



## BELIEVE: ACT

In the second half of the **ACT** section of our BELIEVE study, we continue to ask the question, “What do I do?” as we focus on key practices of the Christian faith. However, there will be a slight shift in focus. The first five key practices were concerned with our relationship with God. These key practices were worship, prayer, Bible study, single-mindedness, and total surrender. These practices are sometimes referred to as vertical practices because they focus our attention and energy on our relationship with God. Each of these practices concerns how to grow in intimacy with and devotion to the Lord.

As we shift to the second set of five key practices, we shift to what is called horizontal practices. That is, key practices that focus our attention on our relationship with others. The practices we will cover include Biblical community, spiritual gifts, offering time, giving resources, and sharing faith. These practices focus on how to love our neighbors and flow out of the first five practices. After all, Jesus taught the greatest commandments were to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.

These practices address the question of how to know if the love of God is in us. Look at how you are loving each other, and if you are doing it well, then the only explanation is that the love of God is flowing through you. The horizontal practices give evidence to and strengthen God’s love in you.

Let us continue to explore together the ways we put our beliefs into practice!  
- Pastor Tara

August 18 – November 3



## Upcoming Sermons

OCTOBER 6

BELIEVE: Biblical Community  
**Why Community?**  
Ecclesiastes 4:8-12

OCTOBER 13

BELIEVE: Spiritual Gifts  
**Am I Gifted?**  
1 Corinthians 12:4-26

OCTOBER 20

**SCOTTISH SUNDAY**  
BELIEVE: Offering My Time  
**How Do I Use My Time?**  
Daniel 3:8-28

OCTOBER 27

BELIEVE: Giving My Resources  
**Why Give?**  
1 Chronicles 29:10-20

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Please call or email the office with newsletter submissions on or before **October 24, 2024.**

# October birthdays

Oct. 1 Crystal Sparkman  
 Oct. 2 John Pember  
 Oct. 2 Leisa Stokes  
 Oct. 5 Gay Hill  
 Oct. 7 Mike Glenn  
 Oct. 7 Zoe Odle  
 Oct. 8 Jon Penman  
 Oct. 9 Howard Nichols  
 Oct. 10 Kadence Wilcox  
 Oct. 12 Dan Caywood  
 Oct. 13 Libby Richardson  
 Oct. 13 George Sanchez  
 Oct. 14 Andrew Johnson  
 Oct. 15 Gilbert Davis  
 Oct. 15 Vivian Hulsopple  
 Oct. 19 Katie Hodges  
 Oct. 19 Gibson Myers  
 Oct. 20 Brandon Collins  
 Oct. 20 Isaac Nichols  
 Oct. 20 JoAnn Russo  
 Oct. 22 Dave Collins  
 Oct. 22 Susan Meitzen  
 Oct. 23 Sarah Bates  
 Oct. 24 Matt Sooudi  
 Oct. 26 Luke Sastre  
 Oct. 31 Margot Fischer

Following the  
 lunch on October  
 20, we will carve  
 pumpkins  
 instead of youth  
 group at 5pm

## CHRISTMAS KITS FOR SEAFARERS

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 will collect items for these care packages from **Sunday, October 6** until **Sunday, November 10**. A partial list of requested items is below. Please do not donate food.

- White socks
- Gloves, knitted caps, and scarves
- Thermal underwear
- Flip flops, men's size 6-9
- Washcloths
- Shaving cream and razors
- Chapstick
- Band-aids
- Soap bars
- Toothpaste and 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



## STOCK THE PANTRY FOR SOP

October is St. Andrew's month to stock the pantry at Some Other Place. Your donations of shelf-stable goods help feed homeless individuals, homebound seniors, and others who don't have access to regular meals. We are able to assist more individuals and families when items are not purchased in bulk. Please keep this in mind when donating items. Starting October 1, donations of the following items can be dropped off in the bins at the Church Office and Gladys Foyer. Please be generous!

