

**"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."
At once they left their nets and followed him. Mark 1:17-18**

August 2010

Our Mission is To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

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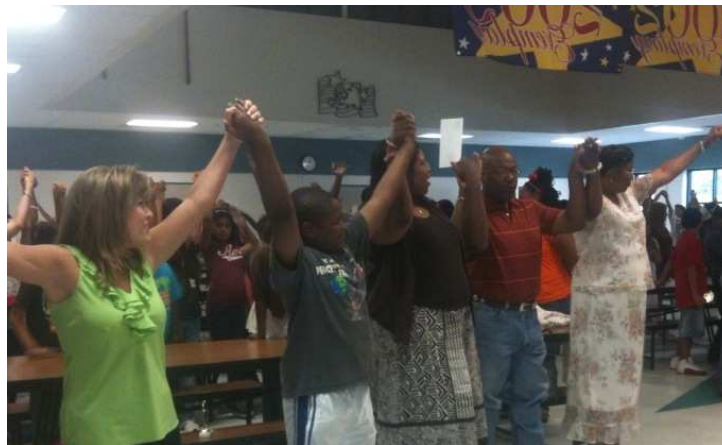
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Within our vibrant parish, there are more than forty ministries whose mission is to Know Christ and Make Him Known. From worship, music ministries and Christian formation, to outreach and small group ministries, we are all serving Christ through our talents, time and treasure.

TOUR *of* **MINISTRIES**

On September 5, parishioners are invited to take the complete ministry tour, with passports, prizes and all! Be sure and carve out time before and after the service to stop and visit as many tables as possible. The tables will be set up from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m. There will be opportunities to take fliers, sign up to receive more information from ministry groups and simply learn about all of the active groups doing the Lord's work. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to rejoice in who we are as a church and to Know Christ and Make Him Known in a variety of ways!



Neal Elementary staff and families celebrate during the St. Andrew's Scholar presentation in May. Learn more about Neighbors with Neal and other ministry opportunities during the Tour of Ministries event on Sept. 5



Musical Reflections on the Windows of St. Andrew's

Fall Recital Series begins September 19, 2:30 p.m.

Worship

Holy Eucharist – Sundays: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
 Children’s Chapel - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services
 Morning Prayer – each weekday 7:30 a.m.
 Downtown Worship— 5:00 p.m. (during the school year)
 Taizé second Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Sean Cox:
 rector@standrewsbcs.org
Honorary Associate Rector:
 The Rev. Hugh Magers
 822-5176

Christian Education

Mike Mullen, *Christian Formation & Youth and Youth Adult Ministries*, youth@standrewsbcs.org
 Julie Vilas, *Assistant Director* j3j4@suddenlink.net
 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services – Children’s Chapel
 10:15 a.m.–11:05 a.m.
 All Christian Education classes

Music Rehearsals

Alan Strong, *Director of Music*
 music@standrewsbcs.org

Wednesday Rehearsals:

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Crusader (Children’s) Choir
 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Bell Choir
 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. Parish Choir

Youth Activities

Mike Mullen, *Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
 youth@standrewsbcs.org
 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. PB & J on Wednesdays

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 M-F; 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Director of Communications:

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Rector’s

Corner



The Rev. Dr. Sean Cox

Keeping our Covenants

Our Judeo-Christian tradition describes humanity’s relationship with God as a covenant relationship. Unlike contracts, covenants cannot be broken by violating a codicil; covenants are based on mutual trust and agreement to “come together”, as the root of the word suggests.

This fall, we’re going to examine our covenants with God, with one another, and the people of God. We will resume our lively programmatic life, including engaging in theological reflection on the subject of immigration: covenants are at the core of the issue. As we enter our fall stewardship campaign, we’ll consider our covenants with God and the church with joy and celebration. As we begin another program year together, I look forward to honoring the covenants made in baptism and beyond with you.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Financial Report through June 30: General Fund

Plate	\$ 2,583.89
Prepaid 2010 Pledges	28,366.11
Member Contributions	188,300.14
Investment Income/Other	<u>2,484.76</u>
Total Income	\$221,734.90
Disbursements	<u>(\$209,388.43)</u>
Surplus	\$ 12,346.47

St. Andrew’s ended the 2nd quarter with a \$12,346.47 General Fund surplus. Our expenditures were in line with our budget though the first six months of 2010, but our year-to-date surplus resulted from prepaid 2010 pledges. In June we experienced a \$6,024.26 operating deficit even though Fr. Sean’s absence reduced our June expenditures by about \$5,000.

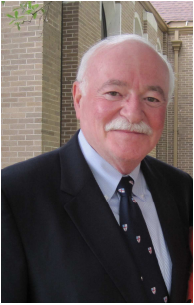
As I mentioned in my recent letter to the parish, our 2010 income estimate is unlikely to be achieved. Therefore, as we move through the next two quarters, our present surplus will likely disappear. It would be a great help if everyone makes an effort to pay their pledge regularly.

Financial Report through June 30: Capital Campaign

Contributions	\$190,108
Reserved for Advisor’s Fee	(10,000)
Campaign Expenses	<u>(1,358)</u>
Available for Principal Reduction	\$178,750
Principal Retired	<u>177,500</u>
Balance on Hand	\$1,250

During 2010, we have used Capital Campaign contributions to reduce our mortgage’s principal balance and we have continued paying the monthly mortgage payment. Accordingly, the June 30 mortgage balance was \$84,377.99. Each month we will apply accumulated funds to further reduce our indebtedness. Thank you for your contributions!

