



ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

JANUARY 5
**Ordination and
Installation of Church
Officers**

Who Am I Becoming?
John 15:1-8

JANUARY 12
BELIEVE: Love

1 John 4:7-21

JANUARY 19
BELIEVE: Joy

2 Samuel 6:12-23

JANUARY 26
BELIEVE: Peace

Colossians 3:12-17

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Please call or email the office
with newsletter submissions
on or before
January 23, 2025.



A mom was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, he would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, 'You be Jesus.'"

In reality, each of us is called to "be Jesus." We are called to pattern our lives after the life of Jesus, bearing fruit consistent with a life lived for Jesus. The last section of our **BELIEVE** study is focused on this topic. The key question of the last ten lessons is: *Who am I becoming?*

The new year is often marked with goals and resolutions for self-improvement. It is a time for fresh starts and new beginnings. So, what better way for us to begin 2025 together than focusing on the fruit of the Spirit and who we are called to be as the children of God? Together, we will examine how becoming like Jesus is a lifelong journey that requires intentionality and consistency... as well as the help of the Holy Spirit.

-Pastor Tara

January birthdays

- Jan. 1 Meghan Cobb
- Jan. 3 Clyde Richmond
- Jan. 5 Cyinta Kirk
- Jan. 5 Bobbie Wied
- Jan. 7 Glenda Buckley
- Jan. 8 Susanne Nichols
- Jan. 9 Billy Singletary
- Jan. 10 Casey Clark
- Jan. 12 Stan Ruth
- Jan. 13 Ava Postlewait
- Jan. 15 Brenda Jackson
- Jan. 17 Maida Ducote
- Jan. 17 Kay McIlrath
- Jan. 19 Janet Myers
- Jan. 21 Billy Waugh
- Jan. 25 Aaron Allen
- Jan. 25 Sally Nichols
- Jan. 27 Kay Long
- Jan. 27 Jimmy Singletary
- Jan. 28 Callie Johnson
- Jan. 31 Julie Odle

In Our Prayers

In the Congregation

Karen Spivey, Sandra LaBorde, Susanne Nichols, Kay Long, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel

Friends and Family

Mike Williamson, Charlie Monaghan, David Fertitta, Geneva Broussard, Madeline Johnson, David Cobble, Erika Russell, Karen Thompson Butler, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

2025

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 or the Church Office.

SILVER BELLS, SILVER BELLS, IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CITY



On December 15, the Golden Triangle Handbells graced us with enchanting melodies, bringing a wave of festive cheer and warmth to the holiday season. This talented ensemble, transformed a simple evening into a magical experience for all who attended. Each note rang out with precision and joy, evoking the spirit of togetherness and celebration that defines this time of year. As the final echoes of their bells faded into the night, the audience was left with a sense of peace and gratitude, a perfect gift for the holiday season.

Winter Kindness Kits

You may have noticed the Kindness Kits look a little different. They are special kits for winter, conveniently packed in backpacks and include extra items for colder weather. This thoughtful adjustment not only enhances portability but also adds a layer of practicality for those in need. You can find these backpacks in their usual spots within the church, ready for you to pick up and distribute. Thank you to everyone who dedicated their time and effort to assemble these kits on December 15. Your contribution is invaluable in ensuring that our community members receive the support they need this winter.



Christmas Luncheon

Our annual Christmas Luncheon is always a delightful and festive occasion. The menu featuring chicken enchilada soup and tamales certainly added a delicious twist to the traditional holiday fare, offering a taste of comforting warmth and spice. The addition of chips and dip provided a perfect, casual appetizer to kick off the celebration. The cookie decorating, as a dessert activity, not only satisfied sweet cravings, but also allowed for creativity and fun, making it a memorable experience for everyone that participated.

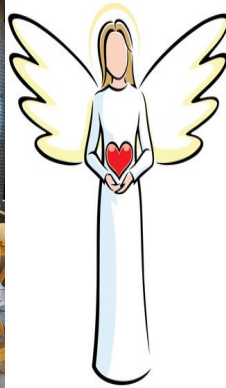


Christmas Luncheon



ST. ANDREW'S ANGEL TREES

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed gifts for the St. Andrew's Angel Trees. Your generosity and kindness made the initiative a tremendous success, ensuring that numerous children of Some Other Place and residents of Harmony Care experienced joy and warmth this holiday season. Your thoughtful gifts truly made a difference, and we could not have achieved this without your support. Thank you for embodying the spirit of giving and making our community a brighter place.



SAVE THE DATE!



**COWBOYS VS. CARDINALS:
MARCH 1, 2025**

The Fellowship Team invites you to wear red and white and come to the Montagne Center to watch the Lamar Cardinals play the McNeese State Cowboys! The game is **Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 6:00 pm**. Tickets are in section E, rows 6-9 and cost \$10 each. You don't want to miss it! Please RSVP with the number of tickets you need to the church office by February 20.

