



**Our Mission:** *Making Disciples of Jesus Christ*  
**Our 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.*  
**Our Vision:** *A loving, caring, overcoming community of faith centered in Jesus Christ*

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January 2011

## DA Good News

Home is a place of meaningful relationships. This was a recurring idea communicated through Advent sermons, and yet I am aware of something not touched on in that statement. Sometimes the relationships in our homes can use some work. Whether a family is living "happily ever after" or teetering on the brink of being shred apart, we need to focus on strong relationships.

I have long believed that no matter how strong they are, relationships are very fragile things. An untimely word can cause best friends to quit speaking to each other. Intimacy that lacks integrity is weak. Conflict ignored or not properly dealt with can become a festering sore that seems beyond healing. Sometimes we forget to honor those who pave the way for us.

Home Improvement will be a 9 week series that helps us to consider how it is we can strengthen family. It is clearly understood that not all families are made up of mom, dad and 2.5 kids. My prayer is that we can learn or relearn some of the ways faith in Christ helps us to improve our relationships with each other.

Grace and peace,

*D.A.*

P.S. Worship on Sunday, January 2, will be at 9:00am and 10:30am only with special music by Michael Boggs!

## Special Events:

- **Upward Games Begin**  
*Saturday, January 8, 8:15am*
- **Un-decorating Party**  
*Saturday, January 8, 9:00am*
- **Men's Breakfast**  
*Saturday, January 15, 8:00am*
- **Taco Breakfast**  
*Sunday, January 16, 9:00am*
- **Coffee with the Pastor**  
*Sunday, January 16, 4:00pm*
- **Craft Night**  
*Friday, January 21, 6:00pm*
- **Student/Parent Luncheon Mtg**  
*Sunday, January 30, 12:00pm*

## Sermon Series

Where do you go for your home improvement needs? Not all needs can be purchased. Join us as we look at ways to strengthen family relationships to improve your home!

**January 2 - New Year, New \_\_\_?**

**January 9 - The Key for Strong Homes**

**January 16 - Home Security Systems**

**January 23 - Building a Spiritual House**

**January 30 - Family Secrets**

D.A. Bennett - Senior Pastor  
 David Johnson - Associate Pastor/Adult Ministries & Missions  
 Ginny Pass - Director of Music & Worship  
 Jeremy Graham - Director of Student Ministry  
 Susan Robinson - Director of Children's Ministry  
 Karla Bowen - Nursery Supervisor  
 Laura Aldridge - Director of Membership & Care

Elaine Stults - Finance/Business Manager  
 Hazel Dodrill - Accounts Receivable  
 Samantha Culver - Church Secretary  
 Lesa Stiger - Website Administrator  
 Kim McKinley - Director of Communications  
 Heather Ward - Director of Blessed Beginnings Preschool  
 Robert Marshall - Facilities Manager

**Lunch with McKee Seniors**

On Wednesday, January 5, St. Andrew's is providing lunch for the Seniors at the McKee Center. If you are willing to provide a dish or dessert (recipes provided), or to help serve, indicate this on the tear-off section and drop it into the offering plate. The McKee center is a part of Skyline Urban Ministries, located at 500 SE 15<sup>th</sup>, Oklahoma City. The Center provides a wholesome meal to needy seniors and would greatly appreciate your service in this ministry. Please contact Ola Merrell at omerrell@att.net or 794-0789, or Margaret Robertson, Missions Chairman, 820-4330 for more information.



**Upward Games Begin!**

Upward basketball games begin Saturday, January 8, from 8:15am-2:00pm. Come watch the boys and girls play while cheering along with the Upward cheerleaders! There is a full concession stand available with lots of great tasting items. Games continue every Saturday throughout February. Bring your family to enjoy the games and show your support for this outstanding ministry. If you'd like to be a part of this ministry, contact David Johnson at 692-4242, ext. 105. He'll find a place for you to get involved!



