



# The SHIELD

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The newsletter of the St. Andrew  
Presbyterian Church family



## Associate Pastor's Column

Dear friends,

A good friend recently shared with me a poetic American Indian Proverb, and it goes like this: *"Tell me, and I will forget, Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I will understand."* I like the simplicity and

wisdom here, and how it applies to our lives as followers of Jesus Christ, which is all about God *involving* us.

On our most recent mission trip to Guatemala over Spring Break, we experienced how God involves us in ways that are bigger and wider than we sometimes think. We came to a greater understanding of how St. Andrew's involvement brought new life to a particular congregation. As you may recall, last year's trip involved funding and beginning the construction of a new roof for the small Iglesia Monte Sión. While this year's team was involved in a similar project for another church, Iglesia Esmirna, we were invited to a special worship service of thanksgiving down the road at Iglesia Monte Sión. In inviting us to worship with them, they wanted us to experience just how grateful they are for our connection and for what we were involved in together last year. They wanted us to know how we gave their congregation a spark, a nudge, a healthy dose of motivation to move forward and take new steps of faith. Something big happened with their understanding because of our involvement.

Sometimes it's easy to think our ministry efforts are fruitless or unsuccessful, especially when we don't see results or understand how God may be at work. Henri Nouwen offered these words about our involvement in God's work: *"The mystery of ministry is that we have been chosen to make our own limited and very conditional love the gateway for the unlimited and unconditional love of God."* This is a humbling mystery that certainly keeps us on our toes, eager to see God touch lives in new and unexpected ways.

I also believe God hopes our ministry efforts in this world will echo the incarnational way God is with us, as we will not just tell people about Christ, and not just show people either. I think God wants us to involve others and be with and for others, so that they too will understand "the breadth and length and height and depth" of God's love for us, Ephesians 3:14-21. May we come to a greater understanding of who God is and what God is doing as we keep involving each other in Christ's church—in this time and place, here and now.

In Christ,

## Palm Sunday Procession, March 24

We will have a Palm Sunday procession before the 10:50am worship service the morning of March 24th. Those who are able will gather outside the Rec Center doors at 10:40am to join the procession of palms to the sanctuary. The children's and chancel choirs will help lead us as we venture into new territory!

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received on Easter Sunday, March 31

This annual offering of our denomination is divided among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-development of People program, which provides assistance to the "poor and marginalized members of our society." The envelopes will be in the pews on Palm Sunday and the offering will be received Easter Sunday.

## February Session Highlights

At the February stated meeting our session:

- Approved the January 2013 Treasurer's Report
- Elected the following elders as commissioners to Presbytery: Mark Glasschroeder (April 20), Nancy Glick (September 13-14) and Adele Stewart (November 15-16)
- Heard a report from Worship and Music on the survey and the forums scheduled for February 24 and 26
- Approved an instrumental music ministry to be spearheaded by Adam LaSpata
- Agreed to move SEW from 6:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Approved the 2012 Annual Statistical Report as required by Presbytery
- Learned that 140 new pew Bibles have been purchased with funds provided by members of the congregation
- Received an inspection report from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for the Treehouse indicating complete compliance on all requirements
- Heard about plans for the weekend visit by Graham Standish

**Note:** The complete session minutes are available for review in the Church Office.

- Sara Turner, Clerk of Session

## ♦ IN MEMORIAM ♦

*I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. JOHN 11:25*

We give thanks to God for the life of this saint and his witness to the faith.

**JACK DEEB**

December 23, 1922 – February 11, 2013

## Diaconate Notes

At the February meeting, the diaconate:

- Elected Joey Brindle Moderator, Terry Widmer Vice-Moderator, and Ronnie Van Atta Secretary for 2013.
  - Elected Ronnie Van Atta as diaconate representative on the Officer Nominating Committee.
  - Heard about plans to revise or replace the current Parish plan; a committee is being formed to proceed and deacons on the committee are Recca Oliver, Terry Widmer, and Ronnie Van Atta.
  - Heard an update on the diaconate's evolving prayer ministry. The Prayer Request forms are available in the sanctuary pews and the collection point is the Prayer Request box in the Parlor.
- Ronnie Van Atta, Diaconate Secretary

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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### Our Daily Bread to Serve 500,000<sup>th</sup> Meal **March 21, Fellowship Hall, 11:00am**

Mayor Pro Tem Pete Kamp and Liz Whitaker will serve the 500,000th meal for Our Daily Bread clients on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Daily Bread invites you to join them in celebrating this half-a-millionth meal served! Your support has enabled them to provide nutritious meals to the homeless and less fortunate of Denton for over 12 years, and the party will not be the same without you!

