



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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SEPTEMBER 2015

Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

As we enter the glory days of autumn, I would share a thought on waiting. So often, we modern humans struggle to wait, and yet, we are asked to do so much of it. I would like to share a reading that gives a deep perspective on what it means to wait.

Desperately, helplessly, longingly, I cried:

Quietly, patiently, lovingly, God replied.

I pled and I wept for a clue to my fate, and the Master so gently said, "Child, you must wait".

"Wait? You say wait!" my indignant reply. "Lord, I need answers,
I need to know why is Your hand shortened? Or have You not heard?"

By faith I have asked, and am claiming Your Word.

My future and all to which I can relate hangs in the balance, and You tell me to WAIT?

I'm needing a "yes", a go ahead sign, or even a "no" to which I can resign.

And Lord, I've been asking, and this is my cry: I'm weary of asking! I need a reply!"

Then quietly, softly, I learned of my fate as my Master replied once again, "You must wait."
So, I slumped in my chair, defeated and taut and grumbled to God, "So, I'm waiting...for what?"

He seemed, then, to kneel, and His eyes wept with mine,

And He tenderly said, "I could give you a sign. I could shake the heavens, and darken the sun.
I could raise the dead, and cause mountains to run. All you seek, I could give, and pleased you would be.

You would have what you want...but, you wouldn't know Me.

You'd not know the depth of My love for each saint;

You'd not know the power that I give to the faint;

You'd not learn to see through the clouds of despair;

You'd not learn to trust just by knowing I'm there;

You'd not know the joy of resting in Me, when darkness and silence were all you could see.

You'd never experience that fullness of love as the peace of My Spirit descends like a dove;

You'd know that I give and I save... But you'd not know the depth of the beat of My heart.

The glow of My comfort late into the night. The faith that I give when you walk without sight,
The depth that is beyond getting just what you asked of an infinite God, who makes what you have last.

You'd never know, should your pain quickly flee, what it means that "My grace is sufficient for Thee."

Yes, your dreams for your loved one overnight would come true, but, of the Loss!

If I lost what I'm doing in you! So be silent, My child, and in time you will see

That the greatest of gifts is to get to know Me.

And though oft' may My answers seem terribly late, My most precious answer of all is still "WAIT".

May we affirm that here at St. Andrew, we are one who honor those who loved us so that we can demonstrate that we are rooted in love, grounded in grace, and thus growing for God.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mark



Youth Group

There will be a meeting for all youth leaders on Wednesday, September 9, 6:00 p.m., at Pastor Mark's house.

The Youth Group will have its annual kick off on Sunday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. It will be at the church. Each youth is asked to bring a covered dish to share and a beverage. We will have fun games, great fellowship, and good food. We will be finished by 8:00 p.m. Come and experience a new Youth Group year, and bring a friend.

The regular Youth Group dates will be September 20 and 27.

Youth Group officers will be elected on September 27 during the Youth Group time.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will meet on Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., at Marco's Restaurant. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship with other Presbyterian Men. We will discuss the upcoming Pancake Supper, along with our other projects. Please sign up if you will be attending.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women have not only been a big fundraiser for St. Andrew, they also have a Bible Study on the second Tuesday of each month, from September through May. These meeting groups are traditionally called "Circles". The morning Circle meets at 10:00 a.m., and the evening Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. September's meeting will be on September 8.

This year, the Bible Study is "Come to the Waters". In this study, we consider the waters of chaos in Genesis, and the River of Life in the last chapter of Revelation, where chaos is no more. Water plays a central role in the stories of creation, the delivery of God's people (through the parting of the Red Sea and the crossing of the Jordan River), judgment of a people weak in faith, and the adoption of

the people of God through baptism. Sometimes, there is too much water (think Noah), and sometimes there is too little water (think drought in the desert). Please come and join one of the Circles on September 8 as we begin our exploration of some of the Bible's 800 references to water.

