



Jackson Rush and Jesse Trickett get ready to compete in a sack race at our spring picnic on May 18. See more pictures on page 12.

Rev. Robert Cook, Senior Pastor



## Dear St. Andrew's Family,

It is amazing what happens when we begin to see life through resurrection eyes.

I have been reading the book *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright. It has opened my eyes and given me an increased joy and intentionality to living fully engaged in this world. Many people today wander around day after day wondering what their true purpose in life is – trying to find it in a relationship, career, hobby or something else. As a result, we end up living out the words of the famous U2 song, "I still haven't found what I'm looking for."

We are all searching for something. The answer is only found in the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Because the kingdom of God is among us, we have the opportunity to have a great impact in our community. N.T. Wright states it this way: "Easter has a very this-worldly, present-age meaning: Jesus is raised, so he is the Messiah, and therefore he is the world's true Lord; Jesus is raised, so God's new creation has begun - and we his followers, have a job to do!"

We are called to be attentive to two things: How is the kingdom of God breaking into our lives every day, and where is God calling each of us to be an instrument in his hands to bring life to those around us?

**The message of Easter is the message that you and I need to hear every day. The kingdom of God has broken into the world, and you and I are invited to belong to it.**

*How is the kingdom of God breaking into our lives every day?* The apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come." The reality of the resurrection means that we have a new identity and we are being made new. We have been declared righteous in God's eyes, which is a fact that ought to bring us great comfort and joy. There is also the reality that we continue to be entangled in sin. We continue to struggle, which can cause us to feel overwhelmed and often defeated. Seeing life through the eyes of the resurrection, Jesus, our living hope, reminds us over that Jesus is alive and present among us. "If the Spirit of him

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who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." (Romans 8:11) He longs that you and I would experience more and more of this resurrection life. Here are some questions for us to ask ourselves:

- Am I being attentive to what God is longing to show me?
- How am I responding to it?
- What are those areas in my life that God is breaking in and calling me to complete surrender to him?
- How is his word transforming my heart?

The more you and I experience the work of Jesus in our hearts, the more we are able to

bring life to those around us in greater ways.

*Where is God calling us to be instruments in his hands to bring life to those around each of us?* If the resurrection is true, then we can no longer sit back and be neutral. If the resurrection is true, we can no longer turn our eyes away from the needs of this world. If the resurrection is true, my life going forward should be lived in such a way that the gifts and resources I have been given are used to bring life into this world that Jesus is redeeming.

What you and I do in the present matters. Your vocation matters. Whether you are an artist, a doctor, a gardener, a real-estate agent, a homemaker, wherever God has placed you, you are there for a reason, and your work matters.

We have a part to play in God's restoration of his creation. Psalm 116:8-9 "For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living."

You and I have the incredible privilege to bring God's kingdom to bear in our community.

The message of Easter is the message that you and I need to hear every day. The kingdom of God has broken into the world, and you and I are invited to belong to it.

In His Love,



Robert+

## ENCOURAGERS SPUR STUDENTS TO SUCCESS

St. Andrew's Encouragers just completed another year at Wilson Elementary. We had 24 Encouragers meeting with 44 students. At the beginning of the year, teachers identified students they felt could benefit from the Encourager program – students that needed extra time with reading/math concepts, with social or emotional issues that interfered with learning and growth, or that needed a little encouragement to make it through the year. Encouragers typically met individually with two students for 30 minutes each week. Though it seemed little could happen in such a short amount of time, there has been a positive influence on these children's classroom experience.

At the end of the year, we asked the teachers "What has been the most positive thing this student gained from the Encourager Program?" The following are some of the teacher's responses:

- "B's" academic skills improved;
- "J" is getting along with others and following directions;
- "L" improved his self-image and developed a relationship with his Encourager;

- "J" likes making friends, so having someone to talk to was great for her;
- "J" really enjoyed the friendship and conversations she had with her Encourager;



- "M" gained a friend. He has a hard time making friends, and this was very important to him;
- "V's" confidence has really grown. She always raises her hand to join in group discussions;
- "G" had a productive year. His Encourager was the push he needed;
- "D" thrived on the attention she received;
- "M" gained confidence. She now tries to complete her work and to take

responsibility for her own learning;

- "J" is beginning to show some progression. He is trying in class more and is beginning to believe he can succeed;
- "T" improved his reading. He is motivated to read chapter books now rather than lower-level picture books;
- "M's" relationship with his Encourager was the most positive thing. He does not make friends at school;
- "A" opened up more in class. He began participating more, and his reading improved;
- "J" benefited by having a male role model reading fluently to/with him. He also needs time away from the classroom to practice reading; and
- "J" gained confidence and looked forward to her Encourager's visits. She routinely bragged about things her Encourager shared with her or taught her.



