

THE WINDOW VIEW

Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ITEMS OF THE MONTH

SOUP (Canned or Ramen Noodles)

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).

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/09 Janet Cravens
- 9/09 Charlotte Kitchen
- 9/10 Ken Voss
- 9/16 Cindy Lesniewski
- 9/20 Pat Seaborn
- 9/24 Evelyn Berry
- 9/25 Johanna McGrath
- 9/26 Bob Plastridge
- 9/26 Barbara Rinker
- 9/27 Carl Bailey
- 9/28 Ivett Andrews
- 9/29 Shawn Rooney

GREETERS

- 9/03 Kathy & Jim Elder
- 9/10 Janet & Bill Cravens
- 9/17 Angie Rees & Gail Volz
- 9/24 Volunteers Needed

DOOR KEEPERS

- 9/03 Jim Elder
- 9/10 Bill Cravens
- 9/17 Joe Lesniewski
- 9/24 Ken Voss

LAY READERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Janet & Bill Cravens

Christian Education Ministry**News for September****Sunday School**

There is a Sunday School class for you at St. Andrew! All classes start at 9:30 am. If you are new and not sure where the location is, just ask anyone and we will be happy to escort you to the proper classroom with a smile! **Co-Ed Adult Sunday School Class**

This class meets in the Parlor and is led by Jim Elder. We look at the Scripture verses that the sermon is based on. You can find the Scripture in the emailed bulletin each week, and now you can even click on it and find the verses! We not only look at the verses and study their meaning, but we even try to predict how Rev. Ed's sermon will go. This class really makes the church service meaningful and can lead to some interesting conversations with your family and friends.

Women's Bible Study Sunday School Class

This class is currently finishing up their study . "Walk With Me: Your Spiritual Esteem Journey" by Cathy Joens and Toni Taylor. We are exploring spiritual esteem and what tears it down and why it matters. We invite you to come and join us in this special study. We meet in the classroom in the Fellowship Hall. This study is led by Becky Moore.

Sunday School Classes for All Youth

Infants and pre-school students are invited to join the Nursery class. They learn about Jesus and have plenty of play time as well; plus if they get worn out, there is a crib for sleepy time.

All school age students meet together in the Ark to share some together time and then separate into different groups for the lesson. Each lesson looks at the Bible with specific activities designed to reenforce the lesson and to share with their families. We also learn how to use our lesson in our daily life.

Please see Jackie Voss for more information on Youth Sunday School Programs.

Wednesday Night

Brown Bag Bible Study on Wednesday Nights is back. We will continue our study of "***The Chosen***" Season 3. During September we will view and discuss Episode 3 "***Physician Heal Yourself***" and Episode 4 "***Clean***"-Part 1.

Because the episodes are longer the start time has changed to assure choir members who want to join us will still be able to get to practice on time.

- Meeting for "Brown Bag Dinner" is at 5:30 pm.
- Showtime is 6 pm. to 7:15pm.

Hope to see you there for fellowship and "The Chosen"!

P.S. Bring a friend!

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” (John 15:11)

Let me ask you something: would you say your experience of the Christian life is “joyful” or not? Now let’s remember that being joyful does not imply that every minute of every day is going to be like a kid’s trip to Disney World; circumstances change, and we all have good days, bad days, and days in between. To be joyful, from a Christian perspective, means to be grounded in the Good News of Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection makes all the difference in our lives, no matter what kind of day we’re having. The reason I ask the question is because I often hear from folks who are so worried and concerned about the state of the world that instead of living joyfully, they appear at risk of giving in to fear and doubt.

Fear and doubt undermine our hope in the gospel and prevent us from pressing on faithfully into walking in the way of Christ, despite whatever may be going on in our lives, or in the world around us. The antidote to these things is a routine injection of joy. When Jesus spoke these words in John’s gospel, he was referring to something he had just said: *“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.”* (John 15:9-10) And here is where we find the key to holding onto joy – trusting in God’s love, and being obedient to his commandments.

