

# OCTOBER

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

**BIRTHDAYS:** Oct 4, Kate Scott Loftin; Oct 7, Fr. Christian Senyoni

**MARRIAGE:** **Alston Elaine Offutt** and **Robert Gray Anderson II** were joined in marriage on Saturday, Oct 3. Gray is the son of Roberta & Steve Anderson.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Abbey Hale, Clay McKinnon, Terri Brackens, Johnathan, Sophie, Carol, Larry Townsend, Nancy, Caryn, Kenny, and Dani

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST, REMEMBERING TODAY: OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAMS, NIKKI SKILES, BRIAN CLEMMER, STUART SKILES, MARY STINNETT, PAUL HYDE, BETTY & TOM, SAVANNAH HYDE, DIANE, DANIELLE, SAM, BLAKELY, RYLAN, HOLLY, CHERYL RUSSELL, DIANE MORALES, MARY & TOMMY THRONE, CANDY, WENDY DAVIS, JESSICA, DAPHNE HUGHES, JAY WALNE, BILL, JOE, BUD, RON, and PAUL CORDELL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VESTRY NOMINEES NEEDED:** We need qualified volunteers to be nominees for three Vestry spots for 2027–2029, to be elected at our annual Saint Andrew's Night, Wednesday, Dec 2. If you are a confirmed communicant (over 18) and have been a member of the parish for at least 2 years and desire to be a nominee, please contact Chris Baumgardner, Charles Hall, Greg Hurley, or Jay Walne as soon as possible.

**MAHJONG GROUP SCHEDULE:** You have two great ways to play, and don't forget to bring your card: **(1)** weekly play: join our friends at the Church of the Holy Apostles for their regular Mahjong group every Wednesday at 6:00 PM. **(2)** at Saint Andrew's we will continue to play on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 6:00 PM. Questions? Feel free to text Ashley Jamieson at 901-359-8748.

**ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE:** Pledge cards for the annual stewardship drive should be returned by **Nov 8** so that the 2027 budget can be created realistically. On the pledge card, please update any personal information that has changed. If you want to be on our public birthday list, give us family birthdays. If for some reason you didn't get the mailing, there are extras in the office. Thank you for your love and faithfulness in supporting the ministry of Saint Andrew's.

**(Samaritan's Purse) OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2026:** If you desire to bless the poorest of the poor and bring Jesus to children who do not know about Him, then PLEASE contribute to Operation Christmas Child. With the money, the church will purchase clothing, school supplies, and gifts. On **Sunday, Nov 8** (after the 10:30 service), we will gather to eat (**SIGN UP!** Bud is making the food!) and pack and bless the boxes. It was a wonderful time last year. Our goal is 75 boxes (at roughly \$50 each), and last year we had enough funds to provide additional boxes and evangelism materials through Samaritan's Purse. Because of the strict regulations and size limits, we need only money, no shopping is required. Mark your checks with Operation Christmas Child on the memo line.

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED:** Turn in the names of dear departed family and friends whose names you wish to be read on **Monday, Nov 2**, during Morning Prayer. Send the names to Cynthia in the church office by **Wednesday, Oct 28**.

**FIRST-WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNER & DEVOTIONAL:** First-Wednesday parish dinner and devotional is on **Oct 7 at 6:00 PM**. Please join us for a time of good food and fellowship. The sign-up is posted on the parish hall bulletin board. Sign up your family and friends, or call the church office to sign you up. Be sure to indicate how many adults and children. We ask that you sign up by **Oct 4** so that our volunteers have an accurate count when they shop for the meal prep.

**FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASS FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS:** Calling all high schoolers or college-aged students, especially soon-to-be graduates—come and bring a friend, have lunch, and learn to prepare for your next steps after graduation. The broader topics are “Begin Budgeting Now for Your Future” and “A Conversation about Credit—How It Works.” Your instructor, Chris Baumgardner, will go into detail on such topics as cars, credit cards, college debt, and life expenses, etc. This is a great opportunity to absorb information about finances and how it all works. The class will meet at the church, most likely in the parish hall, on **Sunday, Oct 18, at 12:30 PM**. Sign up yourself and friends on the parish hall bulletin board—and indicate whether you want free lunch. If you have questions, feel free to contact Lisa Carter at 901-493-2612.

**DOK DAY RETREAT:** The St. Susannah Chapter of Daughters of the King will host a DOK Day Retreat at Trezevant Manor on Saturday, **Oct 24, 2026**. Erika Ewen, who recently led a spiritual retreat for the St. George chapter, and our Assembly Leadership team will co-lead our journey with the Rev. Bobbi Fitzhugh. Registration is \$30 per person and includes lunch and materials. Coffee and fellowship will begin at 10:00 AM, with the retreat running from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM. [Click Here to Register & Pay.](#)

**CONFIRMATION TRAINING:** If you would like to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church or would like to join Saint Andrew's as a member, please contact Fr. Christian.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDIES:** The men's study group meets on Mondays; the ladies' study group meets on Tuesdays; Fr. Jeff's class meets on Wednesdays; and Fr. Christian's class meets on Thursdays—all the above are at 10 AM in the parish hall. The EYC Bible study meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM downstairs. Adult Sunday school class with Fr. Jeff Marx is at 9:30 AM on Sundays in the parish hall. We hope you will partake in these spiritual education offerings.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Given by Julie & Chris Miller to the glory of Almighty God in celebration of Kate Scott Loftin's birthday and in honor of their wedding anniversary

Given by Roberta & Steve Anderson to the glory of Almighty God and in celebration of the marriage of Gray Anderson and Alston Offutt

## BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY

**Hospitality:** “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” (Hebrews 13:2) Angels are messengers from God, not just spiritual beings.

