

THE WINDOW VIEW

LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 2, 2024

*For you are my lamp, O Lord,
and my God lightens my darkness.
For by You I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.*

*This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the Lord proves true;
He is a shield for all those who take
refuge in Him.*

2 Samuel 22:29-31



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**THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024**



MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ITEMS OF THE MONTH

CANNED FRUIT

There is a decorated container in the office to receive your donations for GAP Ministries. And remember: If you forget to bring an item, you may always contribute cash or checks (made payable to GAP Ministries).

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/01 Carolyn Lee
- 5/04 John Macuch
- 5/04 Mark Sollie
- 5/17 Traci Westin
- 5/21 Sandra Plastridge
- 5/21 Martha Deason
- 5/24 Flo Mundy
- 5/24 Joyce Howe
- 5/24 Charles Rimbey
- 5/27 Melissa Mundy
- 5/27 Jose Ruiz
- 5/28 Dot Ruiz

GREETERS

- 05/05 Kathy & Jim Elder
- 05/12 Janet & Bill Cravens
- 05/19 Angie Rees & Gail Volz
- 05/26 Jackie & Ken Voss

DOOR KEEPERS

- 05/05 Jim Elder
- 05/12 Bill Cravens
- 05/19 Joe Lesniewski
- 05/26 Ken Voss

LAY READER FOR MAY

Becky Moore

Christian Education Ministry**May 2024****Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study**

The Wednesday brown-bag Bible Study has completed the **Christianity Explored** series, The Study of Mark. It was very well received, and we have started a new series by the same company called **Discipleship Explored**. This study is based on the Book of Philippians, Paul's letter to the church he started at Philippi.

We have two sessions each Wednesday to accommodate people who prefer day meetings. The first session begins at 11:30 AM with lunch and fellowship and the second session which starts at 5:30 PM with food and fellowship. The people who attended the first session of this new study commented that they like this study even better than the first! So we invite you to bring some food and a friend and join us!

Sunday School Classes

The **Adult Co-Ed Class** meet in the Parlor and study the scripture selections for that day's Worship Service. If you want to get a head start, the Scripture can be found in the church bulletin that is sent via e-mail. The class is led by Jim Elder. This class is open to all adults.

The **Women's Sunday School Class** meets in the Fellowship Classroom. They are finishing the Bible Study of Amos. Their next study will be a repeat of The Christianity Explored study. If you were unable to attend on Wednesday's, this class will be for you! The teach is Becky Moore.

The **Youth Sunday School Class** meets in the Ark. We will finish the current study "Walking With The Way Maker" on May 5th with the last lesson. May 12 we will begin a new session studying the Armor of God. Each Sunday we will study a piece of armor that symbolizes aspects of Jesus' life. We will assemble a suit of armor to remind us how we can use this "Armor" every day.

- May 5 - The Way Maker Raises Lazarus From the Dead
- May 13 - Uncovering the Belt of Truth
- May 22 - Breastplate of Righteousness
- May 29 - Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

We will finish this study in May. As always, there will be Nursery Time for children age 5 and under with a lesson and play time especially for them. Sunday School time is 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

Latest News on "The Chosen"

Latest news on "The Chosen" - Season 4.

Expected release date for DVD and streaming is now listed as May 15th. We have pre-ordered the DVD and when it is delivered we will get this into the schedule.

NOTE: Many producers of Season 5 Highlights have advised:

Spoiler Alert: IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN SEASON 4, DO NOT WATCH ANY SEASON 5 PREVIEW PROGRAMS. THEY CONTAIN INFO ABOUT SEASON 4 AND SERVE AS SPOILERS FOR IMPORTANT SCENES IN SEASON 4 VIEWING PLANS. Season 5 is in production now. Outlines and planning for Seasons 6 & 7 are in the beginning stages.

According to the latest estimates, the known universe holds approximately one *septillion* stars; that's a one followed by 24 zeros. Our own galaxy, the Milky Way, holds something more than one hundred billion stars, including the Sun. While human beings have given some of these stars names, such as Polaris or Sirius or Betelgeuse, the best we can do with the rest is to assign letters and numbers, but leaving the overwhelming majority not named at all.

