



ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

SEPTEMBER 7

**Faith Out Loud:
Count the Cost**

Luke 14:25-33

SEPTEMBER 14

**Faith Out Loud:
Lost and Found**

Luke 15:1-10

SEPTEMBER 21

5th Annual Pirate Sunday

**Faith Out Loud:
Jesus and the Swindler**

Luke 16:1-15

SEPTEMBER 28

**Faith Out Loud:
Cost of Living**

1 Timothy 6:6-19



To say something out loud is to actually speak it, so that other people can hear you. If something is truly funny, it makes you laugh out loud. If you speak your thoughts so that other people hear them, you are thinking out loud. Out loud then means that which is public and observable.

When it comes to our faith, we often say it is private. The implication being that it is not "out loud." However, Scripture repeatedly demonstrates that while our faith is always personal, it is never private. Jesus was especially concerned with what His followers did and how they lived out their faith. This theme was woven throughout Jesus' teachings and was a key concern in His sermon on the mount. In fact, at the heart of Jesus' sermon was an emphasis on discipleship. His call to greater righteousness is a call to be shaped by the Gospel. It is a call to put into practice Jesus' teachings.

Faith practices, along with theological beliefs, are crucial to Christianity. To live **FAITH OUT LOUD** is to live authentically what we believe. It is to put our beliefs into action, to do what we believe. For the next twelve weeks, we will tackle what it means to live out the call of Jesus - "Follow Me." Together, we will explore what disciples do to live **FAITH OUT LOUD**, focusing on the way of being in the world that Jesus taught leads to human flourishing and well-being.

-Pastor Tara

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

September 18, 2025



birthdays

- Sept. 1** Nancy Davis
- Sept. 1** Tom Meadows
- Sept. 2** Mary Pat Linn
- Sept. 2** Jan Niederstadt
- Sept. 2** Chris Thompson
- Sept. 4** Alicia Thompson
- Sept. 7** Maggie Everett
- Sept. 8** Colleen Burns
- Sept. 9** Lauren Pember
- Sept. 10** Chris Allen
- Sept. 11** Margi Chase
- Sept. 14** William Armstrong
- Sept. 15** Ron Everett
- Sept. 15** Penelope Johnson
- Sept. 15** James Newman
- Sept. 16** Howard Caywood
- Sept. 18** Bill Hale
- Sept. 19** James Wright
- Sept. 20** Gwen Johnston
- Sept. 21** Rachel Stiles
- Sept. 23** Jody Cagle
- Sept. 23** Dylan Durham
- Sept. 23** Terry Sparkman
- Sept. 23** Becky Yoes
- Sept. 24** Becky Newman
- Sept. 24** Kim Nichols
- Sept. 28** Brooklynn Myers
- Sept. 28** Betty Wells
- Sept. 30** Sarah Pember
- Sept. 30** Randy Yoder

IN OUR PRAYERS

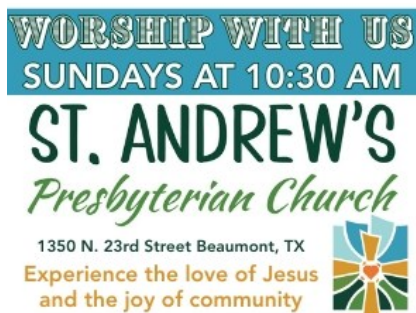
In the Congregation

James Wright, Howard Caywood, Pat Richard, Susanne Nichols, Suzy Buehrle, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

Friends and Family

Florence Brandshaw, Rachel Edwards, Pat Davenport, Haywood Walker, Pamela Humphrey, Janet Dexter, Alison Berry Low, Kenna Gordon, Charlie Monaghan, David Fertitta, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

YARD SIGNS AVAILABLE



We invite you to grab a Yard Sign to display at your home. This is a great way to remind our neighbors they are welcome to worship with us every week!

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.



