



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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May 2011

DA Good News

The report is in! Yes, the report we have been waiting on is ready. Horizons Stewardship Company has tallied the results of the survey taken among members of our congregation, and has given us their recommendation for how we ought to pursue our plans for future growth.

Our consultant, Joe Park, is going to join us for a special AdCo meeting on Monday, May 2. We will meet in the worship center starting at 7:00pm. Mr. Park will present the results of the Feasibility Readiness Study. All members are invited to attend this presentation to hear the results of the survey taken and the recommendations Horizons is making to us based on the survey.

This month is also a month of celebration as we honor our mothers and recognize our graduates. A new sermon series will begin to remind us of our identity and the importance of knowing who we are as we seek to fulfill our mission and pursue our vision. May will be a very important month for us as we press on as followers of Christ.

Grace and peace,

D.A.

Special Events:

- **Women's Tea**
Saturday, May 7, 11:00am
- **Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast**
Sunday, May 8, 7:30am-10:50am
- **Toddler Time Story Time**
Monday, May 9, 10:00am
- **Graduation Brunch**
Saturday, May 14, 9:00am
- **Coffee with the Pastor**
Sunday, May 15, 4:00pm
- **COP Worship Night**
Sunday, May 22, 6:00pm
- **Bunko Night**
Friday, May 27, 6:30pm

Sermon Series

In May, Pastor D.A. will begin a sermon series entitled, "We are Ministers." Bring your family and friends to hear his inspirational words.

May 1 - Mission Conference Weekend

May 8 - Mother's Day

May 15 - According to God's Purpose

May 22 - Devoted to Each Other

May 29 - To Make Disciples

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



All Ladies are Cordially Invited to a
Women's Tea
"Reigniting the Flame"
Saturday, May 7
11:00am

St. Andrew's Worship Center
 Cost is \$12 for adults and
 \$8 for children.

Bring your mom, daughters,
 granddaughters, nieces, friends,
 and neighbors! Anyone can come to
 this afternoon of fellowship and fun!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

The United Methodist Men will be hosting their annual Mother's Day pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 8, from 7:30am-10:50pm. There will be pancakes, waffles, bacon, juice, coffee and milk. Great food and a great time for everyone!



Mission Conference

...connecting with your world



Mission Conference

As a church-wide activity to lead us into the Faith Promise method of supporting missions, we have planned a work day for Saturday, April 30. Sign up for the activity of your choice in the Fellowship Area.

Singing group: Visit local nursing homes.

Skyline: Work in pantry and/or on the grounds.

Share Fest: Help spruce up the grounds at Plaza Towers Elementary.

World Baseball Outreach: Baseball clinic for youth at St. Andrew's. The UMM will provide lunch (cookout) for this event.

UMCOR Disaster Kits: Bring in a kit or come to the church to assemble kits.

Then on Sunday, May 1, our worship will be mission focused with a meal following the third service for everyone to attend.

Coffee with the Pastor

Have you been wanting to find out more about our church? Have you been thinking about joining St. Andrew's? Sunday, May 15, 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!"



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- *Carlee Apel
- *Brady Ballard
- *Jacob Brooks
- *Holden Cook
- *Dylan Faires
- *Braden Ferren
- *Tammy & Larry Ferren
and Emily & Chase
- *Natalie Homer
- *Alex Johnson
- *Emily Liles
- *Karen & Chris Munroe
and Cayla & Monica
- *Jean & Bob Niemysk
- *Kaitlyn Raymond
- *Matt Reeves
- *Whitney Sandburg
- *Logan Scott
- *Mary Lisle
- *Shelbey Trawick
- *Maggie Valentine

Disciple Graduation

On Sunday, May 15, at 6:00pm we will be honoring those who have completed the Disciple classes for this year. Come join us as we celebrate this wonderful accomplishment with them!



