# WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES

**DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 13** 

SUNDAY, December 7

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee Time

9:50 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

4:00 p.m. Charity Christmas Party (Hilda's house)

MONDAY, December 8

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 p.m. Finance **TUESDAY, December 9** 

10:00 a.m. Christian Studies Class 11:00 a.m. Friendship Christmas Party

5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

6:00 p.m. Trustees

WEDNESDAY, December 10

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training

5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Chance Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. Youth/Children Activities

7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice

THURSDAY, December 11

9:00 a.m. Quilt Guild

4:30 p.m. Community Meal

FRIDAY, December 12

6:00 p.m. Preschool Christmas Program

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# The Monthly Newsletter of St. Andrew's Global Methodist Church



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# **November 19, 2025**

#### ST. ANDREW'S STAFF

<u>Senior Pastor</u> Robert Lancaster

Associate Pastor Brian Bradley

Children's Director Kellie Britton

Youth Director Michael Thompson

Music Director Ken Whisenant

> Organist Jannie Ratliff

<u>Pianist</u> Melinda Briscoe

Office Administrator Lori Tafazoli

<u>Preschool Director</u> Wendy Ryan

#### **OUR VISION:**

Our vision is to be a worshipping, loving and witnessing church in Cullman County where disciples of Jesus Christ live out their call to ministry and are nurtured in small groups.

Our Mission: Reach the lost, nurture the faithful.

# Rejoice Evermore

I started writing about all the things that have gone wrong for me over the past couple of weeks. But then I decided that no one wants to hear my complaints about how life has been treating me. Plus, I am writing this the week before Thanksgiving, and we are supposed to be counting our blessings, not airing out our frustrations. I am sure you would have been nice if I had written my complaints, read the article, and maybe even agreed with some of the things I said. But the worst thing that could have happened is that I might have made you start thinking about all your complaints from the last couple of weeks. This is not a time to make people remember all the aggravation and irritating things that happen in life. This is a season of thanks, followed by the Reason we are to be thankful. "1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice evermore. 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." People love to quote verse 18, but to really understand it, we need to go back to verse 16. Paul is talking about giving thanks to God in all stages of our lives, both good and bad. He is not saying give thanks FOR what is going on in your life. Instead, he is saying give thanks IN all stages of life. Good days, bad days, sick days, and hard days, give God thanks. We get our first clue on what Paul means in verse "16 Rejoice evermore." In all days, give thanks to God, for it is another day to know, feel, and experience the love of God. Each day is a gift, even if it feels like the worst; it is still a day we can give Jesus thanks for all the things He has done. When nothing is going right in life, Jesus still loves you and died for you. When tragedy and mourning strike, it is a comfort to know Jesus walks the path with us. When nothing is going right in life, Jesus is still on the throne, sitting beside God and pouring out His love on us. So, when verse 18 says "this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you," does that mean that all the bad stuff is God's will? No. It means it is the will of God that we would give thanks to the Lord Jesus for going to the cross, dying, being resurrected, ascending to Heaven, and sitting at the right hand of God every day. It is God's will that we would always have a reason to rejoice, even on our worst days.

Merry Christmas, and may you rejoice in Jesus Christ every day.

# WE COVENANT WITH GOD THROUGH . . . OUR PRAYERS

<u>Health and Healing:</u> Margaret Ann Adderhold, Rhonda Brown, Henry Burns, Maranda Callan, Don Cole, Carolyn Eller, David Fisher, Joe Gamble, Carol Gardner, Kym Grant, Betty Harbin, Jack Hershiser, Jr. Elaine Key, James and Clara Laminack, Elaine Mills, Don Wilbanks, Dale Woodard, Terri Wrenn

**Homebound, Nursing Home or Assisted Living** 

Marilyn Bell, Larry Britton, Mary Clark, Margaret Gill, Gary Lasdon, John & Connie New, Rhonda Oakley, Joyce Rowe, Dalton Sharpton, Polly Stone, Norma Wrenn

**Active Military** 

Tim Anderson, Justin Bloom, Thomas Brown, Michael Cavanaugh, Sam Cretser, Landon Elliott, James Heard, Austin Hubbard, Alan Kilgore, Josh Laspin, Chris Leon, Grant Pinkley, Malcolm Riker, Tony Ruehl, Jonathan Ryan, Josh Ryan, Mark Smith, Matthew Steele, Nick White, Doreann Wiley (Please check prayer lists and contact Lori if any updates need to be made.)

