



ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

OCTOBER 5

World Communion Sunday

Faith Out Loud:

Pay It Forward

2 Timothy 1:1-14

OCTOBER 12

Scottish Sunday

Faith Out Loud:

The Struggle Is Real

Genesis 32:22-31

Bruce Partain Preaching

OCTOBER 19

Commitment Sunday

Faith Out Loud:

Standard of Giving

Jeremiah 29:1-7

OCTOBER 26

Faith Out Loud:

**Good Guys, Bad Guys,
and Us Guys**

Luke 18:9-14

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

October 16, 2025

In college, I once played the Pick 3 using numbers from a fortune cookie. I had never played the lottery before, but something about the numbers on my fortune convinced me it was a good idea. Imagine my surprise when I found out the next day that I had won \$300! That wasn't chump change, especially for a college student in the mid-90s. Naturally, my first thoughts were about how to treat myself with my winnings. Then, I considered more responsible options, such as using the money for school costs. Ultimately, I decided to donate the entire amount to my church. Part of my reason was that I felt a little weird about "winning the lottery." But more than that, the timing of the winnings coincided with a period when I was wrestling with my own practice of tithing.

Tithing was something I knew the Bible taught. I understood it conceptually as a discipline rooted in trust, gratitude, and generosity. I knew it in theory, but when it came to doing it, I wasn't as convinced. It was easier to justify not tithing because I was paying for college and had bills to cover. I gave when I could, I rationalized, even though I knew in my heart I should be more intentional about giving. When I won the \$300, I realized it was an opportunity to stop playing games with God. It was an unexpected blessing. I didn't need the money; I could meet all my financial obligations without it. So why not give it to God? Why not acknowledge the blessing and return it to Him to be used to bless others? That decision became the turning point in my practice of biblical stewardship. If I had made a different choice, I'm confident I wouldn't even remember what I spent the winnings on. But giving it to my church marked my commitment to God and His good purposes of redeeming and renewing the world.

As we continue to look at ways to live our **FAITH OUT LOUD**, we will examine this practice of stewardship and why it matters. My prayer is that we will all continue to grow in our commitment to giving back to the Lord in response to His goodness to us.

- Pastor Tara

October

birthdays

Oct. 2 Leisa Stokes
Oct. 4 Nancy Brandimarte
Oct. 5 Gay Hill
Oct. 7 Mike Glenn
Oct. 7 Zoe Odle
Oct. 8 Jon Penman
Oct. 9 Howard Nichols
Oct. 9 Michelle Osborne-Cagle
Oct. 12 Dan Caywood
Oct. 13 Libby Richardson
Oct. 15 Gilbert Davis
Oct. 15 Vivian Hulsopple
Oct. 18 Charlotte Zachar
Oct. 19 Katie Hodges
Oct. 19 Gibson Myers
Oct. 20 Brandon Collins
Oct. 20 Issac Nichols
Oct. 20 JoAnn Russo
Oct. 22 Dave Collins
Oct. 22 Susan Meitzen
Oct. 23 Sarah Bates
Oct. 24 Matt Sooudi
Oct. 26 Luke Sastre
Oct. 31 Tobey Cleek
Oct. 31 Margot Fischer



IN OUR PRAYERS

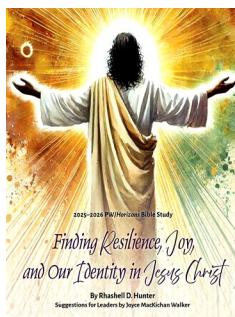
In the Congregation

Peg Towers, Suzy Buehrle, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

Friends and Family

Bruce Williams, Ron Williamson, Quinn Long, David Fertitta, George Busceme, Charlie Monaghan, Judy Monaghan, Shirley Owens, Florence Brandshaw, Rachel Edwards, Pat Davenport, Haywood Walker, Pamela Humphrey, Janet Dexter, Alison Berry Low, Kenna Gordon, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Join us for Bible study on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. We are studying *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Pastor Tara will continue the study on **October 28**, with lesson two entitled *Mary "of a Certain Village,"* based on the scripture from Luke 10:38-42.

LIFESHARE BLOOD DRIVE

St. Andy's will host a Blood Drive on **Wednesday, November 5** in the Fellowship Hall. Giving blood is crucial to save people's lives and make sure blood is available when it's needed. Please consider donating.

