



In 1 Peter 4:10, we are instructed: “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” What I love about this verse is the reminder that we each have gifts, and while the gifts are varied, each one is essential for serving others. Peter ties the use of our gifts to being stewards of God’s grace. Peter emphasizes that we are managers of God’s grace, both the grace of the gifts we are given and the grace of loving others through them. It is a reminder that the gifts are not ours in either the receipt or the use of them.

I was thinking about this in terms of holiday gift-giving. When we are little, we don’t own anything; we don’t earn anything. And yet, there is pride and joy in picking out gifts for our parents. Our parents loved those gifts we chose for them, gifts they paid for themselves! This example is at the heart of Peter’s exhortation and captures the essence of Biblical stewardship. *We serve others with the gifts God has provided.* Essentially, we are spending His money (and time and talents). Just as our parents loved the gifts we “bought” for them as children, God is delighted when we spend His resources in service to others. Our giving is one way we show our commitment to creating a warm and welcoming space for folks to *“experience the love of Jesus and the joy of community.”*

No matter where you are on your stewardship journey, your giving matters as it supports the life-giving ministries of the church! Please prayerfully fill out your “estimate of giving” card and return it to the church no later than Commitment Sunday on November 3. Think of it as picking out a gift for Jesus for the new year!

-Pastor Tara



UPCOMING SERMONS

NOVEMBER 3

ALL SAINTS’ OBSERVANCE

BELIEVE:

Sharing My Faith

Can I Get a Witness?

Colossians 4:2-6

NOVEMBER 10

Give Me an E...

Phillipians 3:14 - 4:1

Julie Odle, C.R.E, preaching

NOVEMBER 17

Give Me a G...

Psalms 136:1-9

Julie Odle, C.R.E, preaching

NOVEMBER 24

Returning Thanks

Luke 17:11-19

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Please call or email the office with newsletter submissions on or before **November 21, 2024.**

November birthdays

Nov. 1	George Fulton, Jr.
Nov. 2	Bruce Burnside
Nov. 3	Becky Ford
Nov. 7	Fred Morgan
Nov. 11	Jeff Newman
Nov. 16	Sarah Bardwell
Nov. 17	Caroline Bridges
Nov. 17	Janna Caywood
Nov. 20	Sue Chatagnier
Nov. 21	Audrey Parigi
Nov. 22	Gary Wells
Nov. 23	Julianna Dockens
Nov. 23	Steve Richardson
Nov. 24	Susan Reese
Nov. 24	Liz Webb
Nov. 25	Penelope Neyland
Nov. 25	Luke Nichols
Nov. 26	Brian Sparkman

First Friday Men's Breakfast

Next meeting: November
1st in the Parlor.

Men, join us on the first
Friday of every month for
food, fellowship, and
prayer!

SEAFARER'S CENTER CHRISTMAS PACKAGES



Located in the Port of Beaumont, the Seafarer's Center assists seamen with legal issues and with contacting their families. The Center also provides a much-needed place for relaxation, recreation, and reconnecting with world events for those far from home. Each year, the Presbyterian Women assemble Christmas care packages for the Center. This year they will assemble packages on **Wednesday, November 13, at 10:00AM in the Parlor**. We are collecting items for these care packages until **Sunday, November 10**. A list of requested items is below. Please do not donate food.

- White socks
- Gloves, knitted caps, scarves
- Thermal underwear
- Flip flops, men's size 6-9
- Washcloths
- Shaving cream and razors
- Chapstick
- Band-aids
- Soap bars
- Toothpaste/ toothbrushes
- Combs and nail clippers
- Playing cards
- Small Bibles and devotionals
- Pocket tissue packs
- Small notebooks
- Puzzle books
- Batteries of all sizes
- Note cards and envelopes
- Stationery and pens
- Hand lotion

PW 2024-2025
Bible Study
10:00AM in the Parlor
November 26

Join us as we continue our fall study with Lesson 3.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

