



The
Lighthouse

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SUMMER MONDAYS AT ST. ANDREW FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

The cool thing about St. Andrew's tradition of Summer Monday Nights is the variety of things we can enjoy that will also bless and benefit us. In recent years we have had speakers in the fields of apologetics, America's morality and politics, and marriage strengthening.

This summer, we are hosting **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS**, using top-notch Christian films on a variety of topics. Our staff has selected these films as being family-friendly with good, helpful, practical messages built into an enjoyable presentation through film. Millions of dollars have been spent by fellow believers producing these films, and they have done a great job. However, most of us do not make it to the theater often enough to see them all. In addition, taking the family and buying snacks costs an arm and a leg.

BUT NOT AT SUMMER MONDAYS!!! We will show the movies big screen style in the Student Center Gym where popcorn, drinks, and other snacks will be available.

PARENTS, while we have chosen some of the most family-friendly Christian movies available,

you can check each of them out in great detail at www.pluggedin.com. We invite you to bring any children with you to see the movie whom you think will be interested and not a disruption to others. That's why we are calling it **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS**. However, we know that all our movies will not hold the interest or attention of all our young ones. Therefore, free childcare will be available for birth through third grade each night. Parents, you make the choice as to when to bring the kids to the movie and when they would be happier in childcare.

Here's the schedule:

MONDAYS, 6 P.M. – STUDENT CENTER

- July 10** The Resurrection of Gavin Stone
- July 17** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe
- July 24** The Case for Christ
- July 31** War Room
- August 7** God's Not Dead 2

I believe these times will be a real blessing to our church family and a great opportunity to invite people you know to join you for a fun event at church. We will be doing some special outreach to the unchurched of our community as well. Come join us!

The Shepherd Loves the Sheep,
Bro. Mike

From Rick's Desk

Each year we reflect on how gracious God has been to us here in The United States of America. We consider how God has favored us from the beginning when our country was founded upon principles that our founding fathers found in the Word of God. Many call it Independence Day, but we celebrate it as **GOD & COUNTRY DAY** at St. Andrew Baptist Church. This year we will celebrate, as we have in years past, with “**DINNER ON THE GROUNDS**” in the Student Center. **We ask that everyone bring a covered dish that would feed their family and one other.** We have always been blessed with enough food and have enjoyed great fellowship right after our morning worship that begins at 10:30am.

You can bring your covered dish (meat, casserole, vegetables, salad, or dessert) and drop it off in the Student Center before LCG. After our worship service, we will move to the Student Center where we will all enter in the double doors closest to “B” Building (through the Café) and turn left following the signs to enter the gym and move through the self-serve lines at the end of the gym. This will allow us to have the longest line in the gym and be out of the July heat.

Make plans to join us as we exalt Christ and celebrate **GOD & COUNTRY DAY ON JULY 2ND** in the Student Center following morning worship. I love my church and look forward to this churchwide fellowship! See you there.



Discipleship | Evangelism

How Vacation Bible School effects the whole family!

For us it started the Saturday morning before VBS as our family joined a few of the youth to pass out invitations in various neighborhoods. Believe it or not, this is something our kids really enjoyed doing and it quickly became a competition to see who would have the most people come to the door and speak with us. My team lost, but, I expected that. More people will open their doors to a nice looking lady (my wife) than a bearded and balding man (me). Even though my team lost, our children had a chance to practice their boldness while inviting others to join us at VBS, which means, as their father, I really won!

During the week of VBS, each of our children were disciplined in their age appropriate classes. Our girls and a friend they invited who rode with us would talk the whole way home about how much fun they had and would continue to sing the songs they learned the **WHOLE WAY HOME**. I really enjoyed hearing all the stories my kids would tell about VBS, but my favorite was to hear how excited they were to tell me about some of the children in their classes coming to faith in Jesus Christ as the Gospel was shared. Our boys, who are much younger, would just take it all in and try to keep up with the girls. After dropping off their friend each night, they would all begin to crash in the car. Yes, we got home late, and yes, there were a few meltdowns at bedtime, but, this investment in their lives was well worth it!

