

*St. Andrew's  
United Methodist Church*

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## Mission

"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ"

## Method

"Helping people know Christ,  
grow in Christ, and go in Christ"

## Our Motto

I am a MINISTER  
Called by God,  
Gifted by the Holy Spirit,  
Ordained through baptism.

I am a MINISTER  
And I will offer my gifts in  
service to Christ

## Vision

"A loving, caring, and overcoming community  
of faith, centered in Jesus Christ"

## A Message From Our Pastor

When we stop to consider all the things that Christ has done in our lives, we will find ourselves expressing thankfulness and gratitude. If you are like me, you also can add a healthy amount of unworthiness for God's blessings too. Yes, I am unworthy to be called a child of God, a joint heir with Jesus Christ. Yet my soul overflows with gratitude that God would call and equip me for the work of God's kingdom!

The work of God's kingdom is a priority at St. Andrew's! Whether it is the work of the Holy Spirit transforming us into the image of Christ, or the Holy Spirit working through us to ease the hardship and suffering of those in need, we can trust it is an expression of working for God's kingdom. We seek to fulfill the greatest commission "make disciples" as we know, grow and go in Christ. We must claim our identity as ministers. And we must pursue a vision of becoming a loving, caring, overcoming community of faith that is centered in Jesus Christ.

It is a blessing to be a pastor to such a wonderful group of people. May our lives be shaped in God's word as we seek to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Grace and peace, D.A. Bennett



# You Can Find Us Here...

Located in South Oklahoma City,  
St. Andrew's is easily accessible from I-35, I-44 and I-240.  
St. Andrew's sits on the North side of SW 119th Street between  
S. May Ave and S. Pennsylvania Ave.

## 2011 Administrative Council

Chair of Administrative Council .....	Pete Bein
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.....	Loretta Madden
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.....	Edna Thompson

## Facility Use/Rental

The facilities at St. Andrew's can be used and/or rented for Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, Celebrations, Meetings, Banquets, Sports Activities, etc. The Worship Center can accommodate approximately 600 people and our Christian Life Center can accommodate approximately 800 people. The Christian Life Center has two full basketball courts and both buildings have a full kitchen. St. Andrew's also has many small and large classrooms, which can be used for more private functions. To find out more information regarding the availability and requirements in obtaining these areas, please contact Sam Culver in the church office at 692-4242.

# Useful Websites

[www.saokc.org](http://www.saokc.org)

The official website of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

[www.saokc.tv](http://www.saokc.tv)

Website containing video footage of Sunday sermons

[www.standysyouth.com](http://www.standysyouth.com)

The office website of St. Andrew's Student Ministry

[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

The office website of the United Methodist Church

[www.okumc.org](http://www.okumc.org)

The Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church

[new.gbqm-umc.org](http://new.gbqm-umc.org)

Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church

[www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)

Daily devotionals provided by the United Methodist Church

## Blessed Beginnings Preschool

Blessed Beginnings Preschool's mission is to make early disciples of Jesus Christ by encouraging the spiritual, academic, social, and physical development of each child in the framework of God's love. Our goal is to provide children with a well rounded education of Christian values, Biblical teaching and academic excellence. For more information regarding the preschool, contact Heather Ward at 692-4242, ext. 121.

### DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

Blessed Beginnings offers classes for 2-5 year olds. School hours are 9:30am-2:30pm.

### ENROLLMENT

Blessed Beginnings open enrollment begins in March. Due to limited class sizes, enrollment will be on a first come first serve basis. There is a \$40 non-refundable enrollment fee for each child. Children must turn two before September 1 to enroll. An enrollment form and tuition agreement must be completed at the time of enrollment. A current copy of each child's immunization record is also required.

### TUITION

Tuition for Blessed Beginnings is divided into nine equal payments. This amount is due the first school day of each month beginning in September and ending in May.