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Canned Vegetables   | Mayo/Mustard           |
| Dry Beans           | Cooking/Olive Oil      |
| Canned Meat         | Tea/Coffee             |
| Soup Mix            | Juice                  |
| Canned Soup         | Flour                  |
| Seasonings          | Sugar                  |
| Powdered milk       | Oatmeal                |
| Macaroni and cheese | Pudding                |
| Peanut Butter       | Jell-O                 |
| Jelly               | Peanut Butter Crackers |
| Pancake mix         | Granola Bars           |
| Pancake syrup       | Tuna Packages          |

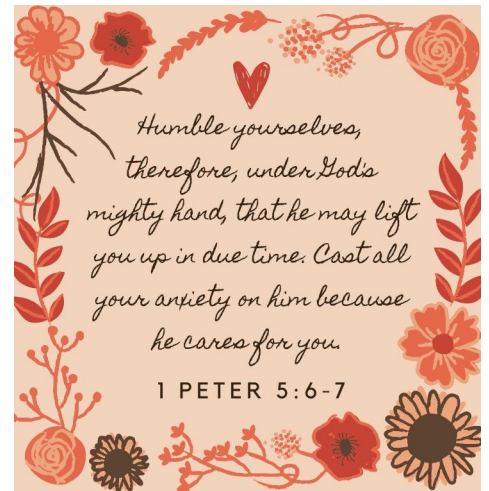
## NEW OFFICER TRAINING REMINDER

There are two upcoming trainings for those recently elected to serve as elders and deacons:

**Elders' Training: Sunday, October 13, from 12:00PM-3:00PM in the Parlor.**

**Deacons' Training: Sunday, October 20, from 12:30PM-3:30PM in the Parlor.**

Congregation, please be in continued prayer for our new deacons and our new elders.



## In Our Prayers

### *In the Congregation*

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

### *Friends and Family*

Ellen Wiemers  
Paul Ford  
Jerry Linn  
Madeline Johnson  
David Cobble  
Erika Russell  
Karen Thompson Butler  
Val Rayzor  
Mary Kennedy  
Thomas Fisher  
Jack Dillard  
Erin Lenhart  
Janie Niederstadt Verderame





The Beaumont Chapter of the  
American Guild of Organists presents:

## SPOOKTACULAR ORGAN

on Sunday, October 27 at 3PM

Costumes are encouraged and  
there will be light refreshments  
following the concert.

ADMISSION IS FREE!

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## RACHEL ANNOUNCEMENT

After two years in the Church Office, I have decided to step down as admin assistant due to changing family obligations. However, I will be there as usual on Sundays, and I am so grateful for the time that I spent with you all! I will miss seeing St. Andrew's folks every day of the week, but I look forward to using my degrees and spending a little more time with family.

## A CULINARY ADVENTURE: BAKING COOKIES WITH MIKE

Join us for a cookie-making extravaganza on  
October 23 from 2-5pm in the kitchen!  
Get ready to whip up some deliciousness!



## Choose Your Own Adventure: A Monthly Themed Book Club

OCTOBER'S THEME: SPOOKY BOOKS

October 3 at 1PM in the parlor



*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!

## Christmas Luncheon

following worship on  
December 15, 2024

Join us for chicken  
enchilada soup, tamales,  
chips and dips, and  
cookie decorating!







| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                    |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|-----------------------------|
|  |  | 1<br>10:00AM PW Coordinating<br>11:00AM Staff Meeting<br>5:30PM Fellowship<br>6:30PM Christian Ed<br>6:30PM Tuesday Group | 2<br>8:15AM SK @ SOP<br>9:30AM Day School Chapel<br>5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal<br>6:30PM Mission and Evangelism   | 3<br>8:30AM MOW Cooks<br>10:00AM MOW Delivers<br>1:00PM Book Club                                    | 4<br>7:00AM Men's Breakfast   | 5                           |
| 6<br>9:15AM Sunday School<br>10:30AM Worship<br>11:45AM Choir Rehearsal<br>3:00PM Boy Scouts<br>5:00PM Youth Group   | 7<br>5:00PM Day School Board<br>5:30PM Strings After School<br>6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers | 8<br>5:30PM Strings After School<br>5:30PM Finance and Property<br>6:30PM Tuesday Group                                   | 9<br>9:30AM Day School Chapel<br>5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal<br>6:30PM Worship Committee                           | 10<br>8:30AM MOW Cooks<br>10:00AM MOW Delivers<br>6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal                              | 11  | 12<br>8:30AM SETX Food Bank |
| 13<br>9:15AM Sunday School<br>10:30AM Worship<br>11:45AM Choir Rehearsal<br>12:00PM Elder Training<br>3:00PM Boy Scouts<br>5:00PM Youth Group                              | 14<br>6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers  | 15<br>6:30PM Session Meeting<br>6:30PM Tuesday Group  | 16<br>9:30AM Day School Chapel<br>5:30PM Board of Trustees<br>5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal<br>6:30PM Personnel Team | 17<br>8:30AM MOW Cooks<br>10:00AM MOW Delivers   | 18  | 19                          |
| 20<br>9:15AM Sunday School<br>10:30AM Worship<br>11:30AM Luncheon<br>12:00PM Deacon's Meeting<br>12:30PM Deacon's Training<br>12:15PM Choir Rehearsal<br>3:00PM Boy Scouts | 21<br>5:30PM Strings After School<br>6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers                           | 22<br>10:00AM PW Bible Study<br>5:30PM Strings After School<br>6:30PM Tuesday Group                                       | 23<br>9:30AM Day School Chapel<br>2:00PM Cookie Baking with Mike Dove<br>5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal               | 24<br>8:30AM MOW Cooks<br>10:00AM MOW Delivers<br>4:30PM Foundation Meeting<br>6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal | 25  | 26                          |
| 27<br>9:15AM Sunday School<br>10:30AM Worship<br>11:45AM Choir Rehearsal<br>3:00PM Boy Scouts<br>5:00PM Youth Group  | 28<br>5:30PM Strings After School<br>6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers                           | 29<br>5:30PM Strings After School<br>6:30PM Tuesday Group   | 30<br>9:30AM Day School Chapel<br>5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal  | 31<br>8:30AM MOW Cooks<br>10:00AM MOW Delivers   | <div> <b>KEY</b><br/> MOW = Meals On Wheels<br/> PW = Presbyterian Women<br/> SK @ SOP = Soup Kitchen at Some Other Place<br/> GTHE = Golden Triangle Handbells Ensemble </div> |                             |

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



St. Andrew's, along with congregations around the globe, will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 6. This year the congregation will receive the elements by coming forward for fresh bread and juice. We will remember our oneness in Christ Jesus, heeding Paul's instruction in 1 Corinthians 11 to "discern the body." Presbyterians have been celebrating World Communion Sunday since 1933.

## HOW IS BEING A CHRISTIAN LIKE BEING A PUMPKIN?

God sees us, picks us out of the dirt, cleans us off, takes the yucky material out of us by forgiving us, puts a smile on our faces, and places a shining light within us for others to see.

Jesus said: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16



## BIBLE PRESENTATION

On Sunday, September 8, we presented Bibles to our early readers during the worship service. We extend our gratitude to all who attended and contributed to encouraging our children in their spiritual journeys.



## PUMPKIN CARVING

Following lunch on October 20, we will carve pumpkins as a reminder of our calling to shine the light of Jesus.