In Christ, we know we can never be separated from the love of God (Romans 8:31-39). But if we consistently disobey the Lord’s call to holiness and humility and compassion for others, then we will not experience the fullness of joy that is promised to us. God is not going to bless bad behavior; though we will never lose our salvation (thanks be to God!) we can lose the sense of God’s peace and favor, which are experienced as “the joy of the Lord.” So if joy seems absent from your life in Christ, then either your trust in God’s love for you has faltered, or perhaps you have wandered away from the life of faithful discipleship that Jesus has called us to. Meditate on God’s love for you, and mend your ways, and you will know the joy of the Lord in all its fullness.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Ed



Traveling to Philippi

Beginning September 3rd, we’ll be studying Paul’s letter to the church at Philippi. Philippi was the former capital of the Greek empire, and was named for the father of Alexander the Great. Paul founded the church there on his second missionary journey, around 50AD, following an encounter with a local businesswoman named Lydia. This was the first church in Europe, and the congregation faithfully provided financial support for Paul’s ministry.

The letter to the Philippian church was written around 62AD, during Paul’s first imprisonment in Rome. Despite Paul’s circumstances, the tone of his letter is one of contentment and joy; he is writing to thank the church for their support, and to remind them of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Philippians is only four chapters long, but is chock full of sound teaching for living according to the way of Christ. I hope you’ll make time to explore this important and encouraging letter, and let its beautiful truth feed your soul.

Blessings!
Rev. Ed

Second
Annual

TAKE UP THE CAUSE

A Christian Response to Systemic Poverty

Sponsored by Christ Presbyterian Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, and GAP Ministries.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Greene St. Mission Center • 1235 Greene St. • Augusta, Ga.

with special guests including

**Mayor Garnett Johnson &
Commissioner Jordan Johnson**

Opening worship begins at 9:30.

At 10:00, there will be educational opportunities and
resources to respond to poverty in the CSRA.

Please bring a canned good or other item for our food drive.

For more information, contact Covenant Presbyterian at 706-733-0513.

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.

Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

Isaiah 1:17

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®

The Alzheimer's Association will be holding three workshops on Dementia and Alzheimer's. Many of us have known or cared for individuals who have been affected by these diseases and may not have known exactly what the disease was, how to communicate or care for the individual, or known what resources were available to assist. These workshops are open to all those who have cared for, are currently caring for, or who in the future may be caring for individuals affected by these diseases. The workshops are free and will be conducted from 10:00 a.m. to noon on the scheduled Tuesday mornings. The workshop schedule is as follows:

- September 19 - Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia
- October 3 – Dementia Conversations
- October 17 – Effective Communication/Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior

In addition, Becky Moore will conduct a workshop on Hospice Care, which is also an important topic for those affected by or those caring for individuals with Alzheimer's and Dementia. Becky will explain what services are provided by Hospice care and when is the right time to bring in Hospice care for an individual. Becky will hold her workshop on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 10 a.m. until noon.

More information on the workshops can be found at: www.training.alz.org. RSVP is required for these workshops. You may email the church office at office@standrewpc.com or by call the church office at 706-736-4575.



Blanket Making Day at Saint Andrew Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

You are invited to a Blanket Making Day at Saint Andrew on Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We will be focusing on making no-sew blankets to donate to Project Linus. All needed material and equipment will be provided (cutters, boards, scissors, etc.). All we need from you are working hands. Come join the fun and become a Blanketeer and receive a Project Linus Button. You are invited to bring a friend or grandchildren who are over the age of 8 and can help make the blankets. Light refreshments will be served.



Saint Andrew Book Club!

I would like to start a book club at St. Andrew. I will be holding a meeting on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 10 until 11:30 to gauge interest and establish rules for the book club. The genre of the books that will be selected will be fiction. If you are interested in belonging to this club, come join me on the 30th and bring along the name of a favorite book that you think would be good for the club to read. I am hoping to put together a Reading List from the suggestions brought to the meeting. – Cindy Lesniewski



