



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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September 2011

DA Good News

Lord, what do you want to do through me? This is the prayer that each one of us is being asked to pray as part of our campaign, *Prepare The Way*. It is my hope that you are hearing an answer to this question as you consider faithfulness to membership vows of the church. How does God want to use us as people of prayer, committed to participation in worship, who are gifted for service, generous in our finances and effective as witnesses? As we seek God's guidance in our lives as it relates to these areas, we will begin to see our lives and our church transformed for HIS greater glory.

This month we will be calling each household for the purpose of prayer. This will encourage us to become more mindful of speaking with our Lord, and gaining God's direction. When the prayer callers contact you, this could be your opportunity to have someone pray with you. It is also a reminder that we need to be diligent in seeking God's guidance for our congregation.

The history of St Andrew's has been marked by some significant milestones. *Prepare The Way* is one such milestone. Years from now we will be able to see more clearly how significant this campaign is to help us fulfill the dreams that have been dreamed in our hearts for years.

Grace and peace,

D.A.



Special Events:

- **Mexican Train Night**
Friday, September 8, 6:30pm
- **Men's Breakfast**
Saturday, September 17, 8:00am
- **Tailgate for Christ**
Sunday, September 18, 8:00am
- **Coffee with the Pastor**
Sunday, September 18, 4:00pm
- **Craft Night**
Friday, September 23, 6:00pm
- **Toddler Time Story Time**
Monday, September 26, 10:00am
- **Bunko Night**
Friday, September 30, 6:30pm

Sermon Series

In September, we will begin to raise stewardship awareness in the church. Bring your family and friends to catch our enthusiasm for doing God's will.

PREPARE THE WAY

Sept 4 - A Community United in Prayer

Sept 11 - A Community in Worship

Sept 18 - A Community of Service

Sept 25 - A Community of Story Tellers

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



Women's Retreat

The kids are back in a routine and our lives are filled with band, football and homework. The women need a break! The "B"-ing Women will be hosting a women's retreat at 6:00pm Friday, September 9, through 4:00pm Saturday, September 10, at Cross Point Camp. The theme this year is *The Wonder Full World*, where we will study the wonders of women. Register now in the Fellowship Area. Cost is \$70 and includes dinner on Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and of course, lots of delicious snacks and fellowship!

Financial Peace University
is Here Again!

Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired when it comes to managing your personal finances? Then change the way you approach it! Let Financial Peace University lift that burden of financial stress, and guide you to a path of prosperity and control over this vital part of your life. A FREE PREVIEW which will answer any questions you may have about FPU will be held on Sunday, September 11, at 2pm in Room B-10. Classes then begin the following Sunday, September 18, from 2:00pm-4:00pm also in Room B-10. Make the commitment!

Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace University

Mexican Train Dominoes Night

Anyone 18 years and older is invited to come and play Mexican Train dominoes on Friday, September 9, in the MTC (B10). Set-up and snacks begin at 6:30pm and play begins at 7:00pm. Nursery is not provided. Bring a friend and a dessert or appetizer to share. RSVP to Sharlene Lambring At 692-9898 or sdlambring@cox.net.

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, September 18, 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!"

Tailgate for Christ

The Seekers Sunday School Class is hosting a "Tailgate for Christ" on Sunday, September 18, beginning at 8:00am out on the front lawn. There will be lots of food, drinks and rallying together for Christ! Everyone is encouraged to come out and be a part of the team! Invite your friends and neighbors to come join the fun as well!

Bunko Night

Anyone 18 years and older is invited to come play Bunko on Friday, September 30, 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.

“B”-ing a St. Andy’s Woman

All our women’s groups have started again and are going strong. Find something you enjoy, want to learn, or maybe you just need fellowship with other women; whatever the reason come out and have some great times with other women.

Stitchin’ Stars and the Knit Wits - Thursday, September 1, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Book Club - Monday, September 12, at 7:00 pm at Panera Bread.

We’re reading *Redeeming Love*.

Cooking Divas - Friday, September 16, at 6:00pm

Craft Night - Friday, September 23, 6:00pm-9:00 pm.

The cost is \$10 and nursery will be provided.