## SUNDAY GROUPS

**Discovery Class**, for adults, meets in the library at 9:15am and is led by Bruce Partain and Harry Watts.

**Pew Sisters**, for adult women, meets in Room 2 at 9:15am and is led by Charlotte Schwarzlose.

**Fellowship Class**, for adults, meets in Room 3 at 9:15am and is led by Jan Pember.

**Children's Sunday School**, for Pre-K through 5th grade, meets in Journey Room 304 at 9:15am and is led by Valera Messer and a team of volunteers.

**Youth Group**, for grades 6-12, meets in the Youth Center at 5:00pm and is led by Pastor Tara and a team of volunteers.





On Scottish Sunday, October 20, we will celebrate Presbyterian heritage with special music and a luncheon. Bagpiper Jeff Courts will provide a prelude and postlude during the worship service.

Presbyterianism originated in Scotland in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when dissenters (including John Knox) embraced and applied the ideas of European Reformers like John Calvin and Ulrich Zwingli. When Scots-Irish immigrants brought Presbyterianism to the United States in the eighteenth century, they maintained much of their hymnody and traditions. We've inherited many aspects of their church polity, theology, and liturgy—meaning that even if you have no ancestors from Scotland, a consequential part of your faith heritage can be traced there! Feel free to wear your family tartan, if you have one, or some plaid.

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## MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL GOALS NIGHT

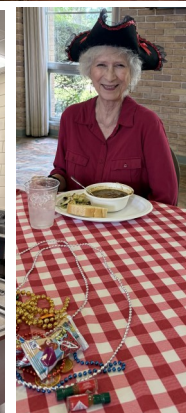
We had a fun time participating with our school partner, Marshall Middle School, at goals night. We handed out candy, motivational stickers, Halloween tattoos, and SAPC information.







Our Fourth Annual Pirate Sunday was a huge success! We enjoyed another delicious lunch of gumbo, rice, coleslaw, French bread, as well as banana pudding and cookies for dessert. Thanks to our music department for the festive postlude in worship! "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything" was the perfect amount of joy-filled silliness for a day of costumes and church fun.





# Pirate Sunday 2024





# MEET MIKE AND KATHIE PLATT

Kathie Platt joined the St. Andrew's family in September. Be sure to introduce yourself to her! Here are some facts about Kathie:

## **Where are you from?**

Yardley Pennsylvania (Historic Bucks County). I was born in Philadelphia, PA.

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

I am a freelance writer, part-time for Regina Rogers. I am able to meet citizens of all ages from all walks of life, as well as community leaders throughout southeast Texas through the various non-profits I write about: Gift of Life; IEA-Inspire Encourage, Achieve; MHA-SETX etc.; IHAD

## **What brought you to St. Andrews?**

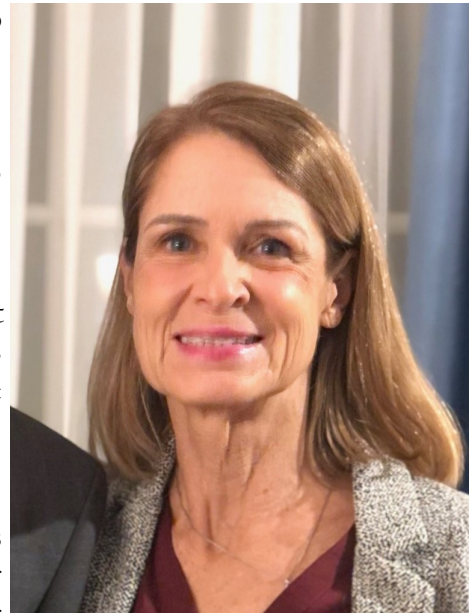
The desire for Christian community and to develop and build relationships with other Christians who are truly curious about their faith and the larger world, always wanting to learn more and willing to be challenged together in our faith to discover how God wants us to impact others, live out our faith in the world.

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

I met Mike when I was 15, he was 18. It was snowing lightly and we were Christmas caroling with a youth group from Morrisville Baptist Church (in Pennsylvania). We were later married in this same church 8 years later.

