



ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

APRIL 6
BELIEVE: Humility
Philippians 2:1-13

APRIL 13
Palm Sunday
Homecoming Parade
Revelation 7:9-17

APRIL 17
Maundy Thursday
Love Comes First
John 13:31-35

APRIL 20
Come & See! Go & Tell!
Matthew 28:1-10

APRIL 27
From Now On
John 20:19-31
Julie Odle Preaching

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Please call or email the office
with newsletter submissions on
or before

APRIL 24, 2025.



Recently, the session took time to reflect on Acts 14:27 - *"they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles."* This simple verse shows us that Paul and Barnabas gathered the church to celebrate all that God had accomplished. Friends, it is essential to celebrate and name out loud the good things God is doing.

We all know how easily we slip into routine and mundane activities, approaching our days with a "just have to get through this" mentality. If we are not careful, life can seem like one big blur or, worse, an endless cycle of drudgery. Fortunately, we were created for far more than this! Jesus said He came that we might have abundant life (John 10:10).

We experience this abundant life when we celebrate with others all that God has done! This requires us to slow down and notice how the Spirit of God is moving and working among us. However, it doesn't stop there; we also need to call attention to the good things God is doing. This practice of celebration leads to greater joy and a stronger sense of purpose. Celebration is at the heart of God, or as C.S. Lewis so aptly stated, *"Joy is the serious business of heaven."*

As we draw closer to the cross and the empty tomb, let us practice the discipline of celebration. Let us rejoice in all that God has done and is doing in us and let us look for opportunities to open doors of faith and love for those we meet. Let us continue to be a people and a church where others may **experience the love of Jesus and the joy of community** this day and every day!

-Pastor Tara



April Birthdays

April 6 Harold Neeley
 April 6 Leslie Pember
 April 6 Mary Ann Roe
 April 7 Cody Thompson
 April 10 Tammy Markum
 April 10 Mary Miller
 April 13 Judy Wells
 April 17 Andrew Adams
 April 20 Judy Phillips
 April 21 Jude Reese
 April 26 Ashley Dockens



IN OUR PRAYERS

In the Congregation

Mary Pat Linn, Mary Miller
 Bobbie, Wied, Doreen
 Jameson, Bob Fisher, Susanne
 Nichols, Linda Sparkman, Beth
 Ann Mistrot, Barbara and
 Dalton Abel

Friends and Family

Family of Patricia Bennett,
 Family of Chester Stiles, Family
 of Don Linn, Yvonne Williams,
 Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob
 Walton, Charlie Monaghan,
 David Fertitta, Geneva
 Broussard, Madeline Johnson,
 Erika Russell, Karen Thompson
 Butler, Mary Kennedy, Thomas
 Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin
 Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt
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PW SPRING GATHERING

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of New Covenant invite you to their Spring Gathering on April 5, held at St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston (4807 San Felipe St., Houston, TX 77056). Speakers Mahlon Hight, Meg Scott-Johnson, and Rev. Keatan King will present "Cultivating A Well Balanced Life." **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. A continental breakfast and lunch are included.

If interested, contact Maryann Sweeney or you can pick up a registration form in the church office.

LifeShare

BLOOD CENTER

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE!

St. Andrew's is hosting a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, April 2, 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.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

HOPE

HOPE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CLINIC

Join us in participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign to support Hope Women's Resource Clinic. The Hope Clinic provides unconditional love and hope to pregnant women and their families.

You can directly support the people of Southeast Texas by **taking a bottle home with you, filling that bottle with change, cash, or check, and returning the bottle at the end of April.**

For more information about the Hope Clinic, visit www.hopeclinicpartners.com or call 409-898-4005.

MEET VICTORIA WILKINS



Meet Victoria our newest team member. If you have not already, please stop by the office and introduce yourself. Here is a little bit of information to help you get to know Victoria.

With a longtime love of organization (hello being an eldest sister!) our Administrative Assistant Victoria is excited to be a part of St. Andrews. With a love of nature, reading, and game nights with her big family, Victoria stays busy enjoying life with her husband, Adam. Since graduating from California State University Chico with a Bachelor of Art in Sociology, she has worked in nonprofit spaces, and loves being an active community member.

