

The Lighthouse

August 16, 2018

MAKE DISCIPLES!

As Jesus walked the dusty roads of Palestine, He made disciples.

When Jesus gave the Great Commission, He said "...make disciples."

As Paul went back to churches he planted on previous journeys, he fellowshipped with disciples.

A disciple is one who follows, one who learns from another, one who carries on the work and message of another.

All of us who have trusted Christ, are disciples of the Lord Jesus. Some are more faithful disciples than others, having learned more from the Master, having followed Him more closely, having been more committed to sharing His message and doing His work. But all of us are disciples, and all of us can be better disciples.

I can learn more from my Lord and His Word. I can follow Him more carefully than I have in the past. I can share His message more frequently and do His work more fervently.

Being disciples and making disciples was at the heart of Jesus' work and commission to us. Here at St. Andrew Baptist Church, being disciples and making disciples is important! We believe we have discovered some ways to make discipleship even more central to who we are and what we do. That is the reason behind the revamping of our Sunday night and Wednesday night schedules.

I will not try to summarize the new schedule here. You can find it easily in the Worship Folder insert and on our website, www.sabc.org. I do want to tell you some things about the new schedule that I believe will enhance our disciple making.

We are trying to make Book 66 (a Bible memory program for children) more accessible to all of our children from preschool to preteen. Nothing makes better disciples than hiding God's Word in our hearts, and Book 66 is a fun and consistent way of accomplishing that!

We are starting Youth Discipleship on Sunday nights to enhance what they are already receiving on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Preschool and Kidz Choirs will move to Sunday nights also, as we believe it is important to develop young worshippers.

Adults will have more Discipleship Class options on both Sunday and Wednesday nights. Yes, I plan to still teach classes at both times, but other options will be available as well.

We want to be faithful, growing, developing disciples of the Lord Jesus. We want to be making new disciples for Him also. Join us in Discipleship at St. Andrew!

The Shepherd Loves the Sheep,
Bro. Mike

Discipleship | Evangelism

Wouldn't you agree that the first step in hitting a target is to know what you are aiming for? As followers of Christ at St. Andrew Baptist Church, we are attempting to be better disciples and ultimately better disciple makers. Therefore, defining what a disciple of Christ is becomes a necessary and important first step in achieving this goal. Below is how we, the staff of St. Andrew, have written the definition of a faithful and mature disciple of Christ:

A faithful and mature disciple of Christ will....

Exalt Christ by faithfully studying and obeying the Word of God, regularly engaging with other believers in Spirit-filled worship, exhibiting the fruits of the Spirit, and praying continuously.

Meet Needs by faithfully serving God, selflessly serving others, joyfully giving through the local church, and praying continuously.

Reach the World by faithfully practicing the Acts 1:8 Strategy, intentionally discipling others to become faithful followers of Christ, and praying continuously.

“On the mountain of spiritual maturity, there is always another summit.”

As you consider this definition, I'm asking you to pray about ways that you can grow as a faithful and mature disciple of Christ. In this article, I want to focus on the idea of there always being another summit on the mountain of spiritual maturity. Maybe a simpler way of saying it, but not as catchy, is this....we have not arrived. Each of us has room to grow in our understanding of the Scriptures and our application of its teachings.

This fall, as we make some changes to our strategy for making disciples, a part of that is offering more opportunities for adults to be involved in Bible Study on both Sunday and Wednesday evenings. With these additional opportunities come additional needs for leadership. I'm asking you to consider now where you will plug in. Will you serve with our preschoolers, kids, or youth? Will you join a discipleship group on Sunday or Wednesday evening? Whatever it is that God is leading you to, we have a place for you.

A listing of all the adult classes, locations, and times will be published August 19th in the Worship Folder insert and at www.sabc.org. Sunday evening classes begin September 9th, Wednesday evening classes begin September 12th.

Let me encourage you not to just sit on the ledge of the mountain from wherever you are spiritually and enjoy the view. Instead, I challenge you to look up and begin climbing to the next summit.

