



# ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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## UPCOMING SERMONS

MARCH 3

**Past Obstacles**

Luke 13:31-35

MARCH 10

**Down the Road**

Luke 15:11-32

March 17

**In Our Priorities**

John 12:1-8

MARCH 24

**In the City**

Luke 19:28-48

MARCH 28 (6:30PM)

**Maundy Thursday**

**To the Cross**

Luke 23:1-49

MARCH 31

**Out of the Tomb**

Luke 24:1-12

**MARCH  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE:  
March 21, 2024**

## NEW CHURCHWIDE STUDY COMING SOON!

Last year we journeyed through the Bible together and discovered there is one central message woven throughout all sixty-six books of the Bible. God, who created us, desires a relationship with us and the Bible tells the one story of God's plan to redeem us. The CASKET EMPTY acronym helped us to understand the major flow of the Biblical narrative.

Our next study, **Believe**, will build on this foundation with a focus on applying the truths of Scripture to our daily lives and relationships. After all, the goal of Bible study is not simply to learn facts but to grow as disciples.

What we believe drives everything we do in life: how we treat others, how we measure success, how we raise our children, who we are inside. This churchwide study will have us asking the questions: What do I believe?, Who am I becoming?, and How should my beliefs direct my actions?

Together we will explore these questions and more beginning on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Grounded in Scripture, **Believe**, is focused on spiritual growth, and helps Christians of all ages think, act, and be more like Jesus. Our study is divided into the following three key areas of Christian discipleship:

**THINK** (beliefs): what do I believe?

10 Key Beliefs of the Christian Faith

**ACT** (practices): what do I do?

10 Key Practices of a Jesus-follower

**BE** (virtues): who am I becoming?

10 Key Virtues of a Person Who is Becoming More Like Jesus

The **Believe** study will help us dig deeper into the core beliefs of the Christian faith, put them into practice, and examine the fruit of our lives. Study materials will be available in the church office and after worship services beginning March 24, 2024.

A member of the church has generously donated 80 sets of the study materials so there should not be a cost for anyone to participate.

- Pastor Tara



March 1	Mary Collier
March 1	Lynn Van Der Beek
March 2	Matthew Hoch
March 2	Lee Plunkett
March 3	Julia Glenn
March 4	Martha Giarratano
March 4	Valera Messer
March 7	Tillie Hickman
March 9	Diane Shaver
March 15	Beth Anne Mistrot
March 16	Marilyn Bell
March 16	Sandra Laborde
March 17	Marie Hoch
March 17	Bill Yoes
March 18	Paula Nichols
March 26	Julie Munro

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### In the Congregation

James Hackman, George Fulton, Bob Fisher, Shelley Plunkett, Linda Sparkman, Lee Plunkett, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Kay Long

### Friends and Family

Family of John Rao, Jeanette Cline, David Cobble, Erika Russell, Karen Thompson Butler, Madeline Johnson, Val Rayzor, Mary Kennedy, Mickey Shuffield, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt, Verderame, Rachel Lawrence, Esmee Foster

## PW SPRING GATHERING

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of New Covenant invite you to their Spring Gathering on April 6, held at First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena (4647 Preston Avenue, Pasadena, TX 77505). The speakers include Rev. Dr. Fran Shelton and Rev. Joseph Moore with a worship service lead by Rev. Laura Grice. The registration deadline is March 30th, and the fees are \$18 for prior attendee, and \$15 for first-time attendee. There is a \$20 fee for walk-in registration. Breakfast and lunch are included. There will be a silent auction and benefit drawing to help Pasadena Community Ministries, a nonprofit providing food and clothing to those in need in Pasadena and Deer Park.

If interested, you can pick up registration forms in the church office.

# One Great HOUR OF SHARING

We will collect the **PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing** offering on Palm Sunday, March 24 this year. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Each program works in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.





Saint Andrew's folks had a fun time preparing the Souper Bowl of Caring lunch. We collected a total of 74 items that were donated to support the Food Pantry at Some Other Place. The Souper Bowl of Caring is an event that takes place nationwide and brings people together to tackle hunger.




**THANK YOU!**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's 2024 Collection


raised:  
**74 food items**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



**TACKLE HUNGER**

**February 11, 2024**



**Alison Reese**  
Executive Director  
Tackle Hunger: Home of the  
Souper Bowl of Caring





## 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.



*Reminder!*

**DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD  
ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 9**



***Reminder:***

**The church office will be  
closed all day in observance  
of Easter Monday on April 1.**

# Parade & Scavenger Hunt March 24

**Wear a festive hat and after  
worship join the parade to  
the Fellowship Hall for light  
snacks and conversation.**

**After snacks, children and youth will  
hunt for eggs which tell the story of  
Easter.**



The new chillers were installed. Thank you to everyone who worked so diligently on this project.

# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# Palm Sunday

**March 24 at 10:30AM**

Join us as we remember the Lord's triumphal entry with fresh palm branches and special music.

Wear a festive hat and parade to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a scavenger hunt.

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" John 12:13*



# Maundy Thursday

**Worship service on March 28 at 6:30PM**

Join us for communion, special music, and a Time of Shadows from the Gospel of Matthew.

*I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. - Psalm 89:1*

## St. Andy's Easter Brunch Potluck

**9:30AM on Easter Sunday, March 31 in the Fellowship Hall**



**A-M: bring something sweet**

**N-Z: bring something savory**

# Easter Sunday

**WORSHIP SERVICE MARCH 31 AT 10:30AM**

Join us in celebrating the Resurrection of Christ with special music and a special time for children.