# WHAT DREW US TO ST. ANDREW'S

by Wayne and Jeanie Smith



Every so often since we moved to Little Rock in 1993, we would see intriguing articles in the paper about a church in a very unfamiliar denomination doing some most unusual things. Although we, as nearly lifelong Southern Baptists, didn't understand all we had read about this new church, it was clear that God was doing something unique in this body of believers.

Sadly, after 12 years in the same church, we found ourselves having to seek out a new spiritual home. As we visited churches in the area, we saw God at work in many places. However, none of these seemed to be where God was leading us. After another of those articles in the paper about that strange Anglican Church (and Jeanie meeting Claudia Jones in Bible study) we thought, why not visit?

Our first Sunday, the first Sunday the church met in the new building, we saw

so much that we loved. The building was beautiful! Everyone we met was warm and engaging. The church's desire to be a community of grace and healing was very inviting to our weary and broken hearts. The cultural and economic diversity of the congregation was refreshing. We loved the beauty, reverence and completeness of the liturgical service. It was clear from the time we walked in the door the Holy Spirit was not just welcomed in the worship, but was moving in the lives of the members!

We were impressed, but we had SO many questions! Shortly after our first visit, Apostolic Vicar Philip Jones, the then senior pastor at St. Andrew's, called to welcome us to the church. We shared a little about our journey, and he invited us to their house to discuss our questions. Several of our friends from our former church joined us on a Sunday night in the Jones' family room to share, listen and learn.

The stories of this body's faith journey

were thrilling! +Philip shared about Anglican doctrine and St. Andrews' philosophy. We loved the Come, Belong, Believe philosophy of enveloping people in the community of the church and loving them to Christ! We appreciated the balanced focus on Scripture, Spirit and Sacrament in the life of the church.

We have realized that the beauty we saw at first was only a portion of all that is here. Never had we been in a church where prayer teams were available for every service and where prayer so permeated the culture of the church. We have come to value the richness of the diverse spiritual journeys of our people. We're thankful that missions at St. Andrew's are not about programs, but about equipping and releasing the saints to do what God has put on their hearts.

Each year that we have been at St. Andrew's, the liturgy grows richer, especially as we have had the privilege to be chalice bearers, and the fellowship of believers grows deeper and warmer. We are so thankful God led us here!

summertime

if you consider yourself new to st. andrew's, or have come to be a part of st. andrew's  
in 2013 -14, you are invited to a  
**fun night out**

saturday • june 7 • 7 p.m.  
hunter & megan carpenter's home • 6 armistead road • 72207  
rsvp to kathy stephenson at 614.6061 • [kathys@saclr.org](mailto:kathys@saclr.org)  
by June 2

**This will give us all an opportunity to get to know one another more!**



## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP: SIMPLE DISCIPLESHIP

“Come to me,” Jesus says in Matthew 11. At the heart of following Jesus is an invitation to attach our life to his – to learn from him how to live like him, so that we can truly enter the fullness of life God offers through him.

Jesus invites those who are tired and weighed down to come to him because, he says, “I will give you rest.” Learning from him by embracing his way of life, he says, is easy and light. Why, then, is it so often true that our lives feel busy, heavy and complicated?

In concept, the rest and simplicity Jesus offers makes sense, but our daily experience produces a different set of data. We long to enter fullness of life in Christ, but our daily lives are filled with demands, responsibilities, challenges and chaos. We are further burdened by our failure to do what we think we ought to do.

On our own, life is a hectic alternation between work and relaxation. The best we can do is strive for balance in our time or grasp for escape from our frenetic routines. Both balance and escape, however, require constant management. When we’re

constantly managing the unmanageable, following Jesus just feels like more stuff to do. Obedience is not freedom, but a burden.

When Jesus says “Come to me,” he is not offering a break from real life – a timeout to catch our breath before we plunge back into the flow where all the action is. He is inviting us, rather, out of a world of straining and striving and into a new world in which he has redeemed time itself – where rest looks like active participation in sabbath delight.

There is rest, freedom and simplicity in the life Jesus offers because he has done all the work, and that means the only thing left to do is surrender.

Jesus offers his “yoke” (the rhythm of life rabbis would put on their followers) in contrast to the “heavy loads” Pharisees tie around the necks of their followers (Matt. 23:1-12). The yokes they tie are heavy loads, not due to the content of their teaching, but rather because they do not do what they say. They are “not willing to lift a finger” to ease the burden, Jesus says.

For instance, although the Pharisees require meticulous management of the

sabbath, they have actually never entered true sabbath rest themselves. In other words, the Pharisees do not offer access to life they humbly embody. The yoke they offer requires constant straining because it is all about control and perception.

