

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

January 25, 2009, Noon

The session has called the annual meeting of the congregation on the last Sunday of this month following the 10:50 am worship service. The congregation will receive the annual reports, hear a review of the pastors' terms of call, and elect five members-at-large to the 2009 Officer Nominating Committee.

Women's Retreat Reminder

January 30 & 31, 2009

After a two-year hiatus, the Women's Retreat, to be held at Lantana Lodge on Lake Ray Roberts, is returning at the end of this month. The deadline for registration is Thursday, January 15. The initial deposit is \$65 for an overnight stay; commuter rates are available. A flyer with the retreat schedule and fee details is available on the church homepage, www.saint-andrew.com.

If you have questions, please talk with Amy Cole, Lucy Huff, Anna Hendrix, or Lisa Patterson of the Retreat Planning Team. A reminder email with details about what to bring with you that weekend will go out the week of January 25th. See you there!

COLOPHON

Next Deadline - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

The Shield - Online in PDF on the church website. Contact Ryan Hunnicutt ryan@saint-andrew.com to remove your name from the snail mail list; help us save on printing and postage.

Articles - Submit articles to Linda Steger at linda@saint-andrew.com. Thank You!

Editor's Note

Please send all articles and announcements for *The Shield* or eNews directly to the editor, Linda Steger, at linda@saint-andrew.com. Please send all information and announcements for the Sunday bulletins to Ryan Hunnicutt, ryan@saint-andrew.com, with a copy to Sue Russell, info@saint-andrew.com. Thank You!

Tenor Soloist Division Winner

Kevin Park, our tenor soloist and section leader, as well as director of the Westminster youth choir, won the divisional auditions for the Metropolitan Opera in Birmingham on Saturday, January 10th. His next step will be to sing for the regional auditions in Memphis later this month. Congratulations, Kevin!

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY
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Pastor's Column



These are difficult times. With current economic realities, fear is palpable in our society. Many have already lost their jobs, and many more feel that their job is vulnerable. But these are difficult times in other ways as well. Some are struggling with an illness that won't let go.

Others feel an unshakable depression. Still others have begun this new year with a hole in the heart left by the death of a loved one. For many reasons, we seem, both as a nation and as individuals, to have begun 2009 feeling scared.

In reflecting on this, my mind has gone to one of my favorite psalms, Psalm 139. After affirming God's intimate knowledge of his personal life, the psalmist writes: "Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast" (Psalm 139:7-10). In other words, it is impossible to experience life apart from God's presence. God is present in the "highs" and in the lowest of the "lows." Wherever we go, God has preceded us there. Nothing can separate us from God. I am reminded of these words of the well-known hymn, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past":

♦ IN MEMORIAM ♦

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. JOHN 11:25

We give thanks to God for the lives of these saints and their witness to the faith.

NANCY BETTES
July 15, 1921 — December 4, 2008

KENNETH CLAMPITT
October 11, 1034 — December 23, 2008

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home. (#210 in the Hymnal)

May these words comfort you as you face the vulnerabilities in your life, and as you embrace the hope of the gospel in this new year.

New Officers Ordained and Installed

New officers were ordained and installed during the 10:50 am worship service Sunday, January 11, 2009. Be sure to let them know how much we appreciate their willingness to serve our congregation. Visit the church website, www.saint-andrew.com, for a complete list of officers on the current session and diaconate.

The new members of the Session Class of 2011 are:

Lynn Eustis	Perry McNeill
Beth Goocher	Ed Moorehead
Robin Hines	David Strutton
Hillary Lewis	

Stephanie Raesz was also installed to serve an unexpired term in the Session's class of 2009.

The new members of the Diaconate Class of 2011 are:

Pat Bennett	Sydney Wells
Brian Brooks	Randy Whipple
Barbara Meriwether	Peggy Wiseman
Vera Odei	

Larry Monroe was also installed to serve an unexpired term in the Diaconate's class of 2009.

