

THE WINDOW VIEW



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and the babe lying
in a manger.*

(Luke 2:16)



ITEMS OF THE MONTH INFANT DIAPERS, SIZE 5 & 6

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).



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 4	Doerthe McGrath
December 6	Sharon Prine
December 10	Ken Kitchen
December 13	Jeanette Playford
December 14	Monique Cauble
December 18	Sandra Bailey
	Mark Walden
	Marjorie Lippert
December 23	Rita Long
December 29	Lillian Kitchen
	Will Sturgis
December 30	Tim Pounds

DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS

Dec 3	Kathy & Jim Elder
Dec 10	Janet & Bill Cravens
Dec 17	Angie Rees & Gail Volz
Dec 24	Jackie & Ken Voss
Dec 31	Traci & David Westin

DOOR KEEPERS

Dec 3	Jim Elder
Dec 10	Bill Cravens
Dec 17	Joe Lesniewski
Dec 24	Ken Voss
Dec 31	David Westin

LAY READERS FOR DECEMBER

Angie Rees & Gail Volz

Christian Education Ministry News for December



What are you grateful for? We are grateful for Sunday School!

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 read 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!) This class really makes the church service meaningful and can lead to some interesting conversations with your family and friends. Sometimes we come very close to knowing what Rev Ed will say about the scripture, but sometimes we learn something we had not even considered! But we always listen more closely to the sermon after having great discussions in Sunday School before church! Come join in the class!

Women's Sunday School Class

We meet in the classroom in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying Missing Pieces by Jennifer Rothschild. Jennifer Rothschild is the author of nineteen books and Bible studies. Jennifer is known for her substance, signature wit, and down-to-earth style. A unique mix of profound and playful, she weaves Biblical truth with relatable stories, making the Bible accessible to those just starting out in Scripture and endearing to those who have walked with Christ for years. We hope you will join us in this study! All women are welcome!

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. December will be focused on the birth of Jesus and all the ordinary people used by God.

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

Wednesday Night Brown Bag Bible Study

We are continuing our study of ***"The Chosen"*** Season 3, Episode 8 - Part 1 and part 2 are on the calendar for December. 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!

We've heard these words so often that we run the risk of not hearing just how staggering this announcement is. Immediately following the birth of Jesus, an angel of the Lord appeared to some shepherds who were watching over their flocks of sheep that night near Bethlehem, and he told them the Messiah had come. This is the very hinge of history, the pivot on which the fall and rise of human history turns.

This was recognized down through the centuries as the history of humanity was segmented into BC or AD, that is, Before Christ, or Anno Domini (Latin for "year of the Lord"). Of course, that is no longer politically correct, so BC has been replaced with BCE, Before the Common Era, and AD has been replaced with CE, Common Era. The periods described are the same, and the dividing point is the same – the birth of Christ. Even when the world wants to ignore the significance of Jesus, it can't avoid acknowledging the central importance of his life.

This is also a reminder that the gospel is indeed, "good news;" it is a statement about a factual, historical event, not an opinion or an ideology that can be endorsed or rejected. The angel's proclamation is that a momentous occasion has arrived, with implications for the whole human race.

And most remarkably of all, the announcement comes, not to the emperor in Rome, not to the religious authorities in Jerusalem, but to a bunch of nameless shepherds out in the boonies near Bethlehem. There was no press conference or splashy media blitz for all the world to see, but this earth-shattering message was delivered in obscurity, to people so insignificant that we don't know their names.

And the lesson for us is seen in the obedience of the shepherds. Luke tells us:

And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. (Luke 2:16)

Their obedience is rewarded with the proof of what they had been promised, and they returned home,

glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. (Lk.2:20)

Every year, we celebrate and proclaim the coming of Jesus, the Savior who is Christ the Lord. And every year we face the same choice: how will we respond to this "good news of great joy"? Do we realize that no matter how insignificant we think we are, that this good news is for us as well? Finally, do we think this news is good enough to share with others, as the shepherds did?

May the good news of the coming of our Savior fill you with joy, and may we glorify and praise God for all he has done.