A newer transplant to Texas, Victoria and her husband settled down in Texas to be near friends and family. Outside of the office Victoria is an avid traveler, always seeking out the next far and away place to explore. Thus far she has explored fifteen countries and four continents!

STAMP OUT HUNGER

Each year, letter carriers across the country head out on their routes on the **second Saturday in May** to collect donations of non-perishable food items to benefit local food pantries. Since launching in 1993, the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has grown into the nation's largest one-day food drive, helping to fill the shelves of food banks in cities and towns throughout the United States.

The need is great, but you can help. We invite you to join letter carriers and our partner organizations in the fight to end hunger in our communities by participating in the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

Simply leave your donation of non-perishable food in a bag near your mailbox on the second Saturday in May, and your letter carrier will do the rest. All southeast Texas donations stay local and go to the Southeast Texas Food Bank, where families who need help getting through the summer months can get nutritious food.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION



The St. Andrew's Day School is now registering students for summer term and the 2025-2026 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.

REMINDER:

St. Andrew's Foundation
Scholarship Applications
due on **April 6, 2025.**



BOOK CLUB

APR 3 • 1:00 • PARLOR

*We will discuss March's
history in the making reads.*

THEME TO DISCUSS AT
MAY MEETING IS
READER'S CHOICE

First Friday Men's Breakfast

Next meeting:
APRIL 4
in the Parlor.

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

PW 2024-2025 Bible Study

APRIL 22
10:00AM in the Parlor

Join us for Lesson 8
as we continue our study.

Hat Parade & Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 13
following worship

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

After snacks, children and youth
will participate in a traditional egg
hunt while adults assemble Easter
baskets for residents at Harmony
Care.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 6 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM Worship Staff 3:00PM Boy Scouts 5:00PM Lenten Service | 7 5:00PM Day School Board 5:30PM Strings After School 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers | 8 5:30PM Strings After School 5:30PM Finance & Property 6:30PM Tuesday Group | 9 9:30AM Day School Chapel 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30PM Worship Team | 10 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 6:30PM GTHE Rehearsal | 11 | 12 8:30AM SETX Food Bank |
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HOLY WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Palm Sunday

April 13 at 10:30AM

Celebrate with fresh palm branches, special music, and songs led by our church and day school children.

Wear a festive hat and parade to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and an egg hunt after worship.

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

Maundy Thursday

Worship Service
on April 17
at 7:00PM

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, April 20
in the Fellowship Hall



A-M: bring something savory
N-Z: bring something sweet

Easter Sunday

APRIL 20 AT 10:30AM

Join us in celebrating
Christ's Resurrection with
special music (including a
full choir, brass ensemble,
timpani, and organ)
and a special time for
children.

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





We will collect the **PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing** offering on **Sunday, April 20**. Each gift to OGHs 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. 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.

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 first Thursday.** Delivering only takes about an hour. If you are willing and able to volunteer, contact Susan Reese or the Church Office.

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 2025. 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 Lenten 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 Giarratano or the Church Office.

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 are available in the Church Office and on the church website. The deadline to order is **April 10**.



Flowers for Easter Sunday

We will adorn the sanctuary with assorted spring flowers. Flowers are \$15 each.

If you want to honor someone or their memory with a flower, please complete the form below.

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____ In memory of

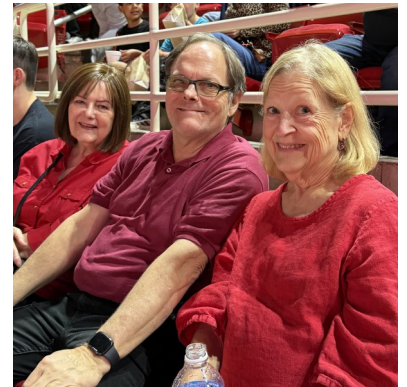
Given by

Bring payments to the church office or place in the offering baskets with this form.
The deadline is **Thursday, April 10, 2025**.
Dedications will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.



COWBOYS VS. CARDINALS: MARCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT

St. Andrew's folks enjoyed watching the McNeese State Cowboys and the Lamar University Cardinals shoot some hoops on March 1. It was a close game but the Cardinals conceded to the Cowboys by two points. The final score being 68-66.