Heartfelt thanks also go to the outgoing officers of 2008, who served our congregation faithfully on the session and diaconate for the past three years. Outgoing elders are: Roy Appleton, Chris Bancroft, Trish Highland, Ray Jordan, Nancy Ross, Julie Tolle, and Diana Warner. The outgoing deacons are: Elmer Adams, Billye Akin, Amy Ball, Bill Cornelius, Sue Elliott, Charles Hubbard, and Connie Reynolds. Be sure to let them know how much we appreciate their service on our behalf.

Mission Activities & Giving in December

Sometimes it's good to take stock of what we've been about as a congregation. We were very mission-minded in the month of December, as the list below so eloquently illustrates. And this doesn't begin to include what we contributed as individuals and as members of other groups and organizations. Let's keep the generosity and caring alive in 2009.

Special Offerings

Joy Offering: \$2,956.97

Christmas Eve Offering: \$2,632.19

Our Daily Bread

Warm Winter Clothing Drive

Toiletries Gift Bag Drive: St. Andrew

members contributed enough toiletries to assemble 230 gift bags for clients. Thank You! Community Outreach Committee

Angel Tree

Thirteen Goodland Boys

Twenty-five Treehouse Children

Salvation Army Ringers: \$963* See **Thank You** section for Chief Elf's list of ringers.

Habitat Build in Sanger

Poinsettia Fundraiser for HOPE, Inc.

Speaking of Mission – Spring Break Trip

March 14-21, 2009

Brandon Lewis, our associate pastor, is in the process of putting together the second annual intergenerational mission trip to Guatemala City over Spring Break. If you want to serve people in new ways and stretch your understanding of how God is at work today, consider joining the group. Several young adults from The Link will be going, as well as other adults from our congregation.



We will again be working with Mike and Sandi Glick, missionaries with CAM International in Guatemala. Among the opportunities the trip will provide are:

- Helping at Iglesia Pueblo de Dios, the Glick's church in Guatemala City,
- Assisting with VBS in the afternoon,

- Working with young children, both at Casita Benjamin, a day care, and Kairos House, which serves young cancer patients and their families,

- Doing some construction work.

The trip is open to all ages, from youth to adults; middle school youth must be accompanied by a parent. Get in touch with Brandon today to sign up: 940.387.3897 or brandon@saint-andrew.com.

PC(U.S.A.) Mission Yearbook

Our denomination's annual Mission Yearbook is now available online. For daily readings about the mission work of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., go to www.pcusa.org/missionyearbook/.

Habitat Build Update

We've had two very productive weekends this month. We are ahead of schedule in some areas and behind in others, but the house is really coming along. We still have lots to do, so if you can make it out to Sanger on Saturday, we can use your help.



Todd Cook, our Habitat Coordinator, also needs help with drinks, coffee, and snacks as well as meals. If you can help with any of that, he'd appreciate it. If you can help work or provide sustenance, let Todd toddandtracicook@verizon.net know by this Thursday. As always, work at the site begins at 8:30 am Saturday morning.

Super Wednesday Resumes

January 14, 2009, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Our Wednesday night programming for children, middle school youth, and adults resumes this Wednesday at 5:30 with the evening meal in Fellowship Hall. You should have received your CE Brochure (printed or email announcement) by now with all the details for the winter/spring semester. Copies of the CE Brochure are available in the narthex or on the church homepage at www.saint-andrew.com.

Join us on Wednesday nights for a wonderful meal and thought-provoking adult tracks at 6:30 pm. If you're musically inclined, Hand Bell choir rehearsals begin at 6:20 pm in the Adult Choir Room; the Chancel choir rehearses at 7:30 pm. Malicia Curran provides activities and crafts for elementary aged children when they are not in choir rehearsal. element (middle school youth) meet with Brandon Lewis and adult sponsors in The Den on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.



THANK YOU

The hand bell choir of St. Andrew thanks Anna Hinkle for the donation the G#5 bell, which was used in church for the first time during the Service of Lessons and Carols on December 14, 2008. The donation was made in memory of Lillie Hinkle Kulp. The names of the donor and dedicatee are on a label permanently built into the bell, on the inside of the handle.

