

# UPCOMING SERMONS

MAY 5
Lesson 3: Salvation
Can We Define the
Relationship?
Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:1-10

MAY 12 Lesson 4: The Bible **How Do I Know God's Will?** 2 Timothy 3:10-17

MAY 19
PENTECOST AND
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
Lesson 5: Identity in Christ
Who Am I?
1 Peter 2:4-10

MAY 26
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND **Totality**Rev. Margaret Desmond

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

May 23, 2024

#### What Do I Believe?

George Gallup, Jr. of the famed Gallup Poll research group had this to say about the church: "The churches in America face no greater challenge than overcoming biblical illiteracy, and the prospects for doing so are formidable because the stark fact is, many Christians don't know what they believe or why. Our faith is not rooted in scripture. We revere the Bible but don't read it. Some observers maintain that the Bible has not in any profound way penetrated our culture."

In other words, we "don't know what we believe or why." As we face life filled with all kinds of decisions and temptations, we are not sure what we believe and where we stand as Christians.

The Psalmist said we are to "hide God's Word in our heart." This is what Jesus did. He didn't say, "Hold on a minute, Satan" and then reach inside His robe pocket for a scroll of Scripture. No, Jesus knew the truth-principles of God's Word because they were embedded in His heart.

As we work together through the **BELIEVE** study, it is my prayer we will grow first in knowing "what" we believe and then knowing "why" we believe it. The first ten lessons of our churchwide study focus on the "what." These lessons have us considering what we **THINK**, asking the question, "What do I believe?" about the key beliefs of Christianity.

- Pastor Tara

#### Get the most out of BELIEVE by joining a discussion group! Sundays at 9:15AM

- Bible Discovery Class in the Library (men and women, all ages)
- Fellowship Class in Room 3 (men and women, all ages)
- Pew Sisters Class in Room 2 (women, all ages)

#### Tuesdays at 6:30PM:

Tuesday Small Group in the Study (men and women, all ages)



#### birthdays

Don Shaver May 1 May 4 Ken Nichols May 7 Anne Harmon Mark Champion May 8 **Tucker Cobb** May 8 May 9 Karen Spivey May 11 Cliff Moore Mike Warren May 12 Jordan Reese May 13 Layla Collins May 15 May 16 Lori Abel Paul Goebel May 16 Jennifer Nichols May 19 May 19 **Becky Thompson** Chaela Dockens May 28 Carl Montano May 28 Brian Armstrong

#### In Our Prayers

Steve Odle

Jamie Goebel

May 29

May 29

May 31

#### In the Congregation

Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

#### Friends and Family

Merle Meggison, Cat Vargas, Beth Ann Mistrot, Madeline Johnson, David Cobble, Erika Russell. Karen Thompson Butler. Val Rayzor, Mary Kennedy, Mickey Shuffield, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Rachel Lawerence. Esmee Foster

## BAPTISMS: APRIL 2024

Tucker Cobb, son of Meghan Cobb, was baptized on April 21, 2024. Welcome to the family, Tucker!



# YOUTH AT ST. ANDY'S

The St. Andrew's Youth Group had a blast skating together on Sunday, April 14! Youth Group meets in the Youth Center at 5:00PM on Sundays and is open to kids in 6th-12th grades. There will be no Youth Group on May 12 (Mother's Day) or on May 19 (Confirmation Sunday and Confirmation Celebration). For updates on upcoming Youth events or for more information, email church@saintandy.org or reach out to Pastor Tara.



## **UPCOMING FELLOWSHIPS**

# FIRST FRIDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

beginning Friday, May 3, at 7:00am in the Parlor, join us for fellowship, food, and prayer each month!

# **Confirmation Celebration**

Celebrate our Confirmands at a Fellowship Luncheon on May 19 following the worship service! Menu: chicken tenders, fries, coleslaw, and cake



# SUMMER CELEBRATION and SENIOR SUNDAY

Celebrate our 2023-2024 graduates and the beginning of summer on June 9, 2024!

Luncheon immediately following the service.

Menu: burgers, chips, and watermelon



# SAVE THE DATE: Astros Game Saturday, August 3 at 6:15PM

Tickets: \$73
Stay tuned for details!





On Pentecost Sunday (May 19), we will collect the PCUSA Pentecost Special Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, and support develop, people, vouna and address the needs of at-risk children. Up to 40% of the Pentecost offering can retained individual by congregations wanting make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, adults through young ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Since 1998, this offering has raised more than \$15 million to benefit "younger members of God's family." Pentecost is also the Sunday that we celebrate Confirmation, when people take ownership of their faith and make a public commitment to Christ.



## JUNIOR HIGH JUBILEE

Registration for the Junior High Jubilee (for students who have completed 6th-8th grade) is due on **May 1!** Students can look forward to worship, small groups, games, dancing, and the beautiful grounds of Mo-Ranch. Send questions or registration forms to Pastor Tara.

## KINDNESS KITS

Volunteers assembled Kindness Kits for the homeless on Tuesday, April 23. Stay tuned for the date of the next PW Work Day!







# PW NEWS

The St. Andrew's Presbyterian Women had a great time at the Presbytery of the New Covenant Spring Gathering on April 6! There was a silent auction, benefit drawing, a worship service, and sermons from Dr. Fran Shelton and Rev. Joseph Moore.



# ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

You are invited to the final 2023-2024 Presbyterian Women Bible Study on Tuesday, May 28, at 10:00AM! Pastor Tara will lead us in a lesson from Acts 9:36-43, "People Encounter Jesus through the Works of the Disciples." The annual PW potluck salad luncheon will immediately follow. Bring a friend and your favorite salad!



# SANJACINTO DAY LUNCHEON

































# Easter at St. Andrew's

The St. Andrew's Family celebrated Christ's resurrection with a delicious potluck brunch, special music, and a message of hope. Christ is risen!































Sat	4	11 8:30AM SETX Food Bank	18	25	SAS = Strings After School GTHE = Golden Triangle Handbell Ensemble
Fri	3 7:00AM Men's Breakfast	10	17	24	KEY MOW = Meals On Wheels PW = Presbyterian Women SK @ SOP = Soup Kitchen at Some Other Place
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Mon		6 9:30AM Monday Group 5:30PM SAS	13 9:30AM Monday Group 5:30PM SAS	20 9:30AM Monday Group	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED
Sun		9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 12:00PM Confirmation 3:00PM Boy Scouts 5:15PM Confirmands Meeting	9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 3:00PM Boy Scouts 3:00PM GTHE Concert	9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Lunch 11:30AM Fellowship Lunch 12:00PM Deacons' Meeting 12:15PM Choir Rehearsal 4:00PM Boy Scouts	26 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 3:00PM Boy Scouts 5:00PM Youth Group



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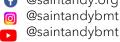
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## Baby Bottle Campaign

# Golden Triangle Handbell Ensemble

Mother's Day Concert

Sunday, May 12, 3:00PM

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