The rhythm of life Jesus offers, in contrast, is easy and light because he is not expecting his followers to be managers of the unmanageable. Jesus offers his yoke, which means he invites his followers into the life he actually lives. Taking his yoke is sabbath freedom, rather than drudgery or “stuff to do,” because there is nothing left to manage – there is only Jesus himself – only grace.

Jesus’ invitation is not, “Do more stuff for me,” but neither is it, “Just go about doing what you always did, and by the way, learn to relax a bit more.”

Rather, in the midst of the daily demands and failure to do what we think we ought, it is, “Come to me and let me teach you how live in sabbath delight.

There is freedom and simplicity here because you can stop straining and striving. All you need to do is surrender.”

## ST. ANDREW'S WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, March 30, we were blessed to add 10 new individuals with whom to share our lives. We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new members. Please consider finding an opportunity to get to know them if you do not already.



Tom & Dianne Allen



Terry Hansen



Robert Pierce



Glenn & Jan Grossman



Anne Weinstein



Elisabeth Nalley



Ben & Cole Lester



## CONNECTION INVITATION

As the summer approaches, there are a few things that I hope and pray St. Andrew's will do:

- Practice rest: slow down, rest, and spend time seeking God.
- Spend time with those you love and enjoy: let laughter, joy and significant conversations mark your time together.
- Share time with others in St. Andrew's. Hospitality can restore us.

Let me elaborate on this last one. I invite you to consider taking the initiative to extend an invitation each month to people or families you do not know. Here are a few ideas of what your invitation could be:

**1 – Ice cream at the Pavilion** Invite 3 people or a household to bring their favorite flavor ice cream to share and enjoy getting to know one another.

**2 – Sunday Picnic** Bring a picnic lunch to church on Sunday morning, including enough to share with others. Then spontaneously invite others to join you for lunch at the Pavilion.

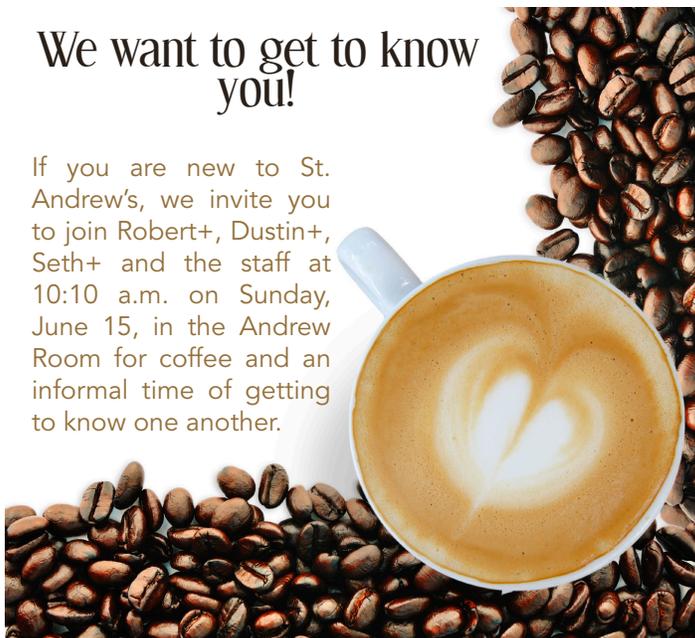
**3 – Sunday Lunch** Once a month this summer invite a person or family you do not know to join you for lunch after church.

**4 – Share a meal** This one would happen over four weeks. Invite six to eight people to your home for dinner where each person/couple brings part of the meal. As you sit and fellowship, two people a week will answer these questions: What drew me to St. Andrew's? and How do I see or hear God in my life right now? (If you would like more question ideas, email me.)

Please pray! Ask God who he would like you to get to know. Let him direct you. I expect you will be blessed! Also, find the courage to reach out to others you do not know, and don't let fear stop you from taking the initiative. I look forward to hearing about how God is building relationships among us!

## We want to get to know you!

If you are new to St. Andrew's, we invite you to join Robert+, Dustin+, Seth+ and the staff at 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, June 15, in the Andrew Room for coffee and an informal time of getting to know one another.



## FROM MY HEART

On the first night of the Winter Conference, a Tanzanian bishop placed beautiful stoles that his wife made on each of the bishops. As he did so, he said to each, "Shepherd of the people, Jesus says, 'My yolk is easy and my burden is light.'" After hearing that pronouncement for the fifth or sixth time I said to myself, "well that's not how I feel!" That moment brought me to a place of asking the question why? Why do I feel like I am carrying a burden? What can I do to make how I live simpler? How do I view God and myself that keep me from believing what Jesus said?