#### **DECEMBER SERVANTS**

8:30 a.m. Worship *Altar*: Rita Speegle

Take Up Offering: James Laminack

Hand out Bulletins & Greet: Anna Calvert and

Rita Speegle

Attendance Sheets: Charlie and Dianne Herfurth

Make Coffee: Robin Parsons

Sunday, December 7

Communion Servers: Charlie and Dianne Herfurth, Peggy Burgess, Connie Butler and Anna

Calvert

**Set up Chairs:** Mickey and Jack Phillips **Security:** Kay Phillips, Jaden and Canaan

Anderson

11:00 a.m. Worship Altar: Vikki Smith

Attendance Sheets: Bill and Hazel Ruehl Straighten Pew Racks: Jean Shugarts Greeters: Shirley Patrick and Jean Shugarts

*Head Usher:* Doyle Jones *Ushers:* Carolyn Jones, Jim Ryan

Sunday, December 7

Communion Servers: Doyle and Carolyn Jones,

Vikki Smith

Security: David Key

Prayer Chain Contact:

Lori Tafazoli: 256-509-4985 (cell)

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\*You can leave a message on the church office phone and it will be emailed to me.

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Our Attendance	
October 26	
8:30 a.m. Worship	57
11:00 a.m. Worship	95
On-line Worship	30
Sunday School	94
November 2	
8:30 a.m. Worship	61
11:00 a.m. Worship	121
On-line Worship	31
Sunday School	104
November 9	
8:30 a.m. Worship	50
11:00 a.m. Worship	85
On-line Worship	48
Sunday School	78
November 16	
8:30 a.m. Worship	60
11:00 a.m. Worship	117
On-line Worship	22
Sunday School	102

Dear Hazel & Church Family,

Thank you very much for all you and the ladies of St. Andrew's did to make mom's service beautiful and special. Please extend our thanks to all the ladies who helped. The luncheon was a wonderful time that allowed us to catch up with Charlotte's family and friends and to give comfort to each other. As Jeff said during the service, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love, support, friendship and care you gave to Charlotte in the last years of her journey. You were all so special to her and we are so grateful for you being part of her "village".

Love, Will, Rafael, John, Laura, Jeff, Tracy, Amy & Doug

# **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

#### **Missions Meeting**

Monday, December 1 at 5:00 p.m.

**Victory Christmas Party** 

Thursday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m.

# Parents' Night Out Preschool

Friday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m.

# **Bill Shelton Class Christmas Party**

Saturday, December 6

# **Charity Circle Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m.

# **Finance Meeting**

Monday, December 8 at 12:00 p.m.

# Friendship Circle Christmas

Tuesday, December 9 at 11:00 a.m.

#### Trustees

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Ouilt Guild**

Thursday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m.

# **Community Meal**

Thursday, December 11 at 4:30 p.m.

# **Preschool Christmas Program**

Friday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.

# **Pack First Responder** Bags

Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Cookies with Santa**

Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m.

#### **Newsletter Folding**

Wednesday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Traveling Saints**

Thursday, December 18 at 11:00 a.m.

#### **CREAA Christmas**

Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

# **Emmaus**

Monday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m.

# **Drop In Communion**

Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Christmas Eve Service**

Wednesday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m. **Bunco** 

Tuesday, December 30 at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Advent Readers Needed**

We are in need of individuals, couples or families to light the advent candles and read the advent liturgy in each service during the advent season. If you would like to volunteer please contact the church office.



Cookies with Santa Sunday, December 14 2:00 p.m.— 3:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

#### **Angel Tree Christmas Project**

Our Christmas Angels will be arriving the end of November so keep an eye out. Kellie will be gathering children's names and wish lists from Victim Services and Cullman Primary School who are in need of Christmas. Please consider adopting an angel for Christmas either on an individual basis or as a Sunday school class. If you don't wish to shop you can make a financial donation and Kellie will shop for



you. Thank you for your support of this ministry to our community



# White Christmas Offering

We will receive our White Christmas offering for the Children's Home of Alabama at the Christmas Eve Service. Please keep these children and this ministry in your prayers.

# St. Andrew's Christmas Card Exchange (In church delivery only)

Save on Postage!!! Bring your addressed Christmas cards to exchange with your church family starting on Sunday, November 30th and place them in the marked container located next to the Pepsi machine at the entrance of the Fellowship Hall. Deadline to turn in your cards will be



Sunday, December 14th. Cards will be delivered to you in church on Sunday, December 21st or you may pick them up in the Fellowship Hall.

# 2026 Flower Calendar If you wish to put flowers in the

sanctuary please contact the church office or sign up on the flower calendar in the sanctuary.

Cost of the flowers has gone up to \$60.00.



Save the Date Swamp John's Fundraiser Saturday, January 31 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$15/plate (eat in or take out)

