

WE COVENANT WITH GOD THROUGH . . . OUR PRAYERS

Health and Healing: Terry Armstrong, Kandi Foust Barnett, Levi Bates, Rhea Bearden, Lori Bice, Jenifer Brown, Andrew Buckalew, Carl Buttke, Edna Byrd, Freddie Byrd, Nancy Carmichael, Cheryl Crider, Matthew Edmondson, Harmon Eller, 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, Mickey Megginson, Phyllis Powers, Andrea Prater, Trisha Prater, Sara & Bud Pritcett, Martha Roberson, Mike Russell, Dorothy Sinyard, Lucille Slade, Phyllis Smith, Anna Sparks, Margaret Stallings, Bobby Stewart, Al Stone, Amanda Thrasher family, Sherri Troxler, Beverly Turner, Gary Turner, Jr.

Homebound, Nursing Home or Assisted Living: Erma Barnett, 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, Rheva Patton, Jeanell Raney, Jean Seller, Joyce Sparks, Don Wiggins, Norma Wrenn

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OCTOBER SERVANTS

Trustee:

8:30 a.m. Worship
Altar: Rita Speegle
Make Coffee: Miriam Adams
Worship Greeters: Charlie & Dianne Herfurth
Hand Out Bulletins: Gary & Teresa Lasdon
Take Up Offering: Eddie & Mary Nell Hightower, Anna Calvert and Jonathan Ryan
Pick Up Attendance Pad: Eddie & Mary Nell Hightower

Sunday, October 7
Security: Fred Ponder
Refreshments: Eddie & Mary Nell Hightower
Honeybees: Anna Calvert
Set up Chairs: Kay & Mickey Phillips, David Fisher
Communion Servers: Charlie & Dianne Herfurth, Brenda Cash, Michele Cash, Anna Calvert & Peggy Burgess
Prayer Partners: Brenda and Michele Cash

11:00 a.m. Worship
Altar: Hazel Ruehl
Head Usher: Larry Britton
Ushers: Doyle & Carolyn Jones, Greg Wrenn
Pick Up Attendance Pads: Hazel & Bill Ruehl
Organize Pew Racks: Byron Martin
Scripture Reader: Gerald Weatherly
Acolyte: Carolyn Worley

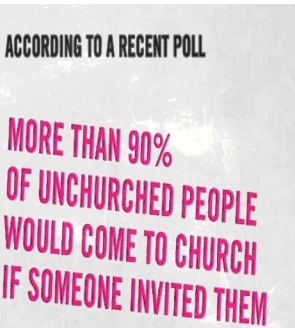
Sunday, October 7
Security: Larry Britton
Honeybees: Kellie Britton
Prayer Partners: Hilda Aldridge and Hazel Ruehl
Communion Servers: Carolyn & Doyle Jones, LeAnne Shelton, Bill Padgett and Lori Tafazoli

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OUR ATTENDANCE	
September 2	
8:30 a.m.	77
11:00 a.m.	92
	169
Sunday School	104
September 9	
8:30 a.m.	75
11:00 a.m.	99
	174
Sunday School	111
September 16	
8:30 a.m.	77
11:00 a.m.	102
	179
Sunday School	115
September 23	
8:30 a.m.	72
11:00 a.m.	87
	159
Sunday School	103

OUR VISITORS

Macon Armistead
 Wendell and Annette Brooks
 Gail Brown
 Mary Beth, Freddy and James Canning
 Jaci Clements
 Paul, Carol and Nicolas Cox
 Sarah Herfurth
 Kaitlyn Johnson
 Mark Lathem
 John Lindsey
 Michelle and Bridgett McCurry
 Brenda McKinney
 Aaliyah Ryan
 Elana Steele



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Charity Circle
 Monday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Bunco
 Tuesday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Trustees Meeting
 Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Meeting
 Thursday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Friendship Circle
 Tuesday, October 9 at 12:30 p.m.

Emmaus
 Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Rummage Sale
 Saturday, October 20 at 8:00 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Supervision
 Monday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m.

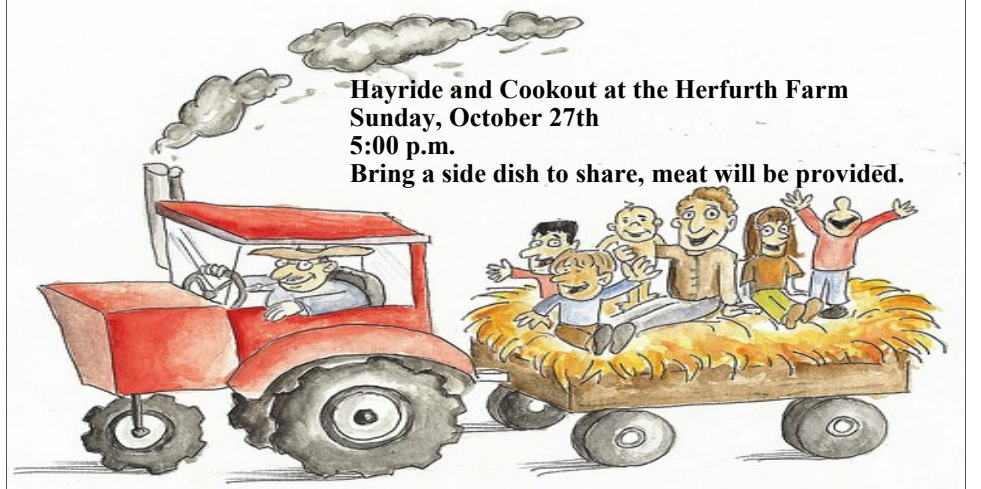
Newsletter Folding
 Wednesday, October 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Cookout and Hayride at Herfurth's
 Sunday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Youth Snack Supper Schedule

