



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30

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Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence is the founding document of American History. The following summary of the Declaration of Independence briefly describes its content. Although the declaration is not officially divided into sections, it is commonly referred to in five distinct parts; the Introduction, the Preamble, the Indictment of King George III, the Denunciation of the British people, and the Conclusion.

The Introduction – The Introduction of the Declaration of Independence refers to the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitling the people to assume any type of political independence. The introduction also acknowledges that the reason for independence must be of reasonable terms. The Declaration, therefore, must be concise and explained thoroughly.

The Preamble – The Preamble contains probably the most famous lines of the declaration, "*We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal.*" The Preamble states that there are certain unalienable rights that government should never violate. Those rights include the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Should those rights be violated and the government fails to protect them, the people have the right to protect those rights themselves by overthrowing the government.

The Indictment – The Indictment begins by stating the suffering of the American colonies and the feeling of absolute constraint in forming a new system of government. The Indictment also refers to the numerous and repeated injustices that King George III placed upon the colonies and then goes on to include factual information as to the many things that King George III had committed. The King is accused of twenty seven specific abuses: interfering with colonists' right to self government and a fair judicial system; instituting legislation that affects colonies without their consent; increasing taxes on colonists; requirement to quarter British soldiers; right to trial by jury; preventing them from trading freely; for example. Also, the King had refused to protect the borders of the colonies thus resulting in the destruction of America life and property. These are among the twenty seven accusations the colonists made in direct relation with King George III in the Indictment portion of the Declaration of Independence.

The Denunciation – The Denunciation portion of the Declaration of Independence basically covers and finishes their case for separating from England in the hopes for a peaceful resolution, but with the clear understanding that war is almost inevitable. This section of the Declaration also notes the attempts that had been made to peacefully work things out as many of the Americans still felt that England was their brother and had appealed to more prominent people among the British. Still to their utter disappointment and their request the colonies remained ignored and unsuccessful.

The Conclusion – In conclusion, the representatives of the United States of America and the people of the colonies had seen existent conditions that required a change in government structure and policy. The Conclusion states that "*these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown.*"



- 3 Joint Choir Cantata with Lynnwood Christian Church; WSCO Food Collection, Communion & Good Sam Offering
 - 4 Independence Day
 - 21 Community Dinner
- No Choir Practice



AUGUST

- 7 WSCO Food Collection, Good Samaritan Offering & Communion
- 25 Community Meeting/ Dinner - Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

No Choir Practice



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

6317 103rd Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

*Being the Face of Christ
In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

JULY/AUGUST 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

Revisiting Thursday Night Suppers

A very special "thank you" to the Fellowship Committee and the Millers and Summer and Donna and others.

Look at the wonderful service you rendered to Christ, our fellow members and the poor in our community the past two years! Your good and faithful service has fed the poor, brought "good news" to so many others with the programs presented by so many from both inside and outside our congregation. You promoted the fellowship of the family of God and helped us feel closer and we found our lives so enriched thanks to you. I hope those who benefited felt the "theology" of it! Of course, it is just one way Jesus/Holy Spirit is with us to "the close of the age". These meals and programs, motivated by His Spirit, have allowed us to enjoy many of life's benefits He offers us to care for and support us as we walk or trudge our way over the years of our lives. They reminded us that he cares for the whole person: body, mind and spirit. Here are some of them we enjoyed and learned so much from:

1. An insurance person who helped us know the best kind of policies to have and how best to benefit from the government entitlement programs in the areas of Medicare and Social Security
2. An attorney on matters of Wills, Living Wills, Powers of Attorney, etc.
3. One of our own members, Stephanie, helped us in so many ways regarding protection, care and how to deal with so many issues that concern us as related to health care.
4. A pastor who helped us start off the new year providing us a spiritual foundation to walk boldly in the Name of Christ into the new year.
5. Remember the two police persons who helped us with matters of safety?
6. Remember the medical doctor who spoke on how to be a member of your own healing team and what to be careful of and about when it comes to medicines and the use of them?
7. Do you remember the representatives of the fire department on safety in our homes?
8. Do you remember the speaker from the Salzbacher Center and her pleasure at seeing all we have been and are doing to help those in need around us?
9. How about the women from the nursing home as to what we need to know and do about becoming a resident in one?

There were others, too; such as the one on relaxation and dealing with stress, the one on money matters and healthy money management.

Now, where do you want to go with these suppers next year? What ideas and needs do you and some of your non-church friends have...so that you may invite them to become a part of the life of our church? Do have more of them? Less of them? How can we have more of OUR OWN MEMBERS ATTEND....as well as more outsiders? Let M&E or Fellowship Committee know soon.

