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# THE CHATTER

A young boy grabbed my sleeve one Wednesday Night, as I made my way through the Family Life Center visiting with families gathered for St. Andrew's, "Dinner With Friends". He pulled me down and I found myself staring into his big brown eyes. He was in early elementary school and his smile could light up the Duke Energy building at night.

Through the noise of the crowd, I heard him say, "I lvesthensws." I said, "Tell me again, I couldn't hear you." His voice became stronger and he said, "I love St. Andrew's!" Since I thought he was going to ask me for basketballs, I was taken by surprise. I smiled big and responded, "I do, too." We shared a moment of smiling together and I asked, "Why do you love St. Andrew's?" Without hesitation he said, "People are nice and we have fun here."

This summer St. Andrew's shared the fun of following Jesus through our Summer Dinner with Friends on Wednesday Nights, Vacation Bible School, Mission Camp, Music camp and our fantastic Youth Mission Trip. Through all of these summer time ministries, we all grew closer to God, made new friends and practiced our faith in unexpected ways.

Sometimes we were uncomfortable. On the Mission Trip, our youth went to people's houses they didn't know to do home repair work. During VBS, Mission & Music Camp we had to shepherd groups of children, some pretty rowdy, through their activities. But we report Good News! We made it. We loved it and we felt God's love with us, in our hearts and flowing through our lives. We hope and pray that the journey in faith that we took this summer will continue on and on through the year. Let us all be that light in the darkness that shares the love of Jesus with everyone on our way.

*"One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the middle of winter."  
— Henry David Thoreau*

Sandy Devoid,  
Director of Christian Education



## FROM THE JOEL COMMITTEE

Gina Collard, Keith Brown, Sue Bullock, Tom Patton, Melanie Tita, Larry Carella, and myself have been meeting as the Joel Committee for several months. It's taken this long because we have wanted to be comprehensive in our work, and St. Andrew's is a place with a long and vibrant history. Our goal all along has been to discern the direction of God's will for St. Andrew's UMC.

We have interviewed past staff and members. We have looked at demographic data. We have listened to feedback from multiple people and groups within the church, and we conducted Christian Conferencing. We are starting to see our process come to its natural end.

We are currently drafting our final report to the Administrative Council. We plan on submitting our report to the Council in September. As a committee we were called into existence by the Council and will give them our findings as a vision and direction for St. Andrew's. We have a handful of specific recommendations, but mostly we will suggest a direction. We have never felt like we had the authority to mandate specific items or make lasting decisions apart from the Council. Rather, we have taken the time to study and pray on behalf of the Council. After we give it to the Council, we will make the report available for everyone to read. In the meantime, here is a brief "leak" of the outline of our report. It will not explain everything. We need a little more time to do that.

We have already given the congregation an advanced view of our vision, and lifted that up during worship in June. This final report will include that vision as well as three other sections. Section one will be list of values. Values are the way we strive to do everything here. Values stretch across programmatic lines. And values are somewhat hard to define for a group of diverse people. But we felt like the following got close to describing our collective identity as a congregation. We value: intimacy with God, relationships with one another, and a reliance on Scripture.

Next we list strategies for ministry. Think of these strategies as general directions or trajectories. Our strategies will include: disciple development, hospitality to all, being a light to the neighborhood, special attention

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## MISSION AND EDUCATION NEWS



### **PRAYER PARTNERS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

You are invited to support a child or youth by praying. You'll be given the name of a child in our church as well as some ways you can pray for your special person. You will touch base with your partner so they know who you are and you can begin to establish a relationship with him or her. This is an awesome way to show our kids that their church family cares deeply for them as individuals. Questions? Sign ups: See Jennifer Bryant or Lisa Pool.