October 7 - Anna Calvert
 October 14 - Sandy Britton
 October 21 - Rita Speegle
 October 28 - Rhonda Brown & Sharon Lott

Charge Conference
Sunday, November 18th
2:00 p.m.
St. Andrew's Sanctuary
All are welcome to attend



Sunday, October 7th
First Service - Youth Led
Second Service - Children Led
 Come join us as the children and youth lead us in worship. Our special speaker for the day will be T.J. Brown.

CHILDREN'S Sabbath

St. Andrew's Fall Bazaar
 November 3, 2018
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Contact Virginia Pritchard to rent a spot to sell your items. Booth rentals proceeds to benefit the youth department.

Rummage SALE

Children's Department Rummage Sale
 Saturday, October 20th
 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 The children's department is in need of all those treasures you no longer need or their upcoming rummage sale. Donations may be dropped off in the old food bank room.

Members in Ministry

Enclosed within your newsletter you will find the Members in Ministry form for 2019. As you look upon your next year of ministry at St. Andrew's please prayerfully consider how you will serve this congregation faithfully with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service. Please turn in your forms to the church office by the end of October. You can either put them in the offering plate or leave them in the box outside the church office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES

OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 13

SUNDAY, October 7

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
2:30 p.m. Youth/Children to County Fair

MONDAY, October 8

7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

TUESDAY, October 9

9:00 a.m. 2 Timothy Precept Class
12:30 p.m. Friendship Circle
5:30 p.m. 2 Timothy Precept Class

WEDNESDAY, October 10

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's Activities
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

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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

Preschool Director
Tiffany Johnson

8 Blessings We Experience By Serving Others

We all want our lives to matter. It's the reason we do the things we do. We chase promotions and leadership positions because we want to make a difference. We encourage our kids to go to college, get a good job, and make lots of money, in hopes that they, too, will make a difference. There's nothing wrong with wealth or influence, but those things alone won't change the world and they aren't what we were made for. We were made to build the church ([Ephesians 4:11-13](#)). God made each one of with unique talents, personalities and skill sets. And when we ask Jesus into our lives, we're given at least one spiritual gift. We get the most joy and make the biggest difference when we use our God-given talents, gifts and abilities to build the church ([Ephesians 4:14-16](#)). Eight blessings we experience by serving others are listed below:

1. Serving allows us to discover and develop our spiritual gifts.

[1 Corinthians 12](#) compares the church to a human body. Just like our bodies are made of many parts serving specific functions, the church is made up of people with different skills and abilities. Alone these pieces aren't very useful, but together we create something beautiful.

2. Serving allows us to experience miracles.

In [John 2](#), Jesus was at a wedding and the couple was running out of wine for its guests. He tells the servants to fill several big jars to the brim. When they served the water to the guests, it was wine! The guests never knew what happened; the servants were the ones who witnessed the miracle. The same is true for us when we serve.

3. Serving allows us to experience the joy and peace that comes from obedience.

[1 Peter 4:10-11](#) says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ." Serving is a form of worship, a way to express gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, and to share the love and grace we've been given.

4. Serving helps us to be more like Jesus.

We shift our focus off of ourselves onto others through serving. We begin to see others as Jesus sees them. And we see Jesus IN others ([Matthew 25:40](#)).

5. Serving surrounds us with other Christians who can help us follow Jesus.

When we're working side by side with other people, a bond inevitably forms. This was part of God's plan for how the church is supposed to work. That's why [Hebrews 10:24-25](#) instructs us to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another."

6. Serving increases our faith.

As we move out of our comfort zones, God increases our faith by revealing new potential — in ourselves and in His Church. When we see what He can do when His power is at work within us, we begin looking for the doors He's opening rather than pushing our way through the one's He's closed ([Ephesians 3:20](#)).

7. Serving allows us to experience God's presence in new ways.

Encouragement and healing go hand in hand. As we encourage others and they find healing, we're encouraged. It's the reason so many people who go on mission trips say they came home feeling like they got more than they gave.

8. Serving is good for your soul.

Studies have shown that volunteering is so good for the mind and body that it can ease symptoms of stress and depression. Tapping into our gifts and passions builds self-confidence, energy, and strength. Serving others can also be the best distraction from our own worries.

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.

Bishop's Day in the Central District

Monday, October 15th, 6:30 p.m.

St. Mark UMC, 2901 Columbiana Road, Birmingham

All interested individuals are invited to join the Bishop as she shares information about the report from the Commission on the Way Forward and the three models outlined in the report. The presentation will be followed by a time of prayer, thanksgiving and praise focused on God's vision for our District and Conference. There **will not** be a question and answer session at this event. If you wish to share your thoughts or ideas you may do so online at the following link: www.umcna.org/gc2019