



# The Wave

**October 2009**

*St. Andrew by the Sea, A Community Church* - Gulf Shores, AL

## From the Pastor . . .

October. October? In October we are looking forward to cooler weather. In October we are watching football games. In October we celebrate World Communion Sunday on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and there is a W.A.S.A. (What About St. Andrew) group meeting in the minister's office at 9:00 a.m. for those who wish to learn about St. Andrew by the Sea. October 11<sup>th</sup> is Laity Sunday. The laity will lead the entire service, which reminds us that every member is called to ministry.

October is Christian Service Center month at St. Andrew. We will bring our food and our gifts for this worthy of causes to help those in need in our area. In October we will also hear from our Nominations Committee as they solicit our volunteerism for ministry opportunities of 2010. Our Finance Committee will likewise kick off their program of commitment for the New Year.

Wow! What can I say, but this, October is opportunity! There is ample opportunity to engage and connect and give and serve. There is opportunity to celebrate and confirm our calling and destiny here at St. Andrew. It is the seizing of that opportunity which is the road to our success as a unique and viable Christian community. Seize the moment. Seize the opportunity. Make the month count!

How does one spell opportunity? O-C-T-O-B-E-R!

*Robert*

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## October 2009

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER - Nov. 1st - All Saints Day, Nov. 8th - Veterans Day Sunday.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Christian Service Center Rummage Sale 8 a.m.
4 WASA World Communion First Sunday Lemonade 11 a.m.	5 Beginners Handbell 5 p.m.	6 Bible Study 9 a.m.	7 Ed. Com. 4:30 p.m. Handbells 5 p.m. Children's Choir 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Undercurrent 6:30 p.m.	8 By Law Comm. 5:30 p.m.	9 Youth Lock In 11 p.m. - 7 a.m.	10
11 Laity Sunday	12 Beginner Handbells 5 p.m. Board of Trustees 5:30 p.m.	13 Bible Study 9 a.m. St. Andrew Men 9 a.m. Worship Com. 5:15 p.m. Finance Comm. 5:30 p.m.	14 Handbells 5 p.m. Children's Choir 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Undercurrent 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17
18	19 Beginner Handbells 5 p.m. Membership Com. 6	20 Bible Study 9 a.m. Board Meeting 5 p.m.	21 Handbells 5 p.m. Children's Choir 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Undercurrent 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24
25 Kick-Off Stewardship Luncheon 11:00 a.m.	26 Beginner Handbells 5 p.m. Council Meeting 6 p.m.	27 Bible Study 9 a.m.	28 Handbells 5 p.m. Children's Choir 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Undercurrent 6:30 p.m.	29 St. Andrew Women "Fun Fall Event" 7 p.m.	30	31

**Stewardship Campaign:** Sunday, October 25th, is an important time for our membership. The Finance Committee is inviting all members to stay after morning services, enjoy a hamburger/hot dog lunch together, and have a "conversation" about the state of the current church budget. This meeting will also be the kick-off event for the Stewardship Campaign for the church's 2010 church budget. The campaign will follow during the month of November with Sunday, November 22nd designed as our victory Pledge Sunday.

With the continuing economic recession, the Finance Committee and Board of Directors have been working hard to trim expenses and manage our church in a fiscally responsible way. Several church committees have been asked to either restrict their spending for the remainder of the current church year or use their own "designated fund balances," money that individuals have given specifically to certain programs of the church. Yet we have numerous fixed expenses that simply cannot be trimmed. We need the full understanding, cooperation, and good ideas from members as we continue to weather this hard economic time. All churches, and charitable organizations too, seem to be experiencing similar challenges. But our love and commitment to St. Andrew by the Sea and its influence in our community are worth the hard work it takes to meet all challenges, financial and programmatic. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your good ideas on October 25th. Mark your calendars and plan to be present for this important meeting.

Sincerely and with thanks for your continuing prayerful support,

The Finance Committee  
The Board of Directors  
St. Andrew by the Sea Community Church



**October!!!** Hopefully we will feel a break in the weather, a relief from the heat. It's really refreshing and renewing to inhale deep draughts of the cooler, fresh air that blows through this time of year! Speaking of refreshing and renewing, the children's choir will continue to meet on Wed. nights at 5 pm. We look forward to their upcoming performances.

