



The Fishing Line

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30

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WHAT IS IT REALLY "ALL ABOUT", ALFIE?

And the Broadway song goes on to sing, "is it only for the moment we live?" I was sitting on my back porch, ruminating, this morning. When you ruminate, all kinds of thoughts, like boxcars on a train track, go zipping by in your brain. What IS it really all about? I mean, as I thought, how things in my own view of life have changed as I have aged. Oh, I used to think, "if only this" or "if only that", life would be so good. I used to think, "Oh, if I could just have enough money" and, ironically, I do. "If I could just have good health" and I do. "If I had a beautiful wife" and I do. "If I could feel good about myself and my work" and I do. If...if...if....if. I have surely been blessed! Shelly, in the T.V. series, the Big Bang Theory, says, "If ifs, ands and buts were sugar and nuts, every day would be Christmas". I guess so, I guess so. But what I have learned after all my years of living, my 50 years in the ministry (as of this past October) and over 500 funerals includes some of the following:

1. It is not how much money you have (although crying in a Jaguar at times is better than having to cry in a Ford) that matters.
2. It is not having the most beautiful woman in the world as your wife.
3. It is not having succeeded in most of my endeavors and having four degrees.
4. It is not having the honor of living all the years I have lived.

While many of these have their rewards, here is "where/what it is all about":

1. It is how well you have used what resources you do have for self, family and others.
2. It is in having a true, deep, fulfilling and life-promoting relationship with a spouse no matter how unattractive that person may be. They must be your best friend for real happiness to be yours.
3. It is feeling that how I have lived, essentially, has been beneficial to others who hurt or where in need.
4. It is in feeling that, on the whole, I was a good enough (far from perfect) husband and father.
5. It is in using things and loving people and not the other way around.
6. It is not how many days are in my life, but how much life is in each day I live.
7. It is in knowing that how I leave others feeling about themselves is far more valuable than my trying to impress them about myself.
8. It is in feeling that the God we call on together has shown God's Self through each one of my church members. It is their patience with one another, their respect for one another, and their encouragement of one another, their bearing one another's hurts and celebrating one another's successes that have shown me how real and present God is in the midst of the people of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. I have felt God as so real and near in their devotion and faithfulness and endless kindnesses to one another. It is the sense of the Truth and Heart of Christ in and through such relationship that has shown me what is beautiful and lasting and what brings significant happiness and health.

Yes, Alfie, this is a large part of what "IT" is all about.

Gladly in service to Christ with you – Pastor Jim Black



NOVEMBER

- 9 Celebration - 50th
- 15 Fall Clean Up Day 8:00am
- 23 Thanksgiving Sunday & Dinner
- 23 – Dec.14 Poinsettia Sale
- 26 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Communion Service 7:00pm
- 29 Holiday Bazaar 8:00am
- 30 1st Sunday of Advent



- 7 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 10 Last Day for Toys – Salvation Army Barrel
- 14 3rd Sunday of Advent - Christmas Cantata & Covered Dish Luncheon
- 15 Session Meeting
- 21 4th Sunday of Advent - Joy Gift-Youth Play
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

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*Being the face of Christ
In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014

Secretaries

*Donna Kirksey
Judy Medearis
Judith Yeaton
Jan Poley*

Active Elders

*Lynda Edwards
Ben Gundlach
Walter McNair
Judy Medearis
Joyce Miller
Linda Miller
Stephanie Moore
Tom Whitmore*



CNF Committee

It is hard to believe the Holiday Season is quickly sneaking up on us. We are planning some really good fellowship events. Please join us on November 15, 2014, to help Buildings and Grounds Committee spruce up the grounds and Church for the fall season. We will be providing a yummy lunch as a reward for your hard work. Additionally, we would love it if you would invite the whole family to our Congregational Thanksgiving Lunch on November 23rd immediately following Worship. We will have ham and turkey and we want you to make your favorite Thanksgiving side dish. A signup sheet will be in the Narthex starting November 2nd. To help celebrate Christmas and our Choir we will be having a covered dish luncheon on December 14th after the Cantata during Worship.