### DAILY ACTIVITIES AND CURRICULUM

Each day children will participate in a variety of teacher planned and child initiated activities. The curriculum is theme based and includes art, letters, role-playing, outdoor play, math, numbers, Bible, reading, science, shapes, health and safety, and crafts. Our small class sizes are designed to better meet the needs of individual children. The student/teacher ratio is 10:2 (5:1) for our youngest and 16:2 (8:1) for our oldest children.

Our specialty classes include busy bodies PE program, music, American sign language and chapel.

## SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

We also enjoy celebrating many theme days at school including hat day, beach day, spaghetti day, pajama day, Thanksgiving feast, Jesus' birthday, pumpkin day, dentist day, school spirit day, mis-match day, pancake day, fire safety day, spring party day, valentine exchange and crazy hair day.

## Discipleworld Children's Ministries

St. Andrew's Children's Ministries exists to help children from birth to sixth grade recognize who they are in Jesus Christ and to develop their discipleship. We try to provide quality programs where the focus is on building relationships with God and each other. If you have any questions about or want to become involved in Children's Ministries, please contact Susan Robinson at 692-4242, ext 104.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Currently, we have two Sunday School hours to allow for families to worship together and go to Sunday School for either the 9:30 hour or the 10:50. Classes involve going in depth for a Bible story using DVD, music, crafts, reading and acting.

### AGE LEVEL FELLOWSHIP / DISCIPLESHIP

Toddler Time meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Discover 1 & 2 meets quarterly. Explore 34 meets quarterly. Club 56 meets monthly. Come and have fun!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our mid-summer, week-long program is always a highlight for the Children's Ministry. Summer 2011 holds a Panda-mania of an event where we will learn Psalm 139 and that God made us, listens to us, watches over us, loves us (no matter what) and gives us blessings. We will immerse ourselves in God with everything we do from sing, drama, snacks, crafts, games, and of course digging into the Bible in Psalm chapter 139.

### SUMMER CAMPS (Scholarships Available)

- \* Sonshine - June 25 Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders meet for this overnight event. Moms are encouraged (but not required) to attend with their daughters, Dads with their sons.
- \* Growin' In Grace – July 22 Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet at CrossPointe camp for this three day, two night adventure.
- \* Joy – June 24 Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders express their love of God through fine arts while worshipping with their unique gifts.
- \* T'weens Discover – July 22 Going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade? Break out of routine with this five day four night worship event.

### EASTER

We encourage our children to actively participate in the anticipation of the risen Christ with different events and activities done both at church and at home. We try to lighten this often somber Lenten season with our annual Egg Hunt. This event pulls in the entire community as we have separate hunts and levels of difficulty. This is a true fellowship event where the entire family joins together to laugh.

### FALL FEST

In late October the entire church plans to have a night of fun, food, fellowship, outreach and a little friendly competition. We open up the entire church and turn it into a carnival atmosphere. Collect your candy and prizes in the safety of the church building.

## **KIDS IN MINISTRY**

You are never too young to participate in ministering to others. Our Kids in Ministry do this through a number of avenues: 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to be involved in the Christmas program, where the toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarteners are highlighted with their own "number" or skit; all children can sign up to be a part of our quarterly family worship nights; our offering collection in Sunday School goes to sponsor three African children attend school; we bring stuff we would like ourselves and make as many shoeboxes as we can in one night to send to Operation Christmas Child. There are many more opportunities and we are always up for suggestion on how you want to minister as a child or to a child!

# Student Ministry

We believe that in today's world it is very easy for students to get lost. The importance of knowing who Christ is, and what He is about, is imperative for our students. As the result of this, students should realize their call to be a disciple for Jesus Christ. For more information about our Student Ministry, contact Jeremy Graham at 692-4242, ext. 103 or visit us online at [www.standysyouth.com](http://www.standysyouth.com).

## **THE JOURNEY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

St. Andy's Student Ministries offers a great experience each Sunday morning beginning at 9:30am for all students in grades 7-12 who desire a real relationship with God. Our teachers love God and love students. Everyone meets in the Student Union for breakfast, fellowship and announcements. At 9:45am, students break into classes for studies that make God's word relevant for their lives today.