BIBLE IN A YEAR

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 1	Job 33-34, Psalm 58, Luke 22
September 2	Job 35-36, Psalm 59, Luke 23
September 3	Job 37-38, Psalm 60, Luke 24
September 4	Job 39-40, Psalm 61, John 1
September 5	Job 41-42, Psalm 62, John 2
September 6	Proverbs 1-2, Psalm 63, John 3
September 7	Proverbs 3-4, Psalm 64, John 4
September 8	Proverbs 5-6, Psalm 65, John 5
September 9	Proverbs 7-8, Psalm 66, John 6
September 10	Proverbs 9-10, Psalm 67, John 7
September 11	Proverbs 11-12, Psalm 68:1-18, John 8
September 12	Proverbs 13-14, Psalm 68:19-36, John 9
September 13	Proverbs 15-16, Psalm 69:1-18, John 10
September 14	Proverbs 17-18, Psalm 69:19-36, John 11
September 15	Proverbs 19-20, Psalm 70, John 12
September 16	Proverbs 21-22, Psalm 71, John 13
September 17	Proverbs 23-24, Psalm 72, John 14
September 18	Proverbs 25-26, Psalm 73, John 15
September 19	Proverbs 27-28, Psalm 74, John 16
September 20	Proverbs 29-31, Psalm 75, John 17
September 21	Ecclesiastes 1-3, Psalm 76, John 18
September 22	Ecclesiastes 4-6, Psalm 77, John 19
September 23	Ecclesiastes 7-9, Psalm 78:1-39, John 20-21
September 24	Ecclesiastes 10-12, Psalm 78:40-72, Acts 1
September 25	Song 1-4, Psalm 79, Acts 2
September 26	Song 5-8, Psalm 80, Acts 3
September 27	Isaiah 1, Psalm 81, Acts 4
September 28	Isaiah 2-4, Psalm 82, Acts 5
September 29	Isaiah 5-7, Psalm 83, Acts 6
September 30	Isaiah 8-9, Psalm 84, Acts 7



TREASURER'S REPORT
July 2023

2023 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$	4,658.28
2023 YTD Average Weekly Income	\$	4,198.62
Total Income July	\$	16,971.08
Total Expenses July	\$	19,411.02
Net Deficit	\$	(2,439.94)



Nativity Set Available

For many years, this beautiful nativity set has been displayed in the Narthex of the church. It was donated by former members, Charles and Maxine Cornelius. The Session recently decided to remodel the Narthex, and the nativity scene is now available for a new home. If you have an interest in one or more pieces, please contact Rev. Ed (the manger scene with the central characters will be taken together).



Thornwell in Clinton, S.C., will be holding their Annual Fall Festival on their LushAcres Farm every Saturday from October 7 through October 28, from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 a person, children 2 and under are free. There will be a corn maze, hayride, barnyard animals, face painting, mini-train rides, inflatable, live music and special events, and much more. Fun for the whole family! More information about this event can be found at: <https://www.lushacresfarm.com/fall-festival>.



The Deacons will be hosting a **"Feed the Flock" Coffee** at 10:15 am on September 10th in the Parlor.

Presbyterian Women will be meeting again beginning at 9:45 am on September 12th in the Women's Sunday School room.



“I WAS SICK AND
YOU VISITED ME.”

MATTHEW 25:36

Barbara Rinker
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Martinez, GA 30907
706-650-5599

Helen Shiver
3217 Sycamore Dr.
Augusta, GA 30909
706-736-9411

Barbara Crout
c/o Thrive
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Martinez, GA 30907

Martha Deason
Washington Commons
219 Washington Commons
Evans, GA 30809

Jeanette Playford
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Jackson, SC 29831
803-226-6162

Lawrence “Bob” Wilson
St. Johns Tower Room 306
724 Greene St.
Augusta, GA 30901

Alice Redmon
223 Simmons Ct.
Augusta, GA 30907
706-799-0740

Duane Seaborn
Georgia War Veteran’s Nursing Home
1101 Fifteenth St. Room 366-B
Augusta GA 30901



Computer Training at Columbia County Libraries

Many have expressed an interest in finding out how to do things on their computer, tablets, and cell phones. Gail Volz has found a resource that can be used to get those answers. Alex Cooper is happy to schedule an appointment for some one-on-one technology help in a variety of subjects. He is available to meet at the Columbia County Library branches. To schedule a time, you can email him at acopper@gchrl.org or give him a call at 706-447-7661. Available topics are:

- Windows 10 & Flash Drive Basics
- Internet & Browser Basics
- Google Suite
- Microsoft Office Basics
- Google School
- Email 101 Personal and Business
- Google Search & Internet Safety Basics
- Facebook Fun & Security
- Internet Shopping and Digital Couponing
- Internet Buying and Selling
- Photography
- Internet Safety & Security

Although it is not listed as a subject, we have been told that Alex will also help with cell phone or tablet questions.