NEW OFFICER TRAINING

New elders and deacons, mark these important dates on your calendars:

Elder Training:

Sunday, September 21
12:30PM to 3:30PM

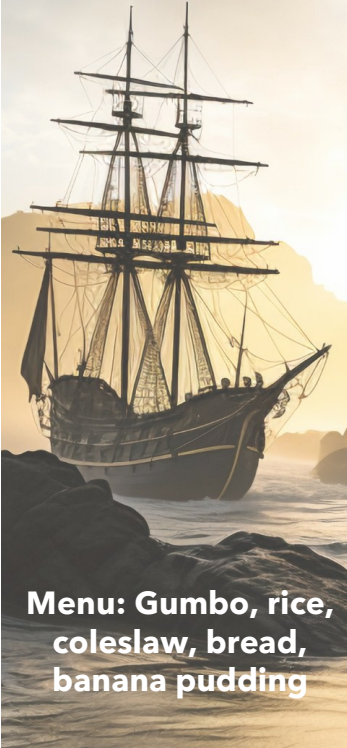
Deacon Training:

Sunday, October 26
12:00PM to 3:00PM



5th Annual Pirate Sunday, September 21

Don your pirate gear for this year's costume contest!



Menu: Gumbo, rice, coleslaw, bread, banana pudding

The 5th Annual Pirate Sunday, you say? How is that even a thing, you ask? In the summer of 2021, the fellowship team discussed how to safely reintroduce fellowship lunches now that pandemic protocols had relaxed. Pastor Tara asked about previous lunches, specifically if they had a theme or special program. She was told, "No, we just eat." As you know, Pastor Tara loves a theme, so she suggested themed lunches, especially for the first one back. The team was unsure what the theme should be until Pastor Tara mentioned that the lunch date, September 19, was International Talk Like a Pirate Day. She proposed, "Why not make that our theme?" Everyone laughed... then realized she was serious. At that point, they began to wonder about this new pastor they had called, but decided to go along with it. That first year, only the most daring dressed up, while others wondered why they were celebrating pirates—perhaps a Pittsburgh baseball thing? Fast forward a year, when Pastor Tara asked what the theme would be for the September lunch, everyone said, "Pirates!" She tried to talk them out of it, saying that it wasn't International Talk Like a Pirate Day this time. Everyone quickly dismissed that, declaring it close enough. Even more people dressed up, embracing the theme and a chance to be silly together. And that, my friends, is how "Pirate Sunday" was born. You could blame Pastor Tara, but she gives all the credit to the congregation, who took what was intended for one time and made it a yearly tradition, even celebrating WITHOUT Pastor Tara in 2023 when she was on vacation.

DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

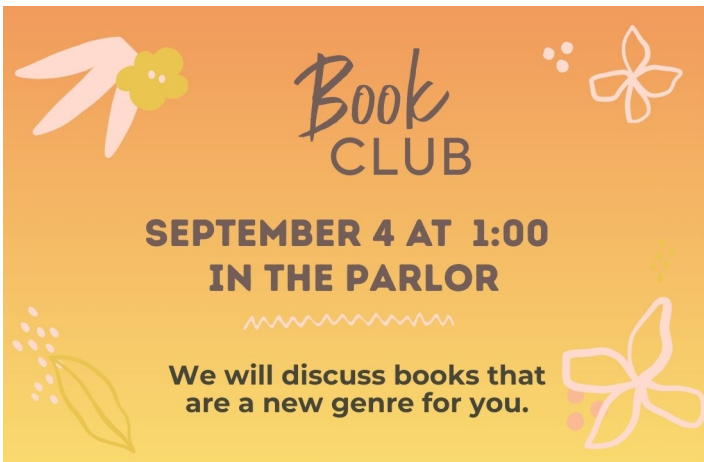
Thankful for the start of a new school year!



Michelle, Keyah, Audrey, Susan, Hannah, Darian, & Patty

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.