## **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES**

On Sunday evenings we meet in small groups for more intimate Bible study at various host homes or the church. Groups are divided by age and gender. These small groups provide opportunity for a deeper relationship with God and similar peers. Please contact the Student Ministry office for more specific details as these studies change each semester.

## **IMPACT - A WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

On Wednesday nights, we just got to worship God! It all starts at 6:00pm with free food and games, and then at 7:00pm, we gather in the Worship Room for some intense worship time! Upbeat contemporary music and messages that hit home!

## **MISSIONS AND OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

Throughout the year, our students are encouraged to participate in many different missions' opportunities. These include working with Habitat for Humanity, Feed the Children, Rio Bravo Orphanages and more. This gives our students the chance to serve others and share God's love while making a real difference in the world.

## **YOUTH WEBSITE**

To stay up to date with Student Ministry activities, view pictures of recent events or send inspiring comments, you can visit our website anytime at [www.standysyouth.com](http://www.standysyouth.com).

# College/Career-Aged Young Adult Ministry

## CROSSOVER BIBLE STUDY

On Monday nights, the college/career-aged young adult group gets together for small group Bible study at various homes. This is a great opportunity to build relationships, have some awesome fellowship time, and learn relevant stuff for their lives. This group also plans special times together for other fun activities such as skiing, cook-outs, and bike rides.

For more information about our College Ministries, contact Jeremy Graham at 692-4242, ext. 103.

## Adult Small Group Ministries

### SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUPS

If you attend Sunday Worship services and are not part of a Sunday morning group, then we encourage you to consider attending one of the groups meeting at 9:30am or 10:50am. Our groups expect first-time visitors and they will welcome you with open arms. For more information regarding our Adult Ministries, contact David Johnson at 692-4242, ext. 105.

9:30am Small Groups	10:50am Small Groups
Discovery (Room B1)	Agape (Room B8)
Eagles (Room B6)	Stronghold (Room B1)
F.R.O.G. 24/7 (Room B3)	Seekers (Room B10)
Koinonia (Room B10)	
The Vine (Room B5)	
Voyagers (Room B8)	

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

Men of St. Andrew's have a large, active ministry with many enriching opportunities. There is a Men's Bible Study every Wednesday morning at 6:30am where lively fellowship and discussions always abound. On the third Saturday of each month, the Men's Fellowship gathers for breakfast at 8:00am in the Christian Life Center. In addition to sharing breakfast and a message of encouragement, the men often work together on service or mission projects in the church or throughout the community. The UMM also hosts special events throughout the year like their annual Golf Tournament, a Valentine's Dinner and much more!

### "B"-ING A ST. ANDY'S WOMAN

Women of St. Andrew's have many opportunities to get involved. Each month the women's group hosts different activities that include a prayer group, scrapbooking, couponing, cooking club, book club, needle crafts, craft night, chick flicks and much more! They also have special events throughout the year like "Taste of Seasons" and a women's retreat. All women are welcome and encouraged to join in on these events.

## Special Adult Small Group Ministries

The means by which we help people to mature in their faith and become better Disciples of Christ is through small group ministry. Small group ministry is evident in the New Testament as well as a part of our United Methodist heritage, when John Wesley organized the early Methodists into classes. At St. Andrews we encourage every member to be a part of a small group whether it is on Sunday mornings or one of our other small group offerings. Our main small group emphasis is on Disciple Bible study. These groups begin in mid August and run in conjunction with the school year, ending in May. Disciple classes one through four, Christian Believer and Jesus in The Gospels comprise a well balanced, informative way to learn more about the Bible and at the same time be in fellowship with others who help us grow stronger in faith. Throughout the year we offer other short term Bible study

classes such as Alpha and several women's Bible study groups and a men's morning group where those who don't have the chance to start Disciple can also be in a small group. Additionally, we offer small groups at various times during the year that help disciples in areas such as marriage, finance and parenting. To be in a small group contact David Johnson at 692-4242.