The Women will be going to the Fireside Restaurant after the Bible Study for their "Welcome Back" luncheon. If you will be attending, please sign up in the parlor.

The Coordinating Team will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8.

Young Adult Fellowship

The Young Adult Fellowship group will resume meeting on Sunday, September 13, at 5:00 p.m.

Fall Bible Study

The Fall Bible Study will focus on something that we all have—emotions. We will explore from a Biblical as well as a psychological viewpoint what the nature of our emotions are, what they need to reflect in terms of Biblical standards, and how to get there. We will begin the Bible Study on Thursday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Inquirer's Class

Pastor Mark will teach an Inquirer's Class on Sunday, September 20 and 27, during Sunday School, beginning at 9:45 a.m. These classes are designed to help one understand the nature of Christianity, what it means to be a Presbyterian Christian, and then how to join the church. If you are interested, please register with Pastor Mark.

Handbells

Handbells will practice on Wednesday nights, 6:30 p.m., beginning on September 2.



**Pray for our
Christian
Family**

Hospitalized

Bob Clise

Recuperating at Home

Mary Bussey
Doris Fearnow
Gene McCauley
Elaine Myers
Bob Oates
Larry Roth



In the Nursing Home

Charlotte's Home

Wanda Beckner

Hilltop

Jane Bunting

Homewood

Lucy Karn
Kathryn Latimer

Somerford

Genevieve Plante

Williamsport

Harriet Ankeney

Military

Charles Bryhan
Son-In-Law of Mark & Virginia Wolcott
Andrew Layton
Son of David & Norma Layton
Andrew Likely
Son of Tom & Kelly Likely
Shawn Likely
Son of Tom & Kelly Likely
Grant Long
Son of Dave & Karen Sue Long
Jay Pike
Son of Mary Pike
Erica Sagal
Daughter of Mike & Tiffany Sagal
Brandon Schildtknecht
Grandson of Gloria Hays
Matt Stemper
Son of Doug & June Stemper

Missionaries

Rev. Jed & Jenny Koball
Pakistani Church

Church Officials

Rev. Heath Rada

Witness and Mission Committee

Thanks to those who donated money and school supplies for needy children at area public schools. Because of your generous support, Debbie Kinzer delivered 24 new book bags filled with supplies to Williamsport Elementary, Fountain Rock Elementary, and Springfield Middle School. The committee will also provide school supplies and a toy for these children again in December.

Micah's Backpack Program will start up in September and last through the end of the school year. This year, we are providing weekend meals to 15 students at Lincolnshire Elementary School. We know with your support and God's blessing, we will make a difference in these children's lives.

We are still collecting clothing for our scarecrow making activity at Harvest Hoedown on October 4. Proceeds from the Hoedown benefit the Williamsport Food Bank. We are in need of pantyhose, long sleeved, button down shirts (all sizes), jeans, hats, belts, and ties.

Students going back to middle and high schools are reminded to be aware of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes activities, which are led by Zach Morgan. Join this group of students who share the Christian faith.

Jed Koball and his wife, Jenny, our missionaries serving in Peru, have been busy hosting visitors for weeklong ministry events. Our summer vacations provide time for folks to visit Jed and Jenny during their chilly wintry days. Check out their website at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/koball.

We appreciate your support throughout the year for these and other outreach ministries. St. Andrew actively shows love for our neighbors, near and far.

Lobsterfest

We will be holding our fall Lobsterfest on Saturday, October 17, from 5:30—7:30 p.m. The menu will be: 1 1/2-2 lb. lobster, salad, potatoes, desserts, and drinks. Tickets are \$35 per person. There are a limited number of tickets.

Food Bank

Food Bank Sunday is the second Sunday of each month. Bring your non-perishable items and place them in the Food Bank box in the hallway, or place your monetary donations in an envelope marked "Food Bank" and place it in the offering plate.