Prayers of Women, led by Barbara Burkhart and Marty Corder, meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon. Bring a lunch. B.L.I.N.G. is still meeting every Wednesday at 6:30 at the church, and B.L.A.S.T. meets every Thursday at 9:30 am. Check out our website for meeting places and more information, or come by the “B”-ing table to pick up a calendar of events. Come and get involved.

United Methodist Men



The St. Andrew’s UMM proudly completed their annual golf tournament on August 15 at Willow Creek Country Club. It is the largest fundraiser during the calendar year, and 2011 did not disappoint. At the writing of this article, monies raised after expenses will likely fall somewhere between \$6,000 - \$7,000! Thanks to all sponsors contributing to the event....it simply would not be a success without them.

In addition, families joined the golfers at Willow Creek in a post tournament Family Fun Night. Dinner was served and the children could swim. It was a nice way to cap off a wonderful day.

As you can see, the St. Andrew’s United Methodist Men enjoy ways to raise money to benefit the church as a whole, as we pursue many missions and projects. Come join us as we meet on Saturday, September 17, at 8:00am for our monthly men’s breakfast and find out more about how you too can become a part of this beneficial ministry.

Upward Basketball and Cheer

Plans are underway for this year’s Upward basketball and cheer. Much help is needed to make this season a success. Please visit the sign-up board in the Fellowship Area and choose a ministry to help in. We need coaches, referees, prayer captains, concession help, scorekeepers and more! If you have any questions, contact Jim Glover, league director, at 378-3233.



In Our Prayers



Joys & Concerns received during July and August 2011

- Expectant Mothers: Stephanie Higley, Megan Atchley, Kara Garen, Amanda Taylor, Tana Smith and Kim Paxson.
- Individuals and families of those currently deployed: Charlotte Chadderdon’s grandson, *Trey Wylie*, *Rick Applegate*, Penny Gay’s nephew, *Auston Ellis*, Mandi Robbins’ cousin, *Chase Summerlin*, *John Tecmire*, Craig & Misty Nelson’s son, *Tyler Nelson*, and Kerri Shelton’s family, *Ryan Trail*.
- John McCoy, Larry Akridge, Ron Shrum, Ron Ladd, Justin Duncan, Lillian Webster, Scott Myers, Helen McLendon, Jerry Priest, Josh Mott, Cristy Rogers, Ben Bennett and Cathy Polzien 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.

SYMPATHY TO:

- 7/30 Family of John Stahl, whose great-aunt, Ruby Russell passed away.
 8/3 Family of Todd Stapleton, whose dad, Bill Stapleton, passed away.
 8/5 Family of Bryan Wise, whose dad passed away.
 8/5 Family of Marilyn DiSalvatore, whose husband’s mother passed away .
 8/15 Family of Ron Perceful, whose mother passed away.

DISCIPLEWORLD NEWZ

We are all back to school and routine now. Before you know it, we will be ringing in the new year! But before we do, please get as involved as possible in your church community. We thrive when you get involved. We grow when you get to know each other and form bonds. We spread God's Good News when we get excited about how great He truly is! Below are some opportunities for the different age groups to get involved with.

Sunday School - all ages. Sunday mornings 9:30am or 10:50am. Dig into a story from the Bible and get to know it better by acting it out, recreating it on paper, singing about it, watching a video on it, or tons of other things!



Kids in Ministry – Starting Sunday, September 11, from 5:00pm-7:00pm. This is the Christmas program that St. Andrew's does with excellence. Ms. Ginny is our fearless leader and will teach us to sing, dance and act our way to telling the birth of Christ. All first graders through sixth graders are encouraged to be a part.

Children Offering Praise – We will take a hiatus while Kids in Ministry is in full swing. Join us again on Sunday afternoons in January! We will be doing another blacklight production with a special prop that you won't want to miss!

Toddler Time – This is a ministry that meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 10:00am. Children ages birth through Kindergarten are welcome to bring their caregiver for Story Time, crafts, snacks and field trips. We typically meet for Story Time on the 2nd Monday and a field trip for the 4th Monday. There is no sign up, just show up and have fun!