Wayne Etter, Treasurer



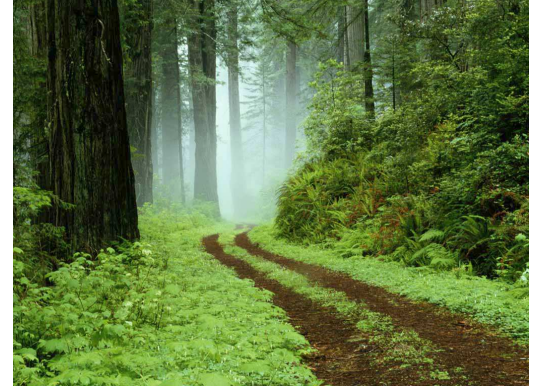
Dr. Jim Kracht

I Want to be Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise, But I'm Stuck Here in This Mess

Charles Wesley ends his beautiful hymn, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* with the words "lost in wonder, love, and praise". I love being lost. Some of the best times in my life have been experienced while I was lost. Lost in 7400 acres of Tennessee hardwood forest in the fall – perfect. Lost in Venice – it's a small island and Erin was with me – perfect. Lost in Washington County during Bluebonnet season – perfect. Lost equals perfect because it means escape from everyday life, distanced from cares and concerns, freedom and time to experience the wonder of a new place.

The problem is that I rarely get lost. I know exactly where I am and I am stuck right here in this messy life of mine. I would like a perfect world, a perfect community, a perfect job, perfect children, a perfect church, perfect... But instead of perfection, I am surrounded by problems that can't be solved, committees that never finish a task, children who fail to live up to expectations, people who always disagree with my good ideas, and others who are simply a big pain in the neck. Get me out of this mess Lord! Let me get lost.

Now and then the Lord reminds me that He did not call me to be lost in a perfect world, He called me to a life of discipleship where He knew I would meet selfishness, insensitivity, disappointment, failure, frustration, lack of understanding, jealousy, chronic aggravation, and lack of success. I know this neighborhood of life well and have come to understand God's promise as not to "get me out of this", but to "get me through this". Where do we find comfort and help when stuck in our well-known messy lives? First of all, we can find strength in prayer. God does answer and sometimes does it in surprising ways. On many occasions He has led me to understand that a particular difficulty in my life was caused by my own behaviors and attitudes. At other times He has let me know that my responsibility is to reach out, forgive, and reestablish a relationship. While navigating the very imperfect neighborhoods of our lives, we also need to lean on each other for comfort and hope. As the saints of St. Andrew's, we are the face and hands and feet and voice of God to everyone we meet. **Our mission – to help others get lost in wonder, love, and praise.**



Vestry Elections – Discerning a Call to this Ministry

Each year, one-third of the twelve vestry terms expire and new members are elected. It has become our practice at St. Andrew's to hold these elections in October, so that the new members who have been elected can have some time to become oriented to serving on the vestry before their terms start in January.

Serving as a member of the vestry is an important ministry of leadership in the parish. You are asked to prayerfully consider whether you are called to this ministry. We will have some discernment and information meetings in September for prospective vestry nominees. Please talk to Jim Kracht, senior warden, or to Fr. Sean, or to any member of the vestry about what serving on the vestry entails. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.



Dr. Alan Strong

This fall the usual musical opportunities will be available, as always, so that each of you can obey the command from Psalm 100, to “make a joyful noise to the Lord.” Those opportunities include choirs for those who like to sing, a bell choir for those who like to ring and, for everyone else, the hymns and service music throughout each of the services. This year, though, I have two other series of events to talk about: the monthly Taizé services that we have instituted and an organ recital series – more about those after I describe our three choirs.

Crusader Choir: For the younger members of the Parish, we have the Crusader Choir. The choir includes any children in the elementary grades and older. The only requirement is that the child be able to read (we have included children as young as first grade) and that they enjoy singing (but what child doesn’t?). The Crusader Choir presents one anthem each month, and rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 in the choir room. Just ask any of the children who have participated in the choir and you’ll know that we learn a lot of music but have a good time, too.

Parish Choir: For those past Crusader Choir age, the Parish Choir provides an anthem for each 11:15 service from September through May, as well as special services throughout the year, and a group of anthems for a Service of Lessons and Carols during Advent. The choir meets on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:30. Singers in any part are welcome, but we are particularly in need of tenors as two of our tenors graduated and now will be contributing their wonderful voices to other choirs elsewhere.

Bell Choir: The Bell Choir provides a way to make music by ringing rather than singing. The Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:15 – you’re welcome to come to pick up a pair of bells and play, or just to observe a rehearsal. You’ll see how much fun we have, and how the pieces develop from the first reading to presentation level.



Taizé Prayer Services: Starting with our first Taizé prayer service in May, we have held services in the church each month, with a good attendance enjoying the combination of music, scripture, prayer, silence, and light. Those who want to know more about these services are welcome to check out the information in our St. Andrew’s website, or the Taizé Facebook page: Taizé Prayer in Bryan/College Station. To really know what a Taizé service is like it is best to attend one and experience this beautiful, meditative prayer service. At

St. Andrew’s, the building itself provides part of the special quality of the Taizé service – those who have never been in the church in the early evening must try it sometime, as the nave is bathed in the glorious light that pours in from the west through our beautiful stained glass windows. There is one more summer service, on **Saturday, Aug. 28** and then, throughout the fall, the services are held on the second Saturday of each month: **Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11**. All Taizé Prayer services begin at 6:00 p.m. and run about 45 minutes, though we may have a more extended service on Sep. 11, when coming together for a service of communal prayer seems like a very good way to commemorate the events now permanently associated with this day on the calendar.