Yet Scripture tells us that God, the Creator and Ruler of the universe, has not only numbered all the stars but has given them names, which demonstrates both his infinite wisdom and his infinite authority. When we consider the staggering size of the universe, it's no wonder we often feel small and insignificant by comparison. As David wrote in Psalm 8, *"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?"*

But in the very next verse David declares: *"Yet you have made him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned him with glory and honor."* It boggles the imagination, but human beings are the supreme feature of all creation, made in the very image of God himself. What's more, God did not simply create humanity and then wander off through the galaxies looking for other things to do, but to deliver us from sin and death, took human form in Jesus Christ, to redeem us, to heal us, and to walk with us in our daily lives.

The One who set all septillion stars in place is also the One who heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He is both transcendent, and far beyond us, and also immanent, immediately present through the Holy Spirit, truly Immanuel, God With Us. This is the God who has come to us in Jesus Christ, and as Paul wrote, *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"* (Romans 8:32). The next time you feel overwhelmed by life, and wonder if God cares, go outside at night and meditate on the glory of God revealed in the stars, and remember you are worth far more than all of them combined.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Ed



"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names."

(Psalm 147:3-4)





**BIBLE IN A YEAR READINGS
MAY**

- May 1** Judges 9, Psalm 110, Romans 16
- May 2** Judges 10-11, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 1
- May 3** Judges 12-14, Psalm 112, 1 Corinthians 2-3
- May 4** Judges 15-16, Psalm 113, 1 Corinthians 4-5
- May 5** Judges 17-18, Psalm 114, 1 Corinthians 6-7
- May 6** Judges 19-21, Psalm 115, 1 Corinthians 8-9
- May 7** Ruth 1, Psalm 116, 1 Corinthians 10
- May 8** Ruth 2-4, Psalm 117, 1 Corinthians 11
- May 9** 1 Sam 1-2, Psalm 118, 1 Corinthians 12-13
- May 10** 1 Sam 3-5, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 14
- May 11** 1 Sam 6-8, Psalm 119:9-16, 1 Corinthians 15-16
- May 12** 1 Sam 9-10, Psalm 119:17-24, 2 Corinthians 1-2
- May 13** 1 Sam 11-13, Psalm 119:25-32, 2 Corinthians 3-4
- May 14** 1 Sam 14, Psalm 119:33-40, 2 Corinthians 5-6
- May 15** 1 Sam 15-16, Psalm 119:41-48, 2 Corinthians 7-8
- May 16** 1 Sam 17, Psalm 119:49-56, 2 Corinthians 9-10
- May 17** 1 Sam 18-19, Psalm 119:57-64, 2 Corinthians 11-13
- May 18** 1 Sam 20-21, Psalm 119:65-72, Galatians 1-2
- May 19** 1 Sam 22-23, Psalm 119:73-80, Galatians 3-4
- May 20** 1 Sam 24-25, Psalm 119:81-88, Galatians 5-6
- May 21** 1 Sam 26-28, Psalm 119:89-96, Ephesians 1
- May 22** 1 Sam 29-31, Psalm 119:97-104, Ephesians 2-3
- May 23** 2 Sam 1-2, Psalm 119:105-112, Ephesians 4
- May 24** 2 Sam 3-4, Psalm 119:113-120, Ephesians 5-6
- May 25** 2 Sam 5-6, Psalm 119:121-128, Philippians 1-2
- May 26** 2 Sam 7-9, Psalm 119:129-136, Philippians 3-4
- May 27** 2 Sam 10-11, Psalm 119:137-144, Colossians 1-2
- May 28** 2 Sam 12-13, Psalm 119:145-152, Colossians 3-4
- May 29** 2 Sam 14-15, Psalm 119:153-160, 1 Thessalonians 1-2
- May 30** 2 Sam 16-17, Psalm 119:161-168, 1 Thessalonians 3-5
- May 31** 2 Sam 18-19, Psalm 119:169-176, 2 Thessalonians 1

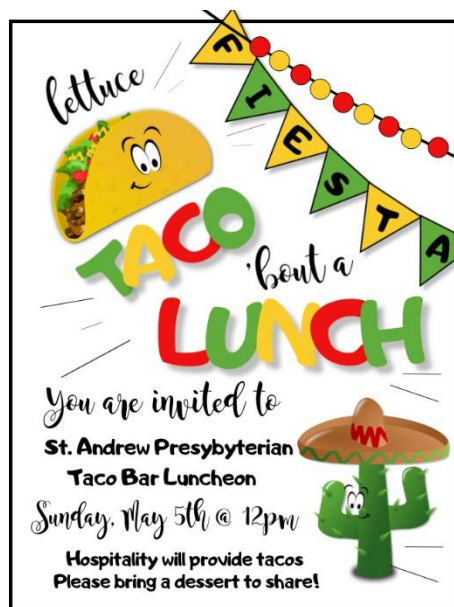


**TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH 2024**

2024 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$ 4,897.50
YTD Average Weekly Income	\$ 5,613.61
Total Income March	\$ 26,059.12
Total Expenses March	\$ 19,977.19
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	\$ 6,081.93



