



ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

MAY 4

Embracing Resurrection: Land of the Living

Psalm 116

MAY 11

Embracing Resurrection: Wonder

Luke 24:33-49

MAY 18

Embracing Resurrection: Exist or Live

John 12:20-33

Julie Odle Preaching

MAY 25

Embracing Resurrection: Meals

John 21:1-14



Embracing Resurrection

The resurrection of Jesus celebrates more than just a singular event from many years ago. Easter serves as God's invitation for us to embrace a new and transformed life. This invitation leads to a life filled with abundance, joy, security, and purpose, all empowered by the Holy Spirit. In our sermon series, ***Embracing Resurrection***, we will explore how resurrection life is not simply a future promise. Rather, resurrection life is available to us here and now, today! Or in the words of Tim Keller: "The resurrection is not the end. It is the beginning of all things being restored."

Therefore, we must ask ourselves: "As a follower of Jesus, am I living the resurrection life? Am I living in such a way that I acknowledge not only that Jesus is alive but that He is Lord over all? Or am I merely going through the motions of living, entangled in the culture around me?"

Together, we will examine what it means to be an Easter people and how to live our lives in light of Jesus' resurrection.

**"I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection."
Philippians 3:12**

-Pastor Tara

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

May 22, 2025.



birthdays

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| May 1 | Don Shaver |
| May 7 | Anne Harmon |
| May 8 | Mark Champion |
| May 8 | Tucker Cobb |
| May 9 | Karen Spivey |
| May 10 | Patricia Williamson |
| May 11 | Cliff Moore |
| May 12 | Mike Warren |
| May 13 | Jordan Reese |
| May 15 | Layla Collins |
| May 16 | Lori Abel |
| May 16 | Paul Goebel |
| May 19 | Jennifer Nichols |
| May 19 | Becky Thompson |
| May 28 | Chaela Dockens |
| May 28 | Carl Montano |
| May 29 | Brian Armstrong |
| May 29 | Steve Odle |
| May 31 | Jamie Goebel |

IN OUR PRAYERS

In the Congregation

Linda Sparkman, John Alexander, Maryann Sweeney, Bob Fisher, Susanne Nichols, Beth Ann Mistrot, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

Friends and Family

Pamela Humphrey, Kenna Gordon, 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 Verderame

BBQ Luncheon May 25

Menu:

Pulled pork sandwiches,
chips, coleslaw,
watermelon, and cookies



The Church Office will be closed
for Memorial Day

Monday, May 26



Astros Outing!

Join St. Andrew's folks on a fellowship outing to see the Astros play the Rays on May 31 at 3:10PM. Tickets are \$48. This includes a \$15 voucher for drinks and food. We will ride together on a chartered bus.

Contact the office to RSVP!
Tickets are going fast.

THE 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Who encourages and inspires you in faithful things? Who uses their actions and their words to share the love of Christ with others? In whom do you see compassion, good judgment, dedication, or spiritual character? In other words, who do you see in the halls of St. Andrew's living their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ?

The 2025 Nominating Committee is at work discerning God's call for the next class of elders, deacons, trustees, board members for the Foundation and Day School, as well as persons from the congregation for the 2026 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee would like your input as they prayerfully seek the right candidates to fill these church leadership positions. **Please submit your nominations no later than June 15.** Officers for the Class of 2028 will be elected by our congregation at the Fall meeting.

Elders, together with the minister, constitute the governing body of our church called the Session, which is responsible for the spiritual welfare and ministry of the congregation, as well as the oversight of the financial and day-to-day operations of the church.

Deacons are women and men whose responsibility consists of leading the church by expressing Christian love and concern for those in the community who have special needs, as well as those in the hospital, nursing homes, and those who may be homebound.

Trustees are legal signatories for matters of the Congregation in its status as a corporation and administer the business of the church in matters of property, the memorial garden fund, and the investment fund.

SAPC's Foundation was established to provide support for the activities of the church through the gifts, donations, and bequests of its members. The committee, in coordination with its investment advisor, is responsible for overseeing and monitoring the Foundation funds to ensure its long-term viability and that its investment objectives are being met.