Organ Recital Series: Among the things at St. Andrew's that are admired both by our own congregation and the community are the historic and beautiful stained glass windows and our 45-rank American Classic Organ. Combining these two together, I will be presenting a series of organ recitals, with the main title of *Musical Reflections on the Windows of St. Andrew's*. Each month one of the windows will be featured, with organ music selected that relates to the window's pictorial image. The series will begin, in September, with the largest window, and the first that people see as they enter the church: The Last Supper. The recital will include settings of communion hymns, such as:

- J.S. Bach's *Schmücke dich, o liebe seele* (Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness);
- Alexandre Guilmant's *Adoro te devote* (Humbly I adore thee) and music composed for communion services: selections from Francois Couperin's *Mass for the Convents*;
- the *Elevation* and *Communion* from Theodore Dubois's *Ten Pieces for Organ*;
- and the *Pange Lingua* and selections from *Organoeidia* (Organ Mass) by Zoltán Kodály.

In **October** we will turn our attention to the window to the right of the altar: Christ rescuing Peter in the water. The recital will begin with *Tu es Petrus* (You are Peter) by Franz Liszt, continue with *The Storm*, by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens, and conclude with settings of the chorale "Out of the depths I cry unto thee," including Organ Sonata No. 3 by Felix Mendelssohn.



In **November**, near St. Andrew's Day, the music will relate to St. Andrew, featured in the window to the left of the altar. Music to be presented will relate to Andrew's veneration as the patron saint of Scotland, Greece, and Russia, among others. Music will include *Preludes on Scottish Themes* by Jean Langlais, my own transcription of *Five Greek Folk Songs* by Maurice Ravel, and the *Prelude and Fugue in D Major* by the Russian composer, Alexander Glazunov.

This will take us to the west wall of the church when the recitals will focus on the "Nativity," "Suffer the Little Children" and "Transfiguration" windows in **December, January, and February**. In the spring, we will move to the windows in the east wall, focusing on "The Crucifixion" in **March**, "The Resurrection" in **April**, and "The Ascension" in **May**.

These hour-long recitals will be presented on the third Sunday of each month, at 2:30 p.m., beginning on September 19. As well as just enjoying the music, perhaps listening to organ music focusing your attention on each window will help you to acquire a deeper appreciation of the windows themselves, the scriptures they represent, and the music that relates to them.

MUSICAL REFLECTIONS ON THE WINDOWS OF ST. ANDREW'S: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

Christian

Formation

Pre-K through High School

Christian Formation, it's another New Beginning!



Mike Mullen



Julie Vilas

What a summer we have had...rain, heat, vacations, camps, VBS and more. Life has been exciting and full of positive activities. Much work and planning has been done on the Sunday school program for next year and it should be an exciting engaging time for the children of our parish. We have a great group of teachers again this year yet there is still room for more people to be involved. For people who think they might like to teach "some day", consider observing some this year before committing. Likewise not everyone likes to teach so consider serving as a snack host, an intercessor, or help with special events. Below is a bit of what we have planned...

Pre-K will continue with the successful *Bible A-Z curriculum*. The rotation of two teachers teaching a 3-4 week block will lead the stories and activities that build the basis for future learning about God's love and our response to Him.



Left to right: Tayler Wilson, Dustin Davis, Cleo and Grace Crouch, and Stephanie Vilas enjoy making their Sunday School craft

K-5 will be looking at *God's Great Works*. This rotational model will be led by two teams of teachers working together for eight week blocks. A group of four or more teachers will be assigned to each block and within that block the teachers will divide up the weeks based on their availability. The curriculum is great! It's a blend of scripture, liturgy, and fun based partially upon the liturgical seasonal objectives from The Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education, students will learn important stories from the bible, reinforce what they learn in creative "hands on" activities, and gain an understanding of how to observe and apply what they learn in daily life.

The Jr./Sr. High class will be using the *Journey to Adulthood curriculum*. We will have a group of four teachers, two men and two women working together to provide an engaging and enriching learning opportunity for the teens. Serving God's People, a look at our response to the needs around us, is the focus of the first block and it looks to be both informative and fun.

A new Diocesan curriculum for **Eucharistic Training/First Communion** is in its final stages of editing and should be out this fall. The Episcopal "Confirmation Curriculum Confirm Not Conform" is one of the resources under consideration for youth confirmation instruction. Anyone interested in First Communion or Confirmation is invited to join the planning team that will be reviewing the potential curriculums that we plan to implement by next spring. **Continued on page 9**

What's coming up?

Saturday, August 14th – Classroom preparation, Workday, Teacher Orientation for all teachers

Sunday, August 29th – Make up date for any teachers unable to attend Orientation

Saturday, September 4th – Set up for Ministry Tours

Sunday, September 5th – Ministry Tours

Sunday, September 12th – First day of Sunday school!