Close to that time a friend was recommending a book to his congregation that grabbed my attention. *The Rest of God: Restoring your Soul by Restoring Sabbath* became my reading during the Lenten season. In it, Mark Buchanan writes,

*"One thing I've already hinted but need to make explicit: When I use the word Sabbath, I mean a day, the seventh day in particular. ... But when I say Sabbath, I also mean an attitude. It is a perspective, an orientation. I mean a Sabbath heart, not just a Sabbath day. A Sabbath heart is restful even in the midst of unrest and upheaval. It is attentive to the presence of God and others even in the welter of much coming and going, rising and falling. It is still and knows God even when mountains fall into the sea."*

*"... Sabbath [is about trust]. Sabbath is turning over to God all those things—our money, our work, our status, our reputations, our plans, our projects—that we're otherwise tempted to hold tight in our own closed fists, hold on to for dear life. ... It is letting go, ... all those parts of our identities and abilities in which we are constantly tempted to find our security and discovering afresh that we are his children and that he is our Father and shield and defender."*

In his goodness, God has both provided a way for us to rest and to live daily. I believe that as I trust, I will begin to experience a lightening of the burden. When I live in the truth that I am his daughter, his beloved, I will take him up on his offering of the gift of the Sabbath day as well as living daily with the heart of Sabbath rest in him.

I leave you with this Sabbath-rest invitation by Jesus, in The Message translation of Matthew 11:30: "Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

## SAVE THE DATE

### st. andrew's family retreat

September 19-20, 2014

Ozark Conference Center

Morrilton, AR



# BEGINNINGS: SOWING SPIRITUAL SEEDS IN THE NEXT GENERATION

“The most important thing in your life is not what you do, it’s who you become. That’s what you will take into eternity.” (Dallas Willard in *Soul Keeping* by John Ortberg)

As the St. Andrew’s community continues to gather lovingly around our youngest souls, I’m blessed to bear witness to all that God is doing in and through lives of those who serve. I experience stories of blessing, see generous spirits reaching out in community and see many families being strengthened and welcomed. People are forming new and lasting friendships, meeting one another’s needs, expressing dreams and loving one another in the deepest of ways.

Each week, children are being lovingly

welcomed and delighted in for who they are. They are relishing learning about God’s never-ending love for them. Caring adults and older teens are taking advantage of every opportunity before them to pour into our littlest souls. Not only are they helping influence our littles to become like Christ, they are recognizing that spending time with our children is a part of their own becoming like Christ.

As our little ones delight in learning about the Bible through music, story and sensory activities led by loving leaders, they experience the impact of God’s love through relationships in community. As they journey chronologically through the *Jesus Storybook*

*Bible* they see themselves as part of God’s big story. Space is created for the Holy Spirit to work in their lives. As they experience feast days in community with their church family, they celebrate and begin to own their faith. Their young minds and hearts begin to assemble what they see, what they experience, and what they read and hear about. Their souls enter into the journey of becoming more like Christ.

I ask you – What will you become? Who will you help another to become? Please seize the moment before you and join other generous souls in the St. Andrew’s community who are making an eternal difference. Look around. The littles abound!

## WE’VE BEEN BUSY LEARNING AND PLAYING



The toddlers love Mr. Bob



Lauren and Ezra enjoy petting the lamb.



Dr. Larry shares his drum with us. He even let us play it!



Toddlers loved getting to pet an American Blackbelly lamb after learning about the story of The Lost Sheep!



Ms. Bonnie shows Hannah Blake the cross on the donkey’s back.



Beginnings moms and kiddos enjoyed a fun morning at the zoo.



Beth and Gideon enjoy some snuggly fun in the sun at the zoo.

# SERVING: A CHANGE OF HEART

by Sarah Shafer



It was August 2013. After four years of living in Indiana for college, I moved home with a new expectation for St. Andrew's: that my church should provide me with easy access to a community of peers, just like my college had done.

After four years of campus life, where every conversation and activity was oriented toward my age group, it was quite a shock to return to my home church and discover that it didn't offer small groups that specifically targeted young, working adults.

I now have a deep appreciation for the fact that St. Andrew's diversifies its focus instead of exalting one age group or stage of life over all others, but at first I felt like an only child who's parents had suddenly had triplets! The fact that my church's attention wasn't focused more exclusively on my age group felt like rejection.

Here's how my logic went: I'd keep

attending St. Andrew's on Sunday mornings, but would use my spare time to connect with a small group at a church that had "more to offer" young people. Suddenly, I felt God challenge my heart. He showed me that my consumerist attitude toward church was eerily self-centered—rather than looking for ways I could serve my church, my expectations demanded that church serve me. I realized the only thing that kept me from feeling more connected at St. Andrew's was my own pride.

After this, I knew God wanted me to use my spare time to serve at St. Andrew's. I reached out to Tongva Williams about volunteering in the nursery and began working with 2-year-olds on Sunday mornings, which soon became a highlight of my week.

Initially, although I hardly recognized it at first, I felt pretty proud of myself for volunteering at church, like I was doing God a favor. As time passed, though, I quickly discovered it was the opposite way around! First, the little children blessed me in a way that was really profound.