**We will have a youth lock-in on Friday October 9th** from 11 pm through Saturday 7 am. There will be food, games, movies and Xbox through the projector! Come and invite your friends. I'll need a head count, so RSVP by Oct. 7th via email [jmhenderson@gulftel.com](mailto:jmhenderson@gulftel.com) or cell 251-233-3240.

**In lieu of Trunk-r-treat**, this year we will have a Fall Festival on November 7th from 10 am- noon. There will be lots of games and activities for the kids. Plan to attend the fun!

I am looking to begin one or two **home based small groups** for young adults. If you are interested in hosting a small group at your home please contact me via one of the methods listed above.

Also, pray for **Fields of Faith** taking place nation wide Wednesday October 14th ([www.fieldsofffaith.com](http://www.fieldsofffaith.com)). This is the first year that Gulf Shores, Foley, and Robertsdale FCA's (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) will converge at Foley Stadium for a unified event. Pray that the Holy Spirit will break through to calloused hearts and that teens who have never accepted Christ will accept the invitations to attend and that we see them transformed into a new creation.

Running with endurance, Jonathan

**Ushers**

- 4th-** Phil Bass, Ed Diercks, Carlton Garner, Bubba Lee, Hollis Messer, Sam Rice, Wade Ward, Tom Seals.
- 11th** - Charley Ogletree, Bob Boles, Dale Stevens, Andy Haynes, John Boller, Joe Porter, Buddy Brown, Ray Wright, Allen Woerner.
- 18th** - Tom Gauntt, Don Kopf, Joe Martin, Leon Null, Nat Young, Jan Zimmerman, Howard Zimmerman, Homer Bumann, Dolly Crewes.
- 25th** - Mickey Webb, Lynda Thurmond, Carl Schuchardt, Joe Slaughter, Bob Davidson, Pierre Geneux, Mike Hancock, Tommy Lee, Bill Parks.



**St. Andrew Women** have their "Fall Fun Event" the evening of Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, at 7 PM. The event will be held at Harriet Slaughter's home and hosted by Harriet, Carolyn George and Kathy Van Cor. Bring a small plate of hors d'oeuvres and a wrapped White Elephant gift for a raffle. If you have questions please call 986-8413.

**Sympathy**  
*Pat White in the loss of her husband.*  
*Valerie Robinson in the loss of her mother.*

**Enchanting Ireland!** Join the St. Andrew Travelers on an 11-day tour of Ireland departing May 2010. Contact Bebe Gauntt by Oc. 10th at 968-8539 or [bebegannt@mchsi.com](mailto:bebegannt@mchsi.com) for information.

**First Sunday Lemonade:** The Membership and Welcome committee would like to invite **everyone** to join them Sunday, Oct. 4th following the worship service for lemonade in the Fellowship Hall. Please have a glass of lemonade, and visit for a while.

**Nursery Linens** – Kathy Van Cor will be in charge of the nursery linens in October. Many thanks to Ann Wright for her love and support in September.

**Christian Service Center Food Pantry** - October is St. Andrew's month to stock the Christian Service Center pantry. Some of you may prefer to donate money where we can buy food from the Area Food Bank for pennies on the dollar. If you should decide to give a check, **please make your check payable to Christian Service Center.**

We are able to purchase many items from the Bay Area Food bank, and have stocked up on those items which are not listed.

Ramen Noodles - Hot Dogs - Canned Soup - any type - Oatmeal (Individual Packets) Grits (Individual Packets) - Greens (Turnip, Collard, Spinach, other) - Jelly - "Hamburger Helper" - Any Flavor - Mac and Cheese - Any help in providing these would be most appreciated

We are always pleased to accept motel size soap bars, shampoo, and other toiletries.

**Annual Christmas food boxes:** We are also beginning to collect items for the annual Christmas food boxes for our clients. Below are some of the items we include in the boxes: Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, English Peas, Canned Corn, and Stuffing Mix.

Thank you for your congregation's continued support for meeting the needs of the clients of the Christian Service Center.