Fall 2010 Adult Forum**Why Can't We Talk? Engaging Issues without Shouting**

Adult Forum Series, September 12–October 24, 10:15-11:05 a.m., Parish Hall

September 12, “Talking Again for the First Time: An Introduction to Theological Reflection on Contemporary Issues,” Mary Lenn Dixon, postulant to the diaconate, Diocese of Texas

September 19, “The Wholeness of Faith: An Introduction to the Catechism,” The Rev. Sam Todd, academic dean of Iona School for ministry, author of *An Introduction to Christianity: A First-Millennium Foundation for Third-Millennium Thinkers*, and former acolyte at St. Andrew’s

Other topics and speakers to be announced will consider various aspects of the Anglican tradition of bringing theology and spirituality to bear on contemporary issues. In a world where shouting has replaced civil conversation, churches split over controversial issues, and religious wars threaten world security, Christians offer a different way of approaching issues. The Anglican tradition offers a distinctive heritage of living together in the face of disagreements. We will explore this gift to the world and our contemporary culture as we listen to speakers on a variety of related topics. Come to one or all of the forums, and find the hope that we share.

FALL 2010 ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION**Sunday Mornings:**

- **Inquirer’s Class**, Fr. Sean leads this class Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:05 a.m. in the library. It includes discussion about the Episcopal Church; this class can be used for preparation for adult confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church.
- **Sunday Centering Prayer**, every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Prayer begins at 10:15 in Fr. Sean’s office. A scripture passage from the daily readings is read, then individuals ponder in prayer what that scripture is saying to them. The final 15 minutes includes sharing – for those who want to talk about what the prayer time yielded. This 30-minute time to center one’s self with God still leaves time to join in Adult Forum or head to choir practice, or if you’ve already been to the service of your choice, you can head out by 10:45 a.m. for the rest of your day. More questions or information, contact Kathleen Phillips, or 979-324-4302.

Wednesdays:

- **Wednesday Bible Study**, Fr. Sean leads this Wednesday night study, 7 to 8:15 pm in the Parish Hall. This fall the group will explore an in-depth study of the Book of Deuteronomy.
- **Wednesday Lectionary**, The study includes discussion of the Old Testament reading, the Psalm, the Epistle and the Gospel appointed for the upcoming Sunday. Meeting time is 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Contact Clifford Hunter, 779-4759; Wayne Etter, 696-8972, etterwayne@yahoo.com; Jim Miller, 281-657-7945, hj_miller_cisa@suddenlink.net
- **St. Andrew’s Internet Networking Team (SAINTS)**, meeting time is Wednesday, 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Library. The new name reflects the new format which include classes by topic, such as Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Windows Explorer, file/folder organization, PC Security, Picasa and photo editing, e-mail techniques and short-cuts. Stop by the SAINTS ministry table Sept. 5 to learn more and to pick up a fall schedule. Contact Jim Miller, 281-657-7945, hj_miller_cisa@suddenlink.net for more information.

Youth & Young Adults *Ministries*



Mike Mullen,
Director of
Youth & Young
Adult Ministries

In a very short time

The mission of youth ministry is to develop disciples through worship and fellowship, and to

August

15 YG “We are One Church”
Houston Road trip
20-22 Happening and Y.E.S.
25 PB&J

empower teens to answer God’s call in their lives as it relates to ministry, evangelism, and outreach.

SAYWHAT, (Saint Andrew’s Youth Witnessing His Awesome Truth) is for students from grades 6-12, (Middle School and High School). Some scheduled events are also open to Intermediate School age children in grades 4 & 5.

September

10 Astros/Episcopal Night at Minute Maid Park

Weekly Bible study, (a relaxed time of hanging out either preceded by or followed by a more structured time of playing, learning and prayer), and regularly scheduled local as well as diocesan events form the formal structure of the ministry. PB&J, the Wednesday night bible study is held in the Youth Hall, (enter through doors at the top of the metal stairs.) Sponsors gather at 5:00 and students from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

October

22-24 Christian Leadership Conference Design Team
24 CROP Hunger Walk
30 St. Andrewsville Set up
31 St. Andrewsville Trick/Trunk- or - Treat

Although less structured, one- on-one interaction, attendance at school and extracurricular events and 24/7 availability of the youth minister is an integral part of the ministry. Activities are planned and directed by the youth minister and a team of committed adults and college students.

November

19-21 Happening and Y.E.S.

G a t e w a y

The mission of *Gateway* is to bring together in community those who are beyond high school age, (whether they are students at A&M, Blinn, or in the workforce), and to help them connect with and be a part of the church during that critical time, (between high school youth group and marriage), when many are searching out their own faith and where they belong in the body of Christ. Bible Study is Thursday nights, 9:00-10:00 in the homes of participants with specific location and directions available through the *Gateway Bible Study* Facebook group or Mike Mullen.

The Weekly Bible study is planned and led by a team of participants and includes time for prayer and usually something good to eat. In addition to Thursday night Bible study, this group plans, leads and supports “Downtown Worship”, joins together for dinner afterwards.

The group participates in retreats and community outreach projects, as well as weekly informal fellowship times like “Girls Nights”, Aggie Football as a group, picnics, parties and games.

The school year kicks off with a **Welcome Back dinner Thursday, September 2nd** in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. Downtown Worship begins the following Sunday, September 5th and Gateway Bible Study on Thursday the 9th. Gateway will once again provide an Episcopal presence with a welcome table at the Breakaway Ministry Fair on Tuesday, September 21. Vocare, the Diocesan Ministry weekend for Young Adults, is October 1-3 and the tentative date for the fall retreat is October 22-24.

Downtown Worship

The mission of Downtown Worship is to provide a worship opportunity for those looking a time to be focused on prayer, with modern worship music and a relevant message in a casual setting at a time of day that works for those not able to attend a Sunday morning service.