**Rebuilding Together - The Hackett Project**  
**Start Date: January 15**

Calling all men and women! This past summer Gilbert Hackett, his wife and his mother found themselves in a flooded home. St. Andrew's will be working with Rebuilding Together to repair the home. We will be taking out damaged drywall, replacing with new, making repairs and finish up with paint. This is a big project. We need people willing to work several weekends. You can work one day or you can work the whole project. If you have repair skills or would like to learn them, we need YOU. This is a great opportunity for small groups or individuals. Look for more information in the bulletin. Let us be a helping hand to those in need. If you have questions talk with Pete Bein, David Johnson or Paula McAdams. Look for the sign-up in the bulletin.



**Coffee with the Pastor**

Have you been wanting to find out more about our church? Have you been thinking about joining St. Andrew's? On Sunday, January 16, at 4:00pm, you are invited to our monthly "Coffee with the Pastor." During this informal time, you'll hear the story of St. Andrew's, our mission, method and vision, and we'll lift up our five membership expectations. After a question and answer time, inquirers are free to go. Persons interested in membership are invited to remain for a time of commitment. Membership at St. Andrew's is a great way to "get connected!"



**Time to Look Ahead!**

In a November sermon on vision it was reported that our Administrative Leadership Team would be considering a recommendation from our Long Range Vision Team. The recommendation is to enter into a relationship with Horizons Stewardship so that they can assist us in thinking and planning for our long range goals. The Administrative Leadership team voted to pursue this relationship and we hope to enter into a great season of planning ahead. Please continue to pray that God will guide us through this process.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2010 UPDATE**

What an amazing year! This year we collected 166 shoeboxes for OCC. Thanks to all the children and their families who packed 90 boxes at our Shoebox Packing Party. That's awesome!! Thanks also to BLAST Bible Study and the Women's Ministry for supporting this effort both by packing shoeboxes and providing cookies for the children. And thanks to everyone else who supported this ministry by packing a shoebox, providing "filling" for the boxes, and most importantly, praying that these boxes filled with simple gifts will bless the children who receive them and learn about Christ's love.





### United Methodist Men

**WANTED: Big men, little men, small men, Tall men, old men, young men** to join the United Methodist Men's Group. Did you know the UMM is the one at St. Andrew's who organizes our annual golf tournament, produces our annual Valentine's banquet, makes and funds the breakfast for Mother's Day, provides 3-4 chosen high school seniors with a college scholarship and is involved with various missions? We also are involved in other civic and social activities! The men's and women's groups will also be joining forces for various upcoming events like the annual Valentine's Banquet! Come hear and see what we are about and eat breakfast with us each third Saturday in the CLC. There is no charge to join. We just like your help as you are available. Our next breakfast is Saturday, January 15, at 8:00am. The location has yet to be determined. Watch your email for updates.

### Bunko Night

Anyone 18 years and older is invited to come play Bunko on Friday, January 28, at 7:00pm (sign-in at 6:30pm). Cost is \$5. Bring a friend and a dessert or appetizer to share. Nursery is provided for ages 5 & under with 5 days advance notice. RSVP by contacting Jan Stahl at 692-1371 or [johnstahl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnstahl@sbcglobal.net).

### Recipe for a Happy New Year!

Take twelve whole months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty or thirty-one different parts, but don't make the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work. Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and meditation, and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.

You're bound to have a Happy New Year.



### "B"-ing a St. Andy's Woman

All women are encouraged to be a part of our women's ministry, "B-ing a St. Andy's Woman." There are many events occurring in January:

Every Wednesday at 12:30pm  
Prayers of Women

Sunday, January 9 at 1:30pm  
Book Club

Friday, January 14 at 6:00pm  
Cooking Divas

Thursday, January 20 at 6:30pm  
Stitchin' Stars and Knit Wits

Friday, January 21 at 6:00pm  
Craft Night

Friday, January 28 at 7:00pm  
Chick Flicks

Saturday, January 29 at 10:00am  
Cake Decorating

For more information on the women's ministry or these events, contact Alice Furstenuau at 210-705-4576 or visit [www.saokc.org/womensgroup.htm](http://www.saokc.org/womensgroup.htm).



