



The Wave

November 2009

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

From the Pastor . . .

To all members and constituents of St. Andrew by the Sea Community Church, Greetings! Aren't we so very fortunate? We are a part of a unique and God inspired movement that is traditional, yet spontaneous, orthodox, yet open. We are committed to a historical and liturgical worship and a life of genuineness, and we are inclusive in our welcoming of all persons to worship and journey with us. We are open-hearted, open-minded, and open-handed. We aim to worship as did the early church, to fellowship as brothers and sisters, and serve and help others in times of need. Our course is charted on our Captain's map (and in our Charter) and I am confident that He and his crew will sail us to our destination and destiny.

I would like to express my appreciation to those of you who have embraced and supported this good ship *St. Andrew*. Some of you have been with us from the beginning, and others of you have come aboard in recent years. In either case, thank you for underwriting our vision of faith with your prayers and presence and gifts.

In my opinion, Christianity and faith are being challenged in today's shallow, "pop" religious world. It would appear to me that many people just want a show, a band, and a dance, without any understanding of true worship, reverence, sacrifice, or service. This rampant and ignorant fanaticism reinforces for me the importance of our role and purpose at St. Andrew by the Sea, to present a clear and present understanding and experience of the Christian faith to all who are seeking to stay afloat amidst the troubled waters of this world.

Sail on St. Andrew. Sail on!

Robert

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Happy 100th Birthday Betty Christie!!!

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 All Saints Day WASA First Sunday Lemonade | 2 Beginners Handbell 5 p.m. Nominating Com. 5:30 | 3 Bible Study 9 a.m. | 4 Handbells 5 p.m. Children's Choir 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Undercurrent 6:30 p.m. | 5 Fellowship Com 5:30 p.m. | 6 | 7 Fall Festival 10-12 noon |
| 8 Veterans Sunday | 9 Beginner Handbells 5 p.m. Nurture Com. 5 p.m. Board of Trustees 5:30 p.m. | 10 Bible Study 9 a.m. St. Andrew Men 9 a.m. Worship Com. 5:15 p.m. Finance Comm. 5:30 | 11 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. | 12 By Laws Com. 5:30 p. m. | 13 | 14 Fellowship Com |
| 15 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner | 16 Beginner Handbells 5 p.m. Membership Com. 6 p.m. | 17 Bible Study 9 a.m. Board Meeting 5 p.m. | 18 Handbells 5 p.m. Children's Choir 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Undercurrent 6:30 p.m. | 19 | 20 | 21 Board of Trustees Work Day |
| 22 Thanksgiving Sunday | 23 Beginner Handbells 5 p.m. | 24 | 25 Handbells 5 p.m. Children's Choir 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Undercurrent 6:30 p.m. | 26 Office Closed For Thanksgiving | 27 Office Closed For Thanksgiving | 28 |
| 29 First Sunday Of Advent | 30 Beginners Handbell 5 p.m. | | | | | |

Fun! Fun! Fun!

The youth groups of St. Andrew by the Sea, Grace Presbyterian, and Genesis Church are proud to present Photoside Café (www.photosidecafe.com) in concert Nov. 4th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at The Warehouse in Foley. **Everyone is invited to attend** and enjoy this Grrr Records artist who is most often compared to the Dave Matthews Band with an edgier sound. Please contact Jonathan with any questions at: 968-2308 - cell: 233-3240 or jmhenderson@gulftel.com.

Children and Youth Fall Festival Event: This year instead of Trunk or Treat the Education Committee has decided to hold a "Fall Festival" on Nov. 7th from 10 a.m - 12 noon. There will be games, pizza, cotton candy and much more. We want this to be for everyone!! The Education Committee will sponsor a bake sale during the Festival in the Fellowship Hall. Please bake your favorite cookies, cakes, pies, and other goodies for this important event. The funds raised from this sale will go to help fund our Sunday nurseries' for 2010. Anything you bring will be greatly appreciated!! If you have a special hobby or trade that you would like to share or to let us know you will be able to bring baked goods please contact: Ann Wright 970-1870 - ba50@gulftel.com or Jo Roy at 967-1740-jnanaroy@aol.com

Running with endurance, Jonathan

Volunteer's Needed for Board of Trustees Work Day!

The Board of Trustees has scheduled a work day for Nov. 21st, and would like to ask the members of St. Andrew by the Sea to join them. We have a various jobs, if you can help with any of those listed please plan to come or show up to support those that work.