## Recreational Ministries

St. Andrew's offers many opportunities to become involved in ministry, not only with your mind and spirit, but with your physical body as well! We offer these ministries as a way to meet people where they're at and bring them closer to our Lord. For more information on these Recreational Ministries, contact David Johnson at 692-4242, ext. 105.

### UPWARD BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

St. Andrew's hosts Upward Basketball and Cheerleading during the winter months (November - February). Upward is a non-competitive program that teaches children basketball and cheerleading skills while sharing God's love and promoting character and self-esteem. The program is open to boys and girls in grades 1-6.

### BOWLING LEAGUE

St. Andrew's also has a Men's Bowling team, which plays in a 32-week league that begins the week after Labor Day. Games are played at the Penn 44 Bowling Lanes.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S BASKETBALL

During January and February, men of all ages get together on Wednesday nights to play pick up basketball in the Christian Life Center. Anyone is welcome to show up and play!

### BUNKO NIGHTS

Bunko is an easy to learn, fast-paced dice game that keeps you moving and is loads of fun. St. Andrew's hosts a Bunko Night once a month and provides an evening of fellowship and enjoyment to all those that attend. Everyone brings a snack to share and the evening ends with lots of awards!

## Music and Worship Fine Arts Ministries

St. Andrew's Worship Ministry combines the best of traditional hymns with contemporary praise & worship music. Our desire is that the Worship Ministry will be a catalyst for helping people to enter into the joy and fullness of worshiping the Lord Jesus Christ. For more information regarding the Music and Worship Ministry, contact Ginny Pass at 692-4242, ext. 102.

### WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

St. Andrew's worship ministry combines the best of traditional hymns with contemporary praise & worship music. Our desire is that the Worship Ministry will be a catalyst for helping people to enter into the joy and fullness of worshiping the Lord Jesus Christ. We are a changed people as we enter the presence of an Awesome Holy God!

Worship services are offered at 8:15am, 9:30am, and 10:50am. The 8:15am service celebrates the traditions of worship by including more hymns, being less driven musically in rhythm & style, and it is more reflective in nature. The 9:30am and 10:50am services are more contemporary in style with joyful, more rhythmically driven music. Sunday school is available during the 2nd and 3rd services for all ages and the nursery is available for all three services.

### THE ANCIENT – FUTURE CONNECTION

We are thankful for the foundational elements of the faith that is drawn from the early church traditions! We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month and baptisms are incorporated into or after the AM worship services. The Church shares

ancient creeds of the faith as well as the Lord's Prayer regularly in each of the worship services.

### **2:42 SERVICE**

Acts 2:42 is the framework for this bodylife ministry! On specific Sunday evenings, the body of Christ gathers to eat great food & fellowship. Then we move into a time of singing, praying for one another, sharing what the Lord has done, and studying God's Word. It's a time for lingering versus hurrying, it's a time of ministering to the body of Christ through anointing with oil for healing, extended prayer times and sharing of testimonies! It's great to be the body of Christ!

### **CHORAL MINISTRIES**

The Worship Choir meets on Wednesday evenings and is an extension of the worship leadership, pointing to Christ through song each Sunday! They minister through a variety of styles from contemporary praise & worship to black gospel, and from jazz to the classics! There is a place for YOU in the choir, especially if you enjoy being around folks who love to sing! During the Easter and Christmas seasons, we see the choir expand to greater numbers as they prepare concerts and musical dramas to share with the community.

Harmonies of every style are heard in Sunday worship from ensembles of all sizes and special soloists, as well as in other settings of the church and community gatherings. The Men's Ensemble is especially beloved at St. Andy's. Join us as we sing God's praise!

Worship teams are formed each month to lead us in Sunday worship. Each team of singers rehearses on Wednesday evenings with the band. The team is made up of specially selected singers who love the Lord and who have voices that lead. They are people who read music and who can communicate the love of Jesus through music and expression!

