

February 2010

Dates to remember:

Feb. 14th - Transfiguration Sunday - Feb. 17th Ash Wednesday - Feb. 21st First Sunday in Lent

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Festival Bells 5 p.m.	2 Bible Study 9 a.m. Membership Com. 5:30 p.m.	3 Winter Guest 9 a.m. Children's Choir 5 p.m. Handbells 5 p.m. Hand Bells 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Undercurrent 6:30 p.m.	4 Fellowship Com. 5:30 p.m.	5	6
7 Communion WASA First Sunday Coffee Military Appreciation Day	8 Festival Bells 5 p.m. Four Winds Barber Shop Choral 7 p.m.	9 St. Andrew Men 9 a.m. Bible Study 9 a.m. Finance Com. 5 p.m.	10 Winter Guest 9 a.m. Ed. Com. 4 p.m. Children' Choir 5 p.m. Handbells 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m.	11 St. Andrew Women "Fun & Games" 11:30 a.m.	12	13
14 Transfiguration Sunday Valentine's Day	15 Festival Bells 5 p.m.	16 Bible Study 9 a.m. Board Meeting 5 p.m.	17 Ash Wednesday 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. Children's Choir 5 p.m. Handbells 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Undercurrent 6:30 p.m.	18	19 Festival Handbell Concert 7 p.m.	20
21 First Sunday in Lent Chili Cook Off 5:30 p.m.	22 Festival Bells 5 p.m. Church Council 6 p.m.	23 Bible Study 9 a.m.	24 Children's Choir 5 p.m. Handbells 5 p.m. Confirmation Classes 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. Undercurrent 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Second Sunday in Lent Jonathan's Bible Study 6 p.m.						

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The Wave

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

From the Pastor . . .

It's a matter of life and death. Life is a matter of life and death. Life on this earth is lived out between a time to be born and a time to die. It is only natural that I would be thinking along these lines today after this past week wherein we experienced several losses in our church families. Life is indeed a matter of life and death.

In that this is certainly the case, it means that there is no time to waste; today and everyday is a gift. Our objective should be to seize each moment and relish each breath and to count every minute as significant. We should also, given the narrow parameters of this earthly journey, have no problem distinguishing the significant from the less important.

Procrastination is our enemy here, putting off until tomorrow what we should do today. Trivia pursuit is another detriment to seizing the day, in that we waste precious time with things that do not matter as much when put in context of the bigger picture.

Simply said, let us consider this matter of life, and resolve to live it. And in so doing may we not only free ourselves from the curse of the insignificant, but may we also reach out and embrace those whom God has placed in our lives. Let us love one another, as God has loved us in Jesus Christ, for love and relationships are eternal.

Robert

Jonathan's Bible Study: Beginning Feb. 28th I will be leading a 6 week Bible study titled "How to be Human" where we will examine some of Jesus' teachings in his Sermon on the Mount. We will meet from 6-7 p.m. I think we all struggle with the paradox of pursuing holiness, while at the same time living in an unholy world and what that's supposed to look like. This study will help us make better sense of it. If you'd like to study along, the study guides are \$5 each, or you can simply come and listen and interact with the group. If you plan on attending, please RSVP via the church office 968-3900 by Feb. 19. Child care will be provided.

Membership and Welcome Committee will meet Tues. Feb. 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend this important meeting to plan for 2010.

Women's Bible Study and Prayer Group will be getting back in the swing of things in February!!!! Please come be a part of a wonderful time to pray for those in need, to study together, and to visit with each other. We will meet Tues. Feb. 2nd at 9 a.m. for coffee and donuts to discuss and plan for the next few months. If you have questions, please contact Harriet Slaughter at 422-4073.

Children's Choir will resume practice on Feb. 3rd at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks will be provided.

The Directors of the Children's Choir would love to have someone play the piano for their rehearsals and church presentations. If you can play the piano (and you don't have to be a professional!) and you are willing to give one hour a week to help instill the love of music in our children, please contact the church office.

The Fellowship Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Feb. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Military Appreciation Day: The St. Andrew Men are sponsoring a "Military Appreciation Day" in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Feb. 7th, following the morning worship service. The purpose is to honor current and past military service of St. Andrew members, their families, and winter guests who have served in the military of our country. Everyone is encouraged to display memorabilia of that service in the Fellowship Hall for others to see (No weapons please). Set up memorabilia in the Fellowship Hall after 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to view the displays and enjoy 1st Sunday fellowship.

First Sunday Coffee: The Membership and Welcome committee would like to invite **everyone** to join them Sunday, Feb. 7th following the worship service for coffee in the Fellowship Hall. Please have a cup of coffee, and visit for a while.

Four Winds Barber Shop Choral will be performing a benefit concert here at St. Andrew by the Sea on February 8th at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This performance is sponsored by the St. Andrew Men. Please plan to come a little early to insure a good seat and enjoy a great evening.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" has been temporarily postponed until further notice. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin for future updates.

Church Council will meet Mon. Feb. 22nd at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Chairpersons of each committee should plan to attend. Look forward to a productive, purposeful year as we communicate and share ideas for St. Andrew by the Sea. Contact Harriet Slaughter if you have questions.

Confirmation is A Deepening of Our Christian Identity
Confirmation Classes: This year we will be offering Confirmation Classes for our youth 12 years of age or older. Classes will be held during Lent on Wednesdays beginning Feb. 24th thru March 24th at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in attending, please register by emailing Jonathan Henderson at jmhenderson@gulftel.com or call the church office, at 968-3900.