Trivia Corner

Congratulations to those who successfully completed the summer word searches. Have fun with this Biblical word search on emotions and attitudes. Pastor Mark will be leading a Bible Study on healthy and Biblical emotions and attitudes starting on September 24. Hope you can join us for this informative Bible Study. Please place your completed paper in the box in the parlor by September 15. Make sure your name is on your paper.

Tonya Andrews
Eric Arvidson
Jack & Olivia Brown
Lorraine Paul

Janie Rhodes
Phyllis Schleigh
Erna Straw
Unknown

Treasurer's Report

Balance 07/01/15	\$ 31,188.69
Receipts	23,379.09
Disbursements	24,651.18
Balance 7/31/15	\$ 29,916.60

We welcome your input for this newsletter. Please place all submissions in the newsletter box in the church office, by the 15th of the month.



Sunday School Corner

Rally Day

We are so excited about our new 2015-2016 Sunday School year! Please join us on September 13, as we start the new year with a breakfast and program, downstairs, at 9:30 a.m. Not only will we enjoy a delicious breakfast, but we will also have the opportunity to meet our new Sunday School teachers, and to hear all about the exciting plans for the year. Please sign up in the parlor if you plan on attending. Our new classes will begin on September 20. We have classes for all ages—from tots to adults.

Children's Sunday School

Each Sunday morning, the Sunday School students meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. for an opening. At this time, the students will recite the Pledge to the Christian Flag and to the Bible. They will have a short devotion, followed by a time of prayer. Each week, an offering is taken. The offering is used for several different programs.

- We sponsor a child through the organization, Compassion International. We send a monthly check to Compassion International to assist in the basic needs of our sponsored child.
- Part of the offering is used to assist the Samaritan's Purse program, sponsored by Franklin Graham. We send offerings to this program several times a year, to be used where needed most.
- Part of the offering is to be used for the work of our own church. The children learn that it is "more blessed to give than to receive".

At 10:00 a.m., the classes are dismissed to their classrooms. The classes are dismissed at 10:45 a.m. Parent, please note, if you have a child in 3rd grade or below, you need to pick your child up from their classroom by 10:45 a.m. Thank you.

Adult Sunday School Classes

We have two adult classes to choose from:

- The Seekers Class meets in the Legacy Room. The class is taught by Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill. This class is currently studying Deuteronomy.
- The Voyager Class meets in the Adult Library. This is an interactive, discussion oriented class. They will be reading and studying Aha, the God Moment that Changes Everything, by Kyle Idleman.

Thank you to the 2015-2016 teaching staff. We are so appreciative of your ministry of teaching for this current year. We pray for God to shower His blessings upon your teaching year. Thank you for answering the call to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Teaching Staff for 2015-2016

Toddler Class: Melody Paul—meets in the nursery downstairs

Pre-K Class: Jennifer Metz and Libby Llewellyn—meets in the room across from the nursery (T.O.T.s room)

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Kindergarten/1st Grade: Jennifer and Brianna Johnson—meets in the room across from the downstairs kitchen

2nd/3rd Grade: Carol Erck—meets in the downstairs fellowship hall on the right side

4th/5th Grade: Terri Long—meets in the new area downstairs on the left side.

6th-8th Grade: Tonya Andrews and Tammy Coyle—meets upstairs in the room right before entering the Friendship Hall

9th-12th Grade: Carolyn Hetzer, Chris Johnson and Tim Malecki—meets in the new area downstairs on the right hand side

Seeker Class: Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill—meets in the Legacy Room

Voyager Class: meets in the Adult Library off the Friendship Hall

Sunday School Substitutes

Joey Hemphill, Ann Mason, Annette Sandell

Kids of the Kingdom Helpers

Gloria Hays, Cindy and Corrin Line, Terri Long, Ann, Abby and Paige Mason, Sharon and Brittani Peterson, Jenny Plum

T.O.T.s Helpers

Kaely Long, Terri Long, Julie Malecki, Wendy McKinley, Lorraine Paul, Rebekah Shirk

Volunteers Needed

Our children's ministry is growing by leaps and bounds. We are looking for volunteers in all areas of our children's ministry. Please look over the following list and see where you would like to volunteer your time. Please contact the church office, or see Annette or Pastor Mark, and let them know in which area you would like to serve.