September 5 - Picnic in the Park. Meet at Southlakes Park on 119th and Meridian at 10:00am. We'll play and chitchat and then eat sack lunches in the pavilion.

September 19 - Disney On Ice. Tickets are on sale through Susan until August 30.

September 26 - Story Time in CLC 6 (Busy Bees/Kindergarten Room) at 10:00am. Meet for a story or two to be read to us, a craft to make, a game to play and a snack to eat! Let's get back into the swing of things!

October 10 – TG Farms Pumpkin Patch \$8. Meet at the Newcastle location at 10:00am for hayrides, corn mazes, petting zoo and, of course, pumpkins. Those who wish to can meet for lunch afterwards at the Moore Chick-Fil-A.

Discovery 1&2 – This is a ministry for our 1st and 2nd graders. We meet whenever the time is right (usually 3 or 4 times during the school year) to do fun things and get to know each other better. Our first two meetings planned this year are:

September 23 - "Back to Routine" Get-Together at the Church. Watch the bulletin for more details!

October 15 - Pumpkin Painting Party at the church. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Explore 34 - This is a ministry for our 3rd and 4th graders.

October 21 - Parkhurst Pumpkin Patch. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Club 56 - This is a ministry for our 5th and 6th graders.

October 14 - Red Silo Pumpkin Patch. Watch the bulletin for more details.





St. Andy's Student Ministry

September 2011 Upcoming Events:

Check out 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 September 7, 14, 21 & 28.

THE JOURNEY

On Sunday mornings, we have The Journey beginning at 9:30am. During 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 September 4, 11, 18 & 25.

Classes:

JH Girls: Haleigh Watson and Katey Anderson

JH Guys: Russ Benson and Bryan Wise

HS (9th-12th graders): Alice Furstenau

PARENT LINK

Parents, join us Wednesday, September 7, in the CLC at 6:30pm for a time of prayer and to discuss "living with a teenager." We would love to have you and look forward to this venture alongside you. We will be discussing the book *Hurt* by Chap Clark. There are a few more in the student ministries office if you need one. Even if you do not read the book, you are still welcome to attend.

SMALL GROUPS

In September we will be meeting on Sundays, September 11, 18 & 25. We are in the midst of a study on the book of John. Groups meet in these homes by age and gender:

JH Guys	TBD
JH Girls	Madison Reyes' Home
HS Guys	Hunter Guarnera's House
HS Girls	Elizabeth DiSalvatore's Hacienda

SERVICE PROJECT

On Saturday, September 10, we will be hosting a service project. Please check back with the bulletin and the website for more information.

**COMING
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October 2 - World Communion Sunday

October 16 - Upward Evaluations at 1:00pm

October 23 - Fall Festival at 5:00pm

October 20 - Prepare the Way Reunion at 10:00am

Music Ministries

We Remember 9.11.2001

Drama/Video/Orchestra/Choral Ensemble

Join us Sunday, September 11, as we remember that day, 10 years ago, that is still impacting our world. Join us as we experience the sorrow of that day as well as the blessings and hope of the cross as shared through drama, special music and video that points us to the hope that we know.

Rehearsal: The Ensemble will be joined by orchestra on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:00pm.

WORSHIP ORCHESTRA

Sunday, September 11

The Orchestra will rehearse on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:00pm 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. Join us!

WORSHIP CHOIR KICKOFF

Wednesday, October 5, 7:30-8:30pm

Join us as singers gather in the worship center to learn music for Sunday worship (2 or 3 Sundays a month) as well as Christmas music for the season of Advent! *This includes performing in the All-Church Christmas program on December 4, 6:00pm.

The Choir commits to a 12 week schedule of singing to prepare for Christmas (October 5-Dec 25) and then in 2012 for Easter (January 15-April 8). During the rest of the year, ensembles of all kinds are created for people to sing for short term commitments.

This summer, the choral family was given an opportunity to give an opinion concerning what day and time choir would work best for them. The overwhelming response was: Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30pm. After Christmas we can re-evaluate to make sure that it is the best time for the majority of our singers. Blessings all as we begin a new season of singing to the glory of God! (Since the date/time has been determined for the choir startup, we will not have the Burgerbash on Sunday, Sept. 18.) See you October 5!

