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UPCOMING SERMONS

SINAI

FEBRUARY 26

God Rescues and Reveals

Exodus 13:17-22

MARCH 5

God Dwells with His People

Exodus 33:12-23

MARCH 12

Atonement Through Sacrifice

Leviticus 16:6-10

Numbers 21:4-9

MARCH 19

Onward Under Joshua

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Joshua 24:14-28

MARCH 26

A Shining Example

Judges 2:16-19

Ruth 4:11-17



The third movement of our *Journey Through the Bible* covers the books of Exodus through Ruth. This portion of Scripture covers the SINAI section of our CASKET EMPTY curriculum. This movement is called SINAI because it covers God's deliverance of the Israelites out of Egypt, leading them to Mount Sinai. A series of events occur at Mount Sinai in which God establishes the covenant with the descendants of Israel. This section of Scripture records the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham to make him into a great nation and a holy people. The priesthood and sacrificial system are established during this time in order that a holy God may dwell in the midst of a rebellious people. In fact, throughout this period of Israel's history, we see the people repeatedly waver in their loyalty to God and their obedience to the covenant stipulations. They are referred to as a stubborn and stiff-necked people and yet, God is merciful and gracious. As a result of God's love and faithfulness, the plan of redemption continues to unfold through a family in the tribe of Judah. And repeatedly we discover that redemption is God's business – and God's alone!

-Pastor Tara

HOLY WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Palm Sunday

APRIL 2 AT 10:30AM

Join us as we remember the Lord's triumphal entry with fresh palm branches, special music, and a message.

Wear a festive hat and parade to Meet and Greet in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" - Luke 19:38

LifeShare BLOOD CENTER

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE!

St. Andrew's is hosting a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, March 8, from 4:00PM-7:00PM**. Donating only takes a few minutes and can make a life-saving difference—including for those who have suffered traumatic accidents, are receiving cancer treatment, or have had complications from surgery.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

We collect the **PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing** offering on Easter, April 9. Donations are split between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People fund. Your donations provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope, including those affected by catastrophes like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

PW Bible Study

The Presbyterian Women Bible Study is held on the last Tuesday of each month. They are studying *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. The next lesson, "Sabbath and Servitude," will be at 10:00AM, February 28, in the Parlor.



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON APRIL 6 AT 7:00PM

Join us for communion, special music, and a Time of Shadows from the Gospel of Matthew.

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him." Psalm 103:11

Easter Sunday APRIL 9 AT 10:30AM

Join us in celebrating Christ's Resurrection with special music (including a full choir, brass ensemble, timpani, and organ) and a special time for children.

"I have seen the Lord!" John 20:18



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE: Volunteer Opportunity



The Mission and Evangelism Team at St. Andrew's is sponsoring a Build Day on **Saturday, March 11, from 12:30PM to 4:00PM** in partnership with **Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)**. SHP is a ministry in the United States and Canada that provides children who have no place to sleep with pillows, bedding, and bunk beds. Although many charities work to provide children and families in need with toys, food, and clothing, SHP is one of only a few organizations devoted to offering children a bed—a

“basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs.” **If you are interested in being part of the St. Andrew's build team, you must register online at bit.ly/shpevent.** The build will be held at SHP's Beaumont location.

March BIRTHDAYS

- 03-01 Mary Collier
- 03-01 Lynn Van Der Beek
- 03-02 Matthew Hoch
- 03-02 Lee Plunkett
- 03-03 Julia Glenn
- 03-04 Martha Giarratano
- 03-04 Valera Messer
- 03-07 Tillie Hickman
- 03-09 Diane Shaver
- 03-15 Susie Champion
- 03-15 Beth Anne Mistrot
- 03-16 Marilyn Bell
- 03-16 Sandra Laborde
- 03-17 Marie Hoch
- 03-17 Bill Yoes
- 03-18 Paula Nichols
- 03-24 Eleanor Alexander
- 03-26 Julie Munro



Please consider baking some homemade cookies to donate for the Lenten Preaching Series! These will serve as refreshments for receptions following each service. If you would like to help, please drop off cookies at the St. Anne Parish Hall on March 20th, from 5:30PM to 6:30PM.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In the Congregation

George Fulton, Shelley Plunkett, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Peg Towers, Bob Fisher, Eleanor Alexander, Kay Long, Bill McIlrath, Joyce Head, Dave Darchuk

Friends and Family

Dana Blakelock, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Mary and Tom Hayden, Thomas Fisher, Karen Thompson Butler, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Mary Kennedy, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Botkin, Nick Bynum, Esmee Foster

St. Andy's DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION



The St. Andrew's Day School is now registering students for the **2023-2024 school year!** The school provides a supportive and nurturing environment for children thirteen months to four years old. For more information, check the St. Andrew's website or call 409-892-8246.

ST. ANDREW'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Virginia Anderson and W. B. "Pappy" Drennan Scholarships will open on March 1 and will close on April 5. These awards are only open to St. Andrew's members enrolled in a college or university. For more information on eligibility and the application process, please visit the church website or contact Martha Pate.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING®



Our Souper Bowl of Caring luncheon was a win! The folks at St. Andrew's donated 227 items and \$50 to support the Food Pantry at Some Other Place. The Souper Bowl of Caring is an annual event that takes place nationwide; it brings people together to tackle hunger.