“B”-ing a St. Andy’s Woman

On Saturday, May 7, at 11:00am in the Worship Center, the “B”-ing Women will be hosting a Women’s Tea. The theme is “Reigniting the Flame.” Cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Menu will include chicken salad on a butter croissant, green salad, mixed fruit and dessert. The children’s menu will consist of a Crustable peanut butter and jelly sandwich, mix fruit and dessert. There will be entertainment and a speaker. Tickets will be sold before and after church in front at the “B”-ing Women table. If you have questions please call Alice Furstenau at 210-705-4576 or Emily Roberson at 405-703-2230. Bring your mom, daughters, granddaughters, nieces, friends, and neighbors! Anyone can come to this afternoon of fellowship and fun!

Women who have ordered “B”-ing shirts but haven’t picked them up yet, please pick them up at the “B”-ing front table or in Laura’s office. We have several shirts that have been paid for but still haven’t been picked up.

May’s Group Events:

- Chick Flicks - Friday, May 6 at 7:00pm Feature movie: *It’s Complicated*
 Book Club - Sunday, May 8 at 1:30pm at Panera Bread
 Stitchin’ Stars and the Knit Wits - Thursday, May 19, 6:30pm-8:30pm
 Cooking Divas - Friday, May 20 at 6:00pm
 Plus three different bible studies, B.L.A.S.T., B.L.I.N.G. and Prayers of Women



Check out our website at www.saokc.org/womensgroup.htm or pick up a calendar on the “B”-ing table in the Fellowship Area for meeting places and more information. Come and get involved.

Bunko Night

Anyone 18 years and older is invited to come play Bunko on Friday, May 27, 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.



Attention Scholarship Winners!

We are putting together a list of former recipients of scholarships given by the United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Men to high school graduates. If you or your child received one of these scholarships, please email their name and the year they graduated to Hazel Dodrill at hdodrill@saokc.org.



United Methodist Men

With the introduction of Spring, the Men’s group looks to be busy as usual. Come see what we have planned, as we want you to be a part of what it means to be a United Methodist Man. Our meetings occur on the third Saturday of each month, where we enjoy a nice breakfast, some time for fellowship, and think of ways to make our church the best it can be. Join us Saturday, May 21, at 8:00am in the CLC to witness it yourself! Any questions? Just call Steve Henson at 627-9954.



In Our Prayers



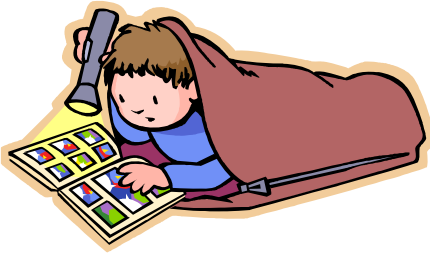
Joys & Concerns received during March and April 2011

- Expectant Mothers: Kelli Van Ness, Stacy Cantu, Rachele Burns, Kelley Stover, Erin Robison, Casey Merchen, Lauren Jordan, Julie Patrick, Kristal Casey, Krysta Schuler, Lindsey Nichols, Stephanie Higley and Megan Atchley.
- Individuals and families of those currently deployed: Charlotte Chadderdon’s grandsons, *Dustin Harper* and *Trey Wylie*, *Rick Applegate*, Penny Gay’s nephew, *Auston Ellis*, *James Feese*, Mandi Robbins’ cousin, *Chase Summerlin* and Wendee Perceful’s son, *Gary Mabry*.
- John McCoy, Larry Akridge, Ron Shrum, Millie Stults, Sue Hall, Ron Ladd, Eric Smith, Justin Duncan, Lillian Webster, Scott Myers and Helen McLendon 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, Leonard King, Lois Meyer, Ann Massey and June Stovall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

3/26 Heather & Ed Ortega are celebrating the birth of their son, Elias Martin Ortega.

