

## Calendar of Opportunities

<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:30 PM	Jr. & Sr. MYF
	5:30 PM	<b>Bridging the Testaments Bible Study</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:00 AM	<b>St. Andrew's Women's Group</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Shrove Tuesday Supper and Burning of the Palm Branches</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	3:30-4:30 PM	<b>St. Andrew's Singers</b>
	6:00 PM	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>
		<b>No Adult Bible Study</b>
		<b>No Youth Bible Study</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 PM	<b>Chancel Choir Practice</b>
	6:30 AM	<b>Youth Prayer Breakfast</b>

**Ushers:** Sam Jaynes, John Craig Griffith, David Seay

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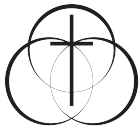
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**REACH THE LOST, NURTURE THE FAITHFUL, BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM**

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Dee Dee Jackson, Music Director  
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John Craig Griffith, Youth Director  
Seth Shelnut, Sound Engineer



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**March 2, 2025**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**COLOR: WHITE**

*Chiming of the Hour*

*Prelude*

*Welcome and Invocation*

*\* Call to Worship*

Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead,  
**and Christ will shine on you.**

**Jesus, I surrender to you.**

**I surrender my heart to you.**

**I surrender my mind to you.**

**I surrender my eyes to you.**

**I surrender my body to you as a  
living sacrifice.**

**Jesus, we surrender to you.**

Praying in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, **amen.**

*\* Hymn #49 (verses 1—4)*

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

*\* Affirmation of Faith #691*

*“The Apostles’ Creed”*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*Ushers Distribute Registration Pads*

*Special Music*

*“On Eagle’s Wings”*

KAREN HARRIS

*Offertory*

DARLENE STOCKTON

*\*Doxology #684*

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, praise Father, Son,**

**Praise Father, Son, praise Father, Son,**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Morning Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Holy Communion*

*p. 730*

*Scripture*

*Romans 10:11—21*

*Sermon*

*“Don’t Just Hear...Listen!”*

*\* Hymn #409 (verses 1, 2, & 5)*

*“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”*

*\* Benediction #714*

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**The Lord Bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face  
to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up  
his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

*\* Choral Benediction #589*

*“Here I Am, Lord”*

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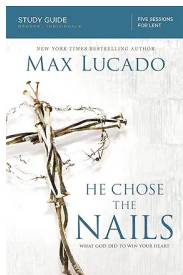
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord! I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

*\* Postlude*

DARLENE STOCKTON

- † There will be **no Adult Bible Study** this week due to the Ash Wednesday Service.
- † The **Chancel Choir** will practice following the Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday night.
- † **Youth Bible Study** will not meet due to the Ash Wednesday Service.
- † **Youth Prayer Breakfast** will meet **Thursday, 6:30 a.m.** at the **Country Kitchen** across from Walmart. Transportation to school will be provided following the breakfast.
- † St. Andrew's is hosting a **Bridal Tea** in honor of **Kaylan Polk**, bride-elect of **Christopher Windham**, Sunday, **March 23, from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m.** in the parlor. Gift selections are available at Amazon. <https://www.amazon.com/wedding/registry/BDRS5GGHSH4dD>. If you are not a permanent hostess and would like to help with this tea, please see Karen Cox or Marcia Archer.



### Lent Study: "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado

**Is your heart unsettled by the chaos of the world? Are you heavy-laden with bad moments, mad moments, or anxious moments? Today, rest in God's self-giving love and leave all your troubles at the foot of the cross.**

In *He Chose the Nails*, Max Lucado observes that the last moments leading up to Jesus' death were not left up to chance. God chose the path; he selected the nails. Our Lord planted the trio of crosses and painted the sign. God was never more sovereign than in the details of the death of his Son. And in those details are gifts Christ provided for us...the cross. The thorns. The nails. His seamless robe. The empty tomb.

God didn't have to give us all these things, you know. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet he did much more. So much more. Search the scene of the cross and listen for God's gentle whisper, "I did it just for you."

Books have been ordered and can be purchased from the church office for \$6.00 each.

The study will begin on March 12th and end on April 16th (Holy Week).

- † **PRAYING TOGETHER at 5:17**—First Thessalonians 5:17 says simply, "Pray without ceasing." As a church, we have been challenged to pray every day at 5:17 AM or PM or both for God to send revival specifically to St. Andrew's, but also to the churches of our community, state, and world. **Let us pray!**
- † **Don't forget!** Daylight Savings Time begins next Saturday! **Spring forward!**
- † **Jr. & Sr. MYF** will meet tonight at 5:30 p.m.
- † The **Bridging the Testaments Bible study** will meet **today at 5:30 p.m.**
- † The **St. Andrew's Women's Group** will meet this **Tuesday, March 4th, 11:00 a.m.** at Mel's Diner in Smithville. **Come join us!**
- † We will gather this **Tuesday, March 4th at 5:45 p.m.** to celebrate **Fat Tuesday** by eating pancakes and bacon, listening to the praise band play, and burning the palm leaves in preparation for the **Ash Wednesday** service the next day at 6:00 p.m.
- † When you sign the registration pad today, please indicate if you plan to attend the **Shrove Pancake Supper this Tuesday, March 4th, at 5:45 p.m.** and how many family members will eat regular menu and how many will eat child plates. (Put a number like this: 2/2 beside your name.) **We must have a count!** If you miss church, call the church office tomorrow morning to let us know if you will attend.  
**Pancakes w/Fruit toppings/Sausage/Bacon  
 Breakfast Casseroles/Syrup/Butter  
 Regular Plate: \$10.00  
 Child's Plate (age 5—10): \$5.00 (age 5 and under eat free)**
- † **St. Andrew's Singers (for Kindergarten—6th Grade)** will meet each **Wednesday** from **3:30 until 4:30 p.m.**
- † Our **Ash Wednesday Worship Service** will be in the sanctuary at **6:00 p.m. this Wednesday**. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, which is a period of spiritual preparation and renewal as we approach Easter Sunday.