## *In Our Prayers*



### **Joys & Concerns received during November and December 2010**

- Expectant Mothers: Kelli Van Ness, Brandi Castle, Jammie Canfield, Hillary Shatley, Christina Auchter, Heather Ortega, Stacy Cantu, Rachelle Burns, Kelley Stover and Erin Robison.
- Individuals and families of those currently deployed: Charlotte Chadderdon's grandsons, *Dustin Harper* and *Trey Wylie*, David Wheeler's nephew, *James Wheeler-Binswanger*, *Rick Applegate*, Penny Gay's nephew, *Auston Ellis*, *James Feese* and Julie Kewley's cousin, *Mike Carlson*.
- John McCoy, Larry Akridge, Eva Day, Garrett Grider, Ron Shrum, Cathy Stults, Lois Rice, Sue Hall and Judy Frisbie continue with cancer treatments.
- MISSIONARIES: Jerri & Bill Savuto, Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya, Africa and Ngoy Mulanga Kalangwa in Tanzania Africa and Fuxia Wang in Chinese Ministry at OU..
- HOME-BOUND: Marie Ferrari, Inge Lacher, Leonard King, Lois Meyer and Ann Massey.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

11/11 Jane & Ron Mitchell are celebrating the birth of a new granddaughter, Jaylee JaneAnn Mitchell.

### **SYMPATHY TO:**

11/24 Family of Christy Sullivan, whose mother, Betty Cutler, passed away.

12/1 Family of Hazel Dodrill, whose brother-in-law, Terry Mariman, passed away.

12/2 Family of Angela Nichols, whose 99 year old grandmother, Ethel Lorraine Wigginton, passed away.

# DISCIPLEWORLD NEWZ

Happy New Year, Discipleworld!



**NEEDED: a lot of COPs**...That is Children Offering Praise. We are starting a quarterly worship night. This will be a time where the kids in 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade get to show God they love Him and put on a worship night for both kids and adults. We will be practicing Sunday afternoons at 4:30pm in the Worship Center. There is something for everyone! If you like being on stage or prefer being behind the scenes, come on and be a COP! You can be a Child Offering Praise to our God!! First practice night is Sunday, January 9!

## Sunday School

Some of you have new teachers! Be sure to treat them well. Our memory verse for the month is *Philippians 4:6*. We are learning about different people in the Bible who showed us how to talk to God, like Hannah, Solomon, Peter and David. We are also learning different ways to pray. You won't want to miss a Sunday!!



## Toddler Time

**Monday, January 10, is Story Time!** Meet in our normal room (CLC6) at 10:00am for stories and fun!



**Monday, January 24, is at ABCs Stay N Play** in Yukon. We are going to meet there at 10:00am. Google maps says it takes 24 minutes to get there. The address is 1233 Garth Brooks Blvd. Take I-44 North. Then I-40 West. Take exit 136 Yukon/Mustang. Turn right on Garth Brooks Blvd. It is on the right side of the road next to Great Wall Chinese. To get the \$4.50 rate we must have at least 10 kids and all be there together. If you would like to caravan from the church, let Susan know and we'll meet at the church at 9:25am.

## Toddler Time and Discovery 1 & 2

**Saturday, January 29, is Humpty Dumpty** at Oklahoma Children's Theatre. If you want to go please let Susan know. \$5 for kids, \$7 for adults. Meet at the church at 1:15pm. Performance begins at 2:00pm.



# HUMPTY DUMPTY



## St. Andy's Student Ministry

### January 2011 Upcoming Events:

Check out [www.standysyouth.com](http://www.standysyouth.com) for more information regarding Student Ministry Happenings...

#### IMPACT

On Wednesday nights we have Impact, which is our main youth worship gathering from 6:00pm-8:00pm. At Impact, we have food, fun, and worship. Impact is happening January 5, 12, 19 & 26.