Merry Christmas! Rev. Ed



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

(Luke 2:11)

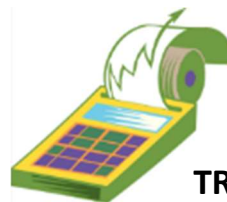




BIBLE IN A YEAR READINGS

DECEMBER

Dec 1	Ezekiel 32-33, Psalm 121, 1 Timothy 1-3
Dec 2	Ezekiel 34-35, Psalm 122, 1 Timothy 4-6
Dec 3	Ezekiel 36-37, Psalm 123, 2 Timothy 1-2
Dec 4	Ezekiel 38-39, Psalm 124, 2 Timothy 3-4
Dec 5	Ezekiel 40-41, Psalm 125, Titus 1-3
Dec 6	Ezekiel 42-44, Psalm 126, Philemon
Dec 7	Ezekiel 45-46, Psalm 127, Hebrews 1-3
Dec 8	Ezekiel 47-48, Psalm 128, Hebrews 4-6
Dec 9	Daniel 1, Psalm 129, Hebrews 7-8
Dec 10	Daniel 2-3, Psalm 130, Hebrews 9
Dec 11	Daniel 4-5, Psalm 131, Hebrews 10
Dec 12	Daniel 6-7, Psalm 132, Hebrews 11
Dec 13	Daniel 8-9, Psalm 133, Hebrews 12-13
Dec 14	Daniel 10-12, Psalm 134, James 1-2
Dec 15	Hosea 1, Psalm 135, James 3-5
Dec 16	Hosea 2-5, Psalm 136, 1 Peter 1-2
Dec 17	Hosea 6-9, Psalm 137, 1 Peter 3-5
Dec 18	Hosea 10-14, Psalm 138, 2 Peter 1-3
Dec 19	Joel 1-3, Psalm 139, 1 John 1-2
Dec 20	Amos 1-5, Psalm 140, 1 John 3-5
Dec 21	Amos 6-9, Psalm 141, 2 John, 3 John, Jude
Dec 22	Obadiah, Jonah 1-4, Psalm 142, Revelation 1
Dec 23	Micah 1-3, Psalm 143, Revelation 2-3
Dec 24	Micah 4-7, Psalm 144, Revelation 4-6
Dec 25	Nahum 1-3, Psalm 145:1-13, Revelation 7-9
Dec 26	Habakkuk 1-3, Psalm 145:14-21, Revelation 10-12
Dec 27	Zephaniah 1-3, Haggai 1-2, Psalm 146, Revelation 13-15
Dec 28	Zechariah 1-5, Psalm 147, Revelation 16-17
Dec 29	Zechariah 6-9, Psalm 148, Revelation 18-19
Dec 30	Zechariah 10-14, Psalm 149, Revelation 20-21
Dec 31	Malachi 1-4, Psalm 150, Revelation 22



TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 2023

2023 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$	4,658.28
2023 YTD Average Weekly Income	\$	4,434.58
Total Income October	\$	30,779.88
Total Expenses October	\$	21,890.35
Net Surplus	\$	8,889.53

COPELAND ELEMENTARY TEACHERS' APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

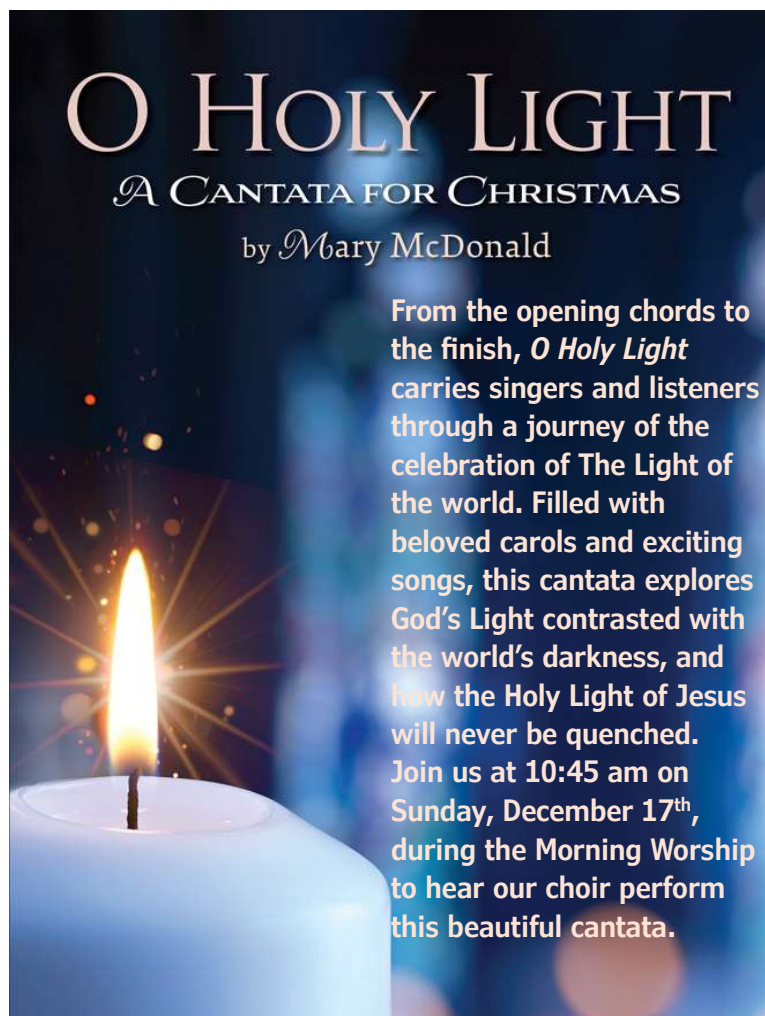
St. Andrew will be treating Copeland Elementary School's teachers & staff (70 people!) to a **Christmas Appreciation Luncheon** on Monday, December 4th.