### Mission Funday in Krum **Saturday, April 6, 8:00am-2:30pm**

Sign up by April 1<sup>st</sup> to participate in the upcoming Hearts for Homes mission *Funday*. The project is a major renovation of a house in Krum, and workers of all skill levels and ages are welcome (10 year olds and up). T-shirts and lunch will be provided. To learn more, all participants are encouraged to attend the H4H Orientation, **Wednesday, April 3, Room 206/208, at 7:30pm**. Childcare is available that Saturday by request from 8:00am-noon. To sign up or request childcare, please get in touch with Shea Stephens in the church office. Thank You!

### Celebrity Waiter Night – April 9 **First United Methodist, Denton, 5:30-7:30pm**

This annual fundraiser for Giving Hope, Inc., will be catered by Metzler's Barbeque and all are invited to join them to support the less fortunate of Denton. Tickets cost \$10 each and can be purchased at the door. See you there!

## NEW ADULT STUDIES ON SUNDAY MORNING

### Pastor's Class Begins Study of *Power Surge* **Fellowship Hall, 9:40am**

Steve Plunkett's class began a study of *Power Surge* on Sunday mornings. All adults are welcome to join them as they examine Michael Foss's "six marks of discipleship for a changing church."

### Sojourner Class - Study of Standish Book **Room 203, 9:30am**

The Sojourner Class, led by Bonnie Robison, began a study of N. Graham Standish's *Paradoxes for Living: Cultivating Faith in Confusing Times*. He challenges his readers to explore such paradoxes as "To be strong, we have to be weak." All are invited to join them on Sunday mornings.

## NEW SUPER WEDNESDAY TRACKS

### ***What Is the Old Testament?*** **Fellowship Hall, 6:30pm**

Dr. Toni Craven, Emerita Professor of Hebrew Bible, will lead an overview of the Old Testament story and what we believe about scripture as the inspired and living word of God. So come to Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings as we explore the Old Testament with Dr. Craven.

### ***Poverty in America: It's Not What You Think*** **Room 205, 6:30pm**

Darhyl Ramsey leads this study on poverty in America using a video entitled *The Line*. Further study of the causes, and suggestions for relieving poverty, help participants unwrap the problem of poverty in Texas and in Denton. Upcoming topics are listed below.

March 20: The New Face of Poverty, Interface Ministries

March 27: The Trauma of Poverty, Our Daily Bread and Community Food Bank

April 3: The Nature and Cycle of Poverty, Health Services of North Texas

April 10: The Labor of Poverty, The Face of Hope, Giving HOPE. Inc.

April 17: Drawing a Lie – A Biblical View of Poverty, The Village Church, and Pay Day Loans

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## NEWS FROM COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**GIVE A MEAL** – Please remember to bring staples for the Denton Community Food Center to the collection bin near the Coke machine by Fellowship Hall. Any of the following would be most welcome as we work together to help feed the hungry in Denton.

**Beef Ravioli or Tuna, Canned Corn, Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit**  
*Optional: Sugar, Flour*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS IMPORTANT SERVICE TO OUR  
COMMUNITY!

### **Flower Roster for 2013**

The flower roster is on the bulletin board in the hall by the church office. If you would like to provide the chancel flowers one Sunday, please write your name and phone number on the date of your choice. Upcoming open dates include April 7, 21, and 28. Thank You!

## Birthday Endowment Update

The January and February Endowment fund celebrants are listed below.

### January

Bob Sherman Sarah Rosenberg  
Pat Morey Elmer Adams  
Bette Allen Willis Mitchell  
Howard Smith John Mikow

In memory of Irene Six

Thank you for supporting this ministry and Happy Birthday!