One of the most beautiful traditions of the Church is the observance of All Saints' Sunday. It is the time of the Christian year when we remember those who have graduated from this life to life everlasting. It is a time when we remember the things they said, the things they did, and the time they spent with us on this earth. We are grateful for the life and witness of the following saints of St. Andrew's, who we will remember together in the worship service on November 3, 2024:

Susan Lynne Champion
November 6, 2023

Kenneth Barton Nichols
May 1, 2024

Eleanor Briggs Alexander
January 1, 2024

Elizabeth Moore Knoble
July 23, 2024

Marian Koch
January 7, 2024

B. A. Mark Steinhagen
August 3, 2024

Norma Ruth Murphy
March 12, 2024

Lucille Bryan
August 24, 2024

Shelley Ruth O'Hara Plunkett
March 19, 2024

Pat Buehrle Caywood
September 29, 2024

Thomas Hart Cobb
March 26, 2024

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

Hebrews 12:1-2a



In Our Prayers

Pray without ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17



In the Congregation

Bobbie Wied
Bob Webb
Evelyn Lord
Linda Sparkman
Beth Ann Mistrot
Bob Fisher
Barbara and Dalton Abel
Kay Long

Friends and Family

David Fertitta
Charlie & Judy Monaghan
Family of Cecile Cobble
Family of William Shankles
Patty Bennett
Geneva Broussard
Ellen Wiemers
Jerry Linn
Madeline Johnson
David Cobble
Erika Russell
Karen Thompson Butler
Mary Kennedy
Thomas Fisher
Jack Dillard
Erin Lenhart
Janie Niederstadt Verderame



It's Finally Here!

The new St. Andrew's church directory is finished!

Pick yours up after the worship service or in the church office during business hours.

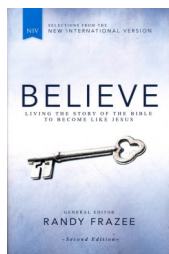
Marshall Middle School

Book or Treat

We had a wonderful time supporting our school partner, Marshall Middle School, during the Book or Treat event on October 23. Our book inspiration was *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Thank you to everyone who donated candy. Because of you, our display was a crowd favorite.



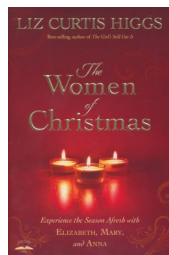
ADVENT STUDIES SNEAK PEEK



Discovery Class, for adults, meets in the library at 9:15am and will be study various sections of the *Believe* curriculum.



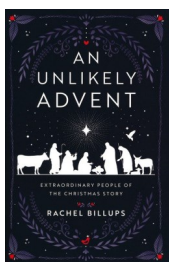
Children's Sunday School, for Pre-K through 5th grade, meets in Journey Room 304 at 9:15am and will study various lessons from the *We Believe Workshop: The Angels Announce God's Message*.



Pew Sisters, for adult women, meets in Room 2 at 9:15am and will study *The Women of Christmas* by Liz Curtis Higgs.



Youth Group, for grades 6-12, meets in the Youth Center at 5:00pm and will study *Tis the Season*.



Fellowship Class, for adults, meets in Room 3 at 9:15am and will study *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups.

Tuesday Night Group, for adults is taking a break for the holiday season.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Let every heart prepare Him room! Pick up Advent devotionals from the sanctuary tables starting on November 17. We have options for children, youth, and adults, and even something for the entire family to study together.

COOKIE BAKING WITH MIKE

We had a cookie-licious time whipping up treats! Huge shoutout to Mike for sharing the secrets of the trade. And a massive thanks to everyone who joined the cookie craze and baked cookies to share at the *Spooktacular Organ* reception!



Soup Supper Social

November 3, 2024

beginning at 5pm

SAPC volunteers and their families are invited to Pastor Tara's house for food and fellowship in appreciation for their service this year.

On the menu: Pumpkin Chili, Chicken and Lime Soup, White Bean and Spinach Soup, and Salmon Corn Chowder.



GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE

St. Andrew's LifeShare Blood Drive
Wednesday, November 6 from 4:00PM-7:30PM
in the Fellowship Hall

A decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and green, framing the corners of the section.

BOOK CLUB

Discuss October's Spooky Reads

NOV 7

1:00 | PARLOR
Theme to discuss at December meeting is family fiction.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 3:00PM Boy Scouts 5:00PM Youth Group	4 5:30PM Strings After School 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers	5 10:00AM PW Coordinating 11:00AM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Fellowship 5:30PM Strings After School 6:30PM Christian Ed 6:30PM Tuesday Group	6 8:15AM SK @ SOP 9:30AM Day School Chapel 4:00PM LifeShare Blood Drive 4:00PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30PM Mission & Evangelism	7 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 1:00PM Book Club 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal	8 7:00AM Men's Breakfast	9 8:30AM SETX Food Bank
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All hands on deck to **DECK THE HALLS**

Join the SAPC family for Advent decorating!
11.24.2024 at 4:00pm.
Pizza and drinks to follow!



ANGEL TREES

This year we will sponsor gifts for children through Some Other Place and for residents at Harmony Care. Wrapped gifts should be returned by December 9. Your kindness and generosity are like warm hugs. Thank you so much!



Christmas Luncheon

*following worship on
December 15, 2024*

*Join us for chicken enchilada soup,
tamales, chips and dips, and fellowship!
After lunch, we will decorate cookies.*

REMINDER: ESTIMATE OF GIVING

If you haven't turned in your Estimate of Giving card for 2025, there is still time. If you need a blank card, they are available in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!



As we approach the holiday season, we want to remind you that Pastor Tara will never request money or gift cards via text or email. If you receive any suspicious messages of this nature, you can report this activity at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov).

SAVE THE DATE:
**GOLDEN TRIANGLE
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE**
Winter Concert
**December 15, 2024
at 7:00PM**
**St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church
1350 N. 23rd Street
Beaumont, TX 77706**

Stock the Pantry for SOP

October was St. Andrew's month to stock the pantry at Some Other Place. Your donations of shelf-stable goods helped feed homeless individuals, homebound seniors, and others who don't have access to regular meals. At the beginning of November, St. Andrew's was able to give the following items to SOP. Thank you for your generosity!

- 201 canned goods
- 4 jars of soup stock
- 68 packages of noodles
- 18 bags of dried beans & rice
- 25 boxes of oatmeal, pancake mix, & cereal
- 14 jars of peanut butter
- 1 jar of jelly
- 5 bags of flour
- 4 bags of sugar
- 4 bottles of cooking oil & seasoning
- 51 canned meats
- 8 bottles of condiments
- 12 boxes of raisins
- 4 jars of syrup
- 3 containers of juice & coffee
- 28 boxes of pudding & jello
- 4 jars of apple sauce





We had a blast on October 15 celebrating our Presbyterian Heritage! The bagpipes and organ postlude was a special treat in worship. We enjoyed a delicious lunch of stew, biscuits and shortbread. After lunch, we dove into pumpkin carving. It was a fun reminder of how Jesus digs out the icky bits from our hearts and fills us with His dazzling light!





Special Thanks

It takes many willing hands working together to prepare and serve lunch. Becky Yoes and I would like to thank all who helped prepare the stew: Kay McIlrath, Judy Phillips Leisa Stokes, Barbara Warren, Lauren Pember, Andy Quigley, Jan Pember, and Becky Yoes. Thanks also to the shortbread bakers: Michael Dove, Lynn Burnside, Julie Glenn, Julie Odle, Jan Pember, and Barbara Warren. A grateful thank you to the serving team headed by Dave and Lisa Collins, along with Brandon, Aidan, Nolan, Layla and Sophia Collins, Judy and Jerry Phillips, Bill Yoes, Barbara Warren, and Lee Plunkett. I hope I did not leave anyone out; but if I did, forgive me. Done "All to the Glory of God." - Jan Pember



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**The church office
will close at
12:30 PM
on Nov. 27 and
reopen on Monday,
December 2.**