### **INSTRUMENTAL MINISTRIES**

The Worship Band and singers meets on Wednesday evenings to prepare to bless the Lord with excellence on Sunday mornings! The worship band is made up of keyboards, drums, bass, and acoustic guitars, with different orchestral instruments added in each week. The band and singers are made up of staff musicians who play weekly as well as those who give their gifts to minister with us on a rotating schedule from within the congregation.

The Worship Orchestra is made up of the Worship Band plus orchestral musicians who have had at least two years of experience, and "the old pro's!" Dust off that horn, restring that violin and join us! \*The orchestra usually plays the 2nd Sunday of each month + special seasonal Sundays.

Handbell Choirs are available for all ages. We have four octaves of hand bells and we are slowly adding the 5th octave! Director Debbie Riddle leads St. Andrew's Bells in rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. Shain Baldwin directs the Bells of Praise on Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm and Monica Bottoms leads a children's bell choir called the "Rockin' Ringers" on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. Interested? We always have an opening for you!

Private Instruction is provided at St. Andrew's for piano, voice, violin, guitar, and wind instruments. Call the music office for more information.

### **YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY**

We are blessed with a youth team and band that shares their gifts regularly in the morning worship services as well as at Impact. The Student Ministry's service is on Wednesday evenings. Youth are invited and welcomed to participate in all the music ministries!

### **KIDS MINISTRY**

Children in grades 1-6 meet on Sunday evenings (September-December) from 5:00pm–7:00pm in the Worship Center. The children learn a Christmas musical drama to present to the Church the first Sunday evening in December. They also have opportunities to share their music with area nursing homes. The kids learn songs to sing in the 9:30am and 10:50am Sunday morning worship services. Kid's Are Ministers too! Leadership: Ginny Pass, Susan Robinson, and Angie Martin

### **DRAMA MINISTRY**

Through the medium of drama, truth can be said with boldness wrapped in humor which leaves people wanting more!

Individuals, couples, teams of all ages present dramas throughout the year. St. Andrew's also produce musical dramas throughout the year where all the creative gifts are given the opportunity to be expressed. There are many ways that you can be involved in this ministry such as: writer, director, actor, costume seamstress, painter, carpenter, scene designer, and more! Join us as we give back to God, the Giver of all gifts!

### **DANCE MINISTRY**

Liturgical dance is a ministry that we would like to grow at St. Andrew's. Kids In Ministry is where we see this performed at its finest under the leadership of Angie Martin. The liturgical dance teams occasionally assist during special seasonal occasions as well as for worship services throughout the year. This special ministry is a way to allow those who have a heart and gift for dance and movement to use them in honor and praise to the Lord!

### **MEDIA MINISTRY**

This is the area that is exploding with growth at St. Andrew's! Since we have a trained team of film editors and a lead shooter of film, we are now producing our own ministry videos. We are building the team! Interested? Call the music office today!

## **Evangelism Ministries**

There are many opportunities for evangelism throughout St. Andrew's. It is our hope and prayer that you find one to become a part of. For more information regarding the Evangelism Ministries, contact Laura Aldridge at 692-4242, ext. 106.

### **GREETER MINISTRY**

Greeters warmly welcome individuals as they arrive and take visitors to the Welcome Center. They offer help to visitors in locating a class or guide them to the Worship Center.

#### DOORSTEP MINISTRY

Doorstep Ministers take information packets and “home-made” cookies to our first time visitors on Sunday afternoon. They are willing to answer any questions the visitors might have.

#### COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

If you want to learn more about St. Andrew’s or are interested in membership, you are encouraged to sign up for our monthly “Coffee with the Pastor.” During this informal time, Pastor D.A. will tell the story of St. Andrew’s, share about our mission, method and vision, and lift up our five membership expectations. After a question and answer time, inquirers are free to go. Those interested in membership are invited to remain for a time of commitment and prayer. Membership at St. Andrew’s is a great way to “Get Connected!”

## Congregational Care Ministries

There are many ways to care for our congregation and our community. The following are some examples of how you can become involved in this very worthwhile ministry. Find one that is comfortable for you. For more information regarding these ministries, contact Laura Aldridge at 692-4242, ext. 106.