Did you know

St. Andrew supports many local ministries in Augusta and surrounding area. I will be highlighting these ministries and services offered in this and future newsletters. If you have any questions regarding these ministries, please contact Cindy Lesniewski at cindy.1852ga@gmail.com.



Thornwell began as a dream in the heart of a young Presbyterian minister, William Plumer Jacobs, of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, SC.

Dr. Jacobs' dream was energized when 10-year-old Willie Anderson of a nearby community gave Reverend Jacobs fifty cents and said, "This is to help build your orphanage." Thornwell opened its doors on October 1, 1875, to 10 orphaned children. Dr. Jacobs' belief "that God so willed and would, therefore, support the endeavor," carried him and his beloved orphanage throughout the years until his death in 1917.

For nearly a century-and-a-half, Thornwell continues to meet the call for help from society's most vulnerable—its children and families in need. Whether providing the safety and security of a place to call home, reuniting families after a crisis, or supporting families through a time of crisis, Thornwell has kept the faith with its mission of healing and hope. Strong families mean strong communities. Thornwell has a legacy of adapting programs as society has changed around them and expanding services to meet identified needs. They will continue to meet future challenges head-on because so many depend on their success.

Services offered by Thornwell are:

- A 14-week group program for families to help strengthen their bonds, improve relationships, and equip parents and caregivers with skills for confident parenting;
- Attachment based residential care dedicated to support children placed by State Agencies; as well as, parents and caregiver struggling to deal with the impact of a child's early experiences with abuse or neglect, or those experiencing adoption-related issues;
- Foster care providing a safe home to support trauma recovery and healing while their families cope with crisis;
- License, recruit, and support foster families;
- Transitional living for young adults 18-23 to learn independent living skills necessary to balance life's responsibilities;
- Child development center providing educational services for newborn through 4k that emphasizes growth in all developmental areas;
- Learning center to provide academic support for resident children;
- Momentum summer camp, a power-packed day camp for children 5-12 that provides opportunity for children to grow academically through the summer;
- Read right, a unique reading intervention program that enhances children's lives by encouraging them to derive meaning from the text they are reading.

You will find ways to volunteer or give on the Thornwell website at www.thornwell.org. Thornwell would be happy to schedule a tour of their facilities. You can schedule a tour on their website or by calling 864-938-2100.

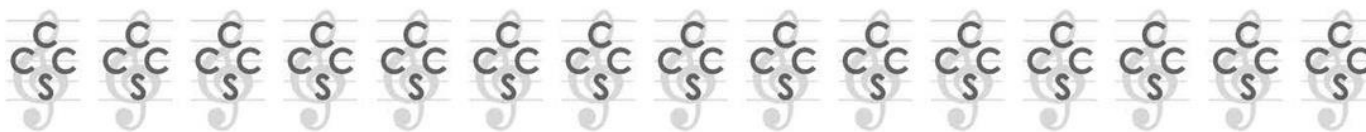
CHURCH POTLUCK

SEPTEMBER 17TH
NOON



SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Bring your favorite dish to share! The church will provide chicken and rolls.



If you like to sing, have we got a place for you--literally! The Columbia County Choral Society, which begins its 26th year, will be rehearsing at St. Andrew in the Fellowship Hall beginning Tuesday, September 5, 2023, from 7:00-9:00 PM. (The Session voted to allow use of our facility for the month of September as CCCS awaits completion of their new rehearsal venue at the Flowing Wells Theater on Flowing Wells Road.) Please come and join us! For more information contact Anne Iverson (zebragal@bellsouth.net or 706-513-0194)

SEPTEMBER, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION	4 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY	6 1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE 5:45 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	7	8	9
10 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 AM FEED THE FLOCK COFFEE IN THE PARLOR 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP GREENE STREET DINER	11 6:30 PM SESSION MEETING	12 9:45 AM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY	13 1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE 5:45 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	14	15 7 PM – 8:30 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	16 9 AM – 3 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE
17 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP NOON POTLUCK	18	19 10 AM ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP 7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY	20 1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE 5:45 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	21	22	23 1PM – 4 PM PROJECT LINUS BLANKET MAKING
24 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP	25	26 7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY	27 1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE 5:45 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	28	29	30 10 AM – 11:30 AM BOOK CLUB MEETING