For example, one Sunday morning I stumbled into the nursery feeling worn out and discouraged after a difficult week. A few minutes later, a little boy came up to me, tugged on my hand, and asked if I were a queen. (Needless to say, that child earned himself a few extra animal crackers!) It was hilarious, but also very sweet and encouraging. I still think God set him up to it.

Another unexpected gift that came from volunteering with the children was getting to know their mothers. Developing relationships with women who love the Lord and have big hearts for their families has been such a beautiful thing for me, and has inspired me in many ways.

In conclusion, I'm incredibly thankful for the opportunity to volunteer at St. Andrew's. God used service to challenge my selfish expectations and to heal some ugly areas of pride in my life; but the best part is how He blessed me with relationships and a sense of community beyond what I could ever have anticipated!

# MOMS ENGAGE IN PRAYER STUDY

by Ashley Chandler

Prayer has always been part of my life. My parents were (and are) faithful followers; we were active members of our church; I even attended a Christian school from preschool through college. So, yes, prayer has played a big role in my life.

Over the last year or so, though, I have felt a stirring for something more. God was gently, yet consistently calling me to put more into my prayer life. He was telling me that he desired more from me and for me in prayer. I wasn't really sure how to go about this. I have a busy life as a full-time mom, and my focus is often short-lived. So when it was announced that there would be a Bible study focused on prayer for moms this Spring at St. Andrew's Church, I was thrilled. Surely this

was part of the path to a better prayer life for me.

Each week of the study a large group of young (or youngish in my case) moms along with several mentor moms would gather to hear a more seasoned mother share part of her journey. Some moms shared stories of how prayer worked into their family lives, others told miraculous tales, and some offered techniques that had worked for them. Each time it seemed to be just what we needed to hear.

After the opening talk we would split into two medium-sized groups and discuss a chapter of *Moms in Prayer* by Fern Nichols. Nichols has developed a way to pray using the four steps of praise, confession, thanksgiving and intercession.

We learned how to implement these by pairing up and praying right away

with our partner. This prayer time was powerful!

I gained a great deal during this short study. Mothering can be a trying and isolating job, but praying and sharing in this intimate setting created some great bonds with fellow mothers. That was really just a bonus because the true gift was the closeness I felt with God. I've learned that prayers don't just benefit the prayer; that God truly desires our prayers. My prayer life is a journey and I'm still not quite where I'd like to be on the path, but this study has armed me with some great tools and experiences that will help me press on.



JUNE 23-25

9 A.M. – NOON



Let's round'em up and move'em out! This year's Vacation Bible School is titled God's Amazing Trail. We will share with our children that God's Word is our treasure for the trail: like a lantern, Scripture lights our way; like a map it directs our paths; and like a letter, it tells of Jesus' love and forgiveness for us. Please join us in praying for this time with our kids, that Jesus will draw them closer to himself.

VBS is for children going into pre-K3 (and potty trained) through sixth grade. We'd love for the youth to be a part of VBS as volunteers and helpers. We even have classes for the infants and toddlers of parents who are volunteering at VBS. You can drop this form off at the church office or register online at [tinyurl.com/bjt9qkd](http://tinyurl.com/bjt9qkd). To volunteer, sign up in the Narthex on Sundays or email Kay ([kay@saclr.org](mailto:kay@saclr.org)).

**So saddle up and join us on God's amazing trail!**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering in fall of 2014: \_\_\_\_\_ Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies and/or other medical concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency (if parents are not available), contact name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (please circle):    XS (2-4)    S (6-8)    M (10-12)    L (14-16)

**COST: \$5 DONATION APPRECIATED**



## FROM THE HEART ...

When friends or others ask how you are, do you ever answer "busy?" Lately that has been my answer! In the life of children's ministry, spring and summer are the busy times.

But I'd like to stop using the word "busy" and start staying "full." Full of opportunities to see God at work. Full of joy as we live out of who our Father says we are. Full of daylight to see God's amazing beauty in his creation. Full of ideas and visions of what showing Jesus to our children looks like.

Spring brings new life, and the Lord Jesus is teaching me a new song. May you know the fullness of him this season!

## COMING UP NEXT

### God's Big Story

Beginning June 1, Krew Kids (K-fifth grade) will begin a 12-week study of God's Big Story. We will begin with Genesis in June and end with Revelation in August. These lessons will give us a "big picture" look at how Scripture tells the story of God's power, his presence and his provision for his people.

We would love for you to join us. We need you! Come be a part of what God is doing in the lives of our kids. Call or email Kay Michael (614-6061; kay@saclr.org) to see how you can be involved.