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

Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 2:8-9 and I John 4:10



Mike Platt also joined the St. Andrew's family in September. Be sure to introduce yourself to him! Here are some facts about Mike:

## **Where are you from?**

Beaumont, Texas. I was born in Homer, LA.

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

I am retired after 31 years in the newspaper business and 10 years as an English teacher.

## **What brought you to St. Andrews?**

Invitation from a friend.

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

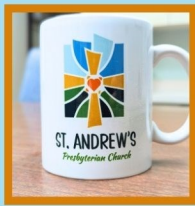
I lived 5 years in Pennsylvania where I obtained my teaching certification in New Jersey and Maryland. Thirty one years later I left the newspaper industry, got my Texas teaching certificate and taught senior English for 10 years.



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

Galatians 2:20, Galatians 5:13-14 and Romans 12:1-2





## NEW MUGS FOR SALE!

You can purchase the new St. Andrew's coffee mugs for \$5.00 each from the Church Office.

They are full-color, ten-ounce mugs with a design on both sides.



## LAST CALL

### God's Creation Calendars

God's Creation Calendars are available for preorder at the Church Office! They cost **\$15 each**, and you can pay once they arrive. Featuring beautiful color photographs and Bible verses, the calendars make great gifts. Right now we have received 5 preorders. If we do not receive 20 preorders, we will not be able to order the calendars this year.



### Chancel Flowers

Fresh flowers can be purchased for the chancel in memory or honor of loved ones. A standard arrangement is \$80. If you would like to sponsor the Sunday chancel flowers, email the church office or use the flower calendar outside the main office.



### Day School Yard Signs

The St. Andrew's Day School has new yard signs available in the Church Office. You can pick one up during office hours, or you can ask Rachel for one after the worship service on Sunday. We appreciate your help in advertising the Day School!

## PW 2024-2025 Bible Study

10:00AM in the Parlor  
October 22

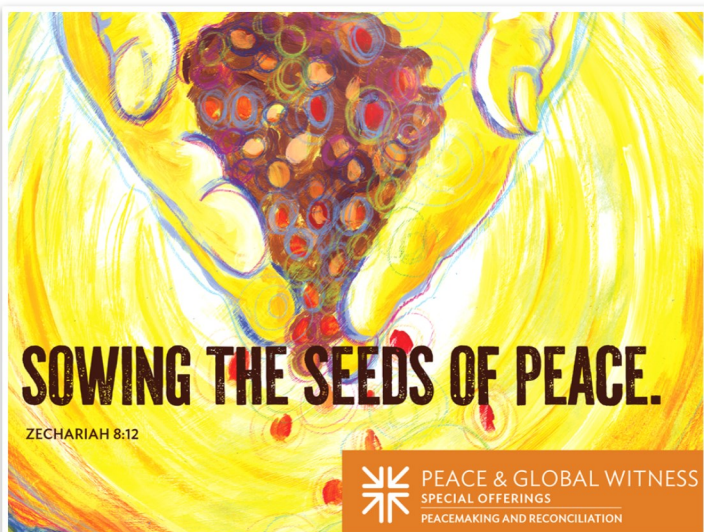
Join us as we continue our fall study with Lesson 2.

## PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

We will collect the PCUSA Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, which falls on October 6, 2024.

Our gifts to this offering are helping our neighbors in need, whether they live next door, down the street, or across the globe: 25% of the offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community; 25% goes to the mid-council to join other congregations in supporting regional peacemaking work; and 50% supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

This is the last year that the Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected by the denomination. Visit [pcusa.org/peace-global/](https://pcusa.org/peace-global/) for more information.







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Monday-Thursday  
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## Congregational Meeting

OCTOBER 8  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

to hear and act on the report of  
the 2024 Nominating Committee

## 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.

Please RSVP to the Church Office at 409.892.8611 or [church@saintandy.org](mailto:church@saintandy.org) by October 27.