This casual yet reverent time is a regular service of the church typically held either in the church or adjacent parlor Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. It is planned and coordinated by the young adults of the Gateway Bible study, held every Sunday during the fall and spring semesters and is open to all.

For more information about Youth and Young Adult Ministry, PB&J, Gateway or Downtown Worship, be sure to see the weekly bulletin, read the e-news, visit the church's webpage or Facebook, page or contact Mike Mullen, youth@standrewsbcs.org



Christian Formation, continued from page 7...

The mission of Christian Formation is "To Make Disciples Who Will Come To Know Christ and To Make Him Known." The main objectives are for the children to know that God loves them and wants to be in a relationship with them. We want them to learn that they can grow in that relationship through conversation with God, (prayer and worship); studying His Word and learning that some of the resources to help them include the Bible, The Book of Common Prayer, caring adults and other members of the Body of Christ.

Ministry Components:

Sunday mornings: **Children's Chapel** during the 9:00 and 11:15 services year round, provides an opportunity for children to practice the structure and liturgy in the regular service; during the school year, Sunday school for ages K-12 takes place between those services. Additional special events and focused enrichment activities may include: **Vacation Bible School, Youth Confirmation, First Communion/Eucharistic Preparation, Epiphany Pageant and Youth Focused Retreats.** These will be planned and scheduled based upon need and availability of volunteer leadership and support. Volunteer opportunities for adults in addition to teaching and special events include: **Snack Hosts/Team, Mentors, and Intercessors.** The required Safeguarding God's Children training is provided and background checks are required of all adults working with children. Please come to the Tour of Ministries September 5 and find out all of the ways that parishioners can help serve in Christian Formation.

Remember, Christian Formation is "To Make Disciples Who Will Come to Know Christ and to Make Him Known." It's not just for Sunday school teachers, it's for all us.

There are many components to the ministry of Christian Formation and there is a place for each of us to participate. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you in your role as a minister at St. Andrew's.

How will you participate? Let's talk about it. Talk to Mike or Julie at church, give us a call any time and if you think it's too late to call, send an e-mail, we'd love to hear from you.

Mike & Julie

Mike Mullen youth@standrewsbcs.org or Julie Vilas, j3j4@suddenlink.net

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. --Hebrews 13:2

Summer Bingo, upcoming Kitchen shower raising funds

We have kept things going this summer with the potluck and Bingo evenings on the first Wednesday of each month. These special nights have been well attended and thanks to the great Bingo caller, Elaine Davis, fun for all. We will resume our first Wednesday night suppers in September with an extra special evening of fun. After the meal on Sept 1st, the Hospitality Ministry and ECW are hosting a kitchen shower for our kitchen at St. Andrew's. Join us at the party with Champagne, cake, games and door prizes where we will un-wrap our gifts, wash them and place them in the kitchen for everyone to use.



We have out grown our current freezer and with our growing ministries; it is not large enough to keep the volume of food and to keep it cold enough. So, we have been saving for a new freezer, which will be dedicated to Edyth Pruessner in memory of all she did for our church and for our kitchen. Zo Granberry has created a poster for the parish hall to illustrate our fundraising progress. **Our goal is to raise the \$3500 needed to purchase a new industrial sized freezer by our**

busy Advent time. As of June 30, there is a \$1,713.36 balance in the Hospitality Fund account. If you would like to help us reach our goal, simply write a check to St. Andrew's with *Hospitality Ministry Freezer fund* in the memo line.

Why is our freezer going to cost \$3,500?

- The freezer is a two door reach-in freezer which has a capacity of 49 cubic feet with six adjustable PVC coated shelves.
- The whole freezer is insulated with high density, CFC free, polyurethane insulation. The welded, heavy-duty galvanized frame rail is dipped in rust inhibiting enamel paint for protection against corrosion.
- The two positive seal, self closing doors have been factory-tested over 1 million times and come with a lifetime guarantee on the door hinges and torsion type closure system. Each door is fitted with lifetime guaranteed, 12-inch long recessed door handles and the magnetic door gaskets are all one piece so they can easily be removed without tools for cleaning.
- The automatic defrost system is time-initiated and temperature terminated to save you energy and provide the shortest possible defrost cycle.
- There are extra-large evaporator coils ; the commercial freezer will hold the temperature at -10°F and provide you with faster pull down of product temperatures and quicker recovery times.
- The cast iron evaporator fan motor and large fan blades give this industrial freezer a low velocity, high volume airflow design, which stop products from blocking the airflow.
- This freezer will be able to serve the whole church and our activities for years to come.



Thank you so much for your support in helping us make our kitchen better able to serve all ministries, and for joining us in fellowship both in cooking and in attending our events. Be sure to check the fall schedule for all of our upcoming activities.

Jennifer Lilleker, Hospitality Ministry Coordinator

I am Mary Lenn Dixon (I go by Mary Lenn), and I will be at St. Andrew’s for the next school year serving as an intern in formation for the “permanent” diaconate (the order of deacons). I appreciate this opportunity to introduce myself to you briefly and explain a little about what a deacon is and what I hope to be doing this year at St. Andrew’s.



Mary Lenn Dixon (center) at Ruby Perry-Mizes’ baptism, with Fr. Sean and Fr. John and the Perry-Mize family. Ruby was baptized at the joint St. Andrew’s-St. Francis Easter Vigil this year.

Who am I? I work fulltime at the Texas A&M University Press as a book editor. I am married, with two grown children.

