

**WE COVENANT WITH GOD THROUGH . . . OUR PRAYERS**

**Health and Healing:** Terry Armstrong, Kandi Foust Barnett, Levi Bates, Rhea Bearden, Lori Bice, Ginger Bramlett, Jenifer Brown, Andrew Buckalew, Edna Byrd, Freddie Byrd, Nancy Carmichael, Cheryl Crider, Matthew Edmondson, Breanna England, Melinda & Summer Evans, Bobbie Fell, Cathy Fincher, Larry & Imogene Galin, Pressley Gardner, Tiffany Godfrey, Sara Myers Gross, Faye Hall, Barbara Harris, Ronda Harris, Martha Hayes, Tom Hinkle, Mike Houston, Pete Ivey, Charles Jackson, Ron Jasper, Joshua Jones, Alice Keenum, Shirley Long, Christie McAbee, Randall & Sandra McGlaughn, Phyllis Powers, Andrea Prater, Trisha Prater, Sara & Bud Pritcett, Martha Roberson, Halee Russell, Mike Russell, Dorothy Sinyard, Lucille Slade, Phyllis Smith, Anna Sparks, Margaret Stallings, Sherri Troxler, Beverly Turner, Gary Turner, Jr.  
**Homebound, Nursing Home or Assisted Living:** Erma Barnett, Mildred Boyd, Jim & Pat Cleghorn, Peggy Doss, Christine Edwards, Margaret Gill, Elwanda Houston, James Lee, Mamie Kilgo, Jimmie Lott, Eulala McCain, Joe & Jo Ann McMillan, John & Connie New, Rhonda Oakley, Jeanell Raney, Doc Scroggins, Jean Seller, Joyce Sparks, Don Wiggins, Norma Wrenn  
**Active Military:** Tim Anderson, Justin Bloom, Michael Cavanaugh, Sam Cretser, Landon Elliott, James Heard, Austin Hubbard, Josh Laspin, Chris Leon, Devin Mize, Grant Pinkley, Malcolm Riker, Angelo Rossi, Tony Ruehl, Jonathan Ryan, Josh Ryan, Mark Smith, Matthew Steele, Dylan Tindale, Kevin White, Doreann Wiley

**JULY SERVANTS**  
**Trustee:** David Speegle  
**8:30 a.m. Worship**  
**Altar:** Dianne Herfurth  
**Make Coffee:** David Adams  
**Worship Greeters:** Michele Cash & Sandra Stricklin  
**Hand Out Bulletins:** Becky & Tammy Kirk  
**Take Up Offering:** Judy & Billy Bonds, Anna Calvert and Jonathan Ryan  
**Pick Up Attendance Pad:** Charlie & Dianne Herfurth  
**Sunday, July 1**  
**Security:** Charlie Herfurth  
**Refreshments:** Cindy Worley  
**Honeybees:** Anna Calvert  
**Set up Chairs:** Kay & Mickey Phillips, David Fisher  
**Communion Servers:** Charlie & Dianne Herfurth, Denise Nails, Jo Presto, Virginia Pritchard & Cheri Waldrop  
**Prayer Partners:** Connie Butler  
**11:00 a.m. Worship**  
**Altar:** Shirley Hays  
**Head Usher:** David Hays  
**Ushers:** Harmon & Carolyn Eller, Bryon & Rose Marie Martin  
**Pick Up Attendance Pads:** Wendell & Marie Copeland  
**Organize Pew Racks:** Lori Tafazoli  
**Scripture Reader:** Carol Law  
**Acolyte:** Seth Shelton  
**Sunday, July 1**  
**Security:** Harmon Eller  
**Honeybees:** Sharon Lott  
**Prayer Partners:** Bill & Carolyn Peinhardt  
**Communion Servers:** Carolyn & Doyle Jones, Susan Copeland, Leanne Shelton and Bill Padgett

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<u>OUR ATTENDANCE</u>	
May 30	
8:30 a.m.	68
11:00 a.m.	91
	159
Sunday School	91
June 3	
8:30 a.m.	79
11:00 a.m.	94
	173
Sunday School	98
June 10	
8:30 a.m.	66
11:00 a.m.	79
	145
Sunday School	95
June 17	
8:30 a.m.	88
11:00 a.m.	94
	182
Sunday School	89


<u>OUR VISITORS</u>	
Annette Bailey	Laura and Lynleigh Hamm
Ryan Bagley	June Hicks
Darrin Blake	Janet Hinkle
Wendell Brook	Mary Lou Hughes
Cheryl Deloach	Bob and Sarah Manney
James, Jennifer, Preston,	Gordan Newcomb
Riley and Bridynn Fisher	Denise Pack
	Jackson Price

To the Congregation of St. Andrews,  
 Thanks for your prayers, calls, cards and visits while in the hospital, rehab and at home. May God Richly Bless You!  
 Our Love Always,  
 Louie and Frances Harbison

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Trustee Meeting**  
 Tuesday, July 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
**Finance Meeting**  
 Thursday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Church Council**  
 Sunday, July 15 at 4:00 p.m.  
**Emmaus**  
 Tuesday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Faith Joy Circle**  
 Wednesday, July 18 at 10:00 a.m.  
**Stephen Ministry Supervision**  
 Monday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Newsletter Folding**  
 Wednesday, July 25 at 9:30 a.m.  
**Senior Spirit Singers**  
 Sunday, August 12 at 5:00 p.m.  
**Swamp John's**  
 Tuesday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m.  
**Emmaus**  
 Tuesday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Newsletter Folding**  
 Wednesday, August 22 at 9:30 a.m.  
**Stephen Ministry Supervision**  
 Monday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m.


