



*And Jesus said to them,
"Follow me and I will make
You fish for people."
Mark 1:17*

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April Elders: Carol Bell and Amy Stark



Your Session Hard at Work February and March

Your session and their committees worked hard for our church during February and March. In February, Thomas Logan attended the PSL meeting in Baton Rouge as our commissioner. He also expressed his commitment to our church by applying to enroll in courses to become a Commissioned Pastor so he can serve at St. Andrew. The session approved helping him with expenses for this endeavor.

Also at the February meeting, the session took care of yearly housekeeping chores such as approving special offerings, electing the treasurer and clerk, approving the budget, etc. The exciting news at that meeting was that the session hired and is working with Architect Jeff Kudla to investigate our options. You may soon see testing of the safety of the Sanctuary involving removing bricks to see the condition of the concrete pillars behind the bricks. The committee is also working with Mr. Kudla on what our options are if we do not rebuild the Sanctuary on its original site. The committee is getting an appraisal for the value of the Sanctuary property, as is, to decide whether to try to sell that property.

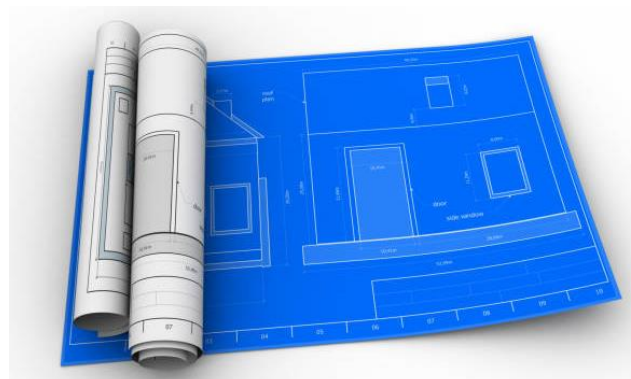
Also at the February Meeting, the session accepted an invitation from First Presbyterian Church to join them for Maundy Thursday Worship.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting, the Congregation heard the reports of the committees, reviewed the budget for 2024, and elected Nancy Melton, Craig Long, Diana Lewis, Marilyn Dunn, and Zane Simon to be on the Nominating Committee for 2024.

In March, The Property Committee reported that Mark Couvillion had submitted a tentative plan for a security system including cameras outside and in the classrooms. In addition, the committee is working with the city to repair the washout under the street causing a large cavern to be formed under our drainage ditch.

Amy Stark and Leah Marcantel met by Zoom with representatives from the First Presbyterian Churches of Lake Charles and Welsh. The discussion included what each church considered the most important qualities in looking for a new pastor. After discussions, the representatives decided to pursue a facilitated meeting on the topic of "Why is it important to have a Presbyterian presence in SWLA?". Westminster will be invited to participate as well. The representatives recognized that it is too soon to engage in discussions regarding yoking churches.

It is frustrating that it is taking so long to move our church into the future; but, we want to be sure we make the right decisions for our congregation, and need to consult with architects, engineers, and other experts as necessary, which takes time. I would like to thank our session for their dedication to doing what needs to be done for the benefit of the future of St. Andrew.



Love in Christ;
Anne Dye



Prayers and Concerns

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for those who visited this past month.

Remember in your prayers the many members and friends in need of support during the trying times of their lives: Pat Barron; Linda Cannon; Virginia Conrad; Mary Davis; Jody Flanagan; Linda Latour; Liam Simon; Alivia Simon; EJ Smith; Carol Bell's son, Patrick.

Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past month. May the peace of the Lord be with them.

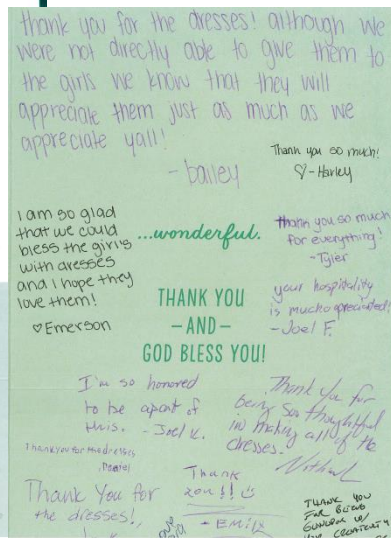


Birthdays

- 4/06 Elisiea Fountain
Drew Aguillard
- 4/19 Paisley Kral
- 4/21 Shelly Kral
- 4/22 Charles Keenan
- 4/25 Craig Long

Anniversaries

- 4/21 Erin & Stephen Canik



Thank you note to St. Andrew Mission Stitchers for contributing their time and expertise in making dresses for girls in Guatemala.



From Judy Davidson.

Mike moved to the Veterans Home on March 14. He can receive visitors and mail. Mike is making a good transition - nurses say he is "pleasant and cooperative," but he gets lost often in the large facility.

The address:
Mike Davidson
SW LA Veterans Home Room 103A
1610 Evangeline Rd.
Jennings, LA 70546





April Calendar

Elders for April: Carol Bell and Amy Stark

Elders for May: Ginger Keenan and Thomas Logan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	4 12:30-3:00pm Art Class	5 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	6 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
7 11:00 am Worship Service w/communion- (Children stay in worship) (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Craig Long, Sacramental Ruling Elder	8	9 9:00 am PEO Mtg, Richardson Rm	10 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	11 12:30-3:00pm Art Class	12 Fab Friday 10:30 am New Bible Study starts 12.00 pm PW Luncheon with Cookie Exchange 1:30 pm Mission Stitchers	13 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
14 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Rev. Constance McIntosh Stated Session Mtg after worship	15	16	17 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	18 12:30-3:00pm Art Class	19 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	20 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
21 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit Supply: Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder	22	23	24 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	25 12:30-3:00pm Art Class	26 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	27 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
28 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Fellowship Luncheon after worship Pulpit: Thomas Logan, Ruling Elder	29	30				



The secretary will be out of the office from Wednesday, April 10, returning Wednesday, April 17.