I am a cradle Episcopalian (but with a few years out wandering), and I have been a member of St. Francis in College Station since 1983. I have been active in Christian formation (children’s and adult), communications ministry, and various other aspects of parish life. I am deeply committed to lay ministry and the living out of our baptismal covenant.

But four or five years ago, something began to stir in me and would not leave me alone. Through a process of wrestling with the changes, talking with my spiritual director, and—well, in all honesty, trying to avoid it—I finally recognized a call to ordained ministry. But I was virtually certain I was not called to be a priest, and at the time I didn’t know about the diaconate.

What is a deacon? The Prayer Book describes the deacon’s ministry as a “ministry primarily of service to all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.” Deacons serve as chaplains, in outreach ministries and social justice groups, and as first responders on behalf of the church in emergencies like hurricanes. They serve as a bridge between the church and the world, interpreting the needs of the world to the church and helping the church respond to those needs.

Deacons have a role in the liturgy, one that symbolizes the church’s mission in the world. I will not be performing those duties at St. Andrew’s, since I am not yet ordained.

What will I do at St. Andrew’s? Deacons also teach and preach as part of their ministry of “word and deed,” and that can start before ordination. Fr. Sean has scheduled me to preach once a month while I’m with you, and he has asked me to help organize some Adult Forum speakers and a Bible study focusing on theological reflection on immigration issues. The point here is how we as Christians (*Episcopal* Christians, at that) think about an important public issue that sets us apart from the political debates and arguments we hear all around us.

I also hope to participate in your various outreach ministries as time allows and to get to know many of you. I will be finishing my last year of the Iona School for Ministry, which meets one weekend a month at Camp Allen, as well as holding down my day job. But my deep desire is to immerse myself as fully as I can in the life and worship of St. Andrew’s, to serve among you and to learn from you. Thank you for making me welcome.

SPECIAL NOTE: we welcome Mary Lenn Dixon to St. Andrew’s! Please be sure and introduce yourself. She will be with us the beginning of September.

Save the date: October 22-24, St. Francis Episcopal Church. “**Welcoming the Stranger into our Midst.. Showing Hospitality to Refugees**”, a special interactive exhibit on refugees, their journeys, resettlement and the simple ways to reach out to them. Presented by the Episcopal Migration Ministries and the Diocese of Texas.

Prayers & Updates

Long Term Prayer List: Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers

Barbara, Barry, Bill, Bob, Brylie, Cindy, Clifford, Elisabeth, Erin, Garrett, Guy & Carol, Gwyn, Jack, Heidi, Jake, Jean, Jeff, Jo, Joe, John, Karen, Karmen, Katie, Kay, Kenneth, Lisa, Maggie, Margaret, Mike, Nelda, Nina, Peggy, Ron, Sam, Sandra, Shireen & Greg, Ted, Tena, Thomas, Treyton

Military list

Ayron, Brandon, Casey, Chad, Charlie, Chris, Cole, Colin, Curtis, Dustin, Glen, Jericho, Jim, Jon David, John Charles, Jordon, Matt, Michael, Nathan, Nik, Nikki, Olie, Rhett, Rick, Rob, Steven, Travis, Zachary

The following information has been provided by the military prayer list families. If you would like to add a name or update, please contact the office, 822-5176.

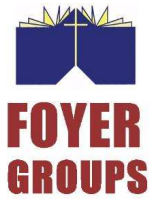
Ayron:	Parishioner contact: Paul and Liz Hirschler; Military Location: South Korea
Brandon:	Son of friends/co-workers of Adrienne and James Frieda; Military Location: state-side
Casey:	Parishioner contact: Linda and Lewis Ford
Chad:	Parishioner contact: Jim and Sandy Petty; Military Location: Afghanistan (until next April)
Cole:	Parishioner contact: David & Inell Partin; Military Assignment: Marine Corps
Colin:	Son of Mary Eikenhorst; Military Assignment: Konduz, Afghanistan
Curtis:	Fiancée of Katrina Fryar's sister; Military Assignment: 1st Lieutenant, Iraq (returning in Oct)
Glen:	Parishioner contact: Michele Poe; Military Location: Afghanistan
Jim:	Parishioner contact: Frances and Tim Ware
John Charles	Son of Marvin Dvoracek; Military Assignment/Location: Colonel, Fr. Riley, KS
Jon-David:	Son of Janet Mohundro; Military Assignment: Captain, US Army, deploying to Iraq
Michael:	Son of Marvin Dvoracek; Military Assignment/Location: Colonel, Ft. Leavenworth, KS
Nik:	Grandson of Ann and Sam Sifers (son of Steven Sifers); Location/Assignment: Captain, Anchorage Alaska
Rick	Son-in-law of Jim Miller; Military Assignment/Location: CPO in the Navy, San Diego, CA
Steven:	Son of Ann and Sam Sifers; Military Assignment: US Army, working for the Chief of Staff, and traveling throughout the world
Travis:	Son of friends/co-workers of Adrienne and James Frieda, Military Location: Afghanistan

Prayers for new leaders:

Please welcome and pray for the following: Rev. Rhoda Montgomery, Rector of St. Thomas, the and Dr. Kathryn Lucchese; Head of School, St. Michael's Episcopal School, look for news from St. Michael's in upcoming bulletins and in the e-news.

Caring Ministries Team Update:

If you, or someone in our parish is ill or in crisis, and needs our prayers or assistance please contact Jeannine Netterville at 690-6303 or jpn@suddenlink.net. If you would like to bring your loving heart to our Caring Ministries team, please join us on the first Thursday of the month at noon in the church library.