By: Linda Miller & Summer Hackney

OUR PRAYER LIST



*Clara Jean Anderson,
Nancy Anson, Nancy Baker,
Diane Baylor, Steve Bok,
J.C. Cantrell, Sharon Clifton,
Dee Crews, Susan Doete,
Dale & Joyce Doty, Jim Edgar,
Tori Frame, Catherine Ford,
Phyllis Freitag, Ben Gundlach,
Steve Harden, Cindy Hatley,
Bridgett Herod,
Elizabeth & James Howe,
Heather Houdashelt,
Jack & Alice Hutchinson,
Melissa Jackson, Heath Jacob,
Judy Johnson, Bob Juliana,
Milagros Mago, Elizabeth Marsh,
Bob Massey, Paul Massey,
Ray Massey, Marilia Mathis,
Elizabeth McKean,
Steve McLemore, Paul Miller,
Bunny Mulligan, Ellen Murphy,
Michael Neill, Amanda Owen,
Debbie Pace, Parramore Family,
Maxwell Parrish, Elaine Parsons,
Carol Riggs, Vicki Roberts
Mike & Loretta Robinson,
Ross Family, Edna Sands,
Becky Sanders, Jessica Schriber,
Flo Six, Chris Smith, Patrick Starks,
Jim & Nan Stores, Bill Strubbe, Sr.,
Trey Strubbe, Pat Sundt,
Cliff Suttles, Clarence Sweat,
Paul Sweat, Charles & Ruby Taylor,
Nikki Thomas,
Caroline VanKouwenberg,
Susie Volpe, Roseann Weir,
Katie White, Tom Whitmore,
Nancy Woolfley, Reta Woodward,
Bert & Janva Yeaton, III
Jean Yeaton, &
Families of:
Rick Raulerson and Betty France*



BFS&P Committee

Summer is over! The end of September still found us in the red.

Even holding the expenses down, a couple of bills were larger than expected.

After a lengthy discussion at our September meeting, the decision was made **not** to have a pledge campaign for 2015. A letter will be mailed out within the next week. The 2015 Budget is to be presented to Session at the November meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. There will be no meeting in December.

By: Joyce Miller

50th Celebration – Pastor Jim

Fifty years is a long time to be doing anything, but fifty years of serving our God as a minister is a great honor. We are in the presence of this great honoree. Our very own Pastor Jim Black was ordained into the Church of God on November 1, 1964. There is only one way to celebrate this *ospitious occation*. The Session is taking over Worship service Sunday, November 9, 2014, to honor Pastor Jim and his 50 years of Service to the Church of God. Please come and worship with us in this great celebration. We will follow the worship hour with a special luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

By: Summer Hackney

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

The Worship Committee has been busy preparing for the Advent/Christmas Season. To help you have a truly spiritual Holiday Season we hope that you will be able to attend as many of these services as possible.

- November 23 Thanksgiving Sunday
- November 30 1st Sunday of Advent
- December 7 2nd Sunday of Advent - Hanging of the Greens
- December 14 3rd Sunday of Advent – Cantata
- December 21 4th Sunday of Advent - Joy Gift
- December 24 Wednesday Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm
- January 7 Epiphany Sunday
- Poinsettia Sale - November 23 - December 14

By: Lynda Edwards

Christian Education Committee

The Adult Sunday School Class just finished a study on Creation, which was our final class for the time being. All who are able are encouraged to attend the Thursday morning Bible Study led by Pastor Jim.

I challenge you to find another church that has increased their youth group by 50% in a couple of months. We now have three youth in our group. Yes, we are small in number, but Ashley is doing a great job with our youth. They are now meeting with youth from another church on Wednesday evenings for Bible Study. Support our youth and let them and Ashley know that we appreciate them.

Michele Banks, along with Ashley's help, is still doing a great job with our Children's Sunday School. Are there children in your neighborhood whom you might bring to church with you on Sundays? I often hear adults say that the reason they attend church is because a neighbor took them to Sunday School when they were a child.

Keep on learning,
Judy Medearis



November

- 1 Kelly Johnson
- 2 Debra McCall
- 2 David Nelson
- 3 Cathy Barr
- 4 Jonathan May
- 4 Jonathan Miller
- 7 Nicholas Villa
- 9 Sharon Clifton
- 12 Bill Banks

December

- 1 Autumn Corbitt
- 1 Jerry Hallihan
- 2 Jim Dennison
- 4 Stephanie Moore
- 4 Chloe Welch
- 5 Jean Yeaton
- 6 Amelia Rose Simms
- 8 Austin Merrill
- 9 Lidia Windham
- 9 Linda Miller

- 13 Jennifer Allen
- 13 Steve Bierly
- 13 Jack Strickland
- 22 Allyson Baldwin
- 24 Pansy Helms
- 24 Luke McNair
- 24 Jerry Miller
- 24 Vicki Roberts
- 24 Ralph Story
- 25 Nancy Anson
- 29 Herman Six

- 12 Chelsey Roberts
- 16 Parker Jones
- 19 Tom Whitmore
- 22 Cheryl Bogacki
- 22 Anastasia Fekete
- 22 Amber Sweat
- 25 John Starkey
- 27 Bob Morris
- 29 Denny Roberts
- 30 Lisa Roberts



November

- 4 Roger & Sherrie Smith
- 13 Chris & Patti Vynanek
- 19 Ralph & Miriam Story

December

- 7 Jerry & Joyce Miller
- 9 Chuck & Rachel Kersten
- 10 Chuck & Patty DeWolf
- 16 Alan & Annesley Brightwell
- 21 Jack & Phyllis Herpy
- 24 Frank & Lynda Edwards
- 28 Brent & Meredyth Hume
- 31 Brett & Kristie Christiansen



Buildings & Grounds

Buildings and Grounds has scheduled the fall cleanup day for November 15th starting at 8 A.M. We are hoping for a good turnout so we can get the campus “spruced up” for the holidays. November 22nd will be the backup day in case of bad weather. A light lunch will be provided by the Fellowship committee for all our participants. Please come out and help Buildings and Grounds with the cleanup. Thank you in advance for your help!