The Day School Board provides leadership and direction in partnership with the Director to ensure the school runs smoothly and maintains compliance with all state licensing regulations.

The Nominating Committee nominates persons to serve in the offices of elder, deacon, trustee, and foundation board by identifying persons to serve in leadership for the congregation.

All nominees should be committed Christian women and men who are involved in the church's life, enthusiastic for its mission, and consistent in their worship participation.

2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Session Representation: Brian Armstrong, Susan Reese, chair

Diaconate Representation: Billy Singletary

Members-at-Large Representation: Valera Messer, Craig Pember,
Judy Phillips, Steve Richardson

Pray that we will all remain open to hearing and responding to God's voice calling the women and men God has already chosen to lead our church into the next years of ministry and mission.

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS



Pictured left to right: Kenneth, Sullivan, Mirabelle, and Ellen Wiemers

Meet the Wiemers Family. They come to us by Letter of Transfer from Wesley Methodist Church in Beaumont, TX.

Meet Kenneth Wiemers: He was born in Beaumont but lived in Orange for the first thirty-four years of his life. He is a Civil Engineer and surveyor. Building roads and bridges by day, and helping protect people's biggest investment by night. Everyone uses the highways and he takes pride in delivering good roads to the Southeast. He was brought to St. Andrew's by Christ, a theological divorce at his last church, and many Sunday visits. He remembers decorating Christmas cookies on his first visit! He loves the exhilarating feeling of flying a hull on a catamaran while sailing through the surf! His favorite Bible verse is James 2:17, "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

Meet Sullivan Wiemers: He has lived in Orange, TX from ages one through five, and has lived in Beaumont since. He goes to school and enjoys learning new math and science skills. He was brought to St. Andrew's by his parents, who knew about it from his sister attending St. Andrew's Day School. He loves fishing, and playing the trombone in his school band. His favorite Bible verses are Matthew 20:1-16.

Meet Mirabelle Wiemers: She has been living in Beaumont Texas since 2015, the year they moved from Orange, TX. She goes to school and loves seeing her friends, teachers, and peers. She was brought here when her previous church changed from United to Global Methodist, and her parents brought her to St. Andrew's. She is in the school band and plays the flute, and also plays the piano. Her favorite Bible verse is 1 John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Meet Ellen Wiemers: She was born in Des Moines, Iowa but moved to Texas when she was very young, eventually settling down in Orange when she was six. Orange is her hometown, but she has been living in Beaumont for ten years. She is slowly working toward getting her land surveying license, but currently recovering from chemo. Right now she is focusing on rebuilding her health, getting outdoor time, and loving on her family. She was brought to St. Andrews after visiting lots of churches while searching for a new church home. But after her very first visit at St. Andrew's both of her kids said "We like it here; we could go here!" It made her heart so happy to find a church her family loved! Her absolute happy place is outside in the garden, flower bed, or in the forest. Being outside resets her soul when she is outside. Her favorite verse is 1 Peter 4:8 "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins."

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS



Pictured left to right: Tobey and Bob Cleek

Meet the Cleek Family.

They come to us by Letter of Transfer from Alamo Heights United Methodist Church in San Antonio, TX.

Meet Tobey Cleek: She was born and reared in Pampa, TX until the age of thirteen when her dad was transferred with Phillips Petroleum. She graduated Bowie High School and attended Midwestern State University. She then moved to Dallas, TX, San Antonio TX, and now Beaumont, TX. She teaches instructional technology at Saint Anne Catholic School. She loves the challenge of designing lessons that keep students engaged in learning hard concepts that are difficult to teach, helping them make real world connections, and understanding the importance of being responsible 21st century citizens. She loves watching students make

the connections and hearing them say, "I got it!" and "This is fun!" She has friends who attend Saint Andrew's and she lives in the neighborhood. She and her husband wanted a place to worship where they could gain sound Bible teaching, serve others, and have deep friendships. An interesting fact that not many people know about her is that she accidentally hit Dion Sanders in the head with a door to the restroom when she was in sales! She was taking and sending her sale orders back in the day when you used a payphone. The payphone was in the women's restroom. She opened it, and he was just too close. This was before he found Jesus and he wasn't very happy! Also, she was the mascot in high school and she now stands in for Sassy Cat at St. Anne when the season has no candidates to perform. Her favorite Bible verses are Romans 8:28, Psalm 143:8-10, Proverbs 3:5-6, and Lamentations 3:22-24.