#### THE JOURNEY

On Sunday mornings, we have The Journey beginning at 9:30am. At that time we offer donuts, juice and a time to relax. Then, at 9:45am, we have announcements and break up into discipleship groups based on age. The Journey occurs January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. We offer these classes:

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Guys

Teachers: Jason Jordan & Russ Benson

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Girls

Teachers: Lisa Allison & Haleigh Watson

9-10<sup>th</sup> Graders

Teachers: Nathan Milton

11-12<sup>th</sup> & College

Teachers: Jim & Stephanie Glover or Mike & Alice Furstenuau

#### SMALL GROUPS

Small groups will resume on Sunday, January 23, from 6:00pm-7:30pm. High school girls and guys will be meeting at the church while the junior high guys and girls will be meeting separate homes. More information is to follow, so visit the website or check the bulletin.

#### PARENT LUNCHEON MEETING

On Sunday, January 30, we will have a Parents' Luncheon in order to lay out the spring calendar and to discuss upcoming opportunities in student ministries. The meeting will occur in the CLC after the third worship service. We look forward to having you there.

## For the College-Aged Crowd



#### CAYAC

The first CAYAC worship gathering of the new year will occur on Sunday, January 30, in the CLC. Time will be determined later. This gathering is for college and young adults and we will be partnering with Mid-America Christian University. We would love to have you join us for worship, food and fun.

**COMING  
SOON  
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2011**

Friday, February 4 - Scrapbooking at 6:00pm

Sunday, February 6 - Youth Mission Fair at 5:00pm

Friday, February 11 - Valentine's Banquet at 6:30pm

Saturday, February 19 - Alive on Saturday Night at 5:30pm

# 2011 MUSIC & WORSHIP MINISTRIES



## Kids In Ministry Videos

### "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen"

Videos of the KIM musical have been created by Chris Apel to sell for \$10 which includes the copyright license fees. Write a check to St. Andrew's UMC with KIM Video in the left bottom corner.

## Ministry Opportunities

**CHAIR TEAM FOR WORSHIP CENTER:** Two-person teams are needed to straighten chairs on Saturdays one month per quarter.

**COMPUTER OPERATORS FOR WORSHIP:** Run PPT & Media Shout in one service a month. Coordinator Betty Fisher

**LITURGICAL DANCE:** Dance coordinator, Angie Martin, an OU grad of dance, would love to talk to dancers of all ages!

**USHERS:** Join an usher team by contacting an usher in the service you attend. We have job descriptions available in the Music office!

**CAMERAMEN/WOMEN:** Editors and videographers needed. We are recording the sermon in worship for the web. Team members needed.

**ACOLYTES:** We are building the team of acolytes (grades 2-6) for all three services. Join us!

**PEW POCKETS:** Sharpens pencils & keep the chair info up-to-date, neat and orderly. Join us!

**SOUND TECH:** Join the team! We will train you on Wednesday evenings during band rehearsal and team you up on Sunday mornings. See Sam Pass for more info.

## CHRISTMAS UNDECORATING

### Saturday, January 8, 9:00am

Join us as we un-decorate the worship center on Saturday, January 8, at 9:00am! Kathy Ketch and her team did an outstanding job of coordinating our Christmas décor for 2010! Let's join together with helping hands to pack it up for another year. If your Sunday School class or small group would be interested in helping out, we can put you to work! Please sign up!

## Kudos Christmas Team!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who gave of their talents and gifts to make Christmas so very special for all of us this year! From the beautiful decorations in the sanctuary provided by the decorating team, to the KIM choir, the adult choir, the orchestra, bell choirs, preschool singers, the technical teams, purchasers of poinsettias, and to everyone in-between. Thank you, thank you, thank you! A **BIG "thank you"** to Lowes (Moore) for special ordering our poinsettias. They were over the top this year!