**A Rummage Sale to Benefit the Christian Service Center** will be held at the Gulf Shores First Presbyterian Church from 8 a.m. -- noon on Saturday, October 3. Any person with items to donate to the Rummage Sale may bring them to the Church at 309 East 21st Avenue in Gulf Shores, or call (251) 968-7720 or [www.gspres.com](http://www.gspres.com) for further information. If you need large items picked up call Jean Adcock (251) 974-3148.

**Many Thanks to All the Volunteers!**

On behalf of the Board Of Directors of Christian Service Center, I would like to thank everyone who participated in making the expansion possible. As usual, everyone pitched in and helped with whatever was needed and usually with little notice. Without your help, we would not have been able to complete this project.

As always, we appreciate all you do for Christian Service Center.

**Sincerely,** Linda T. Chappelle, President of the Board.

**Memorials**

- Elizabeth Speaker*
- Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Garner*
- Mr. Edward B. Speaker*
- Jim White*
- Mr. & Mrs. Howard Zimmerman*
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lee*
- Mr. & Mrs. David Gravatt*
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zukowski*
- Mr. & Mrs. Jack Senft*
- Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Villadsen*
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Barefield*
- Mr. & Mrs. William Earnhart*
- Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Wood*
- Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Truss*
- Mr. & Mrs. Boniface Gross*
- Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hansen*
- Dr. & Mrs. Gene Barbour*
- Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Drenkhahn*
- Mr. & Mrs. John Allen*
- Mr. & Mrs. John Oldani*
- Mr. & Mrs. James Lambert*
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul McKim*
- Mr. & Mrs. Wade Ward*
- Daphne Rice*
- Mr. & Mrs. David Saunders*
- Mary Ella Oswalt*
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Barefield*
- Elizabeth Speaker*
- Mr. & Mrs. Wade Ward*
- Mr. & Mrs. Alan Speaker*

**Dear St. Andrew,**

Thank you so much for your calls, prayers, and cards following the passing of my Mother, Mary Oswalt. I cannot express how much your prayers mean to me, especially during such a difficult time. Thank you Robert, George and special thanks to Jonathan for his call and prayers while we were away. I love you all.

**Dearest St. Andrew Family:**

I cannot easily express my thanks to all of the wonderful, caring people of St. Andrew by the Sea. Your kindnesses, cards and prayers helped me and my daughter Sandra Leonard through the devastating loss of her son, and my grandson, Chris. Also, many thanks to our pastoral staff for their caring support and prayers.

**Gloria Knapp**



**October Anniversaries**

- 7th - John & Mary Joiner
- 8th - Paul & May Alanko
- 14th - John & Lynn Boller
- 20th - Dick and Iris Reddy
- 22nd - Dan & Sherri Bott
- 24th - Homer & Marjorie Bumann

**October Birthdays**

- 2nd - Kelcy Adams
- 2nd - Deborah Hood
- 2nd - Jody Taylor
- 3rd - Joey Ward
- 4th - Tom Bailey
- 4th - Pryor Crosby
- 4th - Robert George
- 4th - Kalyn Ward
- 5th - Ryan Diercks
- 5th - Mike Douglas
- 6th - Isabella LeBlanc
- 7th - Francis Wittmeier
- 9th - Gayle Racine
- 9th - Valerie Robinson
- 11th - John Underwood
- 12th - Dee Jones
- 13th - Robert Craft
- 14th - Homer Bumann
- 14th - Louise Greenwald
- 15th - Greg Mattison
- 16th - Janice Neitzel
- 19th - John Brown
- 19th - Katherine LeBlanc
- 21st - Tammy Bryant
- 21st - Brett Warren
- 23rd - Jamie Davidson
- 24th - Millie Shamburger
- 25th - Rany Parrott
- 26th - Dawn Mckenzie
- 27th - Cheryl Owen
- 27th - Harry Speaker
- 27th - Durlene Vosloh
- 27th - Jane Webb
- 31st - Don Kopf

STEWARDSHIP	
	September
Monthly Budgeted	\$25,000.00
Monthly Received	\$24,103.00

Attendance for Sept.	
6th	- 174
13th	- 163
20th	- 179
27th	- 196

Adult Sunday School Attendance for Sept.	
6th	- 34
13th	- 37
20th	- 41
27th	- 34