce Miller – BFS&P

Ralph Ramsey – BFS&P

JR Woods – B&G

Judith Yeaton – Worship

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Please accept this gift!

Free access to 100's of faith based online resources.

From the onset of our planning together, ME (mission evangelism) felt it important that the mission statement of St. Andrews is, "To be the face of Christ in our community", be more than a mere motto. With this in mind, we would like you to consider our primary goal and how it satisfies the desire, "To be the face of Christ in our community." We have partnered with a faith based online media resource in Dallas, Texas that provides us the tools and resources to more effectively communicate our mission and services to our community. It moves us from doing things the way we always have to a more "state of the art" methodology of doing Church. We feel this partnership is advantageous to St. Andrews and the larger Church as a whole.

Your Session feels strongly that this is the direction we need to move, not just for the Mission & Evangelism Committee. Instead for the whole Church and all the Committees – Worship, Christian Education, Fellowship and Congregational & Community Care. These resources and workshops are for all members and those in the community who share worship with us on Sundays and other church events. Anyone with internet access can access them 24/7.

We encourage you to browse these online resources and glean the blessings of bible study videos and informative Christian discussions about issues affecting you, your family and friends. We feel this is a very Presbyterian way of responding to the great commission by sharing the Good News with others. To access these resources, just write your email address on your offering envelope or one of the envelopes in the pews and put it in the offering plate for collection. You will then receive an invitation and a link to the site. That's all there is. May the peace of Christ be with you through this gift.

Mission & Evangelism
Michele Banks
Roger Barr

Congregational Care & Nurture

In the next few weeks there will be a sign-up sheet for people who would like to help with bereavement meals by bringing food and/or helping in the kitchen getting the meals on the table and cleaning up. There will also be an opportunity to sign up to take a meal to someone who has just come home from the hospital or rehab and may need meals for a day or so. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Judy Medearis

OUR PRAYER LIST



*Cheryl Bogacki,
Pat Bukovac,
Kim Cope,
Rick Craig,
Joyce Doty,
Dalton Edwards,
Barbara Gobbel,
Johnny Gwines,
Brian Hackney,
Sheryl Harmon,
Mary & John Heeckt,
Ellen Hume,
Ruthie Johns,
Christopher Jordan,
Mackensie Laura Joy,
Kathy Kouneh,
Ashley Licari, Redick Loring,
Ray Massey,
Ray Merritt,
Eugene Nelson,
Tim Pierson,
Jiles Pinkston,
Denise Scronce,
Violet Shutt,
Bill Strubbe, Jr.,
Bill Strubbe, Sr.,
Clarence Sweat,
Betty Tanner,
Sam Taylor,
Caroline VanKouwenberg,
Susi Volpe,
Don Wight,
Bert Yeaton and
Family of Effie Harris*



BFS&P Committee

Our income for the month of March was \$7,912.31. However, our expenses were \$9,799.23, which left us, once again, with a deficit of \$1,886.92 for the month. We now have a deficit for the year of \$3,424.86. Let's keep in mind, summer is just round the corner and income, following as in the past, trends downward.

One way to help increase our income? RECYCLE!!! We have a container under the big oak tree for newspapers! The more newspapers we collect means more income for our church. So bring those papers!!! The recycling company will pick them up as frequently as necessary! Let's do our part!

If you haven't been to the church recently on Wednesday, you are missing out! The Mid-Week Flea & Thrift Store is up and running! You know, "spring cleaning" is fast approaching! As you are doing all that cleaning, and before you throw anything away, bring it to the Thrift Store to see if it could be sold there! Keep in mind all proceeds from the Thrift Store and the Vendors goes to the church. This is just another way to help our income!! A special thanks to all the ladies for working so hard on getting this project off its feet.

The Committee has changed our meeting day. Instead of meeting on the second Tuesday, we now meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next meetings will be on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, and on June 8, 2016, at 10:00am, in the Media Room. We invite anyone interested in the finances of the church to attend any of our meetings. Should you have any questions regarding our meetings, please feel free to call me.

Joyce Miller

Worship Committee

Easter 2016 went very well and hopefully everyone was inspired by the Lenten services we shared with Lake Shore. Although we weren't sure if Sunrise would be inside or out for a while, we did enjoy a moving service with about 50 people in attendance. The Easter Season will continue until Pentecost Sunday, May 15, which will be followed by Trinity Sunday, May 22. We hope everyone will have a safe, restful summer while the committee takes a break. We need more committee members to assist in doing the "nuts and bolts" behind the scenes for special Sundays and times of the year. Please consider serving your church on our committee.

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

Stated Supply Pastor vs Called Pastor

The congregation has decided to close the position of Called Pastor, which means the Pastor Nominating Committee has been dissolved.

We have done this so that your session can work to move forward with interviewing and hiring a Stated Supply Pastor. What does this mean? This means we can search for a pastor to fill the needs of St. Andrews and the community around us on a part time basis. Doing this will allow us to save lots of money annually while we decide the best way to grow St. Andrews.

Pastor Jim is working with the session and will continue to be the spiritual teacher and leader he has been, wanting us to understand that he wants St. Andrews to have the best Pastor to fill the needs of the church, whether it is him or another pastor. We will have lots more information to come in the near future.