How can you help? Bring Christmas cookies, brownies, candy, packages of individual chips & gallons of sweet iced tea to St. Andrew's parlor on **Sunday, December 3rd by noon**. Questions ? Call Jeanne Stroebel at (706) 627-3990 or email teachmejs@yahoo.com.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Orders are now being taken for Memorial poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary for Christmas. Plants are \$15 each with a December 10th order deadline. You'll find order forms in your Sunday bulletin.

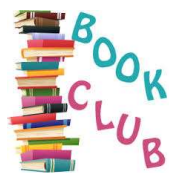




Saint Andrew will be having "Lunch and Learn" events starting in November. A "lunch and learn" is a fun way to combine learning and socializing. There will be a variety of topics presented at the "lunch and learn" events that will be of interest to all. Bring your lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship and learning. The "lunch and learn" events will take place in the Fellowship Hall starting at noon.

December 6, 2023

Come hear from our own, Margaret Woodard, current Executive Director for the Downtown Development Authority. Margaret is a Nashville, TN, native whose career spans decades in both public and private service. She is involved with the Keep Augusta Beautiful project and her personal mission to give back to the community through volunteerism. Margaret will speak on what is currently happening in Augusta and what is planned for the future.



Saint Andrew Book Club

There will be no book club meeting in December. The next meeting will be on January 7, 2023, after church in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing, The Personal Librarian, by Marie Benedict.



"I WAS SICK AND
YOU VISITED ME."

MATTHEW 25:36

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Advent VBS for Adults!



The Advent session of VBS for adults will be December 1st and December 8th from 10 AM until Noon. Think you can be surprised at things about the Nativity story you didn't know? Come to class and find out "the rest of the story"! We will have the usual games, snacks and fun.

If you haven't registered but want to come, just show up in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM – we always have room for one (or more) to join in the fun.

We will be having an offering or canned food for GAP and also collecting money to use for a special donation to the Heifer Project that helps poverty stricken areas to raise animals for food and to sell. Help choose the project that you feel would be best for our class to help! (There are quite a few choices listed in the book!)

Don't forget, come have as much fun as you remember from VBS as a child – or learn how much fun you missed if you never attended Vacation Bible School! You're never too old to study the Bible and learn things you may not know.

Call Jackie at 706-855-6777 to learn more or ask questions. If I am not available, please leave a message and I will call you back to answer all your questions.

See you December 1st – and December 8th! It's the place to be to get ready for Christmas.

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10 AM ADVENT VBS	2 10 AM DECORATING THE SANCTUARY
3 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOON CHRISTMAS BRUNCH	4 COPELAND TEACHERS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON	5 10 AM PW & DEACONS BUILD CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR SHUT INS 6:45 PM CC CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL	6 NOON LUNCH & LEARN 1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE 5:30 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 CHOIR REHEARSAL	7	8 10 AM ADVENT VBS	9 4 PM COOKIE TABLE AT AUGUSTA COMMONS
10 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP GREENE STREET DINER	11 6:30 PM SESSION MEETING	12 9:45 AM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 6:45 PM CC CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL	13 1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE 5:30 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 CHOIR REHEARSAL	14	15	16 10 AM CHOIR CANTATA DRESS REHEARSAL
17 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP	18	19	20 1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE 5:30 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 CHOIR REHEARSAL	21	22 7 PM – 8:30 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	23
24 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP 5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS	25  CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM 5 th SUNDAY WORSHIP						