Jean Harden, Hand Bell Director

Many thanks to all of you for your prayers and kind words on the death of my sister, Dorothy. We really appreciated the many beautiful cards and expressions of sympathy. We feel truly blessed to belong to such a loving church family. With gratitude, The McCandless family

After the 10:50 am service on Sunday, December 14th, I was surprised by a celebration of my 80th birthday, complete with cake and singing! I am very grateful to those who planned that celebration; to all of you who so graciously wished me well; and to Warren Whitson for allowing me to invade "his" day, which was his 90th birthday! And I thank our Pastor, Steve, for the beautiful and thoughtful plaque recording my status as Pastor Emeritus. To all - my sincere thanks! Fred W. Cassell

Dear St. Andrew Church Family,

We would like to thank you all so much for your prayers and support. Thanks also for your visits, cards and calls. And thanks to Bereavement teams B and C for the amazing lunch. Dad's friends drove in from all over the state and the lunch was such a blessing for them and everyone. Thanks also to Steve, Paul, Lisa and B.L. for your many visits, prayers and for the wonderful service. Your kindness was very special to all of us.

We miss our dad/husband deeply. He was an exceptional and honorable person who will be missed by many. But we are so thankful that we were blessed to have such a dear, caring, loving and giving person in our life.

The Family of Kenneth Clampitt: Betty Clampitt, Donna and Keith Raney, Vickie and Ed Ewell, Dewayne and Holly Clampitt, Barry Bogan, and their families

Ring-A-Ding-Ding! The St. Andrew folks who rang the bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 13th, set a new record high in total collections for their kettle - \$963.08. Many thanks to: Betty and Joe Alford, Fred Cassell, Helen and Wally Davis, Diana and Paul Dunklau, Finley Graves,

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Prayer Concerns

John Gossett
Rose Pate
William Hosey, son-in-law of Billye Akin
Scott Artman, father of Alexis Ferdinandsen
Neal Tate, friend of Morris Martin
Family of Kenneth Clampitt
Family of Lee Weber, father of Gayle Strange
Family of George Blincoe, father of Paula Collins
Family of Austin Baker IV, friend of members
Family of Louise Mitchell, sister of Raymond George
Family Kathryn James, former member



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Josh Tyler	16 Patricia Croghan
2 Eric Jones	Taylor Stalder
3 Janice Grimm	17 Catherine Pennell
Matthew Warnock	Allison Scott
4 Joan Groom	Brookelyn Lewis
Dorothy Walker	18 Daisy Rogers
Margo Bean	Ed Vander-Meulen
Mike Duran	Jonny Ramsey
Kathryn Gentry	Brandon Hagen
Hanna Haddad	19 David Kesterson
8 Joan Flannery	Karen Dower
9 Jean Judy	Tess Rentschlar
Beverly Burdett	20 Elizabeth McMath
Linda Steger	Jan Lewis
Scott Flowerday	Patrick Fitzgerald
Abigail Lewis	Meredith Smith
10 Gayle Strange	21 Evelyn McAdow
Rodney Marshall	Barbara Lawson
Helena Coleman	Bonnie McCormick
11 Arminta Jacobson	Barbara Griffin
Mark Lewis	Joe Fritz
Kelsey Raney	Katie Tolle
12 Betty Bell	John Cartwright II
Charlene Greer	Ethan Wolff
Barry Vermillion	22 David Boston
Bob Hendrix	Hannah Guerrero
Gary Klingemann	Haley Brown
Kristina Bressler	23 Earldene McNeill
Matt Warnock	Nancy Bray
13 Lindsey Miller	Sarah Goocher
14 Gail Graves	Ariadne Stratton
Jessica Whipple	25 Barry Bogan
Travis Stubblefield	26 Mark Jenkins
15 Victoria Chacon	27 Grace Milos
Luke Crownover	28 Grace Wolff
Ross Wuensche	

Ray Jordan, Marcia Merritt, Ed Moorehead, Bonnie Stratton, Sara and Bill Turner, Diana and Kim Warner, Joyce and Jim White, and Peggy and Gorman Wiseman. The Salvation Army is very grateful, as is the Elf who organized the ringing!