Summer Hackney



May

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

June

8 Meredyth Hume	
12 Flo Six	22 Colen Johnson
12 Bill Strubbe, Sr.	22 Gladys O'Heir
15 Brett Christiansen	26 Veda Gilmore
18 Kenadie Christiansen	27 William R. Strubbe, Jr.
19 Pat Sundt	29 Frankie Hawkins
21 Ron Moore	29 Katlin Starkey



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

June

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



Buildings & Grounds

Building and Grounds has been busy. We now meet at 9 AM on our meeting days, the 1st Tuesday in the month to keep up on maintenance, etc. We helped the ladies with work on the Thrift Store Room, stripped carpet from another room that was stinky and tried to fix several security lights. We have decided to replace other security lights with the LED lights over the next 6 months which should reduce electrical costs. Thanks to Grumpy for helping with lights and Gregg with electrical work out back for Easter! Ron Moore was a big help with the Thrift Store and Walter, as well, helping Barb with the mirror. As usual, Bill and Herman were everywhere helping as needed! Elaine, I do not know where we found you but thank God! Barb thank you! Special thanks to our friends who helped with Easter Sunrise clean-up.

If you can help please do!

None of us are getting any younger!

Thanks be to GOD!

JR Wood

THIRD THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Our last Third Thursday Night Dinner and Program for the summer will be held May 19th at 6:00PM. The topic is "Metro Crime Prevention." Please plan to attend.

Pastor Jim

Mission & Evangelism Committee

Calling the talented seamstresses of St. Andrews to use your talents once again to stitch clothing protectors from bath towels and sun dresses from pillow cases. The clothing protectors will be donated to Duvall Home in Deland. The sun dresses will be used for several purposes: some will be available in our "thrift store", some part of the clothing give away at St. Vincent's Day of Community Service in March 2017, and the balance shipped to "Little Dresses for Africa."

Watch for the collection bins in the Narthex and bring in your light weight towels and all sizes of pillow cases. Donations of buttons, lace, ribbon, bias tape, thread and other sewing essentials are greatly appreciated.

Seamstresses, the sewing will start in mid June!

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 12th are always fun times!

Summer

**JULY/AUGUST
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
DUE
*** JUNE 21st *****

Articles can be e-mailed to
Terry Hallihan:
99gwhfth@comcast.net
Or placed in the Newsletter box
in the office

St. Andrews Mid-Week Flea Market and Hope Chest Thrift Store

In case you haven't heard our latest Fund Raising Project is in its second month. So far we are very pleased with the turnout of both sellers and buyers and we average \$210/week.

To everyone who has volunteered their time, talent, and energy – a GREAT BIG THANK YOU!! JR, Ron, Bill, Herman, Walter, Jody, Elaine and other B/G crew members who repaired a wall section and moved screens and a frig, those who have donated items, helped clean the room, stock the shelves, create displays, make biscuit runs, cleaned the coffee pot, talked it up, unloaded bread trays, had their own yard sales here, invited friends & vendors, passed out flyers, taken out trash, kept us in their prayers, etc., etc. I could go on and on!

And together we are making this little church known to the public. There have been people who wanted to pray and Jim took them in, and people we have invited personally to worship with us. Tours of the sanctuary have been given and CD's of Sunday Services have been shared. We are able to reach out easily as we stand and chat informally over a donut and a cup of coffee (and let them know we are not a little motel back here!)

As part of our Mission/Evangelism project, the "GLEANERS" (also a neighborhood ministry coordinated by Rev. Dave Fountain) collects a large variety of breads and baked goods from local businesses (ie. Publix, Krispy Kreme, Pizza Hut) and leaves them to be distributed FREE on Wednesdays. The public is welcome to choose what they need for their families each week. Three trays were shared the first week and now we average 7 big trays a week. We are very proud of Michele Banks for directing this important outreach mission as part of our belief that we can help our neighbors and continually strive to be a Face of Christ in Our Community. Also, as part of M/E, Roger Barr will be sharing the Right Now project with interested customers in the media room or maybe right outside on the grass under a canopy with chairs provided. Thank you, Roger.

Without **YOUR** weekly donations of clean household items, our little store would quickly be very bare. Members are invited to visit the store any time they are on the grounds, ie. Choir practice, session meetings, committee meetings, Loveables, game days, aerobics, luncheons, workdays, Bible

study days, before and after worship, etc.
EXCEPT for Mondays.

Barbara Pinto (now there's a blessing!) arranges and prices items and creates her magic much more easily when we are not visiting with her! There are envelopes to put your monies in for purchases and they can be left on the shelf under the counter top or in the office with a secretary. Feel free to come in and visit St. Andrews' recently named "Hope Chest" Thrift Store.

Elaine, Michele, Marie, Barbara, Jan & Sheryl

Updates

New Babies:

Joseph Abraham Dennison Born 3/22/2016
Son of Jim and Liezl Dennison
Grandson of Connie Davis

Vincenzo Joseph Licari Born 4/15/2016
Son of Ashley and Anthony Licari
Brother of Grayson

New Member:

Eugenio Gonzalez
6945 Morris Ave.
Jacksonville, FL 32244
904-554-1829

Please welcome Eugenio, a widower, who was born in Cuba and has lived in the US for the past 5 years. He was a ballet dancer with the National Ballet of Cuba for 18 years. He danced closely with Alicia Lonso, the founder of the National Ballet of Cuba. Ms. Lonso was also a dancer with the NY Ballet prior to founding the National Ballet of Cuba in 1950. He is interested in teaching ballet to children in the area, which he has been doing at a school in Orange Park and one in Fleming Island for the past 3 years.

Christian Education Committee

The Morning Adult Bible Study meets each Thursday at 11:00am in the Media Center. All are encouraged to attend this time of fellowship and study. We are currently studying the book of Judges by using a film from RightNow Ministries. The film speaker is Andy Stanley, Senior Pastor of several churches in the Atlanta area. He is the son of Dr. Charles Stanley who many of you have seen on TV. And by vote of those present, it will also involve social and discussion time before/after the 40 minute RightNow presentation for the next 3 weeks or so until we finish the program. Please join us if your schedule allows.

Keep on learning,
Pastor Jim, Ashley Licari & Nancy McCall