DISCIPLEWORLD NEWZ



School End Lock-In for 1st-6th graders May 20 at 6:30pm



Every gradeschooler is invited to bring your sleeping bag and pajamas and stay at the church all night on Friday, May 20! We are going to be baking, having a scavenger hunt and playing all sorts of games. The girls will have a make-up and manicure session and the boys will have a mini-tournament. Come and bring your friends! Sign up in the bulletin so we know how many to plan for. We'll end at 9:00am in the morning on Saturday, May 21. **ADULTS:** I will need MANY of you to stay with us that night! Please sign up in the bulletin to let me know you are planning on coming so we can get a background check cleared ASAP.

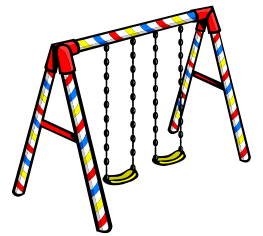


Sunday School: The three year olds through kindergarten and the 1st through 6th grades are singing in the 9:30am and 10:50am services on Mother's Day, May 8. Please make sure to come to service and enjoy hearing our Children's Ministry serenade our mothers!

Toddler Time: Toddler Time is our ministry for all kids ages birth through kindergarten along with parents, grandparents, and/or caregivers. Please join us at our events in May!

Monday, May 9: Our last story time at 10:00am in CLC4-5 before the summer break

Monday, May 23: Picnic in the Park. Meet at South Lakes Park at 10:00am. Bring a sack lunch!



Children Offering Praise Worship Night is Sunday, May 22 at 6:00pm!!



This is your invitation to join us as the COPs present worship in the form of dancing sticks, puppets, baking, storytelling, sign language and a poster project. Please come enjoy watching us worship. Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Come support our kids as they share with the entire congregation.



St. Andy's Student Ministry

May 2011 Upcoming Events:

Check out www.standysouth.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 on May 4, 11, 18 & 25. All fall 2011 7th graders are welcome to join us for Impact and Sunday school beginning June 1, 2011.

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 on May: 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. We offer these classes:

7th & 8th Guys

Teachers: Joe Stover & Russ Benson

7th & 8th Girls

Teachers: Haleigh Watson

9-10th Graders

Teachers: Nathan Milton

11-12th & College

Teachers: Mike and Alice Furstenaus

GRADUATION BRUNCH

The Graduation Brunch is being held on Saturday, May 14, at 9:00am in the CLC. Please [RSVP](#) how many from your family will be attending. We also need three photos either dropped off or [emailed](#) to Jeremy Graham as soon as possible. At the event we will be honoring our graduates with a brunch and a gift. Parent(s) and/or a family member should also be prepared to roast and toast their graduate. This is a great way for us to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment by those who have been a tremendous part of student ministries.

SUMMER CAMPS

Junior High (fall 7th-8th graders) – Disciple Camp at Heart of Hills in Tahlequah, OK.

June 3-7. Cost: \$160 per person. Forms and registration due by May 1.

High School (fall 9th-college freshman) – Dayspring Camp at Cross Point in Madill, OK.

July 25-29. Cost: \$160 per person. Forms and registration due by June 1.

Packets for both camps can be picked up in the Student Ministry office.



**COMING
SOON
JUNE
2011**

June 14 - Basketball Camp from 9:00am-12:00pm

June 19 - Father/Child Water Fight at 12:00pm

June 26 - All Church BBQ at 6:00pm

Michael Boggs LIVE in Concert at 7:00pm



Special Emphasis Worship Opportunities

Missions Sunday, May 1

The OU Wesley worship band and choir will provide the music for worship and special guest speaker, Jeremy Bassett (VIM) will be preaching as a part of the Missions Emphasis weekend at St. Andy's!

Mother's Day, May 8

Breakfast will be cooked by the St. Andy's men! We'll have communion, the orchestra will be playing, and the Ladies Ensemble and the 3 year olds - 6th graders will sing! There will also be a special gift for moms!