Foyer Groups—News this Fall! Foyer Groups are small groups where eight members meet once a month for dinner in each other’s homes. The groups will be created to include parishioners from each service. Sign ups will begin September 5 through September 19. Groups will meet October-January, then new groups will be formed for February-May. Contact coordinator Dr. Cindy Dutschke, cfid@tamu.edu for more information.

Thin Within— Thin Within is a non-diet, grace oriented approach to weight loss with no calorie counting or food restrictions. Success is not following food rules, but experiencing God’s transforming grace leading us to live the abundant life. Join me at the first organizational meeting, September 12 in the Blue Room / Youth Hall upstairs at 10:15 a.m. Contact coordinator Dr. Cindy Dutschke, cfid@tamu.edu for more information.

Have you ever thought about attending Cursillo? The next Cursillo weekends are scheduled for August 26-29 at Camp Allen Conference Center and November 11-14 at Camp Allen Campsite 3. Cursillo is a movement within the church to help Christians become better leaders within the church, renew and deepen their Christian commitment, and become empowered to bring others to Christ. The experience begins with the three-day weekend at Camp Allen, filled with talks and group discussions, and continues in the “Fourth Day” with a method to share our spiritual journeys in weekly Group Reunions and Ultreyas several times yearly. Please contact Carolyn Jaros (696-8857, carolyn@science.tamu.edu) for more information, or visit the Cursillo web site at <http://www.episcopalcursillotexas.org/> for information and registration forms. Registration scholarships are available from St. Andrew’s and the Diocese of Texas.

SAVE THE DATE — DECEMBER ADVENT DINNERS & PROGRAM

Mark your calendar for Thursday December 9 and 16, for dinner and an Advent program. The potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the program will follow at 7:00 p.m. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins and in the e-news.

Who are Daughters of the King?

We are a group of Christian women, trying to implement our confirmation vows to “pray, work and give for the spread of Christ’s Kingdom” by becoming members of a spiritual order for laywomen and adopting a Rule of Life based on Prayer and Service.



Each member of our Order has a rule of daily prayer because communication with God must be a growing deepening relationship. By the Rule of Service we seek to daily do the will of God wherever we are in the world. Through membership in this Order we are given strength through prayer, we are provided fellowship with other daughters and we are offered an opportunity for useful work through service to others in our parish and in our community.

2010 marks the 125th anniversary of Daughters of the King. The first chapter was founded in New York in 1885, but the National Order was established in 1889. The Grace chapter at St. Andrew’s will celebrate its 7th anniversary this December. We meet the second Saturday of the month at 9 am in the sanctuary for Morning Prayer, then afterwards in the Parish Hall for a brief meeting.

Retreats are held in fall and spring in our province. This provides a time to socialize with women from different chapters, to hear guest speakers, to learn and be inspired. A national Triennial conference was held in 2009 in Anaheim, CA., where 490 daughters from around the country and even from overseas joined together in fellowship. The DOK has a quarterly publication, The Royal Cross, to keep members informed on national news of the Order. Much information can also be found on the website www.dok-national.org. Please stop by our display on September 5 to learn more.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Bryan-College Station CROP Hunger Walk (3 miles)

Sunday, October 24, 3:00 p.m., Veterans Park – American Pavilion

(Second year in our NEW LOCATION!)

CROP stands for **C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty—neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Proceeds from the Bryan-College Station CROP Hunger Walk will benefit the Brazos Valley Food Bank, the Brazos Church Pantry and Church World Service (www.churchworldservice.org).

Join **Team St. Andrew's** as a walker or a sponsor. It's good for your heart and soles! *Carolyn Jaros and Lewis Ford, CROP Hunger Walk Recruiters*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: This fall we plan to have a one-day Saturday build day for Habitat for Humanity as we did last year. We are looking for approx. 20-30 people to assist on-site with painting or siding or to prepare and deliver the lunchtime meal to the site. Monetary donations for the project will also be taken. If interested, please contact Zo Granberry, 690-1757 or philzo@suddenlink.net.



Brazos Valley Church Pantry: NEEDS YOU!! Please consider helping a few hours per week to help unload and distribute food. Contact the Church Pantry, 822-2660, or St. Andrew's liaison, Lewis Ford, ford@physics.tamu.edu

FALL WELCOME LUNCH

Are you new to St. Andrew's or would you like to learn more about our church? You are invited to the Welcome Lunch, Sunday, September 19 following the 11:15 am. service. We'll have a light lunch, tour and overview of our programs. To RSVP or for questions, contact the Welcome Team coordinator Liana Lowey, 774-3969, sealia@verizon.net.



Newcomer Spotlight: Cindy & Erica Peaslee



From left: Cindy and Erica Peaslee

Cindy Peaslee was born in Tucson, AZ and grew up in Scottsdale and El Paso. Most of her career has been in the hospitality, special event, and tourism industries, and recently held the position of Executive Director of the Downtown Business Association (DBA). Cindy's daughter, Erica, graduated from A&M Consolidated High school, attended Fisher College before transferring to Blinn College.

Both Cindy and Erica grew up attending churches of different denominations. Cindy's father was Baptist and her mother Catholic; she was raised in the Presbyterian Church, and married in the Church of Christ.