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a program of our congregation that equips lay people to provide distinctively Christian, one-to-one care to those who are experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances, both in our congregation, and in our community. Training classes to become a Stephen Minister are given throughout the year.

#### PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

You can become a member of an organized prayer chain to respond in prayer whenever a need arises.

#### MEAL ASSIST MINISTRY

This ministry provides meals to families and individuals when circumstances warrant, usually after returning home from a hospital stay or after a death in the family.

#### NOTE WRITING MINISTRY

Utilizing pre-printed stationary, as well as hand-made cards, members of this ministry write notes for all occasions to persons within and outside our church.

#### COMMUNION OUTREACH MINISTRY

Members of this ministry provide communion elements to homebound members as needed.

#### COOKIE BAKER MINISTRY

This ministry shows care and concern through the gift of “home-made” cookies, either delivered to the church and distributed from there, or delivered directly to a home.

## Missions and Outreach

St. Andrew’s people are actively involved in missions throughout the Oklahoma City community and the world. We consider this as our “Go” ministry from our mission statement to “Know, Grow and Go In Christ Jesus.” As United Methodists we are connected to missions through our “apportionment” giving that goes to UM missions such as Circle of Care, and CJAMM prison ministry, as well as Skyline Urban ministry. In addition, we also have missions outside of this connection that include working with Grace Fellowship, feeding the homeless, and medical missions to Africa and Mexico. Below is a list of team members who represent various missions for St. Andrew’s. We strongly encourage members to involve themselves in mission as we believe that it is a Biblical mandate to help the poor and bring the “Good News” of Jesus Christ.

Missions and Outreach Coordinator: Margaret Robertson

Blood Drive: Debbie Meyers

St. Andrew's becomes a mobile site for a blood drive in conjunction with the Oklahoma Blood Institute. St. Andrew's hosts several blood drives per year.

Christmas Missions: Bill Lester

Each year at Christmas time, St. Andrew's participates in various missions to provide Christmas goodies for needy individuals and families. St. Andrew's has been involved with Skyline Ministry, Grace Fellowship, Santa's Cause and Samaritan's Purse.

Circle of Care: Carolyn Davis

Circle of Care is a not-for-profit agency whose mission is to provide help, healing, and wholeness to children, youth, and families who are hurting or are in need. They serve the children and families from across Oklahoma with a Children's Home in Tahlequah, a Boy's Ranch in Gore, the Holsinger Home in Enid, the Frances E. Willard Ministry Center in Tulsa, and the Child S.H.A.R.E. foster and adoptive program currently serving the Greater Oklahoma City and Tulsa Areas.

Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (CJAMM): Lesa Stiger

CJAMM is the prison ministry of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church providing opportunities for Christian outreach to incarcerated people and ex-offenders and their families. CJAMM brings wholeness to individuals and families through the following ministries: Redemption Church, Exodus House, Angel Tree, New Day Camp, Kairos, John Wesley Charter School, and the Juvenile Facilities Programs.

Habitat for Humanity:

St. Andrew's schedules work dates with the Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity chapter to help build simple, decent, affordable housing, and to provide hope for responsible, hard-working, limited income families living in substandard condition.

Leadership for Life (formerly Medics, Intl): Bill Lester

Although not an official mission project of the UMC, Bill Lester, a member of St. Andrew's is a full time missionary at Leadership for Life. Bill journeys to Africa and has many interesting and amazing true stories he can relate about his travels. Bill is always interested in having you and your group accompany him on one of his trips.

Project Transformation and Kelly Elementary Tutors

St. Andrew's is involved in Project Transformation after-school and summer program at Hillcrest United Methodist Church. It is a ministry that helps elementary school age children with their homework and with reading.

Skyline Ministries Alive on Saturday Night: Paula McAdams

Alive on Saturday Night meets every Saturday at 6:30pm for a worship service in the church located at 701 NW 8th Street. After the service, visiting churches provide a hot meal for the area's congregation.