*"I have seen the Lord!" John 20:18*





# Volunteer Opportunity



The Mission and Evangelism Team at St. Andrew's is sponsoring a **Build Day on Saturday, March 9, from 12:30PM to 4:00PM** in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP). SHP is a ministry in the United States and Canada that provides children who have no place to sleep with pillows, bedding, and bunk beds. Although many charities work to provide children and families in need with toys, food, and clothing, SHP is one of only a few organizations devoted to offering children a bed—a "basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs." **If you are interested in being part of the St. Andrew's build team, you must register online at [bit.ly/shpevent](https://bit.ly/shpevent).** The build will be held at SHP's Beaumont location. The address is: 2950 Milam Street.



**GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE!**

St. Andrew's is hosting a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, March 13, from 4:00PM-7:30PM**. Donating only takes a few minutes and can make a life-saving difference—including for those who have suffered traumatic accidents, are receiving cancer treatment, or have had complications from surgery.

## ST. ANDREW'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The St. Andrew's Foundation administers two scholarship funds for church members, the Virginia Anderson Scholarship Fund and the Drennan Scholarship Fund.

The Virginia Anderson Scholarship Fund was established as a memorial gift from Murray Anderson to honor his wife, Virginia. This fund provides scholarships to qualified students for their freshman (or first) semester of college or trade school.

The Drennan Scholarship Fund was established by a bequest to St. Andrew's from W. B. "Pappy" Drennan. The purpose of this fund is to provide scholarships to qualified students after they have completed their freshman year (at least 24 semester credit hours) and may also be used for post-graduate studies.

Detailed information, guidelines, requirements and applications are available on the St. Andrew's website under the menu choice: About - Foundation Scholarships.

**The deadline to apply is April 5, 2024.**



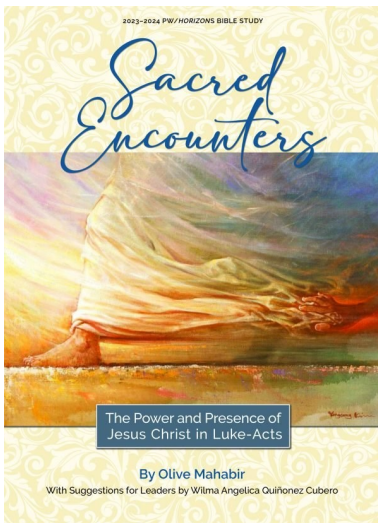
**The St. Andrew's Day School is now registering students for the 2024-2025 school year!** The school provides a supportive and nurturing environment for children twelve months to four years old. For more information, check the St. Andrew's website or call 409-892-8246.

## 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 *Augustine: Confessing Christ* by Stephen D. Eyre.
- **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. Our **lesson on March 26** is taken from Acts 8:26-40, "An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus."

## 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

The 2024 Confirmation Class is underway. Pray for our students as they embark on this journey of faith exploration and discipleship! The next class is March 24.

## 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.



# MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Harold Neely joined the St. Andrew's family in January. Be sure to introduce yourself to him! Here are some facts about Harold:



## **How long have you lived in Beaumont?**

My wife and I first moved to Beaumont in 1978. Then moved to Houston due to a job transfer but transferred back in 1989. We moved again in 1990 for another job transfer and returned again in 1994 and have lived here ever since. A total of 36 years.

## **What is your occupation or are you retired?**

I was a Human Resources Manager and retired from Chevron Phillips in 2021.

## **What are your favorite hobbies/activities?**

We have 5 grand children who live in Houston and Plano so we spend a fair amount of time traveling to visit them and our children. Also, I enjoy gardening and grow flowers year round; caladiums in spring, summer and fall; marigolds in fall and winter; pansies in fall, winter and spring. Also, tomatoes in spring and summer. We also like to travel and continue to travel throughout the US and Europe.

## **What is an interesting fact people may not know about you?**

I'm not a very interesting person but my wife and I have moved to Beaumont a total of 3 times.

## **Do you have a favorite Bible verse or verses?**

I am not as well versed in the Bible as I would like to be but I am all about hope. This verse is very meaningful to me:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11



Mary (Missy) Beach also joined the St. Andrew's family in January. Be sure to introduce yourself to her! Here are some facts about Missy:

## **How long have you lived in Beaumont?**

I have lived in Beaumont 48 years.

## **What is your occupation or are you retired?**

My occupation was education and I'm retired from teaching but working on a book on that topic.

## **What are your favorite hobbies/activities?**

My hobbies include writing, reading, doing research, gardening, nature (I'm in the Master Naturalist program), my Dachshund Snoop and cooking.

## **What is an interesting fact people may not know about you?**

I grew up in Woodville and rode horses every day until I left home for college.

## **Do you have a favorite Bible verse or verses?**

Ask and it will be given to you,  
Seek and you will find,  
Knock and the door will be opened.  
Matthew 7:2-8



# ST. ANDREW'S

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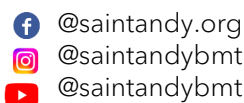
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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday-Thursday  
8:30AM-4:30PM



## EASTER FLOWERS

We will adorn the sanctuary on Easter with assorted spring flowers. Flowers are \$15 each. If you want to honor someone or their memory with a flower, order forms will be available starting this Sunday, in the Church Office, and on the church website. The deadline to order is **March 21**.

