

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES
OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 10

SUNDAY, October 4

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, October 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
1:00 p.m. Charity Circle
5:00 p.m. Missions

TUESDAY, October 6

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

WEDNESDAY, October 7

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. Children/Youth Activities
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice

THURSDAY, October 8

9:00 a.m. Quilt Guild
3:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study led by Doyle Jones
4:30 p.m. Community Meal

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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.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Our next Sermon series actually started on Sunday, September 20. Over the next couple of months, I'll lead us through the Gospel of Mark. Why Mark? It is a short, action-packed book that condenses all that Jesus did into 16 chapters. Mark, unlike Matthew and Luke, wants to reveal Jesus as Messiah as quickly as he can. In that desire, he is much like the Gospel of John. John tells us in John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God". In the very first verse, John tells us Jesus was the Word and the Messiah. Mark is very similar. In the very first verse, Mark tells us who Jesus is: Mark 1:1 "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God". Interestingly, this is the only time Mark tells us directly who Jesus really is. In the rest of the book, he shows us who Jesus is through the words, works, and wonders Jesus performs. John is also unique in that he highlights Jesus' actions more than His teachings.

One of the most dynamic verses in Mark is *Mark 8: "29 He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him."*

Mark also has a unique audience. Mark is writing to Gentiles, so he does not include a genealogy for Jesus, since a Gentile audience would not really care about Jesus' genealogy. A Gentile audience also would not care about quoting a bunch of Old Testament scripture since they did not know the Old Testament. He quotes John in Mark 1:3 about the prophecy concerning John the Baptist rather than quoting Isaiah 40:3.

Mark presents Jesus as the suffering servant who came to serve and die for us. I think his goal is to get us to see Jesus as the suffering servant and then feel called to be the same. In Mark 10:43-45, we see the call Jesus places on all our lives. *Mark 10:43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."* I look forward to marching through Mark with you.

In His service:

Robert Lancaster

WE COVENANT WITH GOD THROUGH . . . OUR PRAYERS

Health and Healing: Margaret Ann Adderhold, Connie Butler, Henry Burns, Maranda Callan, Don Cole, Carolyn Eller, David and Helen Fisher, Joe Gamble, Carol Gardner, Kym Grant, Betty Harbin, Jack Hershiser, Jr., Elaine Key, Rhonda Kilgore, James and Clara Laminack, Elaine Mills, Jannie Ratliff, Sue Reynolds, Wendy Ryan, Vikki Smith, Don Wilbanks, Dale Woodard, Terri Wrenn

Homebound, Nursing Home or Assisted Living

Marilyn Bell, Mary Clark, Carol Garrett, Margaret Gill, 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, Josh Ryan, Mark Smith, Matthew Steele, Nick White, Doreann Wiley

OCTOBER SERVANTS

8:30 a.m. Worship

Take Up Offering: Charlie Herfurth
Hand out Bulletins & Greet: James Laminack and Mickey Phillips
Attendance Sheets: Jaden and Canaan Anderson, Jack Phillips
Make Coffee: Robin Parson

Sunday, October 4

Set up Chairs: Mickey and Jack Phillips
Security: Mickey and Jack Phillips, Jaden Anderson
Communion Servers: James and Clara Laminack, Virginia Pritchard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Altar: Shirley Hays
Attendance Sheets: Bonnie Styles and Carol Patterson
Straighten Pew Racks: Carol Griffin
Greeter: Bonnie Styles
Head Usher: Gary Turner
Ushers: David Key, Bill Griffin

Sunday, October 4

Security: Alan Kilgore
Communion Servers: Susan Copeland, Shirley Hays and Clovine Messersmith

Prayer Chain Contact:

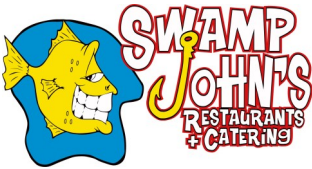
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*You can leave a message on the church office phone and it will be emailed to me.

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OUR ATTENDANCE

August 23		
8:30 a.m. Worship		61
11:00 a.m. Worship		110
On-line Worship		15
Sunday School		108
August 30		
Combined Worship		134
On-line Worship		19
Sunday School		81
September 6		
8:30 a.m. Worship		57
11:00 a.m. Worship		83
On-line Worship		36
Sunday School		94
September 13		
8:30 a.m. Worship		54
11:00 a.m. Worship		100
On-line Worship	Did not broadcast	
Sunday School		95
September 20		
8:30 a.m. Worship		58
11:00 a.m. Worship		89
On-line Worship		24
Sunday School		88



Swamp John's Fundraiser
Saturday, October 24
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
\$16/plate
(eat in or take out)
Churchwide Fundraiser

Calling all Kids & Youth
We are headed to the
Cullman County Fair,
Wednesday evening,
October 21st. Please see
Kellie or Michael for
more information and
to reserve your spot.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Charity Circle

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

Missions Meeting

Monday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Quilt Guild

Thursday, October 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Community Meal

Thursday, October 8 at 4:30 p.m.

Finance Meeting

Monday, October 12 at 12:00 p.m.

Friendship Circle

Tuesday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Trustees

Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Newsletter Folding

Wednesday, October 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Stephen Ministry

Monday, October 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Emmaus

Monday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Bunco

Tuesday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Swamp John's Fundraiser

Friday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m.

Rummage Sale Update

Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's rummage sale. Whether you donated items, helped with setup and/or cleanup, pricing or working sales days; your time and energy is most appreciated. We had our best sale yet making \$4,500.

Church Charge Conference
Sunday, November 15
at 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Youth Can Collection

Join us in supporting our youth ministry by donating your empty aluminum cans to the designated trash can in the church parking lot under the fire escape.



Operation Christmas Child Work Schedule

Friday, October 23, 9 a.m.- 11 a.m. - Craft Workday
Sunday, November 8, 2 p.m. - Box Packing Day

Collection Week at St. Andrew's Schedule

Monday, November 16, 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, November 19, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, November 20 & 21, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Sunday, November 22, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday, November 23, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

If you are interested in helping during collection week please contact Margie Belleson at 650-773-7419.

**LET'S GO ON
A HAYRIDE**



Cookout and Hayride
at the Herfurth's
Sunday, November 1 at 5:00 p.m.
Bring a dish to share.
Hot dogs and drinks provided.

Holiday Outreach Project

The holidays will be here soon and St. Andrews plans to show our appreciation to our local police officers, EMS and firefighters with gift bags as we did last year.

How can you participate? Bring these donations to the church library:

- *Individually wrapped snack crackers
- *Individually wrapped candy bars (both snack size and regular size)
- *Personal notes of encouragement and scripture verses

The date to assemble baskets will Sunday, November 15 right after second service. Delivery will Monday, November 16 at 9 a.m. Any help will be most appreciated.

Members in Ministry

Enclosed within your newsletter you will find the Members in Ministry form for 2027. As you look upon your next year of ministry at St. Andrew's please prayerfully consider how you will serve this congregation faithfully with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service. Please turn in your forms to the church office you can either put them in the offering plate or leave them in the box outside the church office. Any questions contact Lori in the office. Thank you.

Used Church Literature and Devotionals Needed...

A big shoutout to our congregation to continue to bring your used church literature, devotionals, Upper Rooms and Christian based books and leave outside church office in the recycle box! Items will be taken to Love Packages warehouse in Trinity, Alabama! See Kay Phillips if you have any questions.