## Michael Boggs In Worship

Sunday, January 2

2 Services, 9:00am & 10:30am

Formerly singing with FFH,

Michael has created a new solo CD!

Hear his music at [MichaelBoggs.com](http://MichaelBoggs.com)



## Enchilada Fundraiser

Now is the time to order your Enchiladas!

\$10 per dozen (frozen)

Our enchiladas are prepared by our infamous chef, Kathy Ketch & musician team for the purpose of raising monies for music & worship projects. Place your order by filling out the form in your bulletin & place it with your check to St. Andrew's UMC in the offering plate. Please add the word "enchiladas" in the bottom left corner. Thank you!

## WORSHIP CHOIR

Startup: Wednesday, January 19

The choral ministry is always looking for singers to join us as we "lift our voices to the Lord" in worship. The Worship Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:45pm. Childcare is provided by calling the nursery at least 5 days before the rehearsal at 692-4242, ext. 110. Join us!

## HAND BELL CHOIRS

Startup: January 11 & 12

St. Andrew's Bells, Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Director: Debbie Riddle

Kidz "Rockin' Ringers, Wednesdays at 4:30pm (Grades 2-9)

Leaders: Monica Bottoms & Betty Fisher

We ARE accepting more ringers in the Kidz Bells.

Sign up today or call the music office!

Bells of Praise, Wednesdays at 5:45pm

Director: Shain Baldwin

## ORCHESTRA - Sunday, January 9

The Orchestra will rehearse on Wednesday, January 5, at 8:00pm to prepare for worship on Sunday, January 9. We will meet each Sunday morning at 7:15am for a warm-up/sound check. (Due to the level of music we play, we ask that instrumentalists have at least 2 years of experience playing an instrument.) If you are able to join the Orchestra, please contact the music office (x102) in advance of the rehearsal so that your music will be prepared.



**ADCO Rep: Betty Fisher**

**Music Director: Ginny Pass (x102)**

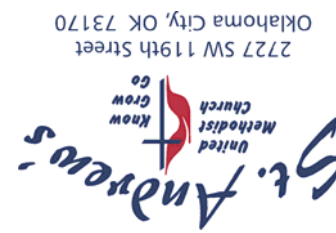
**Music Assistant: Shain Baldwin (x113)**

