

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES
JANUARY 7 - JANUARY 13

SUNDAY, January 7

- 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:40 a.m. Fellowship Coffee Time
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Spanish Speaking Service
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

MONDAY, January 8

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

TUESDAY, January 9

- 1:00 p.m. Friendship Circle
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees
- 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes

WEDNESDAY, January 10

- 5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Youth/Children Activities

THURSDAY, January 11

- 9:00 a.m. Quilt Guild
- 6:00 p.m. Spanish Class
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leader Meeting

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Spiritual Resolutions

Matthew 7:24 Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

New Year's Day is just around the corner. There will be new year resolutions, promises made, gyms joined, and new workout clothes bought. Every year, I dread January and February at the gym. It has far more people than normal, and getting the equipment you want to work out on is harder. The one thing that keeps you going is knowing everything will return to normal by March, and most new people will be gone. Let's face it: it sounds mean, but it is true. So, this year, I want to suggest something that doesn't involve the gym, losing weight, eating better, or whatever healthy resolution you have made for yourself. I want to offer a spiritual resolution. A resolution to keep your spirit healthy all year long. I have mentioned this several times in sermons, but I think it bears repeating as we approach the new year. How do you feed your spirit each day? How do you strengthen your walk with God each day? Do you have a spiritual discipline? Normally, when we talk about Spiritual Disciplines, we think of studying the Word, praying, fasting, and attending church. But let me offer you several other spiritual disciplines. There is also confession. This can be public, private, or personal, just you and Jesus. There is also fellowship. This is more than one or two people. This fellowship is being part of a body of believers who hold each other accountable, lift each other up, and pray for one another. This can be worship services, but it can also be a small group setting. Here is one you may not have thought of: Rest. In the creation of the world, God instituted rest. Even God rested on the seventh day. Are you stronger than God? Does God need rest, but you don't? This is a very important one given by God in the very beginning. Last but not least, for this article, there is celebration because there are many other spiritual disciplines. In celebration we rejoice in the blessings given us by God. This can be a fellowship meal, a singing, or a Christmas meal. Please allow me to close on a personal note. Sherry and I want to thank everyone who invited us to be part of their Christmas Celebrations. We enjoyed every party and every minute of celebrating with so many of you. Thank you for the gift of the spiritual discipline of celebrating with you this Christmas season. I pray you begin one of these, or many others, into your life this coming year to grow closer in your walk with Jesus.

Come join us on Sunday, December 31st for a combined worship service full of singing and fellowship. Our Fifth Sunday schedule will be as follows:
Sunday School - 9 a.m.
Combined Worship Service - 10 a.m.
Potluck Fellowship Meal - 11 a.m.
Please bring a dish to share.
Meat and drinks will be provided.

5th
Sunday
Sing

Every Monday Morning at
7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

MEN'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST

All Men Are Welcome!!!

WE COVENANT WITH GOD THROUGH . . . OUR PRAYERS

Health and Healing: Peggy Ambrose, Larry Britton, Rhonda Brown, Dot Burleson, Henry Burns, Don Cole, Odessa Cosper, Carolyn Eller, David Fisher, Joe Gamble, Eddie Hart, James and Clara Laminack, John and Elaine Mills, Dafford and Vikki Smith, Don Wilbanks, Dale Woodard

Homebound, Nursing Home or Assisted Living

Rose Akers, Peggy Ambrose, Marilyn Bell, Gordan Boyd, Peggy Doss, Margaret Gill, Peggy Laseter, Eulala McCain, John & Connie New, Rhonda Oakley, Joyce Rowe, Dalton Sharpton, Polly Stone, Edna Wade, Don Wiggins, Norma Wrenn

Active Military

Tim Anderson, Justin Bloom, Michael Cavanaugh, Sam Cretser, Landon Elliott, James Heard, Clayton Halbert, Austin Hubbard, Josh Laspin, Chris Leon, Grant Pinkley, Malcolm Riker, Angelo Rossi, Tony Ruehl, Jonathan Ryan, Josh Ryan, Mark Smith, Matthew Steele, Dylan Tindale, Nick White, Doreann Wiley