The repairs to the nursery roof area and part of the garage seem to be holding since we have had several downpours with no evidence of leaks. The garage roof still needs attention, but it is not real urgent at the present time. We still have a long list of things to do in various areas throughout the campus. Ceiling tiles that have been stained because of the roof leaks need to be replaced in some of the rooms. We also have some rotting paneling in the nursery, Fellowship Hall, and the room next to the nursery.

We avoided what could have been a huge problem, thanks to Patrick (a quick thinking Cub Scout leader) when he prevented what could have developed into a fire last month. A fluorescent light fixture in the old youth room shorted out and melted the ballast. He cut the power and disconnected the wires avoiding further damage. The ballast was replaced and light reassembled by B&G personnel and it works ok now. We still need to purchase a clear tile-type cover for the light as the old one got broken during the process.

Please remember to keep Pastor Jim and the Session in our prayers as they guide and serve St Andrews. Pray also for all who need healing and comforting in our church family.

Remember: Jesus said, I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Bill Starks

SALVATION ARMY

We will be doing the "barrels" again this Christmas Season. The "barrels" will be available for toys in November and will be picked up on 11 December. That gives us ample time to fill the "barrels" with toys. Thank you for your support of this worthy organization's endeavor to bring a little happiness into a child's life that otherwise might not happen!

Please remember the Salvation Army wants **NEW** toys. The children's age group is infants through 12 years old. In years past we had set a price not to exceed \$20 to \$25 for the gift. All gifts are to be put into the barrels UNWRAPPED.

Thank you!
Helen Starks
Flo Six



Mission & Evangelism Committee

Thank you for your generous donations to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. \$187 was collected, of which 25% will be given to Community Hospice.

CROP Walk-This year the CROP Walk will be on November 16 at Avondale United Methodist Church. Registration starts at 1:30pm and the walk is at 2pm. Ashley and youth plus Virginia Jonson have already signed up to walk. They will be raising money to help "End Hunger One Step at a Time". The CROP Walk is a major fundraising effort for Church World Service (CWS). If you would like to walk, see Stephanie. If you would like to donate, see Ashley, any of the youth, or Virginia.

Additional Mission and Evangelism projects to look forward to:

- WSCO Thanksgiving Offering -watch the bulletin for information on what food item we will be asked to donate. WSCO makes baskets for needy families in the community. Our congregation supplies part of that basket.
- Joy Gift Program will be December 21 during worship service. Michele and Ashley are working on a skit and we will be collecting the Joy Gift Offering that day. The Christmas Joy Offering provides a way to give thanks, and much-needed support, to active and retired church workers and their families who are struggling with urgent financial needs. After the service there will be a reception to thank the skit participants and leaders. All are welcome to attend.

By: Stephanie Moore

A Note from the Clerk



November 23rd – A brief Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing elders to the Session will be held. Please keep the nominating committee in your prayers as they continue to search for elders.

December 15th – The Stated Session meeting will start at 6:00pm.

*Just a reminder to all
Committee Chairs:
Annual Reports are Due January
6th. Summer*

JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

***** DECEMBER 17th *****

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

SHORT TERM WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR FINANCIAL POSITION

