



ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

FEBRUARY 4
Overflowing
Ephesians 3:18-19

FEBRUARY 11
Beyond Your Dreams
Ephesians 3:20-21

FEBRUARY 14 (6:30PM)
Ash Wednesday
In the Valley
Ezekiel 37:1-14

FEBRUARY 18
In the Desert
Luke 4:1-13

FEBRUARY 25
In Our Yard
Luke 13:1-9

GOD IS ON THE MOVE!

One of the things I love about the wilderness wanderings is the Tent of the Meeting, and later the Tabernacle, where Moses and the Israelites could inquire of the Lord. I love the portability of this meeting place. It served as a visible reminder that as they wandered and moved about, God moved with them. More accurately, it was a reminder that God is on the move and bringing them along.

In the New Testament, we see that Jesus did not stay in any one place for long. He was constantly moving from one place to another, engaging with all sorts of people and situations. In His life and ministry, Jesus also moved through every part of the human experience. He encountered everything from temptation to joy, to love, to opposition, to suffering, and even death.

This Lent we will step into the movement of Jesus' ministry. As we travel from temptation to condemnation, we will look at some of His teachings and miracles, culminating in Christ's death and resurrection.

On our journey, we will see that when we encounter Jesus, we cannot stay the same. We are called to move and grow and change as followers of Jesus, to be imitators of Him, as we live out the Gospel. Together we will discover once more that God is still on the move in our lives, walking every step of the way with us.

- Pastor Tara

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

February 22, 2024

February Birthdays

Feb. 3 Sandra Morgan
 Feb. 4 Thomas Furlow
 Feb. 6 Bruce Partain
 Feb. 8 Emily Allen
 Feb. 8 Aurora Montano
 Feb. 11 Keith Wied
 Feb. 14 Jan Pember
 Feb. 19 Grace Bridges
 Feb. 23 Kiara Collins
 Feb. 23 Maryann Sweeney
 Feb. 25 Gloria Blanco
 Feb. 27 Tori Armstrong
 Feb. 27 Nolan Collins
 Feb. 27 Geren Raumaker

In Our Prayers

In the Congregation

Pat Richard, Linda Sparkman,
 Bob Fisher, Shelley Plunkett,
 Lee Plunkett, Barbara Abel,
 Dalton Abel, Kay Long

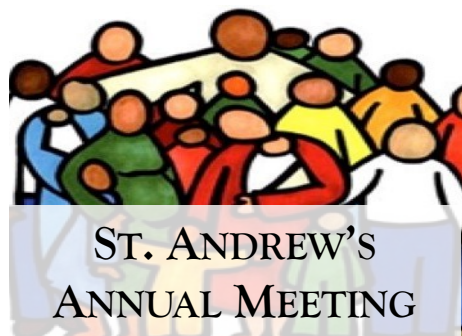
Friends and Family

Jean Williamson, Family of
 Fletcher Fogle, Tanner
 Meyer, Gordon Long, Erika
 Russell, David Cobble, Karen
 Thompson Butler, Madeline
 Johnson, Val Rayzor, Mary
 Kennedy, Mickey Shuffield,
 Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard,
 Erin Lenhart, Jerry Linn,
 Janie N. Verderame, Rachel
 Lawrence, Esme Foster

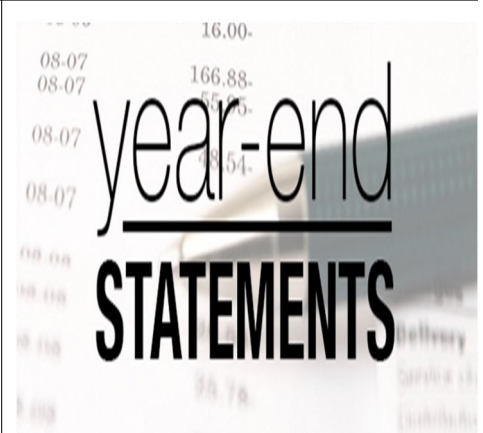


The Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide movement that inspires and empowers people to tackle hunger in their communities. Churches, individuals, charities, civic institutions, and schools have worked together to raise over \$170 million in support, all of which stays local.

On February 12, St. Andrew's will gather for a time of food and fellowship immediately following the worship service. We will serve the same menu (red beans and rice) and king cake that St. Andy's members prepare each month for Some Other Place. We will also collect nonperishable food items and donations to support the Some Other Place food pantry.



The Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 4, 2024, immediately following the worship service. The purpose is to conduct the annual meeting and to act on the recommendation of 2023 Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy on the 2024 Nominating Committee.