PCUSA PEACE OFFERING

We will collect the PCUSA Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, **October 5, 2025**. The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

**Get ready to
Fall Back!**

**Daylight Savings Time ends
November 2, 2025
at 2:00AM**





October is St. Andrew's month to stock the pantry at Some Other Place. Your donations of shelf-stable goods help feed homeless individuals, homebound seniors, and others who don't have access to regular meals. We are able to assist more individuals and families when items are not purchased in bulk. Please keep this in mind when donating items. Starting October 1, donations of the following items can be dropped off in the bins at the Church Office and Gladys Foyer. **Below is a list of needed items.**

Canned Vegetables
 Dry Beans
 Canned Meat
 Canned Soup
 Seasonings
 Powdered Milk
 Macaroni and Cheese
 Peanut Butter/Jelly
 Pancake Mix/Maple Syrup
 Mayo/Mustard
 Cooking/Olive Oil
 Tea/Coffee/Juice
 Flour/Sugar
 Oatmeal
 Pudding/Jell-O
 Peanut Butter Crackers
 Granola Bars
 Tuna Packages

New Member Class

Sunday, October 19 at 12:00PM

This class is a great way to learn more about our beliefs, history, and traditions. Attending does not commit you to joining. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office by October 16, so that we have enough lunch for everyone!



CHRISTMAS KITS FOR SEAFARERS



Located in the Port of Beaumont, the Seafarers' Center assists seamen with legal issues and with contacting their families. They also provide a much-needed place for relaxation, recreation, and reconnecting with world events for those far from home. Each year, the Presbyterian Women assemble Christmas care packages for the Center. This year they will assemble packages on **Wednesday, November 4, at 11:00AM** in the Fellowship Hall. We will collect items for these care packages through the month of October. A partial list of requested items is below. **Please do not donate food.**

Clothing

Men's socks
 Gloves, Knitted Caps, Scarves
 Flip Flops Men's Size 6-9

Toiletries

Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap
 Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
 Shaving Cream/Razors
 Combs
 Deodorant
 Manicure Sets
 After Shave/Cologne

Medical/Health

Chapstick
 Hand Lotion
 Band-Aids

Other

Playing Cards, Books, Puzzles
 Sewing Kits
 Flashlights
 Batteries in all sizes
 Note Cards with envelopes
 Journals, Stationery, Pens



LITTLE FLOCK

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



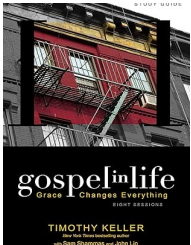
DO NOT BE AFRAID, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR YOUR FATHER HAS BEEN PLEASED TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. LUKE 12:32

October 5	God's Plan for Job	Job 1; 2; 13; 40; 42
October 12	God Is David's Shepherd	Psalms 23
October 19	God Chooses Jeremiah	Jeremiah 1:4-19
October 26	God Saves Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego	Daniel 3

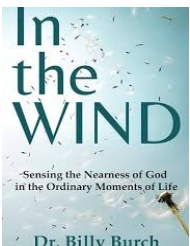
Following the Time for Children in worship, children in Pre-K through 5th meet volunteers at the sanctuary doors to go to the classroom for a child-friendly worship service. This time includes music, Bible teaching, and other activities. Parents pick up their children from this classroom at the end of worship.

The goal of Children's Church is to teach our children about worship while also helping them grow in their understanding of Scripture. Our curriculum is *Dig In: The Bible in One Year*.

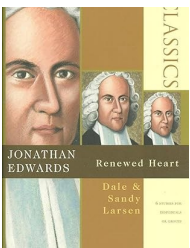
ADULT CLASSES



Bible Discovery: This group is for men and women of all ages. Meetings take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM in the library. We are studying *Gospel in Life* by Timothy Keller.



Pew Sisters: Pew Sisters is a group for women of all ages, and meets at 9:15AM on Sunday mornings in Room 2. We are studying *In the WIND* by Dr. Billy Burch.

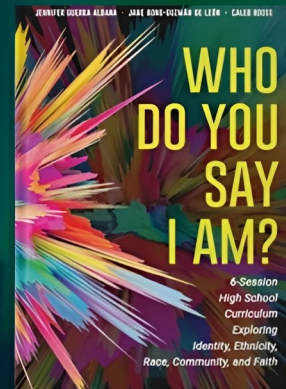


Fellowship: This group is for men and women of all ages. Meetings take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM in Room 3. We are studying *Jonathan Edwards Renewed Heart*.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
Deuteronomy 6:6-7