- **Substitute teacher**—Our teachers need a much deserved break from time to time. You can volunteer in any grade.
- **Teacher's assistant**—Mainly for the younger classes.
- **Kids of the Kingdom helper**—We are looking for someone to help at either the 8:30 or 11:00 service. Kids of the Kingdom takes place after the children are dismissed from the children's sermon (during Pastor Mark's sermon). The ages for Kids of the Kingdom are kindergarten to 5th grade.
- **T.O.T.s**—T.O.T.s is our program for 3 and 4 year olds during the 11:00 worship service. We are looking for monthly volunteers to assist with this program.
- **Devotion leader**—The devotion leader gives a devotion for our children during the Sunday School opening at 9:45.

Supper Club

Our monthly Supper Club will meet at Western Sizzlin this Monday, August 31, and on Tuesday, September 29, at 5:30 p.m. This is a wonderful time with your church family. If you are running a little late, don't worry. Please sign up if you will be coming.

Grocery Cards

Prepaid gift cards for Food Lion, Martin's, and Weis Market are available after both services, in the Legacy Room. They come in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. All proceeds go toward the building fund.



Book Club

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, September 1, 7:00 p.m., in the Legacy Room. We will be discussing Undaunted Courage, by Stephen Ambrose.

The daytime book club will meet at Panera Bread at 1:30 p.m., on September 21. We will be discussing Lost Wife, by Alyson Richman.

Pick up either (or both) of these fascinating books and join us for a great discussion and time of fellowship.

St. Andrew Library

In September, there is "Back to School" time and "Rally around Sunday School" time. September is also "Visit St. Andrew's Library" time. Located in the Friendship Hall, our library is filled with books and videos. For the next few months, we'll take a little tour of the library and see what it offers.

In the left of the large brown shelf, you'll find books grouped by topics: inspirational, parenting tips, prayer, and facing difficult times. One book that seems to meet all of these needs is called, A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23, by Phillip Keller. This compares the love a shepherd has for his flock of sheep with the love Christ has for each of us. You'll also find many books by one of our favorite authors, Max Lucado. Wake up to the gift of 24 hours after reading Every Day Deserves a Chance.

The right side of the large brown shelf is filled with Christian fiction, organized by author. You'll find books by favorite authors like Melody Carlson, Ted Dekker, Jan Karon, Tim LaHaye, Beverly Lewis, and Gilbert Morris. One favorite author, Karen Kingsbury, wrote One Tuesday Morning and Beyond Tuesday Morning, based on the events of September 11, 2001. Read how faith overcame the darkness of that day.

As you can see, it is well worth a visit to St. Andrew's library. When you find something you'd like to borrow, simply sign your name, date, and book/video title in the notebook on the shelf by the window. It's time to go to our library!

Helping Hands

Helping Hands will meet on Thursday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. Bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Be ready to get back to work!

Friday Club

Friday Club is a group of people interested in learning more about a variety of topics. We meet the third Friday of the month, and all are welcome. The meat is provided, and everyone brings a dish to share. The food is always wonderful, as is the company. Consider coming to join us on Friday, September 18. Dave Fleming will be entertaining us with music from a variety of harmonicas.

Church Women United

Church Women United Fall Fellowship/Human Rights Celebration/Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 6:00 p.m., at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren. The cost of the meal is \$10.00 (catered by Ernst Market). The theme for the meeting is "Our Journey Toward Peace", and will be planned by Sharon Leatherman and Rev. Doris Doub.

Also, mark your calendars for Friday, November 6, 12:00 noon. This will be the World Community Day Celebration, held at Zion Baptist Church. Watch your bulletins for more information.



Happy Anniversary!