Year end statements
 have been mailed for
 your 2023
 Contributions.

Be on the lookout for
 yours!

CHURCH LUNCHEON



Saint Andrew's Youth had a fun time preparing the fellowship lunch, which included spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic toast and cookies!



Chancel Flowers

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



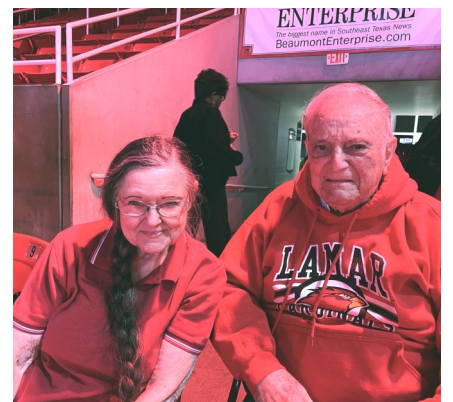
2024 God's Creation Calendars

God's Creation Calendars are available for purchase! They cost **\$10 each**, and you can order and pick them up from the Church Office. The calendars feature beautiful color photographs and Bible verses and make great Christmas gifts for friends and family. **Only 6 calendars remain!**



LIONS VS. CARDINALS: JANUARY FELLOWSHIP EVENT

St. Andrew's folks enjoyed watching the Southern Louisiana University Lions and the Lamar University Cardinals shoot some hoops on January 27. The Lions played a good game but it was no match for the Cardinals. Lamar won with the final score being 74-64.



February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Annual Meeting 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 3:00PM Boy Scouts 5:00PM Youth Group	5 5:00PM Day School Board Meeting 5:30PM SAS	6 10:00AM PW Coordinating 10:00AM Staff Meeting 5:15PM SAS 5:30PM Fellowship Team 6:30PM Christian Ed Team	7 8:15AM Soup Kitchen (SOP) 9:30AM Day School Chapel 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30PM Mission & Evangelism	1 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers	2	3
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LENTEN CALENDARS

Available February 11

Lenten devotionals and calendars for children, youth, and adults will be available on the sanctuary tables beginning February 11. These resources provide daily reflections and activities for the Lenten season.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us for a special worship service on **Wednesday, February 14, at 6:30pm** as we begin our Lenten journey together.

Marking the beginning of a forty-day fast, Ash Wednesday is a time to meditate on our mortality and sinfulness; to commit to repentance and sacrifice; and most of all, to confidently recall that Christ is victorious over sin and death and that He is the one who enables our repentance.

Our service will include special music, communion, and the imposition of ashes. Ashes are a symbol of human frailty, and a reminder that we are "dead to sin and alive in Jesus Christ" (Romans 6:11).



Lenten Preaching Series

Join us for the 54th Annual Lenten Preaching Series on **February 25 and 26!**

Rev. Bradley Sullivan will present *As We Are One, Salvation in the Incarnation*.

The LPS is an annual ecumenical tradition of area churches. This year, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is hosting all events on its campus at 4090 Delaware Street.

Evening Service on Sunday, February 25 at 7:00PM, followed by fellowship in Broce Hall. The St. Andrew's choir will sing.

Luncheon on Monday, February 26 at 12:00PM at St. Stephen's in the Broce Hall. Tickets for the luncheon are available at the church office for \$10. New this year: the lunch is for anyone who wants to attend.

Evening Service on Monday, February 26 at 7:00PM, followed by fellowship in Broce Hall.

ABOUT REV. BRAD SULLIVAN



The 2024 Lenten Preaching Series presenter Brad Sullivan is a husband, father, Episcopal Priest, author, singer-songwriter, and guitar player. An ordained priest since 2005, Brad weaves seminary education seamlessly into ordinary life and experiences. He grew up in Houston, TX, went to college at U.T. Austin, worked for two years in campus ministry, and then went to Virginia Theological Seminary, where he met his wife, Kristin. They have three children, Noah, Rhys, and Elise.

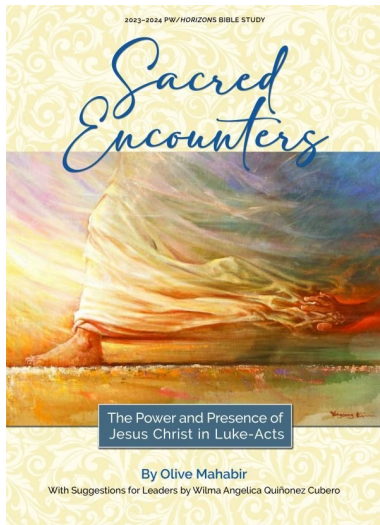
Currently, Brad is the vicar of Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church in Midtown, Houston. Lord of The Streets is a church community that relieves suffering and restores dignity by rebuilding lives through ministries and relationships with people facing homelessness.