God bless,
Jeremy

From Rick's Desk

Your BUILDING 4 GENERATIONS TO COME Building Team has been quietly and prayerfully moving forward on our knees seeking God's will regarding a Design/Build Team to collaborate with as we work to accomplish the Scope of Work that you authorized in our meetings. We cannot, without coming back to the church for approval, change or expand the Scope of Work that you authorized.

The B4GTC Building Team has narrowed the search down and is working through finalization of choosing a Design/Build Team. Many of you have noticed holes drilled and patched in the front parking lot near the Bell Tower. Those were required to provide Geotechnical reports for the Design/Build team so that they could make educated recommendations about the Scope of Work that you approved. The expense for the testing, paid by a generous donation from an anonymous donor, allowed the B4GTC Building Team to move forward while interviewing Design/Build teams.

In our regularly scheduled Quarterly Business Meeting last Sunday night (8/12), the church approved the building Team's

recommendation to move to the initial phase of Master Planning and Preliminary Design with COSCO & Associates, Inc. The church approved the formulation of a Building Fund which will be called Building 4 Generations To Come or B4GTC so that those who desire can begin to give toward expenses now. And finally, the church approved the building team drawing on the Line of Credit to pay for the initial cost of the design work.

Although the Building Team has accomplished a great deal of work in preparation, there is a great deal left to do! Please pray for the team consisting of Danny Pate, Team Leader; Tim Barnard, Bethany Boggs, Lauren Hahn, Bruce Kuhnel, Terry Morris, John Skaggs, Christy Wortman, Bro. Mike Claunch and Bro. Rick.

THE HEART OF WORSHIP

Thanks to all who came out for Night of Praise #2 – “Behold Our God”! Wow ~ what a night at SABC! Kicking it off was precious Mrs. Dot and Sandy on the violins! What a tender moving moment!

CELEBRATION CHOIR – you were outstanding and took us straight to heaven as you led us with 7 God-focused worship specials on exaltation, testimony and heaven!

CELEBRATION ORCHESTRA – your 3 selections moved our hearts. “Majesty,” “The Heart Of Worship” and Jim Colvin's arrangement of “Standing on the Promises / I'll Fly Away” was masterfully done. You lifted our spirits in worship and had our toes a tapping!

SOLOISTS Donna, Terry – God bless you! Thanks for your testimonies in song! DUETS – Jana, Cathy, Ann, Craig, Jennifer

– these all were powerful moments of listening to your songs and hearing God speak to our hearts. Many sang with you, some cried and some stood with raised hands in praise to our Lord.

Southern Gospel QUARTET – Just flat out fun sharing that testimony in song! Hope we can do more of that!

Church family, as we look toward the FALL SCHEDULE ~ come join us! Now is a really good time to get in! Starting September 12, CHOIR will be at a new time: Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:15 pm, followed by a run through rehearsal of Sunday morning's lineup! Please join us – come sing and let's praise the Lord together!

With the new schedule, we are moving KIDZ CHOIR to Sundays at 5:00 – 6:15pm. We need your help parents, musicians and people who love children and want to

point them to Jesus! See me or Malissa if you can help with Kidz Choir – we want many to be a part of this fun, vital ministry!

Finally – a word of THANKS for the 15 year anniversary reception, the many kind words, the encouragement cards and generous gift. PC has become our home. All of us – Sheila, Cynthia & Taiwo, Joshua & Missy love you with all our hearts and thank you for the opportunity to serve our Lord with you. We dearly love this forever family at St. Andrew Baptist Church and look forward to all God has in store up ahead! ~ Doug

KidZone

We are so excited about the NEW Book 66 Discipleship Ministry for children that begins on September 12th!

Parents, did you know that recent *Lifeway Research* confirmed that the most important factor in our children becoming young adults that are spiritually solid is whether or not they read God's Word as a child! Just imagine, if they not only read it but they memorize important portions...Wow! You want this for your children!

It's NEW because:

- Now all ages from Preschool – 6th grade will all be under the umbrella of Book 66!
- We will be meeting on a new day! We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 beginning September 12!
- We will be offering new T-shirts and older kids will be using New CSB Bibles.

It's the same because:

- All ages will be hiding God's Word in their hearts.
- 4th -6th grade will continue to participate in the church, association and state Bible Drills!
- Parents will be able to attend discipleship groups themselves!