1. CUT NEWSLETTER TO SIX TIMES A YEAR
2. CUT DINNERS WHEN MANY DO NOT HELP COVER EXPENSES
3. INCREASE THE "RENTAL" ON THOSE PRESENTLY USING OUR FACILITIES
4. FIND OTHER APPROPRIATE GROUPS NEEDING SPACE TO USE OUR FACILITIES
5. HAVE A WELL-ADVERTIZED CHURCH WIDE "YARD SALE" AND BAR-BE-CUE IN MARCH OR APRIL, USING DONATIONS FROM AREA SHOPS AND BUSINESSES AS A TAX WRITE-OFF FOR THEM
6. ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO GET OTHER MEMBERS THROUGH A TRAINING CLASS LED BY THE PASTOR (PLANNED FOR SEPT AND OCT AT PRESENT)
7. FINE-TUNE FOR OUR CELEBRATION/COMMITMENT SUNDAYS (PLEDGE CARDS)
8. BEGIN THE CONVERSATION PROCESS WITH THE MURRAY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION TO SEE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINING UP FOR A FULL-TIME PASTOR WITH A FULL-TIME CHURCH
9. OTHER IDEAS I HAVE ALREADY SHARED WITH MANY OF YOU THAT YOU MAY WISH TO OFFER FOR US TO CONSIDER.
10. CONSIDER (I HATE TO DO THIS) LOWERING OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRESBYTERY AND THE LARGER CHURCH.
11. WE COULD (ALTHOUGH THIS IS A BIT "TRICKY") SHOW THE CONGREGATION THAT WE HAVE TO CUT BACK ON SOME AREA THAT IS PARTICULARLY DEAR TO THEM". THIS OFTEN STIRS SOME FOLKS UP TO GIVE MORE SO AS NOT TO LOWER THEIR GIVING IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA.
12. EDUCATE THE CONGREGATION AS TO THE REALITY OF OUR SITUATION AND OFFER THEM SOME SPECIAL CHALLENGE THAT APPEALS TO THEM....A SPECIAL PROJECT OR CAMPAIGN OR A GENTLE CHALLENGE TO INCREASE OUR IMMEDIATE OPERATING NEEDS. THIS MAY INCLUDE A CHALLENGE TO GIVE 10% JUST FOR THE LENTEN SEASON OR ADVENT SEASON, ETC.

Pastor Jim Black

LONGER TERM WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR FINANCIAL POSITION

1. HAVE MEMBERS GIVE US OF NAMES OF THOSE NEAR US WHOSE OWN CHURCH HAS RECENTLY CLOSED....WHO MAY APPRECIATE OUR CONNECTING WITH THEM TO BECOME A PART OF OUR LIFE. WE CAN HAVE OUR MEMBERS MAKE A SPECIAL VISIT WITH OUR INVITATION IN MIND
2. HAVE THE SESSION M/E COMMITTEE (AND ADDITIONAL NEW MEMBERS) BECOME TRAINED BY THE PASTOR AS TO A SYSTEMATIC METHOD TO SEE THAT OUTREACH IS CONSISTANTLY FOLLOWED UP ON AND SUPPORTED FOR YEARS TO COME
3. CONTINUE TO EDUCATE OUR MEMBERS AS TO TRUSTS, MEMORIAL FUNDS AND WILLS FOR OUR FUTURE.....AND, SHOULD SOME MEMBER DIE....THE FAMILY TO ASK THAT ANY MEMORIAL GIFTS BE GIVEN TO ST. ANDREWS VS. AN OVERFLOW OF FLOWERS OR ANIMAL SHELTERS, ETC. (SHELTERS AND FLORISTS DON'T ALWAYS APPRECIATE THIS).
4. TEACH MEMBERS THAT STOCKS GIVEN WILL BE USED AND THEY CAN GET A TAX BENEFIT FOR THIS (WE WILL SELL THE STOCK AT MARKET PRICE TO BE ETHICAL AND NOT "HOLD AND TRY AND PLAY THE MARKET"). WE ALSO CAN HAVE UNUSED LAND GIVEN TO US, ETC.
5. TRAIN ALL MEMBERS AS TO HOW TO INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS, COMFORTABLY! BETTER YET, LET THE CONGREGATION KNOW THAT WE ARE "WINNERS" HERE! BE POSITIVE!

Pastor Jim Black

Updates

Phone Numbers:

Summer Hackney	904-677-1326
Steve McLemore	904-252-2846

New Baby:

October 5, 2014
Tessa Leigh to Chelsey Roberts
Grandparents – Denny & Vicki Roberts

Passing Of: Betty France October 11, 2014

Thanks

The family of Betty France would like to thank everyone for their love and support during this difficult time. She was truly a rock in our lives and will be greatly missed.

Jody & J.R. Wood

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



It's NOVEMBER!!! We've been preparing for the annual Christmas Bazaar for several months now and the time is almost here. On November 29th (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) we'll gather for another fun time.

We will be doing pretty much the same type of sale as we did last year:

- Crafts of all kinds
- Michele's cookies and other baked items
- Christmas items
- Plants
- Christmas Tree ornaments
- Lunch – Egg salad sandwiches and hot dogs
- FREE COFFEE in the morning.
- AND OF COURSE – the YARD SALE.

We have the same room set aside for your yard sale donations. Please bring your items anytime **before Thanksgiving**.

We have the same huge banners to advertise our bazaar and will ask No More Homeless Pets if they want to take our leftovers.

We really need help from all of you. People are needed to tend the tables both inside and outside.

We also are selling spaces at \$20.00 each to anyone who wants to sell their own items AND we're also inviting vendors (same price) this year. We are limited on tables, so if you rent a space you should bring your own table(s). The three vendors who were interested last year were advised to provide their own tables.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either of us. And THANK YOU in advance for your support.

We will work in the name of the Lord.

Judith Yeaton & Jan Poley