Book CLUB

**SEPTEMBER 4 AT 1:00
IN THE PARLOR**

**We will discuss books that
are a new genre for you.**



First Friday Men's Breakfast

**September 5 at 7AM
in the Parlor**

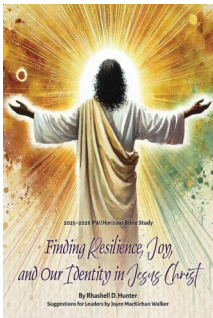
**Men, join us for food,
fellowship, and prayer!**

Youth Mini-Golf

On August 3, our Youth Group squeezed in some last minute summer fun. Pastor Tara and Mirabelle both got holes in one, but Mirabelle did it twice. And Zachary won a free game.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Join us for Bible study on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. We will study *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Pastor Tara will lead lesson one entitled "Mary Magdalene, the Tower," on **September 23**.

PW LUNCH

PW enjoyed lunch together at Bruno's Italian Kitchen. A wonderful time was had by all!



A Tasting For Some Other Place

On August 19, St. Andy's hosted a booth featuring hamburger stew. Thanks to Judy Fisher for leading this effort!



PW THANK OFFERING

St. Andrew's will collect the PW Thank Offering on Sunday, September 14. The Thank Offering began in 1888, when Eliza Clokey of Ohio urged each woman to give one dollar more than her usual contribution to Presbyterian missions. In the 135 years since Eliza first asked women to give a "thank offering to her Lord," more than 1,600 projects in the U.S. and abroad have benefited from grants funded by faithful and generous givers.

You can learn about this year's recipients by visiting presbyterianwomen.org/thank. If you would like to give to the Thank Offering, **make checks out to PW Treasurer**. You can place your donation in the offering baskets or in the PW treasurer's mailbox.



September 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers | 2 10:00AM PW Coordinating 11:30AM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Fellowship 6:30PM Christian Ed | 3 8:15AM SK @ SOP 9:30AM Day School Chapel 4:30PM Mission & Evangelism 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal | 4 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 1:00PM Book Club | 5 7:00AM Men's Breakfast | 6 |
| 7 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM Worship Staff 3:00PM Boy Scouts 4:30PM Youth Group | 8 12:00PM Rainbow Room 5:00PM Day School Board 5:30PM SAS Intermediate 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers | 9 5:30PM SAS Beginners 5:30PM Finance & Property | 10 9:30AM Day School Chapel 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30PM Worship Team | 11 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers | 12 | 13 8:30AM SETX Food Bank |
| 14 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Safe Sanctuary 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 3:00PM Boy Scouts 4:30PM Youth Group | 15 5:30PM SAS Intermediate 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers | 16 5:30PM SAS Beginners 6:30PM Session Meeting | 17 9:30AM Day School Chapel 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Board of Trustees 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal | 18 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers | 19 | 20 |
| 21 PRIVATE SUNDAY 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Church Luncheon 12:00PM Choir Rehearsal 12:00PM Deacons Meeting 12:30PM Elder Training 3:00PM Boy Scouts | 22 5:30PM SAS Intermediate 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers | 23 10:00AM PW Bible Study 5:30PM SAS Beginners | 24 9:30AM Day School Chapel 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal | 25 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers | 26 | 27 |
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LITTLE FLOCK

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



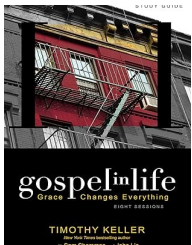
DO NOT BE AFRAID, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR YOUR FATHER HAS BEEN PLEASED TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. LUKE 12:32

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| September 7: | God Shows Josiah Where Scripture Is | 2 Kings 22:1-23:30 |
| September 14: | God Sends Ezra to Restore God's People | Ezra 3:1-13; 7:1-10; 9:6-10:17 |
| September 21: | God Sends Nehemiah to Rebuild the Wall Around Jerusalem | Nehemiah 3-4; 6 |
| September 28: | God Sends Esther to Save the Jews | Esther 5:1-8; 8 |