Graduation Sunday, May 15

A Senior video will be shown as Hana Neda & Jake West sing "The Words I Would Say." The Rockin' Ringers and Bells of Praise will be playing. Pastor D.A. will begin a new Sermon Series: *We Are Ministers*.

SUMMER MUSIC MINISTRIES

The worship choir will be on hiatus until September BUT we will keep on singing with smaller groups!

Ladies Ensemble to Sing

Mother's Day, May 8

Calling all ladies to join us for rehearsal on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00pm to learn a Women of Faith song called "Doxology."

Men's Ensemble Will Sing

Father's Day, June 19

Calling all men to gather in the Worship Center to rehearse on June 1, 8 & 15 at 7:00pm.

Mixed Ensemble Will Sing

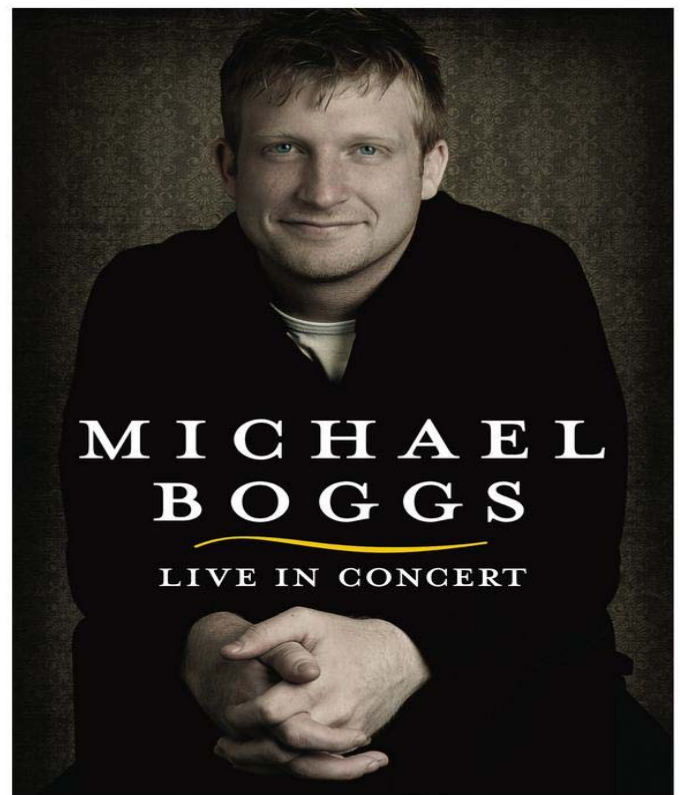
Patriotic Service, July 3

"Salute to the Armed Forces"

Stayed tuned for the rehearsal schedule!

ORCHESTRA, Sunday, May 8

The Orchestra will rehearse on Wednesday, May 4 at 8:00pm to prepare for worship and 7:30am on Sunday morning 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. See Ginny or Shain to get involved!



MICHAEL BOGGS IN CONCERT

**Sunday, June 26 at 7:00pm
& BBQ ON THE GROUNDS!**



ADCO Rep: Betty Fisher
Music Director: Ginny Pass (x102)
Music Assistant: Shain Baldwin (x113)
Music Office 692-4242 (x102) gpass@saokc.org



Highlight on Missions



He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15

Lunch with McKee Seniors

On Wednesday, May 4, 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 15th, 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.



Mission Meeting

Anyone interested in missions or being a part of our mission team is invited to our next missions meeting on Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00pm in the MTC (B10). We'd love to have you come join us!

Faith Promise Update

St. Andrew's has grown in missions outreach in our 17 years. The seeds of missions at St. Andrew's have been planted, fed, and watered. As of this writing, preparations are well underway and nearing completion for our first Missions Celebration.

We will work together on Saturday, April 30, in a day of missions in the church and in the community. We will hear Sunday, May 1, from Methodist Conference Leaders and Lay Leaders alike and learn more about their outreach.