Faithfully serving Him as I, in His Name, serve you,
Pastor Jim

OUR PRAYER LIST



*Cheryl Bogacki,
Voncile Brown,
Pat Bukovac,
Kim Cope,
Rick Craig, Joyce Doty,
Dalton Edwards,
Barbara Gobbel,
Johnny Gwines,
Sheryl Harmon,
Ellen Hume,
Carol Jepsen,
Virginia Johnson,
Elinor Jordan,
McKensie Laura Joy,
Kathy Kouneh,
Ashley Licari,
Redick Loring,
Ray Massey,
Ellen Meachum,
B.J. Meadows,
Ray Merritt, Stephanie Moore,
Adam Morris,
Merri Kay Nelson,
Charleen Pavlakovich,
Tim Pierson,
Jiles Pinkston,
Denise Scronce,
Butch Stafflenio,
Jack Strickland,
Bill Strubbe, Sr. & Jr.,
Clarence Sweat,
Betty Tanner, Sam Taylor,
Dean Starks,
Caroline VanKouwenberg,
Susi Volpe, Don Wight,
Jan Westmoreland,
Bert Yeaton, Tony Young and
Family of George Davis*

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 – Thursdays @ 11:00am in the Youth Room led by Rev. Jim Black.

Congregational Care and Nurture Committee

The CC&N Committee is working on a letter to be sent to all new homeowners in the vicinity of our church using the list of homes sold found in the Florida Times Union. The letter will welcome folks to the neighborhood and let them know where to find places like the library, stores, restaurants, etc. It will also invite them to our church while at the same time letting them know that we are sensitive to their needs in worship and want them to visit several churches before joining one. The committee continues to send out cards for birthdays, anniversaries, hospital stays, etc. If you don't get a card on your special day, check with the office. We may not have your correct address. Members who miss several Sundays in a row are contacted by Sue Massey to see if there is a problem with which we might assist the person(s).

Judy Medearis



Buildings & Grounds

The crew has been busy at work!!!!

Replaced broken window in Pastor's office, drywall and painting over hole in Sanctuary as well as covering windows in rear, replaced bladder tank on Church air conditioner, caulked kitchen countertop, put in two more LED security lights as well as normal grounds maintenance. We are getting estimates to have a tree or two removed in back (rotting) and to paint inside of Sanctuary and Narthex. A member also bought new doormats for the Church!

Our GREAT alarm company came out and put up new window stickers and yard signs!

Many thanks to the aching backs on the committee, you are the best!!

To our Church members please give what you can in your offerings to God as things are not cheap keeping up his house!

Thanks be to God, JR Wood

Community Dinners

The Congregation will probably have to sponsor the July 21st Community Dinner. However, St. Andrews M&E and Fellowship Committees are working with The Gleaners Ministry who will be providing food for these dinners on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Teams of 2 or 3 of our Lovables will assist on a rotating basis (like the Counters), so the work can be shared instead of all the responsibility being carried by any one particular committee. The Gleaners volunteers will also assist with setting up tables and chairs.

More information from M&E and Fellowship will be in future Ministry pages.



July

5 Adam Morris	14 Carlos Villa
5 Linda Stickland	15 Sam Taylor
8 Kristen Brightwell	19 Bryce Parramore
9 Miriam Story	22 Alan Brightwell
10 Virginia Black	26 Kathy Vynanek
10 Nancy McCall	28 Aaron Creel
10 Suzi Starkey	28 Walter McNair
12 Dick Massey	28 Jeremy Morris

August

4 Ellen Meacham	15 Jeff Leverett
4 Jim Miller	17 Michele Banks
5 Cheryl Parramore	17 Brent Hume
6 Shirley Haynes	18 Joe Fowler
6 Helen Starks	26 Betty Tanner
7 Colin Jones	27 Ashley Licari
9 Jim Cunningham	29 Charleen Pavlakovich
13 Connie Davis	30 Susan Jones
13 Mary McNair	30 Judy Medearis
14 Aaron Simms	31 Marie Jean



In early June we celebrated with cupcakes, coffee and carnations Miss Julia's 25th anniversary with St. Andrews. Several young adults and teenagers returned to participate in honoring Miss Julia for her 25 years of dedication to the children of St. Andrews. God has blessed us with Miss Julia as a faithful angel.

Phyllis Stubbs volunteers twice a week at the Jacksonville Ronald McDonald House and has been doing so for 18+ years. She recently was honored in the "Reed's Report" by Reed, the yellow lab, at the House that children adore. In February he wrote a poem to celebrate Valentine's. "Roses smell good, violets do too – But the best smell on Valentine's Day is a biscuit or two!" In the "News" article Reed wrote, "Every week, Miss Phyllis comes to help the staff – as I mentioned in my poem, she has a dog bone stash right down the hall from my office and always makes sure I get an extra biscuit . . . or two." Woof, Woof !!! Love Reed

Wheel Chairs, Rolators, Walkers and Canes

These home health care equipment items are available for our church members and their families and friends to use. Please check with the office if you would like to borrow one.