**Upcoming Swamp John Fundraiser's**  
 Thursday, August 21st & Thursday, September 20th  
 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
 \$11/plate



**Sunday, July 8th**



Every Monday at 6:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

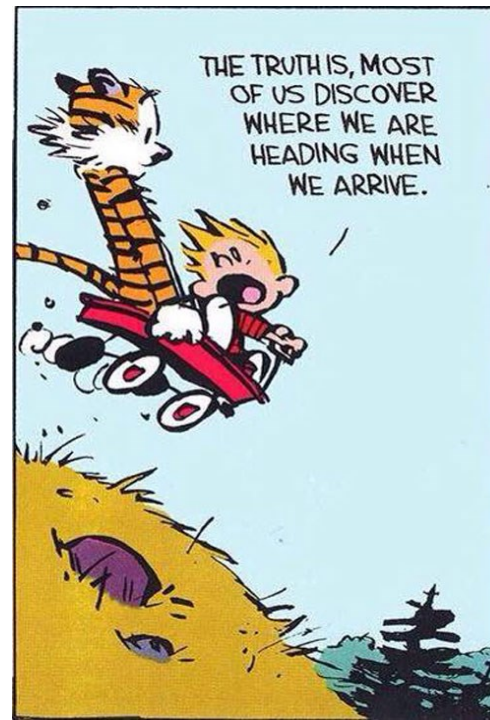


**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
 All Men Are Always Welcome



**Blood Drive!**  
 Red Cross Blood Drive  
 Monday, July 31st  
 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Fellowship Hall

**Save the Date**  
**Senior Spirit Singers**  
**Sunday, August 12th**  
**5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**  
**Invite all your friends & family**



**5TH SUNDAY SING**

Sunday, July 29th  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Activity Center  
 11:00 a.m. Potluck Meal in the Activity Center

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES

JULY 1 - JULY 7

### SUNDAY, July 1

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service  
9:50 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Youth

### MONDAY, July 2

6:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

### TUESDAY, July 3

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, July 4

Preschool and Church Office Closed

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### ST. ANDREW'S STAFF

Ministers  
The Entire Congregation

Senior Pastor  
Chuck Worley

Children's Director  
Kellie Britton

Minister of Music  
Dale Moore

Organist  
Jannie Ratliff

Youth Director  
David Speegle

Office Administrator  
Lori Tafazoli

Interim  
Preschool Director  
Tiffany Johnson

### God's Independence Day

Most Americans have celebrated Independence Day in their lifetime. Burgers and hotdogs sizzle on grills and fireworks burst in the sky. We eat, maybe hear *The Star Spangled Banner*, watch fireworks and go home. July fourth has become commonplace, another day for big sales events and flying an American flag. However, an Independence Day celebration approaches to impress the whole world! We don't know the date and shouldn't believe anyone who tells us they do. But, **no one** on earth or in heaven will miss its importance; and it will mark a day of freedom from the greatest oppressor ever – Satan. It is the day of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ's return. It is the beginning of real freedom, like no one has ever had before (except Adam and Eve before they sinned). Those who have believed in Christ's atoning blood for their sins and have trusted and believed in Him, might have what an old preacher of mine used to call "a Hallelujah breakdown!"

This Independence Day will release Christians from the many sins keeping them entangled. Imagine, no more sickness, no more addictions, no more gossip, no more unkindness, no more anything that does not reflect the positive attributes of the love of our Father God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Currently, we have the Holy Spirit to guide us, to strengthen us, to comfort us, and to give us power through Christ's death and resurrection. However, we are still tripped up by sin as long as we live in this fallen world. When Jesus comes, all our ungodliness along with our negative baggage goes away. I can't think of a better freedom than that. Actually, the whole scene of Jesus' return sounds so incredible, I doubt there are words to describe the immense emotional, spiritual, and physical response people will have. The Bible tells us Jesus will return to earth just like He left, through the clouds ([Acts 1:11\\*b](#)), with his angels ([Matt 16:27\\*](#)), with the trumpet call of God and a loud command ([1 Thessalonians 4:16\\*](#)). Scripture says believers in Christ will be changed in a twinkling of an eye and Jesus will destroy all dominion, authority and power standing in opposition to Almighty God ([1 Corinthians 15:52\\*](#), [1 Corinthians 15:24\\*](#)).

Our earthly minds are limited in their comprehension of this miraculous time. It's a God thing, and try as we may, we can't peg down the details on how God will accomplish the return of Jesus Christ and the destruction of evil. Picture the sky filled with God's mighty angels, the sound of God's trumpet, which has to be the most beautiful and loudest sounding instrument, and our Lord Jesus shining radiantly as He leads His mighty angelic troop in the sky. Envision watching victory as Christ and his angels capture Satan and his demons, and justice is completed. It will be more graphic and stirring than any riveting movie Hollywood could ever think of producing.

Many theologians have studied the return of Christ and have disagreed about the order of when things happen or exactly how they happen. These varied opinions on the return of Christ and the disappearance of believers from the earth have created divisions among believers who desperately want to cling to one decided order of the end times. My response to such division is that it won't matter how we interpret end times scriptures when God's day of Independence comes. Everything will be revealed in God's perfect timing. The Independence Day of our God will come when we least expect it and we are instructed to be ready as if it were the next moment. So, in case it happens to be today, **Happy Independence Day!**

### OUR VISION:

Our vision is to be a worshipping, loving and witnessing church in Cullman County where disciples of Jesus Christ live out their call to ministry and are nurtured in small groups.

Our Mission:  
Reach the lost,  
nurture the  
faithful.

## Wednesday Night Meal

Meals start back on August 15th

**Food  
Friends  
Fellowship  
Fun**