Meet Bob Cleek: He was born and reared in Amarillo, TX until age eleven. He moved to Houston until age thirteen, then Richardson, TX where he graduated from Richardson High School in 1977. He has lived in Lubbock, Dallas, San Antonio, and Kingsville, TX. He had two brief periods of time living in Colorado and Norman, Oklahoma. His work with PFG brought him to Beaumont. He is in food service sales, and loves making his customers happy. He brings them new ideas and is a fanatic about customer service. St. Andrews is a church in his neighborhood. He has several friends who attend and he loves the music and the message. The attention to Scripture is very important to he and his wife. An interesting fact most people do not know is that he has been struck by lightning three times! His favorite Bible verses are John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 4:3-8.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LESSONS



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| May 4: | Lesson 8: God Sends Miriam to Protect Moses | Exodus 2:1-10 |
| May 11: | Lesson 9: God Rescues the Israelites | Exodus 12:1-42; 14:5-31 |
| May 18: | Lesson 10: God Gives Moses the Ten Commandments | Exodus: 20:1-21 |
| May 25: | Lesson 11: God Sees Aaron Make a Golden Calf | Exodus 32:1-29 40:12-15 |

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.

DAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

The day school hosted an exciting Easter egg hunt that brought joy and laughter to students, teachers, and parents alike. The event was held in the school's spacious playground, which was transformed into a colorful landscape filled with hidden treasures. Children eagerly searched for brightly colored eggs, and enjoyed delicious cookies.



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.

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 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.



PCUSA PENTECOST OFFERING

On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, we will collect the PCUSA Pentecost Special Offering. Through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we join together to support the faith of young people all around the world who enrich the Church with their creativity and vibrancy. We are there to work to correct the lack of access to education for children-at-risk, nurture the faith and vocation of youth and create space for youth adults to explore and grow as leaders in Christ's church. This offering helps our young people begin life with a strong start in the years from childhood through young adulthood that will last a lifetime. Up to 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

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.



ST. ANDY'S YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS



Once again, Pastor Tara and our youth leaders are taking students to summer camp at Mo-Ranch in Hunt, TX. This year, there are two options based on the grade students have completed - Youth Celebration and Jr. High Jubilee. Due to the generosity of church members, the foundation will cover the registration fee for active St. Andy's youth. If you are interested in attending or have more questions, please speak with Pastor Tara. The deadline to sign up is May 15.

YOUTH CELEBRATION: JUNE 22-26, 2025

Youth Celebration is a conference for high school students who have completed 9th-12th grade, featuring a week filled with exploration of faith, worship, new friends, and recreation. This conference begins on Sunday evening with the "big hello" and concludes with the "big goodbye" on Friday morning. Conference activities include energizers, keynote presentations, worship and music, small groups, afternoon recreation, and evening vespers.

Theme: In the World...

This week we will ask what it means to be a Christian in this world. How do we engage in challenging conversations with those who do not agree with us? We will not tell our youth what to think or what the "right" answer is. We will ask them to think beyond themselves and expand their views on what it means to be In the World... together.

Our key Scripture for the week is Romans 12:1-2 - "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

For more information: <https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/conferences-for-youth/youth-celebration/>

JR. HIGH JUBILEE: JULY 6-10, 2025

During Jr. High Jubilee, students who have completed 6th through 8th grade come together to be inspired to grow in their faith by learning and living the words and deeds of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hundreds of youth participants will gather in the Hill Country for an unforgettable Mo-Ranch experience filled with new friends, spiritual enrichment, worship, study, and recreation. Activities and recreation will include everything from taking on the challenge of the Mo ropes course, dancing, games, energizers, vespers, and popsicle parties, to aquathons, sports, evening movies, swimming in the beautiful Guadalupe, singing God's praises, and more!