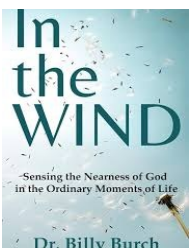
Following the Time for Children in worship, children in Pre-K through 5th meet volunteers at the sanctuary doors to go to the classroom for a child-friendly worship service. This time includes music, Bible teaching, and other activities. Parents pick up their children from this classroom at the end of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

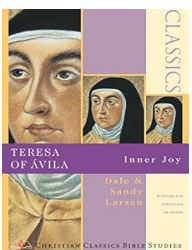
ADULT CLASSES



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 *Teresa of Ávila: Inner Joy*.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

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



**Plugged In: Connecting Students to
the Heart of God's Biblical Principles**

September 7: It's Not an Individual Thing (Fellowship)
Acts 2:41-42

September 14: Consume or Contribute (Ministry)
Matthew 10:39

September 21: No Youth, Pirate Sunday Lunch

September 28: Let It Shine (Evangelism)
Romans 10:14-15; Matthew 5:14-16

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Volunteers working with our children and youth are invited for a light lunch on Sunday, **September 14** following worship to review best practices for ensuring the safety of our young people and update required background checks. Please RSVP to the church office by September 11. **All volunteers with our children and youth MUST complete this training!**



STAN & STEAR



**MAILCHIMP
SIGNUP REMINDER**

Southeast Texas Alerting Network (STAN)

STAN is a messaging and notification system that helps emergency management officials keep their communities safe. You can call 1-877-843-7826 to listen to important messages. Dial 311 or go online to thestan.com and follow instructions to set notifications.

State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR)

STEAR is a registry providing Beaumont's emergency planners with information about those needing additional assistance in an emergency. Dial 211 or go online to stear.tdem.texas.gov and follow registration prompts. Registering does not guarantee service during a disaster.

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!

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

MAKE A PLAN

BUILD A KIT

STAY INFORMED

The beginning of summer in SETX also means the beginning of the Atlantic hurricane season. Take these steps to be prepared:

- ♦ Develop an evacuation plan
- ♦ Assemble disaster supplies, food, water, batteries, chargers, a radio, and cash
- ♦ Get an insurance checkup and document your possessions
- ♦ Create a communication plan with a handwritten list of contacts
- ♦ Make a plan for strengthening and protecting your home from damaging winds and floodwaters

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HYMN FEST

SEPTEMBER 14 AT 5PM

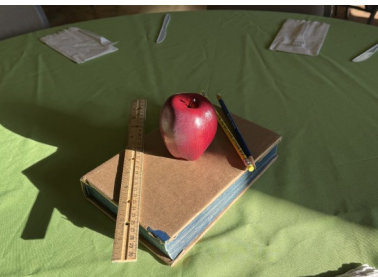
Your favorite hymns played by your favorite organists, joined by various choirs, including St. Andrew's.

Admission is Free.

Trinity UMC
3430 Harrison Ave.,
Beaumont, TX 77706

Kickoff Sunday Breakfast

On August 10, we celebrated the start of a new school year and new program year with the most important meal of the day! We had a wonderful breakfast of French toast, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, yogurt, oj, and coffee. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the food was delicious! Special thanks to Will Nichols and the red team for cooking and serving the delicious meal.



Kickoff Sunday Breakfast



Blessing of the Backpacks

On August 10, during worship, the congregation prayed for our students, teachers, and administrators as they start a new school year. In addition to prayer, everyone received a sticker for their backpack reminding them that Jesus is always with them.



Lord, we pray peace and goodness over every school in the Golden Triangle area.
Give them a deep sense of hope and new possibilities as the school year starts.



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SCOTTISH SUNDAY

OCTOBER 12

**Join us as we celebrate our
Presbyterian heritage with
bagpipes, special music,
and a luncheon!**

**The menu is beef stew,
rolls, and shortbread.**

Don't forget to wear plaid!