DAY SCHOOL LEARNS ABOUT COMMUNITY HELPERS

The day school had the privilege of meeting Beaumont police officer, Sgt. Swope. They also met retired Beaumont Chief of Police, Chief Singletary, and his police dog, Bozzy. The presence of Bozzy, the loyal and intelligent police dog, added a special touch to the event and captured the hearts of everyone.



BAPTISM AT ST. ANDREW'S



Rachel Alexandria Lane, daughter of Alex and Sarah Lane, was baptized on March 23.

Harmony Care Baskets

Thank you to for your
generous donations
for the Easter baskets.

Don't forget to stay
after worship on April
13 to fill the baskets so
that they can be
delivered before
Easter.



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE

formerly the Lenten Interfaith Preaching Series

The clergy of the participating churches met and decided it is time to reimagine this yearly event in light of current needs and assets. In doing so, we updated the name to better represent our gathering. In addition, we are focusing our attention on one evening of worship, fellowship, and service.

We will gather for **community worship** on **April 6th at 5pm at Calder Baptist Church**. A reception of light refreshments will follow to offer a time of fellowship and extended unity. As part of the service, a combined choir will gather to sing an anthem.

In addition to the time we spend together, there will be an opportunity each year for the host church to invite all participants to join in a mission effort that serves the wider Beaumont community. The joint effort this year is collecting donations for the Calder Corner Store. The Corner Store is a collective of new and gently used items for families with young children. The store serves roughly 50-60 families twice a month, and offers essential items such as diapers, wipes, formula, hygiene products, and clothes. Calder welcomes your generosity and will be grateful for any and all donations you make. Diapers are a constant need, so if you need help deciding, we suggest a box of diapers (sizes 4-6 are most requested).

May this season of Lent be one of renewal and hope for you and your community.

SAVE THE DATE:

Golden Triangle Handbell Ensemble

Mother's Day Concert
Sunday, May 11, 3:00PM

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LESSONS



April 6: Lesson 6:
God Brings Jacob and
Esau Back Together

Genesis 27; 32-33

April 13: Palm Sunday:
Jesus' Triumphant Entry

Matthew 21:1-11;
Mark 11:1-11;
Luke 19:28-40;
John 12:12-16

April 20: Easter: Jesus Dies and
Comes Back to Life

Matthew 27:27-28:10

April 27: Lesson 7:
God Has a Plan for Joseph

Genesis 37-50

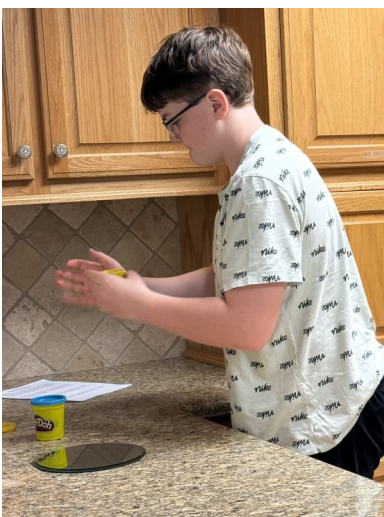
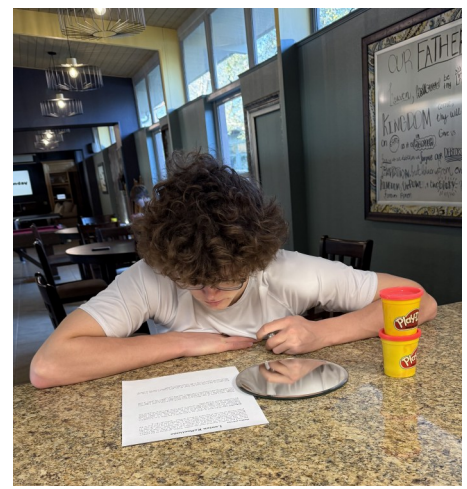
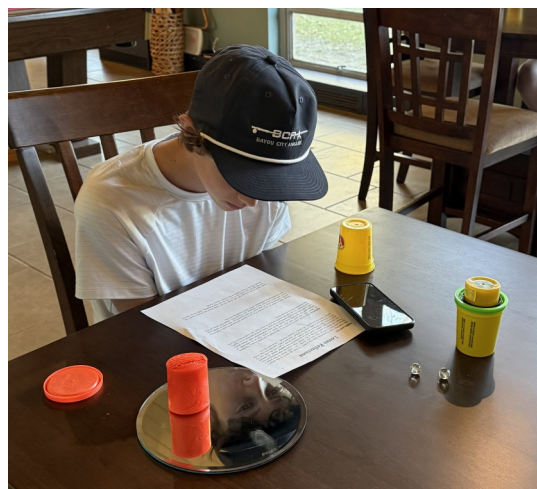
KINDNESS KITS

