

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES

MAY 5 - MAY 11

### SUNDAY, May 5

- 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, May 6

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 6:00 p.m. Charity Circle

### TUESDAY, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Hebrews Part 2 Precept
- 10:00 a.m. Bunco Group
- 5:30 p.m. Hebrews Part 2 Precept
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, May 8

- 9:30 a.m. Little Saints Preschool Worship Time
- 5:15 p.m. Potluck Meal
- 5:45 p.m. Praise Band Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Youth/Children Activities
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, May 9

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

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# STANDNEWS

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### ST. ANDREW'S STAFF

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The Entire Congregation

Senior Pastor  
Chuck Worley

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Dale Moore

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Jannie Ratliff

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David Speegle

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Preschool Director  
Tiffany Johnson

### Remember

Memorial Day, as Americans have come to know it, began in the years immediately following the Civil War. But until World War II, most people knew it as "Decoration Day." It was a day to decorate with flowers and flags the graves of fallen soldiers and remember those who had given, as Lincoln beautifully said, "the last full measure of devotion" to defend their nation. It was a day to remember what the honored dead had died to defend. A century and a half has passed since Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, effectively ending a national nightmare that filled over 625,000 American graves with dead soldiers. Since then, other international nightmares have ravaged the world and put more than 650,000 additional Americans into war graves in Europe, North Africa, the Pacific Rim, Asia, and the Middle East.

### Remembering Is for the Future

Memorial Day is an important national moment. It is a day to do more than barbeque. It is right and wise to remember the great price some have paid to preserve the historically unprecedented civil and religious freedoms we Americans have the luxury to take largely for granted. But the importance of Memorial Day is more for our future than it is for our past. It is crucial that we remember the nightmares and why they happened. We forget them at our own peril. The future of the United States depends in large amount on how well we collectively remember and cherish what liberty really is and the terror of tyranny. There is a high cost to forgetting. In the words of George Santayana's famous aphorism, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

### A Memorial People

Christians, of all people, understand the crucial importance of remembering. Christians are "memorial people" because the whole of our faith depends upon remembering. Those who persevere into the glorious future are those who remember the gracious past. That's why God has surrounded us with memorials. The entire Bible itself is a memorial. We meditate on it daily to remember. The Sabbath was a memorial to Israel's freedom from Egyptian slavery ([Deuteronomy 5:15](#)), and the church switched it to Sundays as a memorial to Christ's resurrection and our freedom from sin. Israel's great gathering feast days were memorials ([Exodus 13:3](#)). And now each time a local church gathers, each Lord's Supper celebration ([1 Corinthians 11:24-26](#)), each baptism, each Christmas celebration, and each Easter celebration is a memorial.

Remembering God's past grace is necessary to fuel our faith in God's future grace for us.† This makes the memory one of God's most profound, mysterious, and merciful gifts granted to us. God designed it to be a means of preserving (persevering) grace for his people. We neglect it at our own peril. The future of the church, globally and locally, and of each Christian depends largely on how well we remember the gospel of Jesus, all his precious and very great promises, and the successes and failures of church history. Scripture warns us that if we fail to remember, we will be condemned to submit again to sin's and hell's enslavement ([Hebrews 6:4-8](#)). Such warnings are graces to help us remember. So as we commemorate Memorial Day as Americans, let us do it with profound gratitude for the extraordinary common grace given to us when men and women laid their lives down for the sake of America's survival. And let us remember the past evils that we may not repeat them in the future. And as Christians, let us make every day, as long as it is called today, a memorial day ([Hebrews 3:13](#)). Let us "take care lest [we] forget the Lord" ([Deuteronomy 6:12](#)).

Let us "remember Jesus Christ" ([2 Timothy 2:8](#)).

### Celebrate Recovery Retreat

Friday, May 17th, 5:30 p.m. to Sunday, May 19, 2:00 p.m.

God has changed the lives of thousands of His children through Celebrate Recovery Ministries in the State of Alabama and it is time to celebrate! May 17-19, 2019 CR leadership for the state of Alabama will gather with a group of seekers and believers at Camp Sumatanga to worship God, deliver Celebrate Recovery themed training, and grow closer to God through their recovery. Training opportunities available include how to start a CR, coach training, codependency and how to write your testimony. Ticket options are \$125 for the weekend or \$40 for Saturday only. You can register thru the North Alabama Conference website.

### 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.

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

**Health and Healing:** Terry Armstrong, Kandi Foust Barnett, Levi Bates, Rhea Bearden, Lori Bice, Rayburn Bradley, Jenifer Brown, Andrew Buckalew, Carl Buttke, Edna Byrd, Freddie Byrd, Nancy Carmichael, Don Cole, Cheryl Crider, Matthew Edmondson, Joe and Kelly England, Melinda & Summer Evans, Bobbie Fell, Cathy Fincher, Larry & Imogene Galin, Pressley Gardner, Tiffany Godfrey, Sara Myers Gross, Faye Hall, Barbara Harris, Ronda Harris, Tom Hinkle, Pete Ivey, Charles Jackson, Ron Jasper, Will Jasper, Joshua Jones, Keith Jones, Alice Keenum, Shirley Long, Christie McAbee, Tracy McGhee, Randall & Sandra McGlaughn, Mickey Megginson, Andrea Prater, Trisha Prater, Sara & Bud Pritcett, Martha Roberson, Mike Russell, Dorothy Sinyard, Lucille Slade, Marsha Smith, Michael Smith, Phyllis Smith, Anna Sparks, Clint Tankersley, Jason Teeter, Sherri Troxler, Beverly Turner, Gary Turner, Jr., Stephanie Usher