Youth Summer Camps: Save the Dates!

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP: JUNE 25-30



Youth Celebration is a conference for high school students that have completed 9th-12th grade. It is a week filled with exploration of faith, worship, new friends, and recreation. This conference begins on Sunday evening with the “big hello” and closes with the “big goodbye” on Friday morning. Conference activities include energizers, keynote presentations, worship and music, small groups, afternoon recreation, and evening vespers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP: JULY 9-12

During **Junior High Jubilee**, youth who have completed 6th-8th grade come together to be inspired to grow in their faith by learning and living the words and deeds of our Lord Jesus Christ. Youth participants will gather together in the Hill Country for an unforgettable experience that’s filled with new friends, spiritual enrichment, worship, study, and recreation. Activities include everything from a challenge on the ropes course, dancing, games vespers, and popsicle parties, to sports, swimming in the beautiful Guadalupe, and singing God’s praises!

If you are interested in youth summer camps at Mo-Ranch, please contact Pastor Tara at tara@saintandy.org.



Celebrate the 187th anniversary of Texas Independence Day with us immediately following the worship service on March 5, 2023! We will enjoy fellowship, Texas-themed fun, and a meal of hamburgers, baked beans, chips, and banana pudding. Dress up in your Texas best, too!

Church-Wide Study Books

All sixty-five sets of CASKET EMPTY study materials have been claimed. For those who are interested in purchasing an extra set of materials for themselves, please notify the church office. The cost for a whole set (study guide, Bible study workbook, and timeline chart) is \$54 or the cost for just the books is \$42.



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: March 2, 2023



This month we want to highlight the faithful work of our St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church Foundation. The SAPC Foundation consists of a board of nine directors elected by the congregation responsible for receiving, investing, and distributing planned estate and legacy gifts for SAPC members. The Foundation was established in 1989 as a separate corporation to offer members the opportunity to make gifts which establish a living legacy of faith in Jesus Christ. We have been blessed by the faithful giving of saints past and present as well as by the faithful stewardship of our board of directors who manage the funds. There are many ways to give both today and after your lifetime. If you would like information on how you can continue to invest in the kingdom of Christ by giving to the Foundation, please pick up a brochure from the church office or contact either a Foundation Director or the Pastor.

MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>KEY DS = Day School GTHE = Golden Triangle Handbell Ensemble LHA = La Hacienda Alumni MOW = Meals On Wheels</p>	<p>PW = Presbyterian Women SAS = Strings After School SK @ SOP = Soup Kitchen at Some Other Place LPS = Lenten Preaching Series</p>					
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LENTEN PREACHING SERIES

Join us for the 53rd Annual Lenten Preaching Series on **March 20-22!**

Fr. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P., will present *Thirsting for Living Water: How the Holy Spirit Quenches Our Common Thirst for Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.*

The LPS is an annual ecumenical tradition of Calder Baptist, First Christian, St. Anne Catholic, Trinity United Methodist, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, and St. Stephen's Episcopal. Each year, a different church hosts the event. This year, St. Anne Catholic Church is hosting all events on its campus at 2715 Calder Avenue.

Evening Services on March 20, 21, and 22: 7:00PM, followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall.

Ladies' Luncheon, March 21: 12:00PM at the Parish Hall. (Tickets for the luncheon are available at the church office for a \$10 donation.)

Mens' Breakfast, March 22: 7:00AM at the Parish Hall. (A freewill offering will be taken at the door.)

Children and Youth Event, March 22: 7:00PM. Details pending.



New Member Introductions

Where are you from?

Paul Goebel is originally from New Mexico, but moved to Texas when he was 12. He went to high school in Lubbock. Jamie Goebel was born in Lubbock, but grew up in Beaumont. She graduated from West Brook High School and moved to Lubbock to attend Texas Tech University. We met, married and had both of our children while living in Lubbock. We moved to Beaumont in 2003 and have lived in the area ever since. We have two beautiful daughters and a wonderful son-in-law who are all away in college.

What do you do for a living, and what do you love about it?

Paul is an Associate Principal at West Brook High School. He loves being able to interact with the students and make effective changes that make a difference in their lives. Jamie is an Educational Diagnostician at Hardin-Jefferson High School and Henderson Middle School. She loves being able to help students understand their strengths and weaknesses and to empower them to succeed in school despite their disabilities.

What brought you to St. Andrew's?

St. Andrew's is a place of peace. On our faith journey, we have encountered many ups and downs. We've served in church leadership before and we have encountered both the blessing but also the hardship of paving new paths. We both need a time of refreshment, renewal and reminders of God's blessing and goodness. We have found comfort in tradition, looking back to the wisdom of those who have gone before us and being reminded of the grace of Jesus. You all have been welcoming, kind and full of joy.

What's an interesting fact about yourself not many people know?

Paul loves to restore things. He was once a bookbinder and restored old and worn out Bibles. He also is a car enthusiast and loves to rescue and restore old vehicles. Jamie loves puzzles. As a nurse, she enjoyed figuring out what patients needed. As a diagnostician, she enjoys figuring out what students need. Also, she really enjoys getting out a puzzle during the holidays and working on it with family.

What are some of your favorite Bible verses (or chapters)?

Paul - Psalm 63

Jamie - I love Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." God made each of us with intent and purpose and each one has so much to give to make the world around them better.

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