JANUARY SERVANTS	OUR ATTENDANCE
8:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar:</i> Peggy Ryan <i>Take Up Offering:</i> Anna Calvert and Ann Rogers <i>Hand out Bulletins:</i> Charles and Pat Harrison <i>Attendance Sheets:</i> Charlie and Dianne Herfurth <i>Greeters:</i> Rita Speegle and Sandra Stricklin <i>Make Coffee:</i> Kay Phillips	
Sunday, January 7 <i>Set up Chairs:</i> Kay, Mickey and Jack Phillips <i>Communion Servers:</i> Rita Speegle, David Fisher and Miriam Adams	November 19 8:30 a.m. Worship 50 10:00 a.m. Spanish Worship 3 11:00 a.m. Worship 106 On-line Worship 29 Sunday School 102
11:00 a.m. Worship <i>Altar:</i> Hazel Ruehl <i>Attendance Sheets:</i> Frances Cooper and Elaine Mills <i>Straighten Pew Racks:</i> Lori Tafazoli <i>Head Usher:</i> Byron Martin <i>Ushers:</i> Rose Marie Martin, Bill Griffin and Carol Law	November 26 8:30 a.m. Worship 51 10:00 a.m. Spanish Worship 6 11:00 a.m. Worship 78 On-line Worship 18 Sunday School 107
Sunday, January 7 <i>Communion Servers:</i> Bill and Hazel Ruehl, Clovine Messersmith	December 3 8:30 a.m. Worship 64 10:00 a.m. Spanish Worship 4 11:00 a.m. Worship 77 On-line Worship 53 Sunday School 105
Prayer Chain Contact: Lori Tafazoli: 256-509-4985 (cell) tafazoli@juno.com 256-734-0340 (church office) *You can leave a message on the church office phone and it will be emailed to me.	December 10 8:30 a.m. Worship 60 10:00 a.m. Spanish Worship 5 11:00 a.m. Worship 94 On-line Worship 48 Sunday School 97
	December 17 8:30 a.m. Worship 52 10:00 a.m. Spanish Worship 82 11:00 a.m. Worship 11 On-line Worship 77 Sunday School 65
	ESL and Spanish Speaking Classes Beginning in January, Jorge and Zandy Martinez will be having ESL and Spanish Speaking classes. ESL will be taught Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., starting on January 9. Spanish speaking classes will be taught on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m., starting on January 11. See Jorge or Zandy for more information.

2024 Flower Calendar

If you wish to put flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one please contact the church office. Cost of the flowers is \$50.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Finance Meeting
Monday, January 8 at 12:00 p.m.

Friendship Circle
Tuesday, January 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Quilt Guild
Thursday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Traveling Saints
Thursday, January 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Church Council
Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Swamp John's
Tuesday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Newsletter Folding
Wednesday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Bunco
Tuesday, January 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Upper Rooms for January/February 2023 are now available in the book rack outside the church office.

Robert will be out of the office the week of Christmas (December 25th - December 29th). Lori will be out of the office the week of New Year's (January 1 - January 5).

Church Council Meeting
Sun., January 21
4 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
All are welcome to attend




Ways to Give
Text to Give
Text STANDREWS35055 to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply with the link to the giving interface.
Give on the Website
Go to standrewscullman.org and under the about drop down select give or go directly to standrewscullman.org/give

Save the Date
Church-wide
Swamp John's Fundraiser
Tuesday, January 23rd
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
\$15.00/plate




Thanks to everyone who donated funds or purchased gifts for our Christmas angels this year. We were able to provide Christmas for 34 angels this Christmas season.



Members in Ministry
Please remember to turn in your Members in Ministry forms as soon as possible so that 2024 Ministry schedules can be completed. Forms may be turned in by either putting them in the offering plate or leaving them in the box outside the church office. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Used Church Literature and Devotionals Needed...
A big shoutout to our congregation to bring your used church literature, devotionals, Upper Rooms and Christian based books and leave outside church office in the recycle boxes! Items will be taken to Love Packages warehouse in Trinity, Alabama! They also welcome church groups to come volunteer in sorting church literature for shipment all over the world! St Andrews has taken their used literature to be recycled for several years now!

Volunteer at Sumatanga!!!
We are always working to improve Sumatanga. God has called every Christian to be a servant. At Sumatanga we offer many opportunities to further God's kingdom through service. Every person that volunteers at Sumatanga makes an investment in each life that Christ has changed, and will change here. We encourage people of any age or skill to come volunteer. If you, your church group, or group of friends would like to come out to Sumatanga and volunteer, we would love to have you! Call the camp office with questions about volunteering at 256-538-9860 or email our Volunteer Coordinator, Bruno Hughes at volunteer@sumatanga.org.



Wanted
Singers and Musicians
We are in need of singers and musicians for the Praise Band and Chancel Choir. Praise Band practice is on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. and Chancel Choir is on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Come make a joyful noise!!!