### February

Don McMahon  
Grace Milos  
Earldene McNeill  
Chuck Stoughton



## April Birthdays

4/1	Theresa Tweedy	4/19	Anna Hendrix
	Zoya Perfilev		Amy Ball
4/2	Doug Hill		Jonna Belanger
	Jennifer		Ryan Brown
	Rentschlar		Michael
	Cal Brown		Lambrecht
	Parker Parris	4/22	Beverly Johnson
4/3	Caden Lewis		Philip Solyntjes
4/4	Glenn Highland	4/25	Carl Kasper
	Sara Turner		Drew Lara
	Vera Odei	4/26	Patricia Gifford
4/5	Michael Ball		Charlotte Sparks
	Karen Jones		Myra Crownover
4/6	Samantha		Mary Hubble
	Guerrero		Becky King
4/7	Julie Turley	4/27	Betty Pryor
4/8	Anna Farish		Jim Cherry
	Betty Sue Grandey		Elizabeth Monroe
4/9	Jackson Fite	4/28	Sonya Hueholt
4/10	Mark		Grant Jacobson
	Glasschroeder		Ed Hutchison
4/11	Cynthia Nelson		Mike Ishee
	Laura Wells		Chris Bancroft
4/12	Greg Anderson		Chris Callaway
4/13	Camille Elsbecker	4/29	Emma Lou Floyd
	Joe Belanger		Leslie Kregel
4/14	Heather Highland		Tiffanie Dodson
	Trevor Highland		Andrew Smith
4/15	Lynn Ebersole		
4/17	Connie Reynolds		
	Gunnison Hays		

## Not Ready for Prime Time Players

### April 3, Room 202, 5:30pm

Are you too old for Link and not ready for Prime Time, but still interested in fun activities? If so, come help start a new group, Not Ready for Prime Time Players (or whatever we choose to call ourselves). We will have a planning meeting for anyone interested in brainstorming activities such as bowling, eating out, movie watching, Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Grab a tray at Super Wednesday and come to Room 202, where we will brainstorm from 6:00-6:30pm. If you have questions, please contact Diane Forester, d4ester@verizon.net.

## April Prime Time

### April 12, Room 206/208, Noon

Bring your lunch and take a virtual trip to Alaska with fellow Prime Timers in April. Elizabeth is researching Alaskan desserts, so plan to be there!

## New Executive Director – Giving Hope, Inc.

Alonzo Peterson is the new executive director of Giving Hope, Inc. He has worked in the non-profit sector for the last 10 years and has a Master's degree in Public Administration from UNT.

## Sermons Online

We are happy to report that our iTunes podcasts are back online! Please take a moment and check it out, <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/st.-andrew-presbyterian-church/id615313904>.

## Did You Know?

- Alayna Elise Stewart was born February 25, 2013, to proud parents Rob and Lea Stewart; proud grandparents are Bob and Adele Stewart.
- Sophia Brooke Wesp was born February 26, 2013, to proud parents Joshua and Alicia Wesp; proud grandparents are Michael and Ashley Wesp, proud great grandparents are Pat and Lynn Carrico, and proud great great grandfather is Warren Whitson!
- Stephen Plunkett will appear in the 20th episode of CBS' *The Good Wife*, which airs Sundays at 8:00pm; keep an eye on upcoming episodes.

CONGRATULATIONS!

New Members will be received  
in the parlor  
Sunday, March 24,  
after the 10:50am worship service.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Wanda Walker  
Brandon Hines  
Harriet Laney  
Joan Lewis, mother of Roger Lewis  
David Pryor, friend of St. Andrew members  
The family of Al Chandler

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## Presbyterian Women

**Mission Update:** We mailed 316 Boxtops and 207 labels to the Menaul School in Albuquerque in March, to be used to acquire classroom supplies. We also sent a large packet of stamps to Peggy Reinhold, former missionary to the Congo. Peggy uses the proceeds from stamp sales to support Christian Education in the Congo.

**March 26 – Sewing & Crafts**  
*Rec Center Mezzanine, 10:00am*

**April Circle Meetings**  
*Circles I & II, April 9, 9:30am\*,*  
*Circle III, April 10, Parlor, 6:30pm*  
*\*Consult Yearbook for locations*

**Leadership Training Workshop**  
*April 27, Bonham*  
The women's association will pay for lunch and the church van will be going. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lib Berry by **April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

## COLOPHON

**April Shield Deadline:**

*Noon, Wednesday, April 10, 2013*

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## HOLY WEEK

*The Holy Week postcard was mailed Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, and provides details on the services listed below.*

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013**

**MID-DAY PRAYER SERVICES AT NOON, MARCH 25-27**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL AND SERVICE, MARCH 28**  
Fellowship Hall, Meal @ 5:30pm, Service @ 6:15pm

**SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**  
Sanctuary, 7:00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2013**  
Worship Services at 8:30am, 10:50am, and 5:00pm