"During my time at DBA, I was fortunate to meet Fr. Sean, who invited me to attend a St. Andrew's service," Cindy recalls. Cindy said that it took her a while to finally find a church home and, "had it not been for Fr. Sean's encouragement and that of Elizabeth (Lizzy) Scott, I probably would not have tried," she said. "The first service I attended confirmed I had found my spiritual home," said Cindy. Cindy said that the liturgy appeals to her through its straight-forward and simple, yet formal traditions.

Erica comments that she followed her mom's interest in St. Andrew's, and loves the rich tradition and history of the church. "St. Andrew's has always felt like a perfect place for me as I have spiritually been somewhere between my grandmother's Catholic tradition and my Baptist/Presbyterian upbringing," said Erica.

Cindy's hobbies include historic restoration, gardening, golf, organizing, decorating, and road trips. Erica enjoys photography and the arts, learning languages (she speaks French, Spanish, German and others), and loves to travel. Erica is also a part of Gateway college ministry, and is excited about beginning her photography ministry this fall.

August-November Calendar of Events

This calendar is subject to change. For updates, schedule changes and to view weekly events, please see the church calendar on our website, www.standrewsbcs.org, click on “church calendar” ; or contact the church office, by email office@standrewsbcs.org, or call 979-822-5176. Calendar note: PH (Parish Hall), YH (Youth Hall)

Aug. 14	Teacher Training/Clean up Day , 9 a.m. – noon, YH
Aug. 18	Party in the Park (Crusader Choir participants and those who are interested in joining), Tanglewood Park, Bryan, 4:00 p.m.; meet at the pavilion for games, cold treats and fun
Aug. 22	Fr. Sean returns , Adult Forum & Reception, 10:15 a.m., PH
Aug. 22	Sunday School teacher training , 10:15 a.m., YH
Aug. 28	Taizé Prayer Service , 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 1	Kitchen Hospitality Shower , 5:30—Dinner, 6:30 p.m.—Shower ,PH
Sept. 1	Choir Practices : 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Crusader (children’s) Choir, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Bell Choir, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. Parish Choir
Sept. 2	Welcome Back Dinner , hosted by Gateway Young Adults for returning college students, PH
Sept. 2	Caring Ministries Team , meets the first Thursday of each month, 12 noon, church library
Sept. 4	Tour of Ministries Set up , 9:00 a.m.—12 noon, meet in the PH
Sept. 5	Tour of Ministries , 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m., throughout the church
Sept. 5	Downtown Worship Service begins , 5:00 p.m. every Sunday (praise and worship music and a message, led by Gateway Bible Study), open to everyone!
Sept. 6	Labor Day , Church Office Closed
Sept. 8	SAINTS begins, 3:00 p.m., Library, Fr. Sean’s Wednesday Bible Study begins, 7-8:30, PH
Sept. 10	Episcopal Astros Night
Sept. 11	Taizé Prayer Service , 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 12	Christian Education / Sunday School begins , 10:15 a.m. Adult Forum (PH) Inquirers’ Class (library), Centering Prayer (Fr. Sean’s office), Thin Within Ministry (blue room) , Adult Forum (Parish Hall); Sunday School, pre-K through high school (Youth Hall)
Sept. 19	Welcome Lunch, hosted by the Welcome Team , 12:30-2:00, lunch and church tour
Sept. 19	Windows of St. Andrew’s Organ Recital Series , 2:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	On Target , Bible Study and Target Practice, Gunsmoke Shooting Range, Snook, contact Fr. Sean
Oct. 1	First Friday Downtown Art Step , 5:00 –8:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	1st Wednesday Night Supper , 5:30-6:30, PH
Oct. 9	Taizé Prayer Service , 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Lemonade on the Lawn (welcome/tour of St. Andrew’s)
Oct. 17	Window’s of St. Andrew’s Organ Recital Series , 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	CROP Hunger Walk , 3 p.m., Veteran’s Park
Oct. 22-24	Christian Leadership Conference Design Team (Friday-Saturday)
Oct. 29	American Guild of Organists (AGO) present Spooktacular , concert 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	St. Andrew’sville “Trunk- or- treat” , 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 5	1st Wednesday Night Supper , 5:30-6:30, PH

The next Angler will be published on November 9 (deadline for announcements is October 12). Please send Bulletin and Friday e-news announcements by noon on Tuesdays to Alison Sawyer, communications@standrewsbcs.org.



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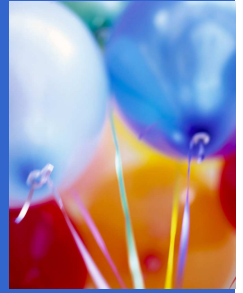
The **Pictorial directories** are now published and are available at the church. If you did not get your photo taken for the current publication, there will be photo sessions this fall. Thank you to the SAINTS (Saint Andrew's Internet Networking Team) for producing the directory!

Pictured in the Snapshots:

Top row: Madeline and Greg Stiles with their granddaughters at VBS
 Matt Waskom enjoys Shipley's Donuts during the youth breakfast
 Mary Ellen and Russell Glanz during VBS
Middle row: Girl's Summer Movie Night
Bottom row: Elizabeth Scott and her granddaughter, Haley, at VBS
 Fr. Sean and Ron Winn visit in New Orleans this summer
 Brandy Stuart and baby John Stuart at VBS

Welcome Home Fr. Sean!

Fr. Sean will be back at St. Andrew's on August 22, and all are invited to attend Adult Forum on this day at 10:15 a.m.. Fr. Sean will share about his summer deployment travels, and we'll celebrate with cake & punch in the Parish Hall. Join us!



St. Andrew's Summer Snapshots

