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## 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.

## 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

May 4 Ken Nichols
May 7 Anne Harmon
May 8 Mark Champion
May 8 Tucker Cobb
May 9 Karen Spivey
May 11 Cliff Moore
May 12 Mike Warren
May 13 Jordan Reese
May 15 Layla Collins
May 16 Lori Abel
May 16 Paul Goebel
May 19 Jennifer Nichols
May 19 Becky Thompson
May 28 Chaela Dockens
May 28 Carl Montano
May 29 Brian Armstrong
May 29 Steve Odle
May 31 Jamie Goebel

## In Our Prayers

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 FRIIAY MENS BREAKFAST

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

## Confirmation

 CelebrationCelebrate our Confirmands at a Fellowship Luncheon on May 19 following the worship service! Menu: chicken tenders, fries, coleslaw, and cake
§UMMER PELEBRATION . 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 THI DATE: Astros Game Saturdey, August 3 at 6:15PM



## 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!


## WELCOME BACK to dchool!

St. Andrew's Day School Enrollment for Summer and Fall 2024 open now. Visit saintandy.org for details!


## 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!



## 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!


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## ST. ANDREW'S

## Presbyterian Church

Experience the love of Jesus and the joy of community
1350 N. 23rd Street
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
8:30AM-4:30PM

## Baby bottle Campaign

Grab a baby bottle after the service on April 28 (or from the Church Office) and fill with change, cash, or a check to benefit the Hope Women's Resource Clinic! Donations provide help to families, mothers, and babies in need. Return your bottle and donation by the end of May.


- Fandbell Ensemble


## Mother's Day Concert

Sunday, May 12, 3:00 PM
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
1350 N. 23rd Street, Beaumont, TX 77706