HANDBELL TUESDAYS

Starting September 13

Rockin' Ringers (Pre-teen/Teen)

6:00pm, Director Ginny Pass

St. Andrew's Bells (adult ringers)

7:00pm, Director Debbie Riddle

Sign up now to be a part of these ministries!



Kids In Ministry

Music/Drama/Dance for grades 1-6

Starting Sunday, September 11

Sunday rehearsals from 5:00-7:00pm

A heavenly Christmas musical for kids

Performance date: Sunday, December 4, at 6:00pm

"The mission is clear - the time is now! Get set for the most spectacular and celestial adventure as Mary, Joseph, and a few simple shepherds in Bethlehem encounter the wonder of the Fear Not Factor!"

Come be a part of the heavenly brigade that shares the good news of Jesus!

*Parent Orientation Meeting

Sunday, September 11, at 5:00pm

A short meeting to share rehearsal dates and to give parents the opportunity to sign up to help with snacks and other help ministries. The musical Book with Listening CD are \$10. They can be purchased at the parent meeting.

Leadership Team

Director - Ginny Pass, Sound - Quinton Underwood

Dance - Angie Martin, Drama - Susan Robinson

Administration - Carol Jack

Stained Glass Class

A list is forming of people interested in learning how to create stained glass. Our instructor, David Myers is recovering from back surgery. Let's keep him in our prayers! David has a studio in his home located in SW OKC. We are hopeful that he will be ready to work with a new class this fall. The date is TBD. Stay tuned and sign up!



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, September 7, 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. 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.



Missions

Mission Meeting

Anyone interested in missions or being a part of our mission team is invited to our next missions meeting on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00pm in the MTC (B10). We'd love to have you come join us!

Community Response Team

On Saturday, July 16, about 2 dozen church members met to discuss the establishment of a group that would become available to respond to various emergency or otherwise troubling events in our community. Some great ideas came out of this meeting. Prior to taking the "financial step" in developing this capability, we need to know the extent of your desire for our church to be involved as helpful responders. After a flood, a fire or a wind storm, can you operate a rake, a broom, a chainsaw, or a trash can? Can you function when there's debris everywhere? Can you operate a make-shift desk at a site and do some administrative tasks? Can you be a listening ear to those in need? We have an idea for a "pre-positioned response package" at our church, but here is where the planning really gets critical. If you'd like to be a part of our team or for further information see Greg Thompson, John Soos, Bill Lester, or David Johnson.



"UNDIE SUNDAY"

Sunday, September 18, is "Undie Sunday"! The Missions Team is challenging each St. Andrew's family to bring one pair of undies or socks to be donated to Skyline Ministries Back To School Program. There are approximately 375 families worshipping at St. Andrew's. If each family brings one package of undies or socks what a blessing that will be to the children who need them. Please place your undies or socks in the designated bin in the Fellowship Area.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 COMMUNION 6:00 pm Crown Financial Class	5 Labor Day Office Closed (10:00 am Toddler Time - Southlakes Park)	6 11:00 am Staff Mtg. 8:00 pm MACU	7 6:30 am Men's SG (11:00 am McKee Lunch) (12:00 pm POW) 6:00 pm Orchestra/Team 6:00 pm Impact 6:30 pm Disciple 6:30 pm BLING 7:30 pm Mixed Ensemble	8 9:30 am B.L.A.S.T. 5:00—7:00 pm Blessed Beginnings Preschool Open House	9 Women's Retreat at Cross Point Blessed Beginnings Preschool 6:30 pm Mexican Train Gang	10
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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

 * **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** *
 * *Whitney & Darren Faires *
 * and Dylan, Dalton, and Drew *
 * *Amber & Oz Mitchell *
 * and Finneas and Drake *
 * *Deanna & Mike Russell *
 * and Bo Russell *

STEWARDSHIP:				
Offering Anticipated to Date				\$748,450
Offering through August 14				\$751,859
ATTENDANCE :	<u>07/24</u>	<u>07/31</u>	<u>08/07</u>	<u>08/14</u>
Worship	620	587	528	642
Sunday School	228	231	207	270