*Tom & Kelly Likely
September 2*

*Steve & Pam Jamison
September 3*

*Michael & Cathy Hardy
September 10*

*Joe & Sandy Martin
September 10*

*John & Pat Martin
September 18*

*Dave & Jennifer Metz
September 18*

*Charlie & Jaimie Hall
September 19*

*John League & April Dowler
September 19*

*Dennis & Barbie Gross
September 20*

*Darren & Teresa Long
September 23*

*John & Barbara Cassell
September 24*

*Blaine & Whitney Nye
September 26*

*Jesse & Meghan Hill
September 27*

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Debra Banner
- 1 John Cassell
- 2 Margot Wise
- 2 Madeline Wood
- 3 Gene McCauley
- 3 Jean Thomas
- 4 Joyce Mentzer
- 7 Melanie Beckley
- 7 Wendy McKinley
- 8 Lucy Karn
- 9 Abby Boppe
- 10 Jim Lockard
- 12 Tammy Jamison
- 12 Helen Krouse
- 13 Dave Hetzer
- 13 Pat Martin
- 14 Carolyn Hetzer
- 15 Greg Andrews

- 15 Terry Kinzer
- 15 Teresa Long
- 15 Dave Mason
- 15 Maggie Mosley
- 17 Peg Adams
- 17 Samantha Harding
- 18 Jim Pingley
- 18 Janet Snyder
- 19 Melody Miles
- 20 Ty Plum
- 21 LaVerne Weller
- 23 Justin Coyle
- 23 Steve Hatleberg
- 23 Hope Wian
- 24 Emily Hemphill
- 27 Rebecca Shirk
- 27 Lily Valentine
- 28 Annette Sandell

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Services 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship		1 7:00pm Book Club	2 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	3	4	5 12:00-5:00pm Baby Shower
6	7 <i>Labor Day Office Closed</i>	8 9:00am Coordinating Team 10:00am Circle 7:00pm Circle	Pastor 9 6:00pm Youth Leaders Meeting @ Pastor Mark's 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	Mark on	Vacation	
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13 Food Bank Sunday 9:30am Rally Day Breakfast 2:00pm Baby Shower 5:00pm Young Adult Fellowship 6:00pm Youth Group Kick Off	14 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 7:00pm Committee Meetings	15 9:30am Ministerium 6:30pm Presbyterian Men @ Marco's	16 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	17 10:00am Helping Hands	18 12:00pm Friday Club	19 Pet Yard Sale (rain date)
20 9:45am Inquirer's Class 5:00pm Young Adult Fellowship 6:00pm Youth Group	21 1:30pm Book Club 7:00pm Admin. Committee 7:00pm Deacons	22	23 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir	24 4:30pm Shepherd's Table 5:30pm Wedding 7:00pm Bible Study	25 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	26 1:00pm Wedding
27 9:45am Inquirer's Class 5:00pm Young Adult Fellowship 6:00pm Youth Group	28 9:30am Craft Bazaar Workshop 7:00pm Session	29 5:30pm Supper Club	30 6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir			



Thank You

I would like to thank Pastor Mark and Annette, and everyone who sent prayers, food, flowers, and cards to me during my recent hip surgery. Also, a big thank you goes to those who took time from their busy schedules to provide transportation home and to the doctor's for my check up. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a caring church and congregation. May God richly bless you all.

With a grateful heart,
Gerry Salter

My family and I would like to thank our church family for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this very difficult time—the loss of my mom. I wish I could say that things have gotten easier for me, but the love and support from our special friends at St. Andrew has really helped me deal with this devastating loss. Thank you for all the beautiful cards and phone calls. We love you all.

Wendy, John, and Carmen
LaTorre

Many, many thanks to Gabriel Armstrong, his family, and his Scout troop, for sharing his Eagle Scout project here at St. Andrew. We are grateful for the new shed doors they replaced, and the planters they created. You have been a blessing to us.



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