# Prayer List

**Hospital:** Tom & Nina Crook, Amory

## Members:

Dot/James Burrow	John David Carlisle	Arvella Cox
John Issac Cox	Tom/Nina Crook	Carolyn/Wayne Fowlkes
Bill/Donna Griffith	Virginia Harris	Robbie Huffman
Bill Ingersoll	Valerie Jaynes	Ray Jones
Martha Journey	Joyce Leech	Bro. Jim McClurkan
Dorinda Miller	Maxine Pickle	Jay/Jasmine Roberts
Mary Frances Salter	Annette Smith	Darlene Stockton
Nancy Stockton	Becky Vallarian	Laverne Williams

## Extended Church Family:

### Date: 2/23/25

Bill & Hilda Faulkner (Family of Maxine Pickle)  
Mitch Langston (Son-in-law of David & Chris Seay)  
Diann Parker (Former Teacher of Huey Polk)  
Christy Scott (Mother of Mitch Langston) Stroke and in ICU

### Date: 2/2/25

The Ted Whitaker Family

### Date: 1/26/25

Dilworth Family (in the death of Theresa Glenn's brother, Danny Dilworth)  
Kathy Faulkner, ICU w/septic pneumonia (Sister-in-law of Ginger Hartley)  
Easton Hall Family  
Tracy Langford, complications from kidney stones  
(G'daughter of Maxine Pickle)  
Ardie Nye Larkins & Family (in the death of Ardie's husband, Brian Larkins)  
Skip Skaggs & Family, mother very sick with kidney failure  
Heather Lucius Smith (surgery 1/27)  
Family of Joanna Williams  
Chris Windham, blood sugar issues (Fiance' of Kaylan Polk)

## Military:

James Allen & Laken (York) Bennett  
Austin Interrial (Husband of Karli Pearson Interrial), Ft. Moore, Columbus, GA  
Thad LaPorte (Brother of Jotham LaPorte)

St. Andrew's would like to express our love and sympathy to:

—**Mary Frances Salter** in the death of her son, Stephen Salter.



The **Man Church** will be **Tuesday, March 11th, at 6:00 p.m.** All guys from youth to senior adult are invited to take part. No book to buy. No prep to do. Just show up!

✚ Items needed for the Food Pantry: **Children's Snacks**

✚ **Sign up for altar flowers:** Please sign up on the calendar in the narthex to provide flowers for our worship services. The month of **March** is available.

## Financial Update

Budget for 2025: \$379,691

Needed weekly for Budgeted Expenses: \$7,302

Needed to Date: \$58,416

Actual Offerings to Date: \$62,852



## Service of Holy Communion

### The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who truly love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, who dwell in charity with their neighbors, and intend to live a holy life. Draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort, making your humble confession to Almighty God. Let us pray.

### The Confession

**Almighty and most merciful God,  
we confess and lament that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
Because the remembrance of our sin is more than we can  
bear, have mercy on us and forgive us.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
pardon us of all that is past  
and grant that we may ever serve you in newness of life,  
to the glory of your holy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

### The Pardon

In his great mercy, our Almighty God and heavenly Father has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and with true faith turn to him. May he have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

### The Comforting Words

Hear these comforting words that Jesus Christ, our Savior, says to all who truly turn to him: God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life, amen.

## The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and good to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right and our joy to give thanks to you in all places and at all times, Almighty Father. You are the source of all truth, life, and love. You made us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When in our sinfulness we turned away from you and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you with the angels, and archangels, and all the company of heaven, forever singing this hymn to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

All praise and glory is yours, O God our Father, for in your tender mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to the world. Your Spirit anointed him to bring good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to comfort those who mourn, to proclaim freedom for captives, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce the year of the Lord's favor. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate this memorial of our redemption, O Father, receiving these gifts of bread and wine with thanksgiving for the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for us the body and blood of Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament and partake of his most blessed body and blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ and one as your church, that Christ may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ and gather us together with all your saints in the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. We ask this through your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit in your holy church be all honor and glory, now and forever, amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given for you. May it preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you.

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

Let us pray.

**We do not presume to come to this your table,**

**O merciful Lord,**

**trusting in our own righteousness,**

**but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather**

**up the crumbs from under your table;**

**but you are the same Lord whose character**

**is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,**

**so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,**

**and to drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,**

**and our souls washed through his most precious blood,**

**and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us,**

**amen.**

## **The Reception**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

**Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the**

**spiritual food of the most precious body and blood**

**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**

**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

**that we are living members of the body of your Son,**

**and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work**

**you have given us to do,**

**to love and serve you as faithful witnesses**

**of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,**

**now and forever, amen.**