



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

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Elders for September: Leah & Wade Marcantel



Our Session at Work

Dear St. Andrew,

Your session is truly working hard on moving our church forward in a positive way. You can read about some of their recent actions and accomplishments below.

In May, they appointed a building committee consisting of Johnny Briggs, Joe Stark, Amy Dunn Stark, Wade Marcantel and Connor Couvillion. The committee was charged with assessing the viability of rebuilding and maintaining the sanctuary, assessing the Wright Building and Fellowship Hall for renovation, updates, and housing a chapel, working with the session to choose an architect, investigate costs involved in each of the above, and inviting the congregation to contribute their input and ideas. In June, Melinda Sharp was added to the building committee, and Wade Marcantel was chosen to be chair of the building committee.

There was no session meeting in July due to Constance having a last-minute health issue and being unable to moderate. During the August session, meeting the property committee recommended keeping ALL air conditioners set at 80 degrees in all rooms and buildings, to protect against mold, mildew, and damage to equipment during these extremely hot summer days. Also, on recommendation by OMG, the session decided to accept donations of food in addition to, or in lieu of money at the Children's offering during worship service.

NSG reported that they are working on plans for an adult Sunday School class, and a bowling activity for youth in October.

PSL has given some churches in hurricane prone areas, including St. Andrew, a small solar powered portable generator. Their purpose was for the church to provide a charging station for cell phones and other small devices during extended power outages. OMG will investigate how to best utilize the generator.

Rebuilding and finding a new pastor are both long processes, and will take time, patience, and prayer on all our parts. We cannot do those things without guidance from Presbytery. For instance, we are required to do a Mission Study and submit it to COM before forming a Pastor Nominating Committee. But please know how hard the session is working to move our church in the direction God leads us.

Anne Dye,
Clerk of Session

Presbyterian Children's Home



Recently representatives from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (Houston area and Baton Rouge area) met in the St. Andrew parking lot to transport a large amount of school supplies to Baton Rouge. Marla (Houston), Mavis and Bill (Baton Rouge) are always welcome visitors.



HELP!

St. Andrew has been blessed, over many years, with helping hands and willing hearts. Most recently, Joe and Anne Dye, to name a few, have used their extreme talents to refurbish doors in the Wright Building, rewire, install air conditioning units, perform plumbing magic and so much more. We owe them a huge round of applause for getting us through some very tough times.

The Property Committee is asking for your help to step in to help with some regular maintenance items and a few that may surprise us by becoming 'emergency' items. Our building is well cared for but it's aging. We want to keep it well cared for but we are finding that we call on repair people quite often for things that we could do ourselves. These visits by outside services are costing us money that could be better spent.

If you don't mind being on a ladder every now and then to change a light, if you know your way around sink and commode repairs, if you can trouble-shoot a challenge and let us know when it's time to call in a professional then we NEED you!

Please call Anita 337-477-6166 to put your name on the list. Let her know if you have a particular expertise (electrical, plumbing etc.) or if you're willing to be on call for whatever comes up! Thanks so much for your willingness to help.

The Property Committee

Birthdays

9/18 Ron Kaspar
 9/19 Sadie Bengé
 9/26 Zachary Simon
 Zander Simon
 9/28 Alivia Simon
 9/29 Anne Dye

Anniversary

9/01 Mary Lou & Jerry Burke



Christmas Cantata News!!!

As you've all hopefully heard by now, it's ALREADY Christmas Cantata season! I have some big ideas on how to make the cantata as (or more) successful than last year! The cantata is called "A New and Glorious Morn" by Lloyd Larson. Below is a link to YouTube if you would like to listen to it!

[A New and Glorious Morn](#)

I would like to start rehearsing the cantata starting Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30. We will start with the cantata then transfer to our regularly scheduled worship music so you may be excused if you are only singing for Christmas. If you or anyone you know is interested in singing with us, please reach out to me here or at standrewpresmusic@gmail.com!

AS ALWAYS, if you have a song in your heart that you know needs to be released, please join us at any time to sing with us. You don't have to be an experienced singer, we would love to welcome your voice no matter how big or small it is. Have a blessed week and I hope to see you at a rehearsal soon!

Yours in Christ,
 Thomas Sexton Logan

Prayers and Concerns

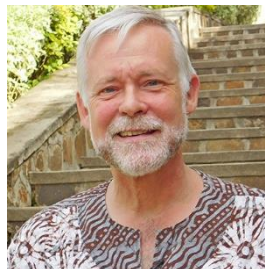
We offer prayers of thanksgiving for those who visited this past month.

Remember in your prayers the many members and friends in need of support during the trying times of their lives: Darius Breaux; Linda Cannon; Virginia Conrad; Mary Davis; Jody Flanagan; Collin Jacobs (Anita's brother-in-law); Liam Simon; Alivia Simon; EJ Smith; Lucille's grandson, Ryder; 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.

Prayers for all educators/school administrators.

Meet Your Mission Worker



Doug Tilton currently serves as regional liaison for Southern Africa, helping to strengthen the mutual ministries of the PC(USA) and its partner churches and institutions in five countries: Lesotho, Madagascar, Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Regional liaisons are in regular contact with the PC(USA)'s partners, exploring ways of working together and building the capacity of the global church to bear witness to the good news of Christ's redeeming love for all humanity. For more information go to:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/misionconnections/>



September Calendar

Elders for September: Leah and Wade Marcantel
Elder for October: Carol Bell



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	2 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon 3:00 pm—5:00 pm Fellowship Hall rented
3 11:00 am Worship Service w/communion- (Children stay in worship) (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Rev. Constance McIntosh Lit: needed	4 Office Closed	5	6 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	7	8 10:30 am New Bible Study starts 11:30 am PW Sack Lunch 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	9 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
10 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Craig Long, RE Lit: Thomas Logan <u>12:30pm</u> Stated Session Mtg	11	12 PEO in Richardson Room 9 am- noon	13 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:00 pm Called Session Meeting (Property/Building Committees with Richard Williams)	14 6:30 pm Choir Practice	15 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	16 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
17 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Cindy Robertson, MSW Lit: Leah Marcantel	18	19	20 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	21	22 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	23 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
24 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) Pulpit: Thomas Logan Lit: none needed Fellowship Luncheon after Worship	25	26	27 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30 pm Choir Practice	28	29 12:30 pm Mission Stitchers	30 12:30 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon

A new Presbyterian Women's Bible Study starts Friday, September 8, at 10:30 am. The new study is Horizons "Sacred Encounters." The new study invites you to consider Jesus, "the good shepherd" (Luke 10:15), who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

