



ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

SEPTEMBER 6

From No to Know

Isaiah 35:1-10

Julie Odle preaching

SEPTEMBER 13

It's All in the Mind

Philippians 4:8-13

Bruce Partain preaching

SEPTEMBER 20

Enemies of Gratitude:

Nostalgia

Exodus 17:1-7

SEPTEMBER 27

Enemies of Gratitude:

Worry

Luke 10:38-42

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

SEPTEMBER 17.



ENEMIES OF GRATITUDE

Gratitude stands at the center of a faithful life. It helps us notice God's goodness, trust in God's provision, and respond with generous hearts. Yet gratitude does not always come easily. Like a garden, gratitude must be tended. If we are not paying attention, weeds can take root—attitudes and habits that grow quietly beneath the surface until they begin to crowd out what God is trying to grow in us. In our new sermon series, "Enemies of Gratitude," we will honestly examine those weeds that keep us from seeing God's goodness and living in faithful, joyful gratitude.

Each week, we will identify a different obstacle that can get in the way. We will begin with **nostalgia**, reflecting on how glorifying the past can keep us from recognizing the blessings God is giving us in the present. Then we will turn to **worry**, not merely as a call to carry less stress, but as an invitation to trust God more deeply. We will consider **entitlement** and remember that none of us could ever earn the grace-filled invitation God extends to us. We will confront **greed** by recognizing that everything we have already belongs to God. We will look at **disappointment** and the challenge of appreciating what is good, even in seasons of loss. Finally, we will examine a **transactional mindset** and remember that true giving is not driven by obligation but by a joyful heart. Like weeds in a garden, these enemies of gratitude can seem small at first, but if left untended, they can choke out joy, generosity, trust, and contentment.

Join us each week for "Enemies of Gratitude" as we pray for God to open our eyes to His blessings and to help us cultivate gratitude as a regular practice, not just a fleeting feeling.

-Pastor Tara



September birthdays

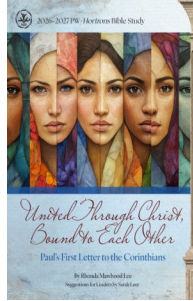
September 1 Nancy Davis
 September 2 Mary Pat Linn
 September 2 Jan Niederstadt
 September 3 Heidi Schwarzlose
 September 7 Maggie Everett
 September 8 Colleen Burns
 September 9 Lauren Pember
 September 10 Christopher Allen
 September 11 Margi Chase
 September 14 William Armstrong
 September 15 Ron Everett
 September 15 Penelope Johnson
 September 16 Howard Caywood
 September 18 Bill Hale
 September 19 James Wright
 September 20 Gwen Johnston
 September 21 Rachel Stiles
 September 23 Jody Cagle
 September 23 Becky Yoes
 September 24 Rebecca Newman
 September 28 Brooklynn Myers
 September 28 Betty Wells
 September 30 Sarah Pember

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.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



All women of the church are invited to join us for the 2026 Bible Study on the fourth Tuesday each month at 10 AM in the church parlor.

We are studying "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians," by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. On September 22 we will begin with Lesson 2: Connected in Christ.

2026 Thank Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

St. Andrew's will collect the PW Thank Offering on Sunday, September 13. The following international project has been selected to receive a grant from the PW Thank Offering: Nyanza Area African Inland Church, a Basic Needs, Simple Solutions, U.S. fiscal sponsor for God's Green Resourceful Earth Ministry: Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds.

Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds provides daily hot lunches to students in Kenya. With nutritious meals made from locally grown vegetables and staple foods, children are healthier, attend school consistently and perform better academically. Start-up costs are modest for each school to set up kitchens, gardens and water systems. The grant will allow for program expansion, reducing family burdens and supporting the well-being of vulnerable children across the Nyanza region.

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.



Prayer List



In the Congregation

Bob Fisher, James Wright, Stan Ruth, Barbara Abel, Pat Richard, Bobbie Wied

Friends and Family

Family of Maribel Daugherty, Joyce Stillwell, Family of Harold Onwiler, Ava Postlewait, Elizabeth Everett Baird, Kathy Johnson, Judy Singer, Pam Martin, Marcia Denton, Jean and Ron Williamson, George Busceme, Charlie & Judy Monaghan, Janet Dexter, Kathy Isabell, Bruce Williams, John Florio, Haywood Walker, Alison Berry Low, Jacob Walton, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Mary Kennedy, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie N. Verderame



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

September 6

God Creates the World

Genesis 1:1-2:3

September 13

God Creates Adam and Eve

Genesis 2:4-22

September 20

Adam and Eve Sin

Genesis 3:1-24

September 27

Cain and Abel

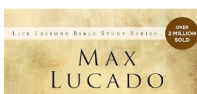
Genesis 4:1-16

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.