(Some parents are still needed to be a part of the Book 66 Leadership Team...please let Karen know if you are interested. It's a great way to be "hands on" in encouraging your kids to be in God's Word!

Kids our **kick – off** will be amazing! Plan to be there and bring a friend! Kids you know would love being a part of Book 66 every Wednesday! Watch for exciting details coming soon!



Kindergarten



1st-3rd Grade



4th-6th Grade



Do you like buffets? I do! So much variety! So many choices! Everything looks amazing! It appears that we have our own SABC "buffet of opportunities" as we Reconnect for our fall schedule! Here is our "buffet" for preschoolers:

- Preschool Kid Zone (Sundays, 9am for Babies - Kindergarten): Bible teaching and activities geared to

each age group. Reconnect Sunday 8/19

- ETC (Extended Teaching Care, Sundays, during Worship Service for Babies - Pre K): Bible learning activities geared to build on the early hour teaching for each age group. Reconnect Sunday 8/19

- Kinder Zone Live! (Sundays, during Worship Service for Kindergarteners): Bible Story, music, activities geared to lead Kindergarteners in Worship. Reconnect Sunday 8/19

- Mission Friends/Choir (Sundays, 5pm for 3s – Kindergarten, Childcare for Babies – 2s): Introduce preschoolers to missions around the world and to music and musical activities. Kickoff 9/9

- Book 66 (formerly Team Kid) (Wednesdays, 6pm for 3s – Kindergarten, Childcare for Babies – 2s): Bible literacy for preschoolers and Kindergarteners. Kickoff 9/12

Don't these look like amazing ways for your preschoolers to "taste and see that the Lord is good"? Make plans now to enjoy the SABC buffet of opportunities for your children and yourself! -Christie

ON MISSION

Church Family,

We've just returned from an awesome week on mission in Baltimore, Maryland! If you were in worship Sunday, you heard the report that we saw 9 people begin following Christ as their Lord through the VBS at Village Church, and that we were able to work with Freedom church at their new location that will be launching later this month.

One of the most impactful things for me last week was not in the work that was done, but in the team that did it. We had a total of 22 team members ranging from 3 to in their 60s, and everything in between. We had families of 2, 3, and 4. We had single college students, single seniors, and married adults who came without their spouse. We had every demographic checked. This was a team that could have easily stuck near the people they knew, and not branch out to work with people that they are not normally around at church. But they didn't. This team experienced an incredible bond from the Lord that greatly enhanced our work and our relationships with one another and with the Lord. Doing this gave us a chance to learn about what people who are in a different place in life, or come from a different background, are going through. It gave us a chance to share wisdom that we have learned through our experiences walking with the Lord. More than all of that, we got to see a clear picture of

what a 4Gen church working in harmony looks like! And wow, it was a sight to see! I rejoiced all week as I saw an older adult sharing wisdom to a young person about how to follow Christ as a young adult and as College students spent time with children, giving them role models to look to for examples.

God truly did an amazing work in Baltimore, but He also did an amazing work among the team that went to Baltimore. All of us came home with a different perspective on how we can best serve the people God puts in front of us. We also came home with a better picture of how to build relationships with people that may not be natural to us. All of this happened because each member of this team was willing to go. Willing to leave their lives for a week to serve alongside their church. Willing to set aside their preconceptions and see people through the eyes of Christ.

I'm praying God will continue to work in this way through every single person at St. Andrew Baptist Church, and that we would all work faithfully as He uses us for His Glory in Panama City, in Baltimore, and all over the world!