### XL/Young Life Capernaum Club

St. Andrew's special-needs ministry (Extraordinary Lives) and Young Life's Capernaum ministry to students with disabilities will meet from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, May 29, in the Commons.

Come join us to see what all the buzz is about. You've never seen Young Life like this!

## KREW KIDS LEARN ABOUT GOD, HIS WORLD AND HIS PEOPLE



Nancy LeMaster taught the first- and second-graders about the Passover Seder meal.



Richard and Debi Steppach show the third- and fourth-graders about the Passover Seder meal.



James Edge brought science to Sunday school for our fifth- and sixth-graders.

The kids learned about the road to the resurrection through eight stations of the cross on Good Friday.





# THE MISSION: THE STRENGTH OF OUR GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

I want to invite you to be a part of God's larger work in this world.

So often the focus of our lives is on what is right before us—the business of our lives, the routine, the mundane. We begin to believe that our story is no larger than what is right before us in Little Rock. You and I have been called into a much larger story, and one of the ways that we are able to participate in that is through our participation at St. Andrew's.

One of the blessings of being Anglican is that we are connected to a body of believers around the world. The Mission (a.k.a. AMIA) has grown in strength this past year as it has established strong partnerships with the larger Anglican communion in Africa, Asia, England and the United States. These partnerships exist to mutually support one another in the larger work the Lord has called us to in spreading the gospel around the world.

The one partner that St. Andrew's is most closely associated with is the Diocese of Kibondo in Tanzania under the leadership of Bishop Sospeter Ndenza. We have had the great privilege of hosting +Sospeter in Little Rock two times in the past six months. He is a man of tremendous grace and compassion and has a heart to train and equip leaders to to

spread the message of the redeeming work of Jesus Christ to a world longing to be set free.

+Sospeter has a true pastor's heart. Every few weeks he emails me asking how he can pray for our congregation. The day after the tornado hit central Arkansas, I received an email from +Sospeter asking if we were all OK and what he could do to help those affected.

What an incredible blessing to have friends around the world lifting us up in prayer and caring deeply for us.

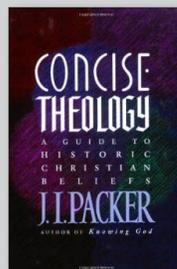


On May 26, Nate Smith+, representing the leadership and mission teams, and I left for an 11-day trip to Tanzania. Nate+ and I are preaching at a number of their churches. We are participating in the building of a youth hostile, and we are spending time getting to know the people of Kibondo.

We would love for you to be a part of this global work by partnering with us in prayer. Please pray that we would be as much of an encouragement to +Sospeter and his diocese as he has been to us. Pray that we would be open to what the Holy Spirit longs to show us about our own lives while we are there, as well as what he longs to show us about partnering with the Diocese of Kibondo.

## SUMMER FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The Summer Foundations class will focus on Theology. The great doctrines of the church will be presented in an informative series of conversations based on J. I. Packer's *Concise Theology*. This study will help you answer the tough questions about God, the Bible, salvation and the last things. Classes begin June 10 and meet in the evening. Christian Foundations for Ministry school admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Contact Pat Lynch (912 4209) for more information.



## upcoming EVENTS

**May 29**  
XL/Capernaum

**June 1**  
Needlework Guild  
Evening of Prayer & Praise

**June 7**  
Newcomers Night of Fun

**June 12**  
Listening Tour Part II

**June 14**  
Altar & Flower Guild Tea

**June 15**  
Newcomers Coffee

**June 23-25**  
Vacation Bible School

**July 4**  
Church office closed

**July 6**  
No Sunday school or adult ed  
Evening of Prayer & Praise

**July 8**  
Listening Tour Part II

**July 13**  
The Very Rev. Dr. Jon Shuler  
preaching

**July 22**  
Listening Tour Part II

**August 9**  
Rev. Seth Richardson's ordination  
to the priesthood

**August 10**  
Confirmation  
Rt. Rev. Sandy Greene preaching

AN EVENING OF  
**PRAYER &  
PRAISE**

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH || 6:00 P.M.

## BY THE GRACE OF GOD

The Right Reverend  
Alexander M. Greene, Bishop  
in the  
Anglican Mission  
will ordain

**SETH P. RICHARDSON**

to the sacred order of priests  
in Christ's one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic church.

Saturday, August 9,  
in the year of our Lord, two thousand fourteen  
at ten in the morning  
at  
St. Andrew's Church  
8300 Kanis Road  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Your prayers and presence are requested  
and greatly appreciated.

*Clergy red stoles*

## ACCOUNTANT'S CORNER

We are so grateful for your financial gifts of worship to St. Andrew's. Would you consider online banking to fulfill your pledge? During the summer months when many of us are traveling and vacationing, it will help St. Andrew's by ensuring consistency in giving.