Get Your Chili Pots Ready! It's Time for St. Andrew's Annual Chili Cook Off!
 Join us Sunday, Feb. 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your best chili in a crock pot, along with a serving spoon and extension cord. Desserts are also needed. If you are bringing chili or a dessert please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact May Alanko (968-3186). Check out the plaques on the wall in the Fellowship Hall that display the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in both the chili and dessert categories, your name could be next! Come out and join the fun!

Festival Handbell Concert
 Join us for on Feb. 19th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a **Festival Handbell Concert** with Danny Lyons of Pensacola, FL. performing Broadway Hits.

St. Andrew Women are sponsoring a "Fun and Games" event on Thur., Feb. 11th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of our church. All are invited (men and women) to choose your own game--bridge, canasta, dominoes, scrabble, any table game--and bring your game necessities, your own table mates, and join us for lunch and an afternoon of fun and games. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch followed by play for the remainder of the afternoon (until 4 pm). The women of the church are providing lunch--homemade with a delicious dessert--tables and chairs for games, and fun door prizes (beach art by our members, pies and casseroles by our cooks, and the Holy Grill, our own St. Andrew cook book. Tickets are \$10 per person and will be available at the conclusion of our church service Feb. 7th at the church exits. We invite all--locals and winter guests--to join us.

Memorials
Michael L. Malone
 Dr. & Mrs. Shirley Barbour
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard Zimmerman
 Mr. & Mrs. Wade Ward
Michael L. Malone
 Red Cross - Haiti Relief
 Mr. & Mrs. David Saunders
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard Zimmerman
 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Webb
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Norwood
Joseph C. Nowell
 Mr. & Mrs. Wade Ward
Eston Thrasher
 Mr. & Mrs. David Saunders

Winter Guest Programs Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Feb. 3rd - Joan Hand present an introduction of the Feb. 6th musical program "Amahl the Night Visitor".
Feb. 10th - Musicians Phil and Carol Carlo from Iowa, will entertain with Country and Gospel music.
Feb. 17th - Ash Wednesday Services at 7:30 a.m. 12 noon and 6:00 p.m.
 While winter guests are the focus for these fellowships, EVERYONE is invited to attend, participate and enjoy!

Sympathy
Mary Jo Nowell in the loss of her husband.
Herb & Bessie Malone in the loss of their son.
Meredith Egbert in the loss of her grandmother.
Joan Hand in the loss of her uncle.
Sandy Schuchardt in the loss of her cousin.
Dibby Jefford in the loss of her sister-in-law.
Jill Manning in the loss of her grandmother.
Lance Hollis in the loss of his father.

Hearing Devices: We are missing several of our hearing devices from the church. If you have taken one home by mistake and forgot to bring it back please do so as soon as possible or call the church office at 968-3900.



We know that everyone on the Prayer Chain has received the wonderful news that Bass (Phil) has been blessed with the gift of a very successful surgery leading to the restoration of his sight. So many of you prayed for us; and if you do not receive the Prayer Chain, we want to say thank you. We give God the glory, Dr. Mark Douglas, and especially the power of your prayers. Life has new meaning to us, and we will always be grateful for your caring and your love.
 Phil & Boots Bass

February Anniversaries
 1st - B. J. & Kim Wallace
 4th - Bill & Susan Coyne
 8th - Paul & Jean McKim
 12th - Gardner & Gloria Knapp
 14th - Mickey & Jane Webb
 16th - Pierre & Laura Geneux
 28th - Rodney & Linda Chappelle

February Birthdays
 2nd - Phil Bass
 2nd - Carole Myers
 3rd - Jackie Barnes
 4th - Orren Lax
 5th - Hope Taylor
 7th - Sharon Everitt
 11th - Dale Shamburger
 11th - Joe Slaughter
 13th - Gary Bryant
 13th - Lawrence Peiffer
 13th - Lynne Whetstone
 14th - Beth Lee
 15th - Nashisha Henderson
 17th - Jamie Burroughs
 18th - Joe Martin
 19th - Mikiaiah Henderson
 19th - Don Pope
 20th - Lionel Gustafson
 20th - Cody Rhodes
 20th - John Ward
 21st - Stewart Wilkins
 23rd - Buddy Brown
 25th - Annette Stevens
 25th - John Tanner
 27th - Laura Geneux
 27th - Gloria Knapp
 27th - Carl Schuchardt
 28th - Will Ward
 29th - David Vosloh

Nursery Linens - Jamie Davidson will be in charge of the nursery linens in February. Many thanks to Julia Park for her love and support in Dec..

Ushers
7th- Phil Bass, Ed Diercks, Carlton Garner, Bubba Lee, Hollis Messer, Sam Rice, Wade Ward, Tom Seals.
14th - Charley Ogletree, Bob Boles, Dale Stevens, Andy Haynes, John Boller, Joe Porter, Buddy Brown, Ray Wright, Allen Woerner.
21st - Tom Gauntt, Don Kopf, Joe Martin, Leon Null, Nat Young, Jan Zimmerman, Howard Zimmerman, Homer Bumann, Dolly Crewes.
28th - Mickey Webb, Lynda Thurmond, Carl Schuchardt, Joe Slaughter, Bob Davidson, Pierre Geneux, Mike Hancock, Tommy Lee, Bill Parks.

STEWARDSHIP	
	January
Monthly Budgeted	\$20,000.00
Monthly Received	\$18,493.00

Attendance for Jan.	
3rd	- 341
10th	- 325
17th	- 349
24th	- 346

Adult Sunday School Attendance for Jan.	
3rd	- 42
10th	- 36
17th	- 40
24th	- 43

Red Cross Haiti Relief Funds
 \$635.00