

THE WINDOW VIEW

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

August 2025

A Message from Pastor Mike

Faith vs Baseball

I am a baseball fan. I grew up in Illinois in the 1960s watching Luis Aparicio and Nellie Fox of the Chicago White Sox and Ernie Banks and Ron Santo of the Chicago Cubs. Of course Major League Baseball has lots of competition these days but back in the day, baseball was truly

Hank was Jewish during a time of great antisemitism and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, fell on the day of a key game. The conflict became national news - front page stuff. The question was put before Detroit's leading Rabbi who, upsetting Tiger fans, affirmed

because he was the single professional Jewish athlete, in an Irish/Catholic baseball town. Edgar Guest wrote a poem from an Irish/Catholic fan perspective about Greenberg which ends with: "We shall miss him on the infield and shall miss him at the bat, but he's true to his religion and I honor him for that."

That was then, this is now, and I'm not suggesting we not play/watch sports on a Sunday. But we face challenges to our faith everyday. Hank Greenberg's example still summons us to take our Christian discipleship seriously in all situations. Incidentally, Hank was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame and, in 2006, appeared on a postage stamp!

America's game. My favorite baseball story, which I first heard as a ten year old, actually comes from a decade before I was born. Hank Greenberg was a major player on the 1934 Detroit Tigers. Now Detroit hadn't finished first in the league since 1909, but was in the thick of the pennant race in '34. Near the end of the season, with an important series of games coming up, Hank Greenberg was faced with a "faith vs. baseball" problem.

that Hank should not play on Yom Kippur, as it was a day of prayer. Of course, it was up to Hank and despite the pressure to play from the Detroit Christian Community, he spent the day in a local synagogue in prayer. Other professionals have also prioritized their religious beliefs over significant athletic opportunities. (See the 1981 film "Chariots of Fire" for Eric Liddell's story.) But Greenberg's situation has always stood out in my mind

Blessings,

Mike



Samplin' Sensational Summer Favorites And Honoring EVERYONE'S Birthday

What: 5th Sunday Potluck and Birthday Celebration

When: August 31st

What to bring:

- * A favorite side dish OR meat to share (serves 8-10)
- * School Supplies for Copeland Elementary

The church will provide lemonade, tea, water, rolls, Birthday Cake and Ice Cream cups



Have a favorite meat idea? [Suggestions: ribs, sliders, Turkey legs, brisket, pulled pork, shredded chicken, wings, etc.](#)

Please let us know if you plan to bring a meat dish.
See the form in your Sunday bulletin!

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for August 3, 2025, immediately following worship. The sole purpose of this meeting is to fill a vacancy that exists on the Nominating Committee. This vacancy must be filled by an active member that is not currently a session elder or an active deacon.

The Session will nominate Lee Kitchen for this position. He has agreed to serve if elected.

Members may also nominate candidates from the floor. However, please get the candidate's agreement to serve if elected before nominating your candidate. If we have additional nominations, we will use paper ballots. You must be a member of St. Andrew to vote.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

FOR COPELAND ELEMENTARY

Help the teachers at Copeland Elementary with a stock of school supplies. They need:

- Photocopy paper • Crayons
- Colored Markers • Student Spiral Notebooks
- Pencils (Sharpened Ticonderoga #2 are best!)
- Student 3 prong folders with 2 pockets

If you can help, please bring supplies to the Congregational Birthday Celebration on **Sunday, August 31st.**

Our next **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon** for **Copeland Elementary** is Monday, September 15th. SAPC will provide teachers and staff at Copeland with lunch from Chick-fil-A. You can help by providing individually packaged chips and sweet treats (brownies, cookies, candy). Bring your treats to church on Sunday, **September 14th by noon** and place them on the table in the Parlor. Thank you for your generosity! This really means a lot to everyone at Copeland!

Questions? Call Jeanne Stroebel at (706) 627-3990 or email teachmejs@yahoo.com.

Christian Education Ministry News

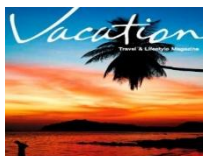
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Wednesday Evening Fellowship and Bible Study remains on hiatus until September 3rd. When we resume, we will be viewing and discussing Season 5 of "The Chosen."

The usual format of BYOB (bring your own brown bag dinner) and fellowship begins at 5:30 PM followed by the lesson beginning at 6 PM. We try to finish by 7:15 but when the discussion and questions are continuing by the group, we may go a little longer.

Sunday School Classes for August

The Women's Sunday School class will meet at the regular time and place.