## Daily Office, Year 2, Proper 22, Oct 4–10, BCP 987

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| <b>Sun</b> | AM Psalm 118<br>Hosea 13:4-14                | PM Psalm 145<br>1 Cor. 2:6-16    Matt. 14:1-12                |
| <b>Mon</b> | AM Psalm 106:1-18<br>Hosea 14:1-9            | PM Psalm 106:19-48<br>Acts 22:30—23:11    Luke 6:39-49        |
| <b>Tue</b> | AM Psalm [120], 121, 122, 123<br>Micah 1:1-9 | PM Psalm 124, 125, 126, [127]<br>Acts 23:12-24    Luke 7:1-17 |
| <b>Wed</b> | AM Psalm 119:145-176<br>Micah 2:1-13         | PM Psalm 128, 129, 130<br>Acts 23:23-35    Luke 7:18-35       |
| <b>Thu</b> | AM Psalm 131, 132, [133]<br>Micah 3:1-8      | PM Psalm 134, 135<br>Acts 24:1-23    Luke 7:36-50             |
| <b>Fri</b> | AM Psalm 140, 142<br>Micah 3:9—4:5           | PM Psalm 141, 143:1-12<br>Acts 24:24—25:12    Luke 8:1-15     |
| <b>Sat</b> | AM Psalm 137:1-9, 144<br>Micah 5:1-4, 10-15  | PM Psalm 104<br>Acts 25:13-27    Luke 8:16-25                 |



### SOLO: VINEYARD SONG

by Stuart Dauermann; text based on Isaiah 5:1–7

My Beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dugged and cleared it all of stones; the land was good to till.  
He built a wine vat in its midst and planted it with vines.  
He looked for it to yield good grapes, that He might drink the wine.

We bless Thy name, O Lord, creator of vineyard and vine.  
Help us to live in Your love.

But as the fruit matured, He saw how wild the grapes became.  
Although He loved and cared for them, the vines would not be tamed.  
Why, children of Jerusalem, did not the harvest yield?  
What more could my Beloved do to tend His wasted field?

The Keeper of the vineyard, the Lord of Hosts is He.  
The vineyard is His people. Oh, tell me, can't you see  
That He was seeking righteousness and justice for its wine?  
Instead, He found iniquity a-hanging on the vine.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Elohenu Melech haolam  
Boray p'ri hagofen.

O you who seek the Lord today, the lesson still holds true;  
For what He sought of Israel, He still requires of you.  
Oh, walk with Him in righteousness, and be a fruitful vine.  
And press your life into His hands, that He might drink the wine.

### **EYC MISSION STATEMENT**

*Our goal as a youth group is to be an all-inclusive community of young believers who set an example for other Christians in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity (1 Tim 4:12).*

### **EYC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- If you have questions or you want to be added to the list to get texts about EYC events, get in touch with Julie at 901-240-6189.
- Sunday school meets each week at 9:30AM. Be sure to make this a priority in your Sunday routine. Donuts are usually provided as an extra incentive to come learn from Fr. Christian.
- Regular Bible study is on Wednesdays at 6PM in the Sr. High basement Sunday school room. Food will be provided, and we hope to see everyone there!
- Saturday, Oct 3, we will go to Tom's Farm for activities and bonfire. We'll leave from the church at 4PM. Bring an outside chair. They have a corn maze, pumpkin patch, and bonfire with hot dogs, chips, and s'mores. There is a haunted corn maze that you can do for \$20. If you want to do that bring your own money. The church will pay for everything else. It's always a fun time!
- First-Wednesday dinner is Oct 7. Please have your families sign up in the parish hall.
- Fr. Christian's birthday is also on Oct 7; don't forget to wish him a Happy Birthday!
- Collierville Fall Break is Oct 12–16. No Bible Study on Wednesday night Oct 14. There is also no official Sunday school on the Sunday before (Oct 11) or after (Oct 18). But Fr Christian will be downstairs with a lesson for anyone that comes.
- Sunday, Oct 18, is the Financial Literacy Class for High School/College-aged. Starts right after the late service, and lunch is provided. Please sign up in the parish hall if you plan to attend.
- Sunday, Oct 25, is a Younted Diocesan spooky scavenger hunt at the Cathedral. Details to follow but you don't want to miss this!
- Halloween is Saturday, Oct 31. Any candy you collect and don't want can be donated to our downstairs candy stash.

**EPISCOPAL MINISTRY TO ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS:** The Episcopal Church is seeking input via survey to find out how best to support our veterans and the armed forces in general, to help those who are discerning a call to chaplaincy, and to develop resources for dioceses and parishes. This is the link to the survey: [https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/veterans\\_ministry\\_survey?mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/veterans_ministry_survey?mc_eid=UNIQID). Also, the Episcopal Church has a Cycle of Prayer for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries that enables one to pray in an organized way for chaplains, veterans, military members and their families, and weekly special intentions. The armed forces cycle of prayer runs from Sep 2026 through Aug 2027. Here is the link to download it: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/resources/armed-forces-and-federal-ministries-cycle-of-prayer/>