To do so you will need to contact your bank and provide the information as shown below:

<b>Payer/Vendor:</b>	St. Andrews Church
<b>Vendor Address:</b>	8300 Kanis Rd, LR, AR 72204
<b>Frequency:</b>	Your bank will probably provide any of the following choices: Weekly, Bi-Monthly, Monthly or Quarterly
<b>Amount:</b>	Your personal Pledge amount based on the payment frequency
<b>Duration:</b>	May 1-Dec 31, 2014 (8 months)

You will be able to re-establish your pledge on Jan 1, 2015, but once set up for 2014, you should not have to do anything else until then. Each bank may have a slightly different way of processing your automated payment. However, they all will print a check that gets mailed to the church office. This will provide the same audit trail as we have today. If this sounds appealing to you, we recommend you contact your bank and get it started. Thank you.

Your Stewardship Team

# SPRING PICNIC PICTURES

photos taken by Kelly Holt





# THE ST. ANDREW'S ALTAR & FLOWER GUILDS

*invite*

THE WOMEN OF THE  
CHURCH TO AN

*afternoon tea*

Saturday, June 14

Drop in anytime between 3 – 5 p.m.

At the home of  
Kissy Blanchat  
1914 North Spruce Street  
Little Rock, 72207

RSVP by June 9 to  
kisblanchat@hotmail.com

*After tea...  
Come and learn more about how these guilds  
serve St. Andrew's as we honor Gina Hartsell for  
her service.*

## WILSON BACK-TO-SCHOOL FESTIVAL

The Wilson Elementary 2014 Back-to-School Festival is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, August 9 (volunteers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), at Wilson Elementary School on Stannus Road. We again look forward to 130 volunteers from our congregation to help throw a back-to-school party for these kids, at their school, where we provide lunch, school supplies, clothes, health and dental checks, and lots of fun! We need volunteers to help with food (no experience required), backpacks, school uniforms, greeting and games. If you are a nurse, dentist or physician, we could use your professional services in the dental and health rooms. If you speak Spanish, or have a friend or relative who speaks Spanish, and would like to volunteer, we always have a huge need for interpreters.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact David Jung (david.jung@comcast.net; 312-917-1601) or Karen McKinney (786-1687; kmckinney@awcc.state.ar.us). There will also be opportunities to sign up to volunteer in the Narthex in July.

## MAMIE'S POPPY PLATES: 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL RACE TO REMEMBER

Mamie's Poppy Plates (MPP) is a donation-supported, nonprofit organization that provides keepsake plates, customized with the baby's footprints, name and birth information, to families who experience stillbirth or infant death. MPP exists not to fill the void of loss, but provide a timeless reminder of their baby's brief, yet profound, life.



The annual 5k Race to Remember will be at Dickey-Stephens Park on Saturday, June 14. The Race to Remember gives these families and their supporters a rare opportunity to publicly recognize their baby. All proceeds benefit families who experience infant loss. To register for the race, go to [mamiespoppyplates.com](http://mamiespoppyplates.com). For more information, contact Kristin Owsley (707.8227)

## NEW ALTAR KNEELERS

### The Nativity Kneeler

Given by Rae and Mary Kay Graves in thanksgiving for our children, Kristen Hills Morgan, Karl Edward Hills, Scott Daniel Graves, Christy Graves Lund and Kim Graves. Designed by Kissy Blanchat and stitched by Mary Kay Graves.



### The Lamb of God

Given by the Blank family in loving memory of Dave Jackson, Richard and Carol Blank and in honor of Dot Jackson. Designed by Kissy Blanchat. Stitched by Donna McConnell and Karen Shires.

### The Armor of God

Given by Adele Richmond in loving memory of Jeffrey M. Richmond. Designed by Kissy Blanchat and stitched by Karen Shires.





## GIG KIDS: SHARING JESUS' LOVE

One Wednesday night a little boy was playing on the church playground. He looked up at the top of the church and asked, "What is that 't' thing?" Amanda explained to him that it was a cross, what a cross was and that Jesus died on a cross for him. Around Christmas time, another child in a conversation about Jesus thought that Christ was Santa's son.

These were defining moments for me: moments when I realized how many of the kids that we have been serving have no grid for who Jesus is; moments when I realized that Bible stories most of our own children have heard over and over, our GiG kids have never even heard. We have the awesome opportunity every Wednesday of not only getting to share who Jesus is with these precious kids, but also helping them realize that he sees them, he knows them, he loves them and he is with them in every circumstance. Most of the kids who are with us are highly affected by choices that are not their own. They have been through tough things at a very young age that have affected their hearts greatly. Through stories, games and art, we have the privilege of introducing them to an awesome God who never changes. Hebrews 18:8 has become the theme of GiG Kids. "Jesus is the same today, yesterday and

forever." As they hear the stories we share with them, we pray they come to know that the Jesus who healed the sick, cared for the people, calmed the storm, who was Zaccheaus' friend, loved the broken, died for them and rose again is the same today, yesterday and forever.

