

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES
MAY 3 - MAY 9

SUNDAY, May 3

- 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship Time
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

MONDAY, May 4

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 5:00 p.m. Missions
- 5:00 p.m. Pilot Club Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Charity Circle

TUESDAY, May 5

- 10:00 a.m. Christian Studies Class
- 5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

WEDNESDAY, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Youth/Children Activities
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice

THURSDAY, May 7

- 3:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study led by Doyle Jones

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A Mother's Day Devotion

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in West Virginia in 1912. Mothers were to be recognized as an important part of our culture and lives. The heart of a mother is like a rare jewel. They love their children during the worst and best of times. Yet all mothers are not the same. Author and speaker Patsy Clairmont says, "Normal is just a setting on your clothes dryer." We are all different. She shared that as women we may "struggle, fail, start over, and celebrate." But we are mothers who can love unlike any other person. God created families and gave mothers a unique place in that unit. We can love, give of ourselves, cook, clean, wash clothes, put Band-Aids on scrapes ... be the first one up in the morning or the last one down at night. We juggle a lot of things including raising children, working at jobs, managing a home, and sometimes finding time for ourselves. Each day is a new beginning of what lies before us. We have destiny, purpose, and the power to do and be all that we are called to be. Nothing can stop us except ourselves. As mothers, we need to find the strength to face each day knowing that God loves us. This scripture seems to be written just for mothers.

"Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." (Philippians 2:1-4 NIV)

Our children need that unselfish love of a mother. We, as mothers, need to love our mothers too. Long life is promised to all who show honor to them.

"Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." (Ephesians 6:1-3 NLT)

Mothers make up a crucial part of our lives. So whether it is a Hallmark card, dinner out, hug, or a kiss on the cheek, we should show we care. It is so important to give our love to these dedicated women in our lives and don't take them for granted.

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.



WE COVENANT WITH GOD THROUGH . . . OUR PRAYERS

Health and Healing: Margaret Ann Adderhold, Rhonda Brown, Henry Burns, Maranda Callan, Don Cole, Carolyn Eller, David and Helen Fisher, Joe Gamble, Carol Gardner, Carol Garrett, Kym Grant, Betty Harbin, Jack Hershiser, Jr., Elaine Key, James and Clara Laminack, Elaine Mills, Jannie Ratliff, Sue Reynolds, 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, 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, Jonathan Ryan, Josh Ryan, Mark Smith, Matthew Steele, Nick White, Doreann Wiley

MAY SERVANTS

8:30 a.m. Worship
Take Up Offering: Lionel Butler
Hand out Bulletins & Greet: Virginia Pritchard and Rita Speegle
Attendance Sheets: James and Clara Laminack
Make Coffee: Kay Phillips

Sunday, May 3
Set up Chairs: Mickey Phillips
Security: Charles Harrison
Communion Servers: Connie Butler, Peggy Burgess and Anna Calvert

11:00 a.m. Worship
Altar: Vikki Smith
Attendance Sheets: Jean Shugarts and Judy Hall
Straighten Pew Racks: Clovine and Aulton Messersmith
Greeter: Mary Ann Lee
Head Usher: Doyle Jones
Ushers: Carolyn Jones, Jason Bradley and Bill Griffin

Sunday, May 3
Security: Mike Burleson
Communion Servers: Susan Copeland, Vikki Smith and Clovine Messersmith

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

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March 22	
8:30 a.m. Worship	62
11:00 a.m. Worship	108
On-line Worship	51
Sunday School	94
March 29	
Combined Worship	145
On-line Worship	22
Sunday School	79
April 5	
Combined Worship	182
On-line Worship	10
Sunday School	71
April 12	
Combined Worship	151
On-line Worship	20
Sunday School	84
April 19	
8:30 a.m. Worship	49
11:00 a.m. Worship	91
On-line Worship	32
Sunday School	89

Baby Back Rib & Boston Butt Sale

Ribs - \$30.00; Boston Butts - \$50.00
 Pick up Time: May 1st
 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: St. Andrew's Methodist
 All proceeds to benefit the Bryan Clay House. See Men's Prayer Breakfast members for tickets.

Charity Circle Meeting Time Change

Beginning in May, Charity Circle will start meeting in the daytime. We will meet the first Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; no food will be served. We are studying the book, "The Women of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream. All ladies of the church are welcome to join us.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Missions Meeting
 Monday, May 4 at 5:00 p.m.
Charity Circle
 Monday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m.
Finance Meeting
 Monday, May 11 at 12:00 p.m.
Friendship Circle
 Tuesday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m.
Trustees
 Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m.
Quilt Guild
 Thursday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.
Community Meal
 Thursday, May 14 at 4:30 p.m.
Church Council
 Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m.
Emmaus
 Monday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m.
Newsletter Folding
 Wednesday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m.
Traveling Saints
 Thursday, May 21 at 8:00 a.m.
Bunco
 Tuesday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m.

**Traveling Saints
 Thursday, May 21**

Traveling Saints will be headed to #25 Shiloh Methodist Church in Allgood, Alabama, on Thursday, May 19th. Afterwards, we will have lunch at Charlie B's restaurant in Oneonta. Get your name on the list now. Deadline will be Tuesday, May 20th. Looking forward to a great trip and great time with St. Andrew's Traveling Saints. Blessings, Judy and Kay

Our Associate Pastor, Brian Bradley's new office is up and ready, located in the former clothes closet room. The library is now reopened for church members use. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

**Senior Recognition
 Sunday, May 31st**

We will be celebrating our graduating high school seniors, Katie Chamblee and Kairi Phillips, on Sunday, May 31st, during the combined fifth Sunday worship service after the service we will have a potluck meal celebration for all those wishing to attend. Please bring a dish to share; meat and drinks will be provided. If you have a high school or college graduate in your family please contact Lori in the church office so she can get your graduates information for the bulletin; if I am missing any high school graduates from our church please contact me.



Shoeboxes for Honduras

Shoe Boxes for the Children of Honduras are ready for pickup outside of the church office. Please pick up as many as you would like to fill individually. Instructions will be in each box. Please, if you take a box(es), return them to the display table by the September deadline. These shoe boxes are sponsored by the Cullman Emmaus Cluster at St. Andrew's and Bucket Guthrie and the A.H.M.E.N. (Alabama/Honduras Medical Education Network). Cost of shipping these shoe boxes is covered by the Cullman Emmaus Cluster. Stop by and check out the display and pictures from the children who received these shoe boxes Christmas 2025. **P.S.: So as not to confuse folks, these shoe boxes are not in anyway affiliated with the Operation Christmas Children shoeboxes that will be filled later in the year.** These shoeboxes are carried to the Methodist warehouse in Decatur and shipped in a container to remote Honduran villages and orphanages. This program has been active over ten years now and supported by a group of Alabama churches and various local organizations who have partnered with Honduran churches in remote areas of the country. Any questions, please contact Kay Parker-Phillips (205)540-6679. Thank you so much.

Cullman Shred Day

**Cullman County Fair Grounds
 Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Better Business Bureau of North Alabama (BBB North Alabama), in partnership with Family Security Credit Union and Gone For Good, is hosting its free, annual Spring Shred Days this month and next! It's an opportunity offering residents a safe and convenient way to dispose of sensitive documents and reduce their risk of identity theft. Cullman Caring for Kids will be there to accept food items or monetary donations.

- Free document shredding and electronic recycling. (items under 40 lbs.; \$10 per plasma/flat screen TV; no appliances or large back TVs)
- Drug take back. (No needles accepted.)