**Homebound, Nursing Home or Assisted Living:** Rose Akers, Erma Barnett, Jim & Pat Cleghorn, Peggy Doss, Margaret Gill, Elwanda Houston, Eulala McCain, Joe & Jo Ann McMillan, John & Connie New, Rhonda Oakley, Rheva Patton, Jeanell Raney, Jean Sellers, Joyce Sparks, Margaret Stallings, Edna Wade, 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, Roger Queen, Malcolm Riker, Angelo Rossi, Tony Ruehl, Jonathan Ryan, Josh Ryan, Mark Smith, Matthew Steele, Dylan Tindale, Kevin White, Doreann Wiley

**MAY SERVANTS**  
**Trustee:** Byron Martin

**8:30 a.m. Worship**  
**Altar:** Rita Speegle  
**Make Coffee:** Miriam Adams  
**Worship Greeters:** David and Helen Fisher  
**Hand Out Bulletins:** Brenda and Michele Cash  
**Take Up Offering:** David Adams and Fred Ponder  
**Pick Up Attendance Pad:** Brenda Cash and Kay Phillips  
**Scripture Reader:** Brenda Cash

**Sunday, May 5**  
**Refreshments:** Peggy Ryan  
**Security:** Fred Ponder  
**Honeybees:** Anna Calvert  
**Set up Chairs:** Kay & Mickey Phillips, David Fisher  
**Communion Servers:** Eddie & Mary Nell Hightower, Brenda & Michele Cash, Jonathan & Wendy Ryan

**11:00 a.m. Worship**  
**Altar:** Rose Marie Martin  
**Head Usher:** Larry Britton  
**Ushers:** Doyle & Carolyn Jones, David Hays and Gary Turner  
**Pick Up Attendance Pads:** Carolyn McKoy and Sharon Lott  
**Organize Pew Racks:** Carolyn McKoy  
**Scripture Reader:** Susan Copeland  
**Acolyte:** Trenton Wood

**Sunday, May 5**  
**Honeybees:** Kellie Britton  
**Communion Servers:** Bill and Hazel Ruehl, Gerald and Sandra Weatherly  
**Prayer Partners:** Sharon Lott

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<u>OUR ATTENDANCE</u>		
	March 31	
Combined Service		98
Sunday School		66
	April 7	
8:30 a.m.		80
11:00 a.m.		121
		201
Sunday School		104
	April 14	
8:30 a.m.		63
11:00 a.m.		85
		148
Sunday School		67
	April 21	
8:30 a.m.		106
11:00 a.m.		125
		231
Sunday School		89

**OUR VISITORS**

Matt Ambrose  
 Wesley, Rachel, Cy, Miles, and May Dawsey  
 Sonny and Barbara Dawsey  
 Gregg and Rhonda Dewalt  
 Tom and Sherry Lamar  
 Destiny Mashburn  
 Chris and Susie Martin  
 Mickey and Charlene Megginson  
 Allison Phillips  
 The Smith Family  
 Gaye Nell Williams

Reminder: The Church Office and Preschool will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Cullman Prayer Breakfast**  
 Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 a.m.

**National Day of Prayer**  
 Thursday, May 2, pray all day

**Charity Circle**  
 Monday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m.

**Bunco Group**  
 Tuesday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m.

**Trustee Meeting**  
 Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.

**Finance Meeting**  
 Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m.

**Friendship Circle**  
 Tuesday, May 14 at 12:30 p.m.

**Traveling Saints**  
 Thursday, May 16 at 10:00 p.m.

**Preschool Graduation**  
 Friday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m.

**Senior Recognition**  
 Sunday, May 19, both services

**Church Council**  
 Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m.

**Stephen Ministry Supervision**  
 Monday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m.

**Emmaus**  
 Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.

**Newsletter Folding**  
 Wednesday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m.

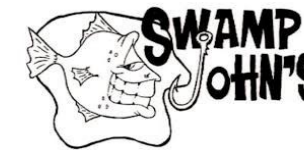
**Swamp John's Fundraiser**  
 Thursday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m.



**Traveling Saints**  
 Thursday, May 16th, 10:30 a.m.

The Traveling Saints Lunch Bunch are kicking off their maiden trip with a short excursion to Cleveland, AL to the Mio Sogno Italian Ristorante. Mio Sogno serves both Italian and American cuisine with the lunch menu costing \$10.99 and under. Please contact Judy Bonds at 256-636-2735 by Tuesday, May 14th to reserve your spot. Cost to ride the bus will be \$6.

**Swamp John's Fundraiser**  
 Thursday, May 30th  
 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
 \$12/plate



Saturday, June 15 & 22  
 8 a.m. - noon



More information coming soon!!!

Save the Date  
 Big Heart Farms VBS  
 June 24 - June 28  
 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Volunteers needed to help and kids needed to learn where God's fruit grows.

**BIGHEART FARMS**  
WHERE GOD'S FRUIT GROWS | GALATIANS 5:16-26



**Snacks Needed For CRMC**

Charity Circle is sponsoring snack collection for the CCU and Surgery waiting areas for the families who have loved ones in the hospital. St. Andrew's snack day is the 15th of each month. Snack suggestions are Little Debbie Cakes, peanuts, candy bars, individual bags of chips and Lance or Ritz 6 pack crackers. If you would like to provide snacks please leave them in the Crusaders classroom or on the table outside the church office marked CRMC snacks.



**MOTHER'S DAY**  
**Breakfast**  
 Sunday, May 12 at 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship Hall  
 Please join us  
 All ladies are welcome