Suggested list for work day: washing windows and doors, touching up walls, install exterior lights to shine on the pond, label fire lane, improve the handicap parking access, clean the flower beds around the modular, clean up area where the old Modules were and remove extended walk, anchor swing set in play ground, repair the sprinkler system and install lighting around the Memorial Garden.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers are needed to help provide and cook both turkeys and hams. We will need 5 turkeys and 4 hams. If you are willing to provide and cook one of these, please contact May Alanko, Committee Chairman at 968-3186. Everyone else is asked to bring a large dish of your favorite: salad, vegetable, or casserole.

Dessert will be provided as we will be honoring Betty Christie on the occasion of her 100th birthday. The children's choir will be there to sing "Happy Birthday" to her. We will also be entertained with some bluegrass music by the "Sandspur" band.

Help will be needed afterwards to do dishes and clean up. We hope that everyone will plan to attend!

The Fellowship Committee will meet Thursday, November 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Conference Room. Plans will be made for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Ushers

1st - Phil Bass, Ed Diercks, Carlton Garner, Bubba Lee, Hollis Messer, Sam Rice, Wade Ward, Tom Seals.

8th - Charley Ogletree, Bob Boles, Dale Stevens, Andy Haynes, John Boller, Joe Porter, Buddy Brown, Ray Wright, Allen Woerner.

15th - Tom Gauntt, Don Kopf, Joe Martin, Leon Null, Nat Young, Jan Zimmerman, Howard Zimmerman, Homer Bumann, Dolly Crewes.

22nd - Mickey Webb, Lynda Thurmond, Carl Schuchardt, Joe Slaughter, Bob Davidson, Pierre Geneux, Mike Hancock, Tommy Lee, Bill Parks.

29th - Terry Jones, Jack Grace, Faye Kelly, Jim Roy, Lynda Thurmond and Pierre Geneux.

Memorials

Jim White

Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Lax

Mr. & Mrs. Felix Saino

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Wright

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Schuchardt

Jackie Wallace

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Zimmerman

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Bass

Marion Vann

Mr. & Mrs. Jon Bickford

Virginia M. Karg

NFL Building Center

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Bass

Jane Craft

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Bass

Fred Vosloh

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Bass

Daphne Rice

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Schuchardt

Mary Ella Oswalt

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Schuchardt

Women's Bible Study:

We will continue our November weekly Bible Study at 9 a.m. excluding November 24th.

Join us December 1st as we begin a three week Advent study.

World Community Day: Ladies, plan to attend World Community Day on Friday, Nov. 6th at the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church. Registration will be at 10:30 a.m. The program "Piecing the Earth Together" will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 noon.

Christian Service Center to offer free Cholesterol, Diabetes, Anemia and Blood Pressure tests Nov 24th Free health care screenings are available on Tues. Nov 24, 2009 from the Christian Service Center and Sacred Heart "Mission in Motion" team from 9:00 to 11:30 AM at Gulf Shores First Presbyterian Church parking lot, 309 East 21st Ave, Gulf Shores. Fasting 4 hours prior to testing is recommended, but not required.

5 Great Benefits by attending: 1. Free health care. 2. Keep results to take to your doctor later. 3. No waiting, immediate results 4. Maintain your health. 5. Fast, friendly and free! Need more information? Call Sacred Heart at 850-416-7826 or the CSC at 968-5256. www.cscgs.com

Christmas boxes: We have begun collecting items for the Christian Service Center Christmas boxes which will be given to families in need.

Yams/Sweet Potatoes-Cranberry Sauce-Green Beans-Canned Corn-Stuffing Mix-Gravy. Other items, like chicken, turkey, or ham, will be added to the boxes at the Center. Desserts and dinner rolls which have been donated by Publix will be included as well. Thank you so much for your help in this endeavor.

Sympathy

Lynda Thurmond and the loss of her mother.

Robert Craft and the loss of his mother.

Robert & David Vosloh and the loss of their brother.

New Members in October

Tim, Debbie, and Austin Fulmer
Rich & Barb Jones
Bruce & Sue Timperley
Jane Craft

First Sunday Lemonade

The Membership and Welcome committee would like to invite everyone to join them Sunday, Nov. 1st following the worship service for lemonade in the Fellowship Hall. Please have a glass of lemonade, and visit for a while.

