

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES

MAY 2 - MAY 7

SUNDAY, May 2

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
5:00 p.m. Resound Gospel Group

MONDAY, May 3

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

TUESDAY, May 4

6:00 p.m. Trustees

WEDNESDAY, May 5

5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Youth/Children Activities

*** Calendar events are subject to change due to Covid.

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STANDNEWS

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ST. ANDREW'S STAFF

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Senior Pastor
Robert Lancaster

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Lori Tafazoli

Preschool Director
Tiffany Johnson

St. Andrew's family as many of you know the church budgets and gives a monthly donation to the Committee on Church Cooperation (CCC); as well as many of our Sunday school classes. The CCC assists individuals with rent and utility payments. To receive assistance these individuals are vetted, often are required to show good faith by paying a portion of the bill themselves and can only receive assistance every six months. I would like to share this letter we received from the CCC, so that you can see how some of our donations have been spent.

Dear Friends of CCC,

I'd like to share some stories to show how your donations are being used to help families in our county.

A young woman came to us for help with a past due power bill of \$285. She had been working a low-income job, and Covid sent her into quarantine, so she got behind on her bills. We have her a voucher that said the CCC would pay \$150 after she paid \$135. Since then she has moved to a better job and is doing well. She just needed a one-time boost to help her over a "bump in the road"

A single mother with a young child needed help with her power bill. Like so many of our clients, her monthly SSI check is \$730, which is less than her monthly bills. We were able to pay \$130 on her bill.

A couple with 2 young children came to us for help. All four family members came down with serious cases of Covid last year. Neither parent was able to work and due to the after-effects of Covid, they are still unable to work. They are having a rough time making ends meet. We were glad we could give them some assistance with their power bill.

The Link brought a man to us who had lost virtually everything. Already suffering from heart problems, his house had burned down and he lost everything. He was burned in the fire and spend 4 days in the hospital. We were proud to join with several local organizations to help him get back on his feet. The CCC paid \$150 toward rent on a new apartment. He has a wonderful attitude and is so grateful for everyone's help. He has recovered from his injuries and now helps people in his apartment complex. He sees the Lord's hand in all this and says he feels blessed.

It's a real blessing to work with CCC and be a part of making a difference in lives of Cullman County families, and of course your donations make it all possible. As always, we are so grateful for your generous contributions.

Wishing you Easter Blessings and the Lord's continued care,
Hazel Heinze and all the Volunteers of the CCC

Preschool Graduation, Friday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m.



EasyTithe Text Giving

256-254-5573

We now have available the ability to give through text. Simply text the amount you want to give to the above number and you will be prompted by EasyTithe on how to complete your donation.



Our Mission:
Reach the lost,
nurture the
faithful.

WE COVENANT WITH GOD THROUGH . . . OUR PRAYERS

Health and Healing: Freddie and Kathy Byrd, Drue Hightower, Rita Speegle

Homebound, Nursing Home or Assisted Living

Rose Akers, Erma Barnett, Pat Cleghorn, Peggy Doss, Margaret Gill, Louie & Frances Harbison, Elwanda Houston, Peggy Laseter, Eulala McCain, Jo Ann McMillan, John & Connie New, Rhonda Oakley, Rheva Patton, Jeanell Raney, Jean Sellers, Imogene Turner, 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, Grant Pinkley, Malcolm Riker, Angelo Rossi, Tony Ruehl, Jonathan Ryan, Josh Ryan, Mark Smith, Matthew Steele, Dylan Tindale, Kevin White, Doreann Wiley

MAY SERVANTS

8:30 a.m. Worship

Altar: Dianne Herfurth
Take Up Offering: Linda Hall & Luwana Hamby
Scripture Reader: Judy Bonds

Sunday, May 2

Security: Fred Ponder
Set up Chairs: Kay & Mickey Phillips
Honeybees: Wendy Ryan
Communion Servers: Billy & Judy Bonds, James & Clara Laminack, Anna Calvert and Lionel Butler