Faith Promise cards can be returned beginning May 1. This promise for the future will increase our following of the Great Commission: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Oklahoma City (Jerusalem), the surrounding region - Boys Ranch in Gore, Pearl's Hope in Tulsa and other Circle of Care Missions, Florida, Mexico (all Judea and Samaria), and to the end of the earth (Africa, Russia, Israel.)

Take this opportunity to see the fruits of missions and to help replant and spread this bounty. Teach your children about mission outreach as you teach them to help others.

And in your daily walk, keep your eyes and ears open for other missions that speak to your heart and work with others to bring them to fruition. From Luke 10:2 - And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

FAITH PROMISE

Responding to what we believe God wants us to do for missions



May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 OU Wesley Worship Mission Conference 4:30 pm COPS	2 6:30 pm Disciple 7:00 pm Ad Leadership Team	3 11:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Kids Bells 7:00 pm St. A. Bells	4 6:30 am Men's SG (11:00 am McKee Lunch) 11:30 am BBP Spring Program (12:00 pm POW) 6:00 pm Impact 6:30 pm BLING 6:45 pm Worship Choir 7:00 pm Ladies Ensemble 8:00 pm Orchestra	5 9:30 am B.L.A.S.T.	6 (7:00 pm Chick Flicks at Wheeler Home)	7 11:00 am Women's Tea
8 Mother's Day COMMUNION 7:30 am - 10:50 am Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast (1:30 pm Women's Book Club at Panera Bread) 4:30 pm COPS	9 10:00 am Toddler Time Story Time 6:30 pm Disciple	10 11:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Kids Bells 7:00 pm St. A. Bells 7:00 pm Mission Mtg	11 6:30 am Men's SG (12:00 pm POW - Nursing Home) 5:45 pm Bells of Praise 6:00 pm Impact 6:30 pm Disciple 6:30 pm VBS Leaders 6:30 pm BLING 6:45 pm Worship Choir 7:00 pm Trustee Mtg. 8:00 pm Worship Band	12 9:30 am B.L.A.S.T.	13	14 9:00 am Graduation Brunch
15. <i>Graduation Sunday</i> 9-10:45 am Taco Break- fast 4:00 pm Coffee With the Pastor 4:30 pm COPS 6:00 pm Disciple Graduation Celebration	16 7:00 pm Finance Mtg.	17 11:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Kids Bells 7:00 pm St. A. Bells	18 6:30 am Men's SG Preschool's Last Day (12:00 pm POW) 5:45 pm Bells of Praise 6:00 pm Impact 6:30 pm Disciple 6:30 pm PPSR 6:30 pm BLING 6:45 pm Worship Choir 8:00 pm Worship Band	19 (6:30 pm Stitchin' Stars and Knit Wits at Findley Home)	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> (6:00 pm Cooking Divas at Furstenau Home) 6:30 pm Children's End of School Lock-In	21 (8:00 am Men's Breakfast)
22 1:30 pm Adm. Leadership Team 6:00 pm COP Worship Night	23 (10:00 am Toddler Time - South Lakes Park) 6:30 pm Fisher Celebration	24 11:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Kids Bells 7:00 pm St. A. Bells	25 6:30 am Men's SG 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 Worship Band	26 Last Day of School 2011	27 6:30 pm Bunko	28
29	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31 11:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Kids Bells 7:00 pm St. A. Bells				

Annual Conference 

Deadline for Bulletin is each
Wednesday at NOON
() Denotes Off-Site Activities
* Denotes Tentative Activities
Calendar Updates at
www.saokc.org

Return Service Requested



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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. 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.



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



<u>STEWARDSHIP:</u>				
Offering Anticipated to Date				\$340,204
Offering through April 10				\$366,420
Expenses to Date				\$355,871
<u>ATTENDANCE :</u>	<u>03/20</u>	<u>03/27</u>	<u>04/03</u>	<u>04/10</u>
Worship	585	620	650	629
Sunday School	236	286	319	289