YOUTH SCHEDULE

**Youth Group meets on Sundays 4:30-6PM
for any student in grades 6-12.**



October 5
Our Identities
Genesis 1:26-31; Luke 9:18-20

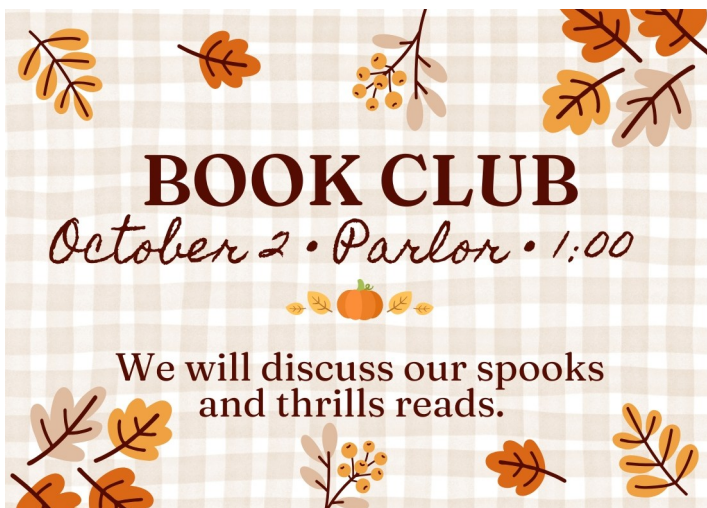
October 12
**No Youth, Scottish Sunday Lunch
and Highland Games**

October 17
Our Origin Stories
**Genesis 12:1-10; 2 Kings 24:10-16;
Jeremiah 29:11-13; Matthew 2:7-23**

October 26
Our Cultures
Matthew 1:1-17; Exodus 12; Luke 2:41-50

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:15AM SK @ SOP 9:30AM Day School Chapel 4:30PM Mission & Evangelism 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal	2 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 1:00PM Book Club	3 7:00AM Men's Breakfast	4
5 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM Worship Staff 3:00PM Boy Scouts 4:30PM Youth Group	6 5:00PM Day School Board 5:30PM SAS Intermediate 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers	7 10:00AM PW Coordinating 11:30AM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Fellowship 5:30PM SAS Beginners 6:30PM Christian Ed	8 9:30AM Day School Chapel 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30PM Worship Team	9 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers	10	11 8:30AM SETX Food Bank
12 SCOTTISH SUNDAY 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Church Luncheon 12:00PM Choir Rehearsal 3:00PM Boy Scouts	13 12:00PM Rainbow Room 5:30PM SAS Intermediate 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers	14 5:30PM SAS Beginners 5:30PM Finance & Property	15 9:30AM Day School Chapel 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Board of Trustees 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal	16 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers	17	18
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St. Andrew's, along with congregations around the globe, will celebrate World Communion Sunday on **October 5th**. The congregation will receive the elements by coming forward for fresh bread and juice.

Initiated in 1933 by a Presbyterian congregation, World Communion Sunday has grown into an international celebration emphasizing the unity of believers across cultures and denominations.

REMINDER: DEACON TRAINING
OCTOBER 26 FROM 12:00PM TO 3:00PM



We will celebrate Presbyterian heritage with special music and a luncheon following the worship service. The menu is beef stew, rolls, and shortbread. Be sure to wear your plaid!

Following lunch we will enjoy participating in modified Highland Games! Get ready for tug of war, shotput, and jousting (with pool noodles of course)!





The Foundation's 2025 W.B. "Pappy" Drennan Scholarship recipient is Aaron Allen.

Aaron is attending Lamar Institute of Technology and majoring in Instrumentation Technology.

The Drennan scholarship is available to St. Andrew's post-secondary students who have completed at least 24 semester credit hours with a GPA of 2.5 or better.

GOALS NIGHT



On August 28, we had a fun time with our school partner, Marshall Middle, at Goals Night. We handed out candy, stickers and SAPC information.

DAY SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS DAY

On September 10, we celebrated our Day School grandparents. Pastor Tara led the students in a re-enactment of Noah and the Ark. Everyone watched in amazement as Pastor Tara "flooded the earth" with pitchers of water and a lot of imagination.



DAY SCHOOL LEARNS ABOUT COMMUNITY HELPERS

The day school had the privilege of meeting Sgt. Swope and Officer Vanhouten of the Beaumont Police Department. They also met retired Beaumont Chief of Police, Jimmy Singletary, and his police dog, Bozzy. Bozzy demonstrated his training and agility; the children were captivated by his keen sense of duty and playful demeanor. Bozzy's presence not only added a special touch to the event but also reminded everyone of the vital role animals play in our communities.



5th Annual Pirate Sunday

On September 21, dressed in our pirate best, we worshipped together and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Special thanks to Mike and Elizabeth Petit and the Green Team for preparing the meal! Congratulations to Howard and Sally Nichols and Tori Armstrong for winning the adult costume contest, and Gibson Myers and Isabelle Odle for winning our kids costume contest! We are already looking forward to next year's Pirate Sunday!



5th Annual Pirate Sunday





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