Every year we share the Gospel by going through and teaching from the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. This summer we will start again by introducing them to the story of creation. The rest of the year they will learn about God's rescue plan by introducing them to stories from the Old Testament. They will learn that Jesus is not Santa's baby! He is the Son of God. A very defining moment for one of our little guys. They will hear about the life of Jesus, his death and his resurrection. Our prayer is that they are introduced to the love of Jesus, that their hearts will be changed forever.

Marquis shared one night:

"The other night, I prayed and asked Jesus to help me. I know he is helping me. I was so mad that I was always fighting and getting in trouble in school. I know he's helping me, because I haven't been fighting at school. I don't feel so angry anymore."

Marquis came to GiG for several months. Unfortunately, his mother was not able to care for him anymore and he was placed in foster

care. Someone who worked at GiG during that time ran into him a few months later and was able to report that Marquis is now living with relatives and doing well. I have a picture of Marquis on my refrigerator. My prayer for Marquis is that Jesus would continue to draw him and that Marquis would not forget how Jesus met him when he asked.

I am so thankful for all our GiG Kids workers. Samantha Burnside, Christi Harper, Lisa Harper and Carolyn Tillman pour themselves into the toddlers and infants. Amber Lewis and Emily Sample create the perfect atmosphere for the pre-K and kindergarteners to learn about Jesus. Lorri Harper, Sydney Sample, Catherine Murrell and Amanda Brymer are amazing! I am grateful to them for being present, listening well and pouring out their lives and love on these precious kids.

In just the past three years, we have had more than 300 kids come through GiG Kids. Some are with us just once, and some have been with us for years. Please pray that God would continue to draw our hearts to him as we attempt to show these precious children who he is and how much he loves them. Please pray that their hearts would be invaded, affected and changed by the love of Jesus.



# UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS IN HAITI

by Sandy Chai

When a St. Andrew's mission team consisting of Nora Brineman, Alex Lacey, Joe Barnett, Sandy Chai, Caylie Gillum and Tim Barnett traveled to Haiti in March, our plan was to offer an art camp to the children of our sister church/school. God blessed us to be able to do that. It was an amazing joy to spend long, undistracted hours with these kids, teaching art theory through an interpreter, watching as many of them "got it," and to start building friendships with the children and their families. In fact, each child sent one of their "masterpieces" home with us!

But God had so many more blessings that we hadn't expected. We were able to spend time with the new Bible study class, participate in launching a sewing school for more than 30 highly enthusiastic women and be present for the distribution of buckets and chlorine to 130 families who now have ready access to clean water for the first time. This was the "icing on the cake" after the completion of the cistern project. And we left a "masterpiece" sculpture behind for them to enjoy in a new prayer garden.

In fact, this whole trip seemed like icing on a delicious cake of friendship that God has been "baking" between St. Andrew's and St. Simon and St. Jude for the past 16 years.

When asked to describe her experience, Caylie said, "I had no idea what to expect as I boarded the plane to Haiti, but what I was greeted with was nothing but love from the



people that our group came in contact with. Spending time with the people of Platon Balai was the highlight of the trip for me, because it was such a delight to see the joy that radiated from them, particularly the sweet children, and to be able to share in that, despite a significant language barrier. God truly revealed himself to our team that week. As all of the luxuries that we daily surround ourselves with in America were stripped away, there was nothing to take away or distract us from our calling to love people. It was a beautiful, refreshing and eye-opening experience. Haiti is a materially poor country, without a doubt, but the work of God is so evident there, and in that way, the Haitians are truly wealthy."

Our brothers and sisters also sent us home with a word to the whole church:

"From the church of St. Simon and St. Jude, to St. Andrew's Church,

We are very happy to greet you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who died so that we could have life. We also want to send you many, many thanks for the groups that you have sent to help us build a church, school, cistern and latrine. We pray to God for you, that he will continue to bless you. Warmest salutations, St. Andrew's! May God bless you all!"





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# Listening Tour

PART II

**Thursday, June 12**

Stephen & Honor Canon's  
63 Pinehurst Circle 72212

**Tuesday, July 8**

Al & Cathy Alexander's  
3612 Foxcroft Road 72227

**Tuesday, July 22**

Patrick and Rachel Young's  
3611 Foxcroft Road 72227

One of the highlights of last summer was the Listening Tour. Robert+ and Kimberly loved the time they had getting to meet so many of you in so many different homes. This summer there are three opportunities to gather for a time to listen to what the Lord is continuing to do in your lives and in the life of our body. Please join Robert+ and Kimberly at one of the following homes at 7 p.m.

**RSVP to the church office.**