**Music Office 692-4242 (x102) [gpass@saokc.org](mailto:gpass@saokc.org)**

# January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	← <b>School Break</b> →					
2 COMMUNION 9 am and 10:30 am Michael Boggs in Worship	3 6 pm-8 pm Upward <b>School</b>  (6:30 pm Men's Bowling League)	4 6 pm-8 pm Upward <b>Break</b>  11:00 am Staff Mtg.  6:00 pm Financial Peace	5 6:30 am Men's SG (11:00 am McKee Lunch) (12:30 pm POW)  6:00 pm Impact 6:30 pm BLING 6:30 pm Disciple 8:00 pm Orchestra	6 6 pm-8 pm Upward  9:30 am B.L.A.S.T.	7	8 8:15 am Upward Games BEGIN  Illinois ASB Visit  9:00 am Un-decorate Party
9 (1:30 pm Women's Book Club @ Panera Bread)  4:30 pm COPS	10 6 pm-8 pm Upward  10:00 am Toddler Time  (6:30 pm Men's Bowling League) 6:30 pm Disciple	11 6 pm-8pm Upward  11:00 am Staff Mtg.  6:00 pm Financial Peace 7:00 pm St. A. Bells	12 6:30 am Men's S (12:30 pm POW) 4:30 pm Rockin' Ringers 5:45 pm Bells of Praise 6:00 pm Impact 6:30 pm Disciple 6:30 pm BLING 7:00 pm Trustee Mtg. 8:00 pm Band/Team	13 6 pm-8 pm Upward  9:30 am B.L.A.S.T.	14 (6:00 pm Women's Cooking Divas meet @ Alice Furstenuau's Home)	15 Upward Games  Illinois ASB Visit  The Hackett Project (8:00 am Men's Breakfast)
16 9-10:45 am Breakfast Taco's  4:00 pm Coffee With the Pastor 4:30 pm COPS	17 6 pm-8 pm Upward  (6:30 pm Men's Bowling League) 6:30 pm Disciple 7:00 pm Finance Mtg.	18 6 pm-8 pm Upward  11:00 am Staff Mtg.  6:30 pm PPSR 6:00 pm Financial Peace 7:00 pm St. A. Bells 7:00 pm Mission Mtg	19 6:30 am Men's SG (12:30 pm POW) 4:30 pm Rockin' Ringers 5:45 pm Bells of Praise 6:00 pm Impact 6:30 pm Disciple 6:30 pm BLING 6:45 pm Worship Choir 8:00 pm Band/Team	20 6 pm-8 pm Upward  9:30 am B.L.A.S.T.  (6:30 pm Stitchin' Stars & Knit Wits)	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>  6:00 pm Craft Night	22 Upward Games  (6:30 pm Stitchin' Stars & the Knit Wits @ Terri Findley's home)  6:00 pm Pinewood Derby
23 1:30 pm Adm. Leadership Team  4:30 pm COPS 6:00 pm Student Small Groups	24 6 pm-8 pm Upward (10:00 am Toddler Time - Stay N Play)  6:30 pm Disciple  (6:30 pm Men's Bowling League)	25 6 pm-8 pm Upward  11:00 am Staff Mtg.  6:00 pm Financial Peace 7:00 pm St. A. Bells	26 6:30 am Men's SG (12:30 pm POW) 4:30 pm Rockin' Ringers 5:45 pm Bells of Praise 6:00 pm Impact 6:30 pm Disciple 6:30 pm BLING 6:45 pm Worship Choir 8:00 pm Band/Team	27 6 pm-8 pm Upward 9:30 am B.L.A.S.T.  6:00 pm Wayland Bonds Reflections 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	28 6:30 pm Bunko  (7:00 pm Chick Flicks @ Denise Gomez's home)	29 Upward Games (10:00 am Cake Decorating @ Lisa Allison's home)  (2:00 pm Toddler & Discovery 1 & 2 Meet at the church At 1:15 pm)
30 12:00 pm Student / Parent Luncheon 4:30 pm COPS 6:00 pm Student Small Groups  Time TBD CAYAC	31 6:30 pm Disciple (6:30 pm Men's Bowling League)					
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We encourage you to pass on or forward this newsletter to anyone who might be interested in knowing what's going on here at St. Andrew's. If you are not currently receiving our newsletter, and would like to receive future issues, please call the church or send your contact information by email to our secretary at [sculver@saokc.org](mailto:sculver@saokc.org). You can request a digital, full-color copy of our newsletter via email or we can mail you a hardcopy via USPS. Also, if you wish to ***no longer receive*** our newsletter, call the church office, day or night, and leave a message.

**Worship Service Options**

If you appreciate a quieter, more reflective experience in worship with a smaller, more intimate feel where more hymns are sung, then perhaps our 8:15am service is for you! The worship order is similar and the same sermon is preached. Our 9:30am and 10:50am services reflect a more contemporary style.



<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>	
<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
8:15am	
9:30am	9:30am
10:50am	10:50am

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

\*Vanessa Baty and Nolan  
 \*Donna Brickman  
 \*Stacey & Charles Cavett  
 \*Angela & Chad Conant and Cameron  
 \*Erin & Chris Davis  
 and Carson, Jacob, Tallon, and Morgan  
 \*Elizabeth & Jesse Mashburn  
 and Josie and Luke

<b>STEWARDSHIP:</b>				
Offering Anticipated to Date				\$1,178,591
Offering through December 5				\$1,105,606
Building Fund to Date				\$33,058
<b><u>ATTENDANCE :</u></b>	<u>11/14</u>	<u>11/21</u>	<u>11/28</u>	<u>12/05</u>
Worship	614	628	592	615
Sunday School	317	287	229	302