The Co-Ed Class will remain on vacation until September 7th and return to the Parlor starting at 9:30 AM and lasting until 10:15 AM.

Youth Sunday School will meet in the Ark as students are available.

ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is over, and everyone had a good time. We had students from 4 different churches, with lots of discussion and trying to put ourselves in that time and place.



Aug 3 Caeden Shaw
 Aug 4 Jackie Bagwell
 Aug 6 Debbie Long
 Aug 9 Leanne Massey
 Aug 10 Becky Moore
 Aug 12 Judy McDowell
 Aug 16 Joe Lesniewski
 Aug 22 Mary Logan

GAP POP UP SHOWER



GAP is partnering with Project Refresh to host four pop-up shower events during the months of July and August.

These events will allow those in need to come and take a shower and have a meal. GAP has asked area churches to provide the meals.

St. Andrew has agreed to provide the meal for the Pop-Up that will take place on August 5th. We are asking for items for this meal as our item of the month for GAP. We also need volunteers to help assemble the meal on the afternoon of August 5th.

If you can help, please let Cindy Lesniewski or Becky Moore know. Thank you as always for your support!



ITEMS OF THE MONTH

FRUIT CUPS, SNACK SIZE POTATO CHIPS, SNACK SIZE DESSERTS

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).



BIBLE IN A YEAR READINGS AUGUST

- Aug 1** 2 Chronicles 35-36, Psalm 28, Mark 7
Aug 2 Ezra 1-2, Psalm 29, Mark 8
Aug 3 Ezra 3-5, Psalm 30, Mark 9
Aug 4 Ezra 6-7, Psalm 31, Mark 10
Aug 5 Ezra 8-10, Psalm 32, Mark 11
Aug 6 Nehemiah 1, Psalm 33, Mark 12
Aug 7 Nehemiah 2-3, Psalm 34, Mark 13
Aug 8 Nehemiah 4-6, Psalm 35, Mark 14
Aug 9 Nehemiah 7, Psalm 36, Mark 15
Aug 10 Nehemiah 8-9, Psalm 37:1-22, Mark 16
Aug 11 Nehemiah 10, Psalm 37:23-40, Luke 1
Aug 12 Nehemiah 11, Psalm 38, Luke 2
Aug 13 Nehemiah 12-13, Psalm 39, Luke 3
Aug 14 Esther 1-2, Psalm 40, Luke 4
Aug 15 Esther 3-5, Psalm 41, Luke 5
Aug 16 Esther 6-10, Psalm 42, Luke 6
Aug 17 Job 1, Psalm 43, Luke 7
Aug 18 Job 2-4, Psalm 44, Luke 8
Aug 19 Job 5-6, Psalm 45, Luke 9
Aug 20 Job 7-8, Psalm 46, Luke 10
Aug 21 Job 9-10, Psalm 47, Luke 11
Aug 22 Job 11-12, Psalm 48, Luke 12
Aug 23 Job 13-14, Psalm 49, Luke 13
Aug 24 Job 15-16, Psalm 50, Luke 14
Aug 25 Job 17-19, Psalm 51, Luke 15
Aug 26 Job 20-21, Psalm 52, Luke 16
Aug 27 Job 22-23, Psalm 53, Luke 17
Aug 28 Job 24-26, Psalm 54, Luke 18
Aug 29 Job 27-28, Psalm 55, Luke 19
Aug 30 Job 29-30, Psalm 56, Luke 20
Aug 31 Job 31-32, Psalm 57, Luke 21



TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 2025

2025 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$ 5,163.41
YTD Average Weekly Income	\$ 4,229.13
Total Income June	\$ 17,181.90
Total Expenses June	\$ 12,496.56
Net Surplus	\$ 4,685.34

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**Homebound
Members**

"I WAS SICK
AND YOU
VISITED
ME."

MATTHEW 25:36

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship with Communion Congregational Meeting following Worship	4	5 SAPC Provides meal for GAP/Project Refresh	6	7 1:00pm Women's Prayer Warriors at the Kershner Home	8	9
10 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship 12:00pm Book Club	11 6:30pm Session Meeting	12	13	14 DARE Hurricane Recovery in Ark & Fellowship Hall	15 DARE Hurricane Recovery in Ark & Fellowship Hall	16 DARE Hurricane Recovery in Ark & Fellowship Hall
17 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship 12:00pm C.E Meeting	18	19	20	21 1:00pm Women's Prayer Warriors at the Kershner Home	22 7:00pm Augusta Gem & Mineral Society	23
24 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship 12:00pm Hospitality Team Meeting	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship 12:00pm 5th Sunday Potluck						