July

26 Bart & Cheryl Parramore

30 Bill & Joan Strubbe, Sr.

August

4 Walter & Jan Poley 17 Bill & Michele Banks

6 John & Kathy Vynanek 22 Anthony & Ashley Licari

7 Dick & Sue Massey 22 Ralph & Sue Ramsey

14 Bill & Helen Starks

Thanks

I would like to offer a special thanks to St. Andrews for your love and support through the many prayers, visits and contacts during my recent hospital stay. Much of the time I was unable to respond to your acts of kindness, so it is all the more important that you know how much it meant to me then and means to me now. As past members of St. Andrews and most recently my participation in the Christmas cantata, both Jim and I have a special place in our hearts for you all and it gives me great comfort to see the feeling is mutual.

Carol Jepsen

To all Lovables and my friends and family at St. Andrews, thank you for the beautiful plant and kind thoughts and prayers. My Adam remains hospitalized but is no longer in ICU and is making progress every day. Please keep him and our family in your prayers. I know the Lord has a plan and is in control of all things. Again, thank you.

In Christ, Pam Morris & Family

Church Bulletin

Please be aware that if you want an announcement on the Ministry Page insert in the bulletin, your **notice MUST** be in the office by **10:00 am** on Wednesday. Some of you are asking the Thursday secretary to add an announcement. Please do not do this. She has her plate full and does not have time to try to fit "just one more thing" on the page. It is not fair to cut someone else's announcement so yours can be added. Also, **prayer requests MUST** be in by **9:00 am** on Thursday.

We are volunteers who are trying to do a good job as your secretaries. Please make our job a little easier by following the guidelines. Also be sure and read the ministry page including the back page where overflow announcements may be found. Summer does not read every announcement to you; she only highlights a few of them. The Ministry Page and the Newsletter are two of the ways you can be current as to what is going on with our church.

Wednesday Church Secretary

Patriotic Cantata

Kathy Dahl, our new Choir Director, in coordination with the choir of Lynnwood Christian Church is presenting a joint Cantata during worship on Sunday, July 3, 2016.

All are encouraged to wear patriotic colors (red, white and blue) to church that day.

Worship Committee

Everybody seemed to enjoy the Father's Day gifts of 100 Grand (even though they were only candy bars). The remaining bars were taken that day at lunch to Chili's and handed out to as many fathers as there were candy bars. Next thing Lynda Edwards knew, the waiter brought over the bill (before we even received our meal) with this message from one of the fathers that had received a candy bar:

"To Jesus: You have the love of Jesus all over your beautiful face. God Bless You! Your family in Christ." On the signature line: "Paid by the blood of Jesus!"

Please pay it forward somewhere today 'cause you never know if you are paying Jesus Himself. Lynda Edwards

Mission & Evangelism Committee

Thanks for the donations of light weight towels, all sizes of 200 count and above pillow cases, buttons, lace, ribbon, bias tape, thread and other sewing essentials. The talented seamstresses of St. Andrews will be sewing the clothing protectors and sun dresses starting in mid-July. Once again the clothing protectors will be donated to Duvall Home in Deland and 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 Medical Mission at Home in March 2017, and the balance shipped to "Little Dresses for Africa."

Hope all of you with computer access are taking advantage of the free materials and information available through the "RightNow" website.

Michele Banks

*A Note from
the Clerk*



St. Andrews has numerous activities in July and August. Please bring your family and friends and participate.

~ Summer

BFS&P

Our income for the month of May was \$10,394.07; our expenses for the month were \$12,259.65, which leaves us with a monthly deficit of \$1,865.58. Our year to date deficit is \$4,948.31

Comparing May 2016 year to date to May 2015, we are in better shape now. The deficit as of May 2015 was \$8,100.

The "Mid-Week Flea & Thrift Store (also known as the Hope Chest)" for May made \$925.53. Year to date they have made \$1,834.09. Thanks to all the ladies for their hard work and dedication to this fundraising effort. Also, thanks to the men who have pitched in.

Please keep bringing in your items to the Hope Chest because without your support we would not have our Hope Chest. Also, keep in mind, all the monies made at the Hope Chest and Mid-Week Flea go to our church.

Just a Reminder!!! We still recycle your old newspapers! The more newspapers we collect means more income for our church. Keep those papers coming!!!

Our Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Media Room. If you would like to attend a meeting, please speak to me. We will not have a meeting in July. Our next meeting is August 10th at 10:00am.

God Bless Each of You, Joyce Miller

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

*** AUGUST 24th ***

Articles can be e-mailed to
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Or placed in the Newsletter box
in the office