Sunday School Sneak Peek

Consider joining one of these exciting classes and grow with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

- **Fellowship Class**, for men and women of all ages, meets in Room 3 and is studying the teachings of *John Calvin*.
- **Pew Sisters Class**, for women of all ages, meets in Room 2 and is studying *Traveling Light* by Max Lucado.
- **Bible Discovery Class**, for men and women of all ages, meets in the library and is studying the book of Acts using Max Lucado's book *Life Lessons from Acts*.
- The **Youth Group**, for youth grades 6-12, meets in the Youth Center at 5:00PM on Sundays. They are studying what it means to follow Christ and to walk with Him daily.
- **Children's Sunday School**, for students in Pre-K through 5th grade, meets in Journey Room 304. They are studying *Dig In: Heart of God*.

PW Bible Study 2023-2024



Join us for the 2023-2024 PW Bible Study, **on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM**. We are studying *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke through Acts*. Pastor Tara is leading the study. We will have two **lessons on February 27**. One is taken from Luke 17:11-21, "A Person with Leprosy Encounters Jesus" and the other one from Acts 3:1-10, "A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus."

2024 Confirmation Class

The 2024 Confirmation Class has started. Pray for our students as they embark on this journey of faith exploration and discipleship! The next class is February 11.

MOW Volunteer Needed!

The St. Andrew's Meals on Wheels program delivers hot, nutritious meals to homebound folks in Beaumont who aren't able to cook or shop for themselves. **Right now, the MOW team is in need of a driver to deliver a route on the fifth Thursday.** (This doesn't happen every month.) Delivering only takes about an hour. If you are willing and able to volunteer, contact Susan Reese or the Church Office.

2024 St. Andrew's Handbells



If you enjoy music and fellowship (or if you want to be in a choir but don't want to sing!), consider joining the St. Andrew's Handbell Choir in 2024. Led by Martha Giarratano, rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30PM-6:30PM. The bell choir blesses the congregation in worship several times a year, especially in the Lent and Advent seasons. Musical experience is not a requirement, but it is certainly a plus. If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact Martha or contact the Church Office.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

The new deacons, elders, and officers of St. Andrew's were ordained and installed during worship on Sunday, January 7, 2024. We are grateful for these servants who lead by example and are willing to do so much for our church family and our community.



Update on Pete & Gloria's Mission trip in November



Pastor Wilber Machado's church, near Santiago de Cuba, now has a dedicated clean water system, trained operators who are responsible for producing water and maintaining the system, and an education program to teach basic health and hygiene practices. After struggling with a contaminated water pumped from a shallow well for more than 20 years, safe, clean drinking water is now being distributed to church families and the surrounding community.

At the request of Aymara Martinez, a Cuban nurse, we delivered medical supplies donated by our team and the Catholic Daughters of America in Orange, TX. Facing dire conditions at hospitals and clinics, doctors and nurses must often work without basic items like surgical masks, gloves, bandages and sutures.

Sadly, most Cubans are struggling with very difficult economic conditions. Government rations of rice, meat, and cooking oil have been reduced. In the market, food is very expensive and often not available. Power blackouts occur daily. Job opportunities and salaries are meager, so many young people and professionals have left the country.

Thank you for praying and supporting our mission trip. To learn more about Living Water World Missions and future opportunities, check us out at www.livingwaterworldmissions.org.

2024 Session Teams

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Brian Armstrong
Becky Ford

FELLOWSHIP

Dave Collins
Julie Glenn
Will Nichols

FINANCE AND PROPERTY

Jeff Newman
Elizabeth Petit

CLERK OF SESSION

Bruce Partain

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

Emily Allen
Susan Reese
Maryann Sweeney

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL

Becky Ford
Bruce Partain

WORSHIP

Bruce Partain
Leslie Pember

TREASURER

Bruce Burnside



2024 Lifeshare Blood Drive Dates

March 13, June 19, September 25



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Please consider baking some homemade cookies to donate for the Lenten Preaching Series! These will serve as refreshments for the receptions following each evening service.

If you would like to help, please drop off cookies at the St. Stephen's Broce Hall on Saturday, February 24, from 10AM-1PM and Sunday, February 25, from 12PM-2PM .