St. Andrew's volunteers enjoyed each other's company while creating kindness kits. These kits, carefully assembled with love and thoughtfulness, included essential items such as toiletries, non-perishable snacks, and warm socks. The activity not only provided much-needed support to those in need but also fostered a sense of unity and purpose among the volunteers. Through this initiative, St. Andrew's volunteers demonstrated power of small acts of kindness in making a significant impact, reminding everyone that a little compassion can go a long way to brighten someone's day. Be sure to pick some up and take to someone in need in the community.



ST. ANDY'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Andy's youth group recently engaged in a meaningful and reflective activity by spending time at prayer stations designed to deepen their understanding and experience of Lent. This spiritual journey allowed the youth to engage with the themes of reflection, repentance, and renewal, which are central to this sacred season. Through prayer, scripture reading, and symbolic activities, the youth enriched their Lenten journey, fostering a closer connection to their faith. This immersive experience not only helped them to embrace the spirit of Lent but also cultivated a sense of unity and purpose among the group.



The St. Andy's Youth group kicked off their spring break with a delightful treat, indulging in a variety of delicious ice cream flavors. The outing provided a perfect opportunity for the youth to relax and bond, creating cherished memories over their shared love of ice cream. This simple yet joyous occasion set a positive tone for the rest of their spring break adventures, reminding everyone of the simple pleasures that can bring people together.



GET TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS



Meet Jason and Leisa Stokes. They come to us by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Here are some facts about Leisa:

Where are you from?

I grew up in Silsbee and settled in Beaumont with my husband and children in 2005.

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

I've been a homemaker since my twin daughters were born in 2003. Prior to that, I worked in Human Resources/Employee Relations.

What brought you to St. Andrews?

I was looking for a church with a gentle and humble spirit.

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

I used to be a ghostwriter for a business celebrity.

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

Isaiah 43:1 and Philipians 4:8-9

Here are some facts about Jason:

Where are you from?

I grew up in Nederland, went to college in Oklahoma City and settled in Beaumont.

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

I'm the Gasoline Coordinator at Exxon Mobile. I enjoy the challenges this positions brings.

What brought you to St. Andrews?

My wife visited and loved it!

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

I played the tuba for the Oklahoma City orchestra and was part of the Oklahoma governor's quartet.

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

Be still and know that I am God... Psalm 46:10

Book of Ecclesiastes

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS



Meet James and Georgia Wright. They come to us by Letter of Transfer from University United Methodist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Here are some facts about Georgia:

Where are you from?

Born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, lived throughout the USA. I moved to Texas from Las Vegas, Nevada.

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

Retired— I love everything about it. Former Accountant and Auditor.

What brought you to St. Andrews?

The website. What kept me here is the people and pastor.

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

My son and I almost drowned when our SUV was caught in a flash flood.

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

Do unto others... Matthew 7:12

For God so loved the world... John 3:16

Here are some facts about James:

Where are you from?

Bourne, Massachusetts, Lompoc, California, and Las Vegas, Nevada

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

Recently retired. Not sure what I love about it yet since Georgia keeps my honey-do list occupied.

What brought you to St. Andrews?

We checked out a few other churches first, but we liked the church building and the traditional services.

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

I've spent time in Egypt and was able to see the Great Pyramids and Sphinx.

Texas Proud Luncheon

The Texas Proud church luncheon at St. Andrew's was a delightful gathering that brought the community together in a spirit of camaraderie and joy. Everyone enjoyed a delicious taco bar, offering a variety of fillings and toppings to suit every palate. Alongside the tacos, an assortment of chips and dips provided the perfect crunchy complement, with flavors ranging from spicy salsa to creamy guacamole. To top off the meal on a sweet note, a selection of cookies was available, ensuring everyone left with a smile. The event was not just about the delicious food, but also about fostering connections and celebrating the community spirit, making it a memorable occasion.



Texas Proud Luncheon





ST. ANDREW'S

Presbyterian Church

Experience the love of Jesus and the joy of community

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