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.

YEAR-END STATEMENTS

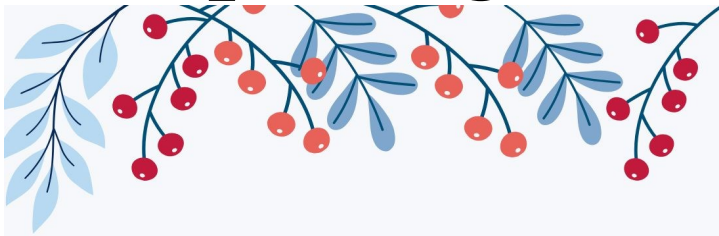
The church will mail final contribution statements for 2024 by the end of January.

Be on the lookout!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 10:30AM Ordain/Install 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM Worship Staff 3:00PM Boy Scouts	6 5:00PM Day School Board 5:30PM Strings After School 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers	7 10:00AM PW Coordinating 11:00AM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Fellowship 5:30PM Strings After School 6:30PM Christian Ed	1 OFFICE CLOSED Happy New Year! 8:15AM SK @ SOP 5:30PM AA Group	2 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 1:00PM Book Club	3 7:00AM Men's Breakfast	4
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Upcoming Events at St. Andrew's



BOOK CLUB

JAN 2 • 1:00 • PARLOR

*We will discuss December's
Christmas cheer reads.*



**THEME TO DISCUSS AT FEBRUARY
MEETING IS SNOWY SETTING.**



First Friday Men's Breakfast

**Next meeting:
January 3
in the Parlor.**

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

Spaghetti Lunch

Join us for our next Fellowship Luncheon on January 19, 2025. Hosted by our very own Youth Group.



**Menu:
spaghetti &
meatballs,
salad, bread,
and cookies by
Mike Dove**

**Save the
Date!**

*Tackle
Hunger!*



After the worship service on February 9

Menu: red beans and rice, coleslaw with
king cake for dessert

Bring donations of canned goods for
Some Other Place!



St. Andrew's 2025 Leadership

The new deacons, elders, and officers of St. Andrew's will be ordained and installed during the celebration of worship on Sunday, January 5, 2025. We are grateful for these servants who lead by example and are willing to do so much for our church family and our community.

DEACONS

Class of 2025

Becky Newman
Geren Raumaker
Billy Singletary
Jan Waugh

Class of 2026

Daniel Dove
Judy Fisher
Martha Giarratano
Greta Ott

Class of 2027

Glenda Buckley
Katie Hodges
Kay McIlrath
Diane Ruth

ELDERS

Class of 2025

Dave Collins
Jeff Newman
Bruce Partain
Maryann Sweeney

Class of 2026

Brian Armstrong
Leslie Pember
Elizabeth Pettit
Susan Reese

Class of 2027

Mike Dove
Becky Ford
Susan Meitzen
Will Nichols

TRUSTEES

Class of 2025

Audrey Parigi
Mike Pettit

Class of 2026

Ron Everett
Howard Nichols

Class of 2027

Jordan Reese
Matt Sooudi

FOUNDATION

Class of 2025

Tillie Hickman
Steve Odle
Bob Webb

Class of 2026

Bruce Burnside
Brenda Jackson
Martha Pate

Class of 2027

Jennifer Nichols
Mark Russo
Peg Towers

SESSION TEAMS

CLERK OF SESSION

Bruce Partain

TREASURER

Bruce Burnside

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Brian Armstrong
Becky Ford

FELLOWSHIP

Dave Collins
Susan Meitzen
Will Nichols

FINANCE AND PROPERTY

Jeff Newman
Elizabeth Pettit

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

Mike Dove
Susan Reese
Maryann Sweeney

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL

Becky Ford
Bruce Partain

WORSHIP

Bruce Partain
Leslie Pember

1 PETER 5:2

Be shepherds of
God's flock
that is under
your care,
watching over them

St. Andy's Youth Christmas Party

The annual Youth Christmas party buzzed with excitement as the youth exchanged fun gifts. Laughter echoed throughout the room during lively games, where friendly competition brought out the best in everyone, fostering a sense of unity and fellowship. The aroma of delicious food filled the air, ensuring no one left hungry. This festive gathering left everyone with cherished memories of a jolly good time. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this party a roaring success.



St. Andy's Youth Christmas Party



Christmas Eve Worship

The community gathered for a heartwarming celebration of Christ's birth. The church's choir, orchestra, and organ filled the air with exceptionally beautiful Christmas music, setting a joyful and reverent atmosphere. The service featured a reading from the book *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, captivating young imaginations with its humorous and touching tale. There was also a heartfelt message from Luke 2:8-20, emphasizing the gift of Jesus to the world, fostering a spirit of love, joy, and reflection on the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to everyone that made this service a memorable one.





At St. Andrew's





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