As for Amanda and I, we served in the adult seminars along with Mark Quinn and Alan & Shelia Graham. Our goal was to equip those who attended with biblical principles for parenting and marriage. We were able to form several relationships and look forward to how God may develop those in the near future.

Things ended for our family much the way they started. We gathered on a Saturday morning with several others to do follow-up outreach to many families that attended VBS. We knocked on doors, thanked families for being a part of VBS, invited them to join us Sunday for worship, and gave them a gift bag with candy and information about St. Andrew.

Through it all, we have prayed that God would use VBS to draw men and women, boys and girls into a relationship with Himself, and we have watched Him be faithful to do just that!

God bless,
Bro. Jeremy





VBS WAS STELLAR!

My heart is overflowing with thanksgiving!

Lord thank You for:

- An amazing church family that gives their all in VBS!
- A staff that leads by example!
- For the children, youth, and adults who trusted Christ! (There were 49.)
- For the five from VBS who were baptized on Sunday!
- For bringing many new families from VBS to worship with us this past Sunday!

Please continue to pray for those who made decisions during VBS. Although some attend other churches, there is an open door for us to reach out to many and to disciple them in the weeks ahead.

MUSIC MINISTRY MOMENTS

We have just finished a week of Vacation Bible School. My assignment this year, as it has been for the past several years, was to work with a fantastic team of adults who lead our kids in learning a new song every night. But wait – there's more! Along with the music comes a fresh set of choreography and hand signals, seemingly for every syllable in the lyrics!

We received a practice DVD. Well in my first attempt at this, I looked like a person swatting his body with what looked like an infestation of mosquitoes. Arms flailing, palms popping, all in the wrong positions with the instructional video. But through much daily study, I was able to go to the first class, confident... only to hear one of our darling preteens tell me I was doing it wrong!

New song, new motions every night! Could you do it? BUT ~ the music team was prepared and we made it through the week! And we even dressed up in silly stuff and yes, different every night!

Why would we do all this? Are we nuts?

I sat with gratitude in my heart as I watched and listened to our music teachers sharing biblical truths behind the music. The interaction with our kids was something to view as they learned that God is so amazing, that sin messed everything up, but God made it alright by sending Jesus. They learned that if A - they would ADMIT to God they were a sinner, and B - BELIEVE that Jesus is the Son of God, and C - CONFESS Christ as Savior and Lord... they can know His love and shine like stars for Him!

Thanks to all of you who served on the 2017 VBS music team and to those who worked with our youngest kids with their own set of music! Thanks for learning the motions, for the fun, and for your hearts for the Lord! It was a great week watching God work... through you!

Now just to get these songs out of my head... *or maybe not!* ~ Doug

Youth Ministry UNLEASHED



A CALL TO PRAYER

Summer is in full swing and the youth ministry is rolling! There are many things going on in the youth ministry that I would love to point out, but I feel the need to just ask for one big favor. **PRAYER**. There are many things that the youth will be doing this summer, but what is upon us is our mission trip to Mexico. I covet your prayers for the work, leaders, students, and myself as we are sent. As our youth get ready to be sent I would ask that you join me in prayer. This year's youth mission trip will look very different and will be a first for me. Our mission team is so large that we had to split up into 2 teams. Each team will work in the same area back-to-back weeks. Even though I have done multiple mission trips in a year; I have never done one back-to-back like this. With this trip comes many challenges and

opportunities. Church, will you join me in praying for this mission trip?

Pray for our missionary Luis Martinez in Mexico. Pray that the work he will be doing to get ready for our team will come together. Pray for the local pastor and church we will be working with. Pray for the youth and adults, as they get ready to be used by God! Pray for all the logistics that still need to come together. Pray for the ones who will hear the gospel and that many will come to faith in Christ. We have already seen God do great things! But we know that if the Spirit of God does not move then nothing happens! So we are asking you to pray! *Psalm 34:17 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.* I love my church!