St. Andrew's usually provides the meal twice a year.

Skyline Ministries McKee Center

St. Andrew's regularly provides donations for the Skyline McKee Center clothes closet. There is a drop off spot at the church for your donations of clothing, household items, non-perishable food items, toys, linens, etc. The McKee Center also provides lunch and activities for local senior citizens on a fixed income. Lunches are donated by our United Methodist Churches, St. Andrew's being one of them.

#### Volunteers in Mission:

St. Andrew's joins Volunteers in Mission and takes a Medical Mission to Rio Bravo, Mexico, every year. Those with medical experience and those without are welcome to attend. There is also a need for Construction Missions where you have the opportunity to build small houses, improve church facilities, or assist in the rebuilding efforts devastated by natural disasters. International Mission tasks include construction, Mission Bible schools, medical, educational, and HIV/AIDS outreach. You can expect a great welcome and deep appreciation by serving in any of these areas.

## What We Believe

As United Methodists, we have an obligation to bear a faithful Christian witness to Jesus Christ, the living reality at the center of the Church's life and witness. To fulfill this obligation, we reflect critically on our biblical and theological inheritance, striving to express faithfully the witness we make in our own time. Two considerations are central to this endeavor: the sources from which we derive our theological affirmations and the criteria by which we assess the adequacy of our understanding and witness. Wesley believed that the living core of the Christian faith was revealed in Scripture, illumined by tradition, vivified in personal experience, and confirmed by reason.

#### Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task

United Methodists profess the historic Christian faith in God, incarnate in Jesus Christ for our salvation and ever at work in human history in the Holy Spirit. Living in a covenant of grace under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, we participate in the first fruits of God's coming reign and pray in hope for its full realization on earth as in heaven.

#### The Ministry of All Christians

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs. Every believer in Christ is a minister.

#### Social Principles

The United Methodist Church has a long history of concern for social justice. Its members have often taken forthright positions on controversial issues involving Christian principles. Early Methodists expressed their opposition to the slave trade, to smuggling, and to the cruel treatment of prisoners.

## A Brief History of the United Methodist Church

On April 23, 1968, The United Methodist Church was created when Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, representing The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of The Methodist Church joined hands at the constituting General Conference in Dallas, Texas. With the words, "Lord of the Church, we are united in Thee, in Thy Church and now in The United Methodist Church," the new denomination was given birth by two churches that had distinguished histories and influential ministries in various parts of the world. Theological traditions steeped in the Protestant Reformation and Wesleyanism, similar ecclesiastical structures, and relationships that dated back almost two hundred years facilitated the union. In the Evangelical United Brethren heritage, for example, Philip William Otterbein, the principal founder of the United Brethren in Christ, assisted in the ordination of Francis Asbury to the superintendency of American Methodist work. Jacob Albright, through whose religious experience and leadership the Evangelical Association was begun, was nurtured in a Methodist class meeting following his conversion.

# Where to Look in the Bible When You...

need rest and peace . . . Matthew 11:25-30  
worry . . . Matthew 6:19-34  
are lonely or fearful . . . Psalm 23  
need peace of mind . . . John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-8  
are disappointed by people . . . Psalm 27  
grow bitter or critical . . . 1 Corinthians 13  
have sinned . . . Psalm 51; 1 John 1  
are discouraged . . . Psalm 34  
feel God seems far away . . . Psalm 139  
think the world seems bigger than God . . . Psalm 90  
are sick . . . Psalm 41  
feel sorrowful . . . John 14; Psalm 46  
are in danger . . . Psalm 91  
want courage . . . Joshua 1:1-9  
need assurance . . . Romans 8  
forget your blessings . . . Psalm 103  
are looking for joy . . . Colossians 3  
leave home to travel . . . Psalm 121  
think of investments . . . Mark 10:17-31  
need guidelines for living . . . Matthew 5-7; Romans 12  
need rules of conduct . . . Exodus 20:1-17  
need to know God's will for your life . . . Proverbs 3:1-6