Grace and Peace,
Thomas

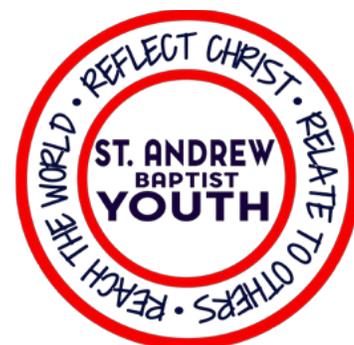
We're fresh off our youth mission trip to Mexico and we are still celebrating all that God did while we were there. It's hard to tell you all the things God has done through our youth while on mission. One story is not enough and I don't even have the room in this article to fully express all that happened. Even if I did my words would fall short. Let me say this: If you don't go, you don't know. Church, pray about how God can use you on the mission field. Mission trips deepen our understanding of God, stretch us to grow and strengthen our reliance on God. There is an edge to our faith that we are all willing to walk to. Most of us will stop at that edge where our comfort, knowledge, and security end. I like to call it "The edge of myself." To move past this point would mean that I can no longer rely on myself. I can no longer use my power and understanding to get the job done. But that is not where Jesus wants me to stop and the edge of yourself is not where God wants you to stop. A deeper faith is not found there. A deep and growing faith is found when we are willing to step off the edge and walk into the

unknown. Where if Jesus does not come through, nothing happens. Throughout our mission trip, youth and adults stepped out in faith and Jesus met them there. We saw 68 adults come to faith in Jesus through our door to door evangelism. It was scary, nerve-racking, and fulfilling. When we get our security, knowledge, and worth from Jesus, we no longer have to look for it in the world, and that's a pretty good trade. Through our mission trip, we made that trade.

I really feel that's where we are as a church. We are on the edge of ourselves. We have pushed our way through many changes. There have been many roadblocks and hiccups as we move forward. Now we find ourselves at the edge of what we know. At the same time, God is asking us to push out beyond ourselves. Where if Jesus does not come through, then nothing happens. The changes have been scary, nerve-racking, and fulfilling for many. But as a church, Bro. Mike is leading us past the edge of ourselves. Moving out to the unknown where we must rely on Jesus. This is where Jesus will

deepen our faith and grow us. Where if we are found faithful, we will see more people come to faith in Christ. I want to see myself and other's faith grow and I want to see people come to Christ in faith. I truly believe that will happen when we all move past the edge of ourselves as we Build 4 Generations To Come.

So, thank you church for playing a part in our mission trip. Thank you for praying for us. I can't fully understand it but we felt every prayer lifted up for our team! Thank you for giving so that we could be on mission. Thank you for buying cakes and silent auction items. When you give and pray you are participating in seeing 68 people come to faith in Christ. Thank you church! - Mark



PostingBoard

News & Information

Coming for Membership

By Baptism: Marshall Skaggs,
Kirsten Conrad, Carter Myers

By Letter: Eric and Sierra Reece

Sympathy Is Extended To

Joan Karr Mitchell, family, and friends, in the passing of her brother-in-law, Ronnie Thomason, on July 19th, and his wife, and her sister, Barbara Padgett Thomason, on July 25th, in Rincon, GA.

Family and friends of Betty Braghini who passed away on July 25th, in Panama City.

Annie Lou Koesy, family, and friends, in the passing of her husband, Cal Koesy, on August 3rd, in Panama City.

Erin Beugnot, family, and friends, in the passing of her mother, Laura, on August 3rd, and her father, Gene, on August 11th in Panama City.

Martha Lloyd Media Center

SEND DOWN THE RAIN by Charles Martin was donated to Media Center by the Lighthouse Tenders LCG in memory of Betty Womack. IN THIS MOMENT by Karen Kingsbury, THE BRIDGE OF PEACE by Cindy Woodsmall and THE SONG by Chris Fabry have also been added for your reading enjoyment.

See you in the library!

Budget Information

As of August 12th:

Budget YTD Goal:
\$1,203,513.28
Budget YTD Received:
\$1,174,505.82 98%
Over/Short (\$29,007.46)

Global Outreach Annual Budget:
\$279,450.00
Budget to Date:
\$171,969.28
Received to Date:
\$163,444.79 95%
Over/Short (\$8,524.49)

Global Love Offerings YTD
\$43,852.17
Mission Trip Cash Returned YTD
\$2,580.00



Thank you Notes Received

Juanita McNeill

Announcements

Congratulations to Dennis and Holly DuBose on the birth of their son, Hunt Preston, on August 13th. Hunt weighed 8lbs, 7.5 oz, and was 21 inches long.

Did you know that you can have this newsletter emailed to you? To sign up, please send an email to Jennifer Strickland at jenniferstrickland@sabc.org.

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