Bro. Mark

LIVING IN "THE GAP"

Church Family,

As I write this, our annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting has just adjourned for 2017. As I reflect on what has happened over the last two days, I am so grateful to be a part of a collection of churches that are so dedicated to the cause of Christ and His mission around the world.

As I heard reports of all that is being done all over the world, it makes me all the more grateful for how the Lord is using our own local body to accomplish some of His purposes. From church planting in Brazil and West Africa, to helping train and encourage churches in India, Southeast Asia, and major US cities like Portland and Baltimore, to reaching the previously unreached peoples of

Mexico, and so much more. We are a truly blessed congregation.

We at St. Andrew have seen God's hand at work in so many places, and I am sure there is much more that we haven't seen, both in Panama City and around the world. It causes me to pray thanksgiving to the Lord. It also causes me to pray that the Lord would continue His work, and even further it among us. It causes me to ask the Lord to take more of us out of our comfort zones to share the Gospel in our workplaces; to clear the way for some to go on their first international mission trip, and to bring us all to a place where we shape our lives around the message of the Gospel. As I think about this, I'll admit I feel conviction, because this should



be our approach to every single day we are given to serve the Lord. We should be praying daily for our missionary contacts on the field, for the strength of churches abroad, and for the many nations and people groups who have little to no access to the message of the Gospel.

As I watched the convention on my computer screen, I was encouraged by all that is being done by our SBC, while also feeling the conviction that there is so much more to do. We must continue to pray for our own mission teams, as well as all of the work around the world that we know little about. His work is not finished, so neither is ours.

Grace and Peace,
Thomas

PostingBoard

News & Information

Coming for Membership

By Baptism: Nicholas Fuentes, Madeline McBee

By Statement: Hugh Davis, Kathryn Davis, Juan Delvalle, Gloria Estrada

By Letter: Sherry Lee, Brianna Roberts

Sympathy Is Extended To

Family and friends of Anne McQuaig, who passed away on May 27, in Panama City.

Sandy Kiser, Katie Kiser Cauley, Carly Kiser Sosheim, family, and friends, in the passing of husband and father, Travis Kiser, on May 29, in Panama City.

Connie Morris, family, and friends, in the passing of her aunt, Argie Garrison, on May 31, in Panama City.

Terry Morris, family, and friends, in the passing of his brother, Jerry Morris, on June 5, in Tallahassee, FL.

James Schwaderer, family, and friends, in the passing of his wife, Norma Brookins Schwaderer, on June 9, in Panama City.

Misty Fowler, family, and friends, in the passing of her grandmother, Cora Lee Fowler, on June 10, in Panama City.

Lauren Markham, family, and friends, in the passing of her grandmother, Murl Howell, on June 10, in Miramar Beach, FL.

April Elliott, family, and friends, in the passing of her grandfather, Edward Rocco, on June 13, in Arizona.

Family and friends of John Wick, who passed away on June 16, in Panama City Beach.

Lauren Hahn, family, and friends, in the passing of her grandmother, Imo Jean Wade, on June 16, in Panama City.

Thank You Notes were received from:

Misty Fowler and family

Martha Lloyd Media Center

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD by Lauraine Snelling was given to the library by the Friendship LCG in memory of Anne McQuaig. These books have also been added for your reading enjoyment: The GIFT by Wanda Brunstetter, and SILENCE IN THE DARK by Patricia Bradley. Homeschool books are also available for check out. See you in the library!

Budget Information

As of June 22:

YTD Budget Goal: \$1,027,900.75

YTD Received: \$889,747.45

Global Outreach Budget:

YTD Budget Goal: \$158,113.24

YTD Received: \$107,154.58



Announcements

Did you know that this newsletter can be e-mailed to you? To sign up please send an e-mail to jenniferstrickland@sabc.org.

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