Theme: Belonging As Me and We

For more information: <https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/conferences-for-youth/junior-high-jubilee/>



BOOK CLUB

MAY 1 • 1:00 • PARLOR

*We will discuss April's
reader's choice books.*



**THEME FOR JUNE
MEETING IS BOOKS SET IN
ANOTHER COUNTRY**



First Friday Men's Breakfast

**Next meeting:
May 2
in the Parlor.**

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



PW 2024-2025 Bible Study

**May 27
10:00AM
in the Parlor**

**Join us for Lesson 9
as we complete our study.**

Golden Triangle Handbell Ensemble



**Mother's Day Concert
Sunday, May 11 at 3PM**



**Bring Mom along for some beautiful,
sacred, and toe-tapping secular music.**

MAY 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM Worship Staff 3:00PM Boy Scouts 4:30PM Youth Group 6:00PM Small Group | 5 5:00PM Day School Board 5:30PM Strings After School 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers | 6 10:00AM PW Coordinating 5:30PM Fellowship Team 6:30PM CE Team 6:30PM GTHE Rehearsal | 7 8:15:AM SOP 9:30AM Day School Chapel 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal | 8 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 6:30PM GTHE Rehearsal | 9 7:00AM Men's Breakfast | 10 8:30AM SETX Food Bank |
| 11 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 3:00PM GTHE Concert 3:00PM Boy Scouts 4:30PM Youth Group | 12 12:00PM Rainbow Room 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers | 13 5:30PM Finance & Property | 14 9:30AM Day School Chapel 4:00PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30PM Worship Team | 15 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal; 12:00PM Deacon's Meeting 3:00PM Boy Scouts 5:00PM Youth Group 6:00PM Small Group | 19 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers | 20 6:30PM Session Meeting | 21 9:30AM Day School Chapel 4:00PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal 5:30PM Board of Trustees | 22 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 4:30PM Foundation Board 6:30PM GTHE Rehearsal | 23 7:00PM Piano Recital | 24 |
| 25 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Church Lunch 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 3:00PM Boy Scouts 6:00PM Small Group | 26 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers | 27 10:00AM PW Bible Study 11:00AM PW Salad Luncheon | 28 9:30AM Day School Chapel 4:00PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal | 29 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers | 30 | 31 |

KEY
MOW = Meals On Wheels
PW = Presbyterian Women
SK @ SOP = Soup Kitchen at Some Other Place
GTHE = Golden Triangle Handbells Ensemble

SPIRITUALS WITH FRIENDS



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE

On April 6, six area congregations gathered at Calder Baptist for an evening of worship and fellowship during the Lenten season. This new single evening format replaced the former three-day Lenten Interfaith Preaching Series.



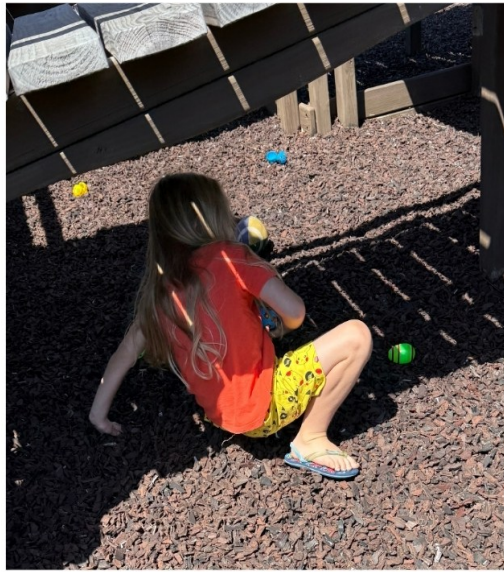
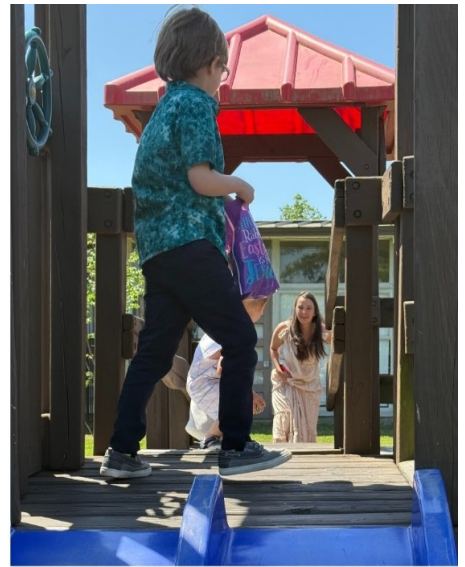