11:00 a.m. Worship

Altar: Susan Copeland
Scripture Reader: Connie Butler

Sunday, May 2

Communion Servers: Larry & Sandra Britton, Bill & Hazel Ruehl
Honeybees: Terri Wrenn

**** If you feel uncomfortable attending worship service please contact Lori in the office and she will find a replacement for you. Thank you.**

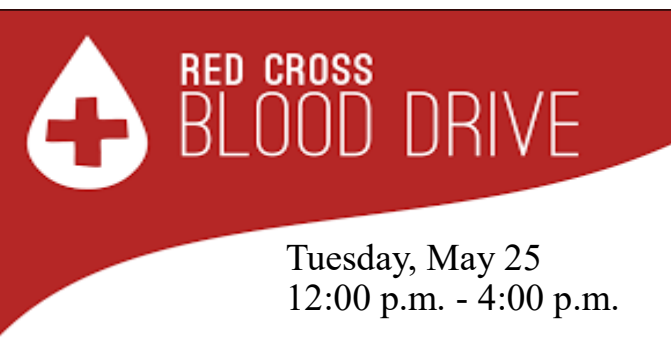
Prayer Chain Contact:

Lori Tafazoli: 256-509-4985 (cell)
tafazoli@juno.com
256-734-0340 (church office)*

*You can leave a message on church office phone and it will be emailed to me.

OUR ATTENDANCE

	March 28	
8:30 a.m. Worship		53
11:00 a.m. Worship		64
On-line Worship		32
Sunday School		72
	April 4	
8:30 a.m. Worship		64
11:00 a.m. Worship		73
On-line Worship		39
Sunday School		55
	April 11	
8:30 a.m. Worship		64
11:00 a.m. Worship		66
On-line Worship		38
Sunday School		68
	April 18	
8:30 a.m. Worship		53
11:00 a.m. Worship		76
On-line Worship		20
Sunday School		65



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, May 25
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Address
Elizabeth Burns
East Glen Nursing Home
53 Medical Park Drive, E, #7B
Birmingham, AL 35235
Visitors are allowed.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Resound Quartet Group

Sunday, May 2 at 5:00 p.m.

Charity Circle

Monday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Friendship Circle

Tuesday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Finance

Thursday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Preschool Graduation

Friday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Church Council

Sunday, May 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Emmaus

Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Newsletter Folding

Wednesday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Traveling Saints

Thursday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Supervision

Monday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 25 at 12:00 p.m.

Swamp John's Fundraiser
Thursday, June 24
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
\$12/plate




NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 6, 2021



Save the Date
Re Sound Gospel Group
Sunday, May 2
5:00 p.m.
St. Andrew's Sanctuary
Bring a friend and enjoy



Save the Date, the 80's Way



Vacation Bible School
June 28th - July 2nd, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Camp Sumatanga Workday Volunteer Groups Needed

If you would like to set up a workday at Camp Sumatanga you can email Tony Jones at director@sumatanga.org, or call 256-538-9860. Meanwhile, you can support Camp by registering your students for summer camp. It's simple....go to sumatanga.org for the dates and a list of the ministry team or email Leslie at reservations@sumatanga.org. Scholarships available. See you at Camp!

****New plans for Traveling Saints April trip as follows****

Traveling Saints will be taking the bus to Bright Star Restaurant in Bessemer on Thursday, April 29th, 2021. We will meet and leave the church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. Reservations are for 11:00 a.m. If you are riding the bus, we need to know as soon as possible so if we exceed the limit of 23, we can make arrangements for further transportation. The bus will be driven by Rick Foster. Cost to ride will be a \$6.00 donation. We also need to know if you are driving yourself and meeting us at restaurant. We will need a total count of people going by Tuesday, April 27, 2021 called in to Judy or Kay or posted on the Traveling Saints Facebook page. A daily menu will be provided the morning of trip. And even if you are completely vaccinated, we are still going to recommend that you wear a mask. Be in prayer as always for our trips. Looking forward to seeing everyone!