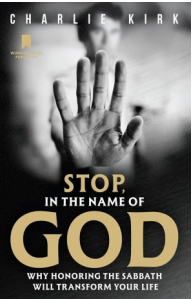


Kids Own Worship gets kids excited about praising God! Interactive worship experiences help them connect with Jesus in fun, meaningful ways.

ADULT CLASSES



LIFE LESSONS from
PHILIPPIANS



Bible Discovery: This group is for men and women of all ages. Meetings take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM in the library, led by Bruce Partain and Harry Watts. They are studying Max Lucado's book, "Life Lessons from Philipians."

Pew Sisters: This group is for women of all ages, and meets at 9:15AM on Sunday mornings in Room 2, led by Charlotte Schwarzlose. They are studying the book, "Stop in the Name of God," by Charlie Kirk.

Fellowship: This group is for men and women of all ages. Meetings take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM in Room 3, led by Jan Pember. They are studying the book, "He's Where the Joy Is: Getting to Know the Captivating God of the Trinity," by Tara-Leigh Cobble.

YOUTH EVENTS

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

September 6:

No Youth Group

September 13:

5 Under, 4:30-6:30PM

Pick up & drop off at 5945 College St. Beaumont, TX 77707 for dinner and games.

September 20:

The youth will be our liturgists during the 10:30AM worship service.

Fall Luncheon

No Youth Group

September 27:

Matthew 11:28-30

Finding true rest in Jesus when life gets overwhelming.

PW AT HOPE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CLINIC

On August 20, members of the PW Coordinating Team toured Hope Women's Resource Center.



Baby Bottle Campaign Results

Hope Women's Resource Clinic received a total of **\$350.44** from St. Andrew's this giving period.



ST. ANDREW'S HANDBELLS

Consider joining the St. Andrew's Handbell Choir in 2026. Weekly rehearsals start on Wednesday, **September 2nd, from 5:30-6:30PM** in the sanctuary.

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.



A TASTING FOR SOME OTHER PLACE

On August 18, St. Andrew's hosted a booth featuring hamburger stew. Thank you to Judy Fisher for leading this effort!



NEW OFFICER TRAINING MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ELDER TRAINING:

September 24, 2026
10AM-12PM

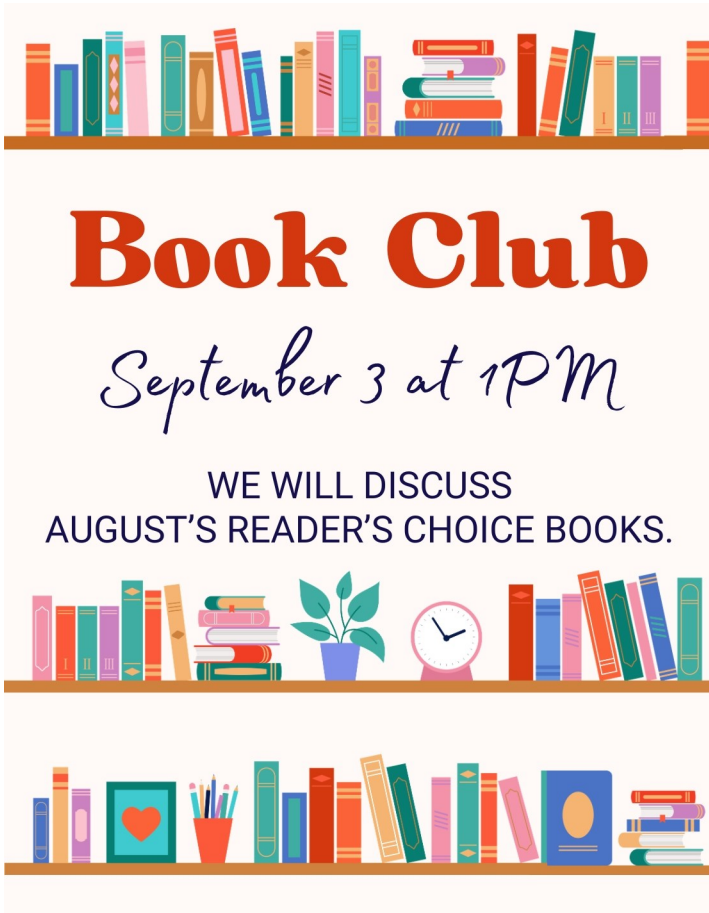
DEACON TRAINING:

October 4, 2026
11:45AM-3:30PM



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00AM PW Coordinating 5:00PM Day School Board 5:30PM Fellowship 6:30PM Christian Ed	2 8:15AM SK @ SOP 9:30AM Day School Chapel 4:30PM Mission/Evangelism 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM SA Handbells	3 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 1:00PM Book Club 6:00PM AA Group	4 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast	5
6 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM Worship Staff Meeting 3:00PM Boy Scouts	7 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	8 5:30PM Finance & Property 5:30PM Worship Team 5:30PM SAS Beginners	9 9:30AM Day School Chapel 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM SA Handbells	10 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 6:00PM AA Group	11	12 8:30AM SETX Food Bank
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Book Club

September 3 at 1PM

WE WILL DISCUSS
AUGUST'S READER'S CHOICE BOOKS.