Enchanting Ireland! Join the St. Andrew Travelers for an 11-day tour of the Emerald Isle departing May 9, 2010. Contact Bebe Gauntt, 968-8539, bebegautt@mchsi.com for information.

November Anniversaries

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| 4th - Gunny & Pam Niemann | 24th - Ed & Gail Diercks |
| 5th - Haywood & Margaret Baker | 25th - Don & Mary Lou Pope |
| 7th - Charles & Lynda Thurmond | 27th - Buddy & Linda Brown |
| 8th - Donald & Linda West | 28th - Charles & Lynn Norwood |
| 12th - Robert & Pat Warren | 30th - Roger & Dee Jones |
| 14th - James & Isabel Watson | 30th - Steve & Janice Neitzel |
| 14th - Jiri & Mary H. Piotrowski | |

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

St. Andrew Family,

How often have you wondered "What would I do without St. Andrew?" The question became very up close and personal for me when I lost Jim. Your love and support has sustained me through this difficult time, and Jim's Memorial Service was, in a word, memorable. You are a blessed congregation of people whom God has given me when I need it most, and I draw strength from the belief that He is there for us always. **Blessings, Pat White**

Dear St. Andrew Family, I would like to thank the Nurture Committee and my extended family here at St. Andrew who were so attentive to me during my absents by sending cards of love, encouraging thoughts, and prayers. It is wonderful to be back home. I would also like to thank Laura and Pierre Geneux for being so gracious in providing transportation for me to Sunday morning worship services.

Pryor Cosby

To My Wonderful Family at St. Andrew,

Words cannot begin to express the gratitude and love I have for each and every one of you! The last fifteen months or so of my life and my family's lives has been difficult and stressful to say the least!

I appreciate all the beautiful cards for both my father and my mother, but most of all the prayers and thoughtfulness of this great group of people. I felt the prayers through everything. I don't know how I would have made it through without the love, support, and prayers from all of you! I am so blessed to be part of this special "family".

God Bless! Valerie Robinson

To my St Andrew Family, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, calls, cards and flowers received after the passing of my mother, Virginia Karg. A special thanks to Robert for his calls, the Women's Sunday School class for the cards and flowers, and the Women's Prayer Group for their prayers and card.

Lynda Thurmond

Dear Members and Friends, Marge and I recently returned from a longer than expected "Vacation". involving thirteen days in the hospital so it was not exactly a "wish you were here" vacation. We are both doing fine, glad to be back & among our church family again!!! We both extend our thanks for the cards, calls, & prayers we received. Thanks again & God be with you. **Marge & Homer Bumann**

November Birthdays

1st - Bill Coyne
1st - Jeanne Helton
2nd - Lisa Denham
3rd - Joe Nowell
4th - May Alanko
5th - Jack Abrams
5th - Shirley Barbour
5th - Sarah Brown
5th - Charles Thurmond
6th - Roy LeBlanc
6th - Victoria LeBlanc
7th - Linda Underwood
8th - Taylor Hood
9th - Laura Callaway
9th - Terry Jones
10th - Jonathan Hand
11th - George Grau
11th - Fred Van Cor
12th - Gayle Guthrie
12th - Kenny Whiten
13th - James Boutwell
13th - Betty Christie
13th - Deb DeShazo
13th - Lula Null
13th - Cheryl Quinn
14th - John Larson
15th - Ellen Hammett
16th - Sherrie Bott
17th - Jean Garner
18th - Juanita Goode
18th - Beth Walls
19th - Carolyn Burnette
19th - Angela Martin
20th - Dale Jernigan
22nd - Ann Wright
25th - Tom Seals
25th - Linda Cate
26th - Dan Bott
26th - Howell Riggs
27th - Paul McKim
29th - Faye Cook
29th - Spud Davis
29th - John Elliott
30th - Holly Hancock

Nursery Linens - Patti Haynes will be in charge of the nursery linens in November. Many thanks to Kathy Van Cor for her love and support in October.

STEWARDSHIP

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| | October |
| Monthly Budgeted | \$25,000.00 |
| Monthly Received | \$24,115.00 |

Attendance for Oct.

4th - 217
11th - 190
18th - 221
25th - 192

Adult Sunday School

Attendance for Oct.
4th - 32
11th - 37
18th - 40
25th - 36