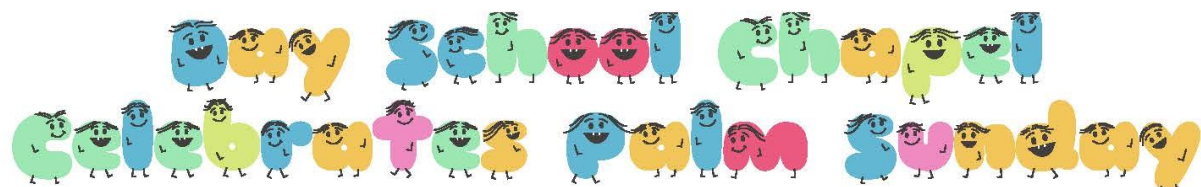
Palm Sunday





Palm Sunday





Our school children learned about Palm Sunday and enjoyed riding the donkey like Jesus!



Maundy Thursday

St. Andy's came together to celebrate Maundy Thursday with communion, special music, and a Time of Shadows from the Gospel of Matthew. It was a moving reflection on our Lord's final hours. We left the sanctuary in silence and darkness.



BASKETS FOR HARMONY CARE

Thank you to those who donated candy and treats for Easter baskets for Harmony Care, and all who helped assemble them. They were much appreciated!

Here is what we heard from Lucy, the director, "The residents were so excited! Thank you so much, to God be the glory. Thank y'all for thinking about us!"



PW ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

You are invited on May 27 to the Annual Presbyterian Women's Potluck Salad Luncheon. The final PW Women's Bible study for the 2024-2025 year will be held at 10:00AM in the parlor. The salad luncheon will follow at 11:00AM. Bring a friend and your favorite salad to share.



MAILCHIMP SIGNUP REMINDER:

Did you know the church sends regular emails? There is the monthly newsletter email, and two weekly emails, St. Andy's Prays and This Week at St. Andy's. St. Andy's Prays email is a weekly prayer list that shares the congregation's prayer concerns and praises. Due to the confidential nature of this list, it is sent only to current church members. The This Week at St. Andy's email contains information about the week's celebration of worship and reminders concerning activities for the week.

If you are not currently receiving these emails, please go to our website to sign up:

<https://saintandy.org/events-media/newsletter>

Click the blue "Subscribe here" button and fill out the form to sign up!

SUMMER POTLUCK

JUNE 22, 2025

**THE CHURCH WILL
PROVIDE CHICKEN
TENDERS AND
POPSICLES,
AND MEMBERS BRING
A SIDE TO SHARE.**



PIANO RECITAL

Join us for a Piano Recital by the group Duo Korusa featuring Lamar piano professors husband and wife, Dr. Jacob Clark, and Dr. Su-Jung Cho on May 17 at 7PM. Reception with light refreshments to follow.





Easter Sunday



Easter Sunday





ST. ANDREW'S

Presbyterian Church

Experience the love of Jesus and the joy of community

1350 N. 23rd Street
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Don't Forget:
Return your baby
bottles for
Hope Women's Clinic
by April 30!