The graphic features three shelves of colorful books. The top shelf has a variety of books in different colors. The middle shelf has a stack of books, a small potted plant, and a round clock. The bottom shelf has a stack of books, a heart-shaped box, a pencil holder with pencils, and more books.



**First Friday
Men's Breakfast**

**September 4
at 7AM
in the Parlor**

Join us for food,
fellowship, and prayer.

The graphic shows a close-up of a breakfast meal with a fried egg, bacon, pancakes, and toast.



HYMN FEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 at 5PM

YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS played by
YOUR FAVORITE ORGANISTS

FREE

Presented by
American Guild of
ORGANISTS

HEAR THE NEWLY RESTORED
AEOLIAN-SKINNER ORGAN

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
680 CALDER | DOWNTOWN BEAUMONT

The graphic features a blue background with musical notes and lyrics. The text is in white and yellow. There is a logo for the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and a 'FREE' stamp.



**Fall
Luncheon**

September 20

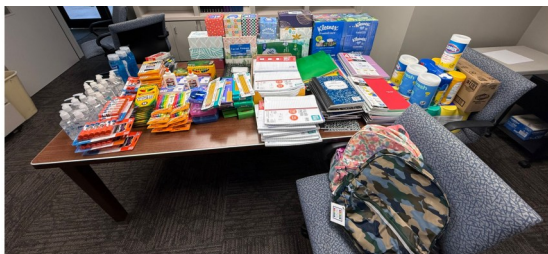
after Worship
in the
Fellowship Hall

Menu:
Gumbo, rice, potato salad, bread,
& banana pudding

The graphic shows a bouquet of yellow and orange flowers in a white vase, with pumpkins in the foreground.

MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE SUCCESS

This summer, St. Andrew's sponsored a school supply drive for Marshall Middle School, and thanks to your generosity we were able to collect all of the following:



- 28 boxes of tissues
- 25 disinfectant wipes
- 448 pencils
- 2 glue bottles
- 108 glue sticks
- 2 pencil sharpeners
- 4 erasers
- 240 pens
- 2 scissors
- 2 pencil boxes
- 15 boxes of colored pencils
- 2 boxes of markers
- 2 boxes of crayons
- 15 index card packs
- 15 packs of highlighters
- 4 dry erase markers
- 16 hand sanitizers
- 3 body wash
- 2 water bottles
- 2 backpacks
- 52 pocket folders
- 27 packs of notebook paper
- 27 composition books
- 31 spiral notebooks

KINDNESS KITS



On August 18th, PW assembled Kindness Kits for the homeless. These kits are available to take home and keep in the car to meet needs when they arise.

Please pick one up on the sanctuary tables, or in the office area across from the study.

YARD SIGNS AVAILABLE



Grab a yard sign to display at your home. This is a great way to remind our neighbors they are welcome to join us every week!

ST. ANDREW'S DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Now registering for the Fall '26-'27 semester, and we're excited to get the new school year rolling. The Day School provides a supportive and nurturing environment for children twelve months to four years old. For more info, check the St. Andrew's website, or call 409-892-8246.

MEET THE TEACHERS

Michelle, Katlin, Andrea, Emily, Susan, Tori, Audrey, and Tosha (not pictured) are thankful for the start of a new school year!



Kick-Off Sunday Breakfast

On August 9th, we celebrated the start of a new school year and program year with the most important meal of the day: BREAKFAST!





Kick-Off Sunday Breakfast



Special thanks to Will, Mike, and Dave for cooking! Also, thanks to the rest of the red servant team for helping plan and set up!



Blessing of the Backpacks

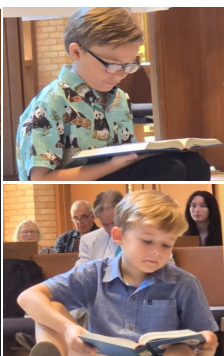


On August 9th during worship, we prayed for our students, teachers, and administrators as they start a new school year.



SECOND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

On August 16, Pastor Tara presented our 2nd graders, Tucker, James, and Gibson with their very own Hands-On Bible during worship.





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