A farm tour has been arranged for St. Andrew folks at Hillcrest Dairy on **Tuesday, May 7th**. We plan to meet at St. Andrew at 10:00 am for those who want to carpool or drive your own vehicle and meet us there. Tickets are \$12 at the gate and the tour begins at 11:00 am. Wear casual clothes for a barn talk and a tractor drawn trailer ride through the farm. This promises to be tons of fun!





“I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME.”

MATTHEW 25:36

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Save the Date!



Jump for Joy!

St Andrew Vacation Bible School for Adults will return in July!

The dates will be:

- Friday, July 12
- Friday, July 19
- Friday, July 26
- Friday, August 2

Look for more information in future Window Views!
Tell all your friends!



COPELAND ELEMENTARY TEACHERS’ APPRECIATION SPRING LUNCHEON

St. Andrew will be treating Copeland Elementary School’s teachers & staff (70 people!) to a **Spring Appreciation Luncheon** on Monday, May 13th.

How can you help? Bring cookies, brownies, candy, individual packages of chips & gallons of sweet iced tea to St. Andrew’s parlor on **Sunday, May 12th, by noon**. Questions? Call Jeanne Stroebel at (706) 627-3990 or email teachmejs@yahoo.com.



SAINT ANDREW BOOK CLUB

The book selection to read for May will be The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie. We will be meeting on June 2, 2024, in the Women’s Sunday School classroom after service to discuss the book. Anne Iverson will be preparing questions and leading the discussion. You are welcome to bring a snack or lunch. New members are always welcomed!

MAY 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY 5:30 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 CHOIR REHEARSAL	2 1 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE 1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE AT KERSHNER HOME NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	3 1 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	4
5 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION NOON TACO LUNCH	6 1 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	7 HILLCREST FARMS TOUR – MEET AT SAPC 10 AM OR AT FARM 11 AM	8 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY 5:30 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 CHOIR REHEARSAL	9 1 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	10 1 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	11
12 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP GREENE STREET DINER	13 FOOD TO COPELAND FOR TEACHERS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON 1 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE 6:30 PM SESSION MEETING	14 9:45 AM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	15 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY 5:30 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 CHOIR REHEARSAL	16 1 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE 1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE AT KERSHNER HOME	17 1 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE 7 PM – 8:30 PM AUGUSTA GEM & MINERAL CLUB	18 9 AM – 2 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE GREEN JACKET BASEBALL GAME STARTS 6 PM SRP PARK NORTH AUGUSTA SC
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Hello friends and family!

This summer, First Presbyterian Church is sending a team to Glyfada, Greece to serve God and the people of Greece. The purpose of this mission trip is to support the Glyfada Church by assisting with children's classes and activities, and doing repair projects on the Voula House, a refugee home. I am excited to announce I will be traveling to **Glyfada, Greece on June 5-13, 2024.**

This year has been a challenging and yet also very rewarding school year. The Lord has shown up in the most unexpected ways both inside and outside of the classroom. Since becoming members of First Presbyterian Church, I have felt the desire to serve the Lord on a mission trip. During our missions conference in March, I felt an immediate call to join the church as they go to Greece. I am thrilled to get the opportunity to show my gratitude to God for all he has done for me this year and to be able to use my gifts as a teacher to help teach English to the local children.

I would like to invite each of you to be a part of this trip through prayer for me and my team as we travel to Glyfada and for the people of this country to have hearts that are open to hearing the message of the gospel. I would also like to invite you to support me financially towards this trip to cover the cost of flights, meals, and accommodations. **I need to raise \$1,500 by May 28th.** If you would like to donate to my trip, please click my link below to give.

Here is the link if you'd like to financially support the trip: click [here](#)

"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." John 17:3

In Christ,
Kathryn Dowling

Here is the link:

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