### **DINNER WITH FRIENDS!**

Our Wednesday Night Summer Meals were a great evening of fellowship with our neighbors. More folks began attending our Bible Study in Spanish and kids we have met on Wednesdays came to VBS, Mission Camp, Music Camp and our Youth Mission Trip. Thanks to EVERYONE who helped. We saw Jesus over and over this summer. It was a joy.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

**COMPUTER NEEDED:** Looking for a computer for a family with two high school students. If you are interested in donating a computer for school work purposes, contact Sandy Devoid at [sdevoid@standrewsumc.com](mailto:sdevoid@standrewsumc.com) or 704-553-1327.

### **MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS**

God 30 minutes a week? Be a lunch buddy or a reading buddy! It's easy, fun and your work will help a child for years to come! Contact Sandy Devoid at [sdevoid@standrewsumc.com](mailto:sdevoid@standrewsumc.com) or 704-553-1327.

#### **Items Needed at Montclair School:**

Clorox wipes, baby wipes, Kleenex, composition notebooks Help Karen Gibson! Our own Karen Gibson is a Kindergarten Teacher at Montclair. She is in need of books and donations for her classroom. Check our Karen's Facebook page for ways to help out. Karen is a wonderful teacher! Let's support her good work! Through the year we need folks to help by providing baked goods for Montclair staff. If you are interested in this, let Sandy Devoid know by email [sdevoid@standrewsumc.com](mailto:sdevoid@standrewsumc.com) or 704-553-1327.

# YOUTH NEWS



## YOUTH FALL KICK OFF

Our family kick off meal will be Sunday September 8th at 5:30 in the FLC! Both PARENTS AND YOUTH are welcomed to be there. We will have a cover dish meal and then an informational meeting to follow!

Things that will be covered at the informational meeting:

1. Fall Schedule as well as Sunday night schedule changes:
2. Signups to cook meals for Sunday Nights
3. Important Dates for 2013/2014 trips

I have set up a "Signupgenius" account that has place for you to RSVP with a number attending and with what you intend to bring! I will be emailing out a link to RSVP.

## YOUTH EMAIL LIST

I try to send weekly emails to update you on what is going on with the youth program. Please make sure you check and read these emails! This is the best/primary way to communicate out information! If you would like to be added to this email list, please send an email to youth@standrewsumc.com. If you would like to be removed from the list, please also email me!

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to youth and seniors, capturing the best sense of family, developing multi-generational ministries, and continuing our tradition of missions.

Finally, we do have a handful of specific recommendations. These include a periodic combining of our two worship services, repeating the Christian Conferencing event, and developing a pastor's class.

The Council will receive our report, and if adopted, use the document as a guide for their leadership and ministry goals. Continue to keep St. Andrew's in your prayers. And continue to consider how you might commit yourself to ever-deepening your discipleship.

Peace,  
Dan

## STAYING IN TOUCH

### PRAYERS FOR...

Hilda Bookout	Herb Thomas	Inez Weston
Alan Davis	Vernon Booth	Anne Lisk
Penny Bryant	Ruth Mauldin	John Cassidy
Jessica Carte	Norma Dowless	Dave Thornton
C.J. Ash	Hazel Huss	

Evelyn Miller - Back surgery August 28th.  
 Pearl Poole - Aldersgate  
 Gladys Ott - CMC Main  
 Bernice Ledford - Presbyterian Hospital

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Winnie Littlejohn who passed away on August 3, 2013 and to the family of David Broerman who died on August 9, 2013.

### THANK YOU

To My St. Andrew's Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and concerns during my knee operation and recovery.

I'm coming along ok but there's still a ways to go. The therapy is tough and painful but I'm hanging in there with it.

Within a few weeks, with your good wishes, I'll be back to normal.

Thanks again everyone for your prayers and concerns.

In God's Love, Dave Thornton

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To my church family,

Thank you so much for your love, your prayers, the delightful cards, the delicious food, beautiful flowers, your visits and continued support following my total knee replacement.

You are the best family ever! I have felt your love and prayers in my daily life and recovery. Jimmie and I have enjoyed every delicious bite of food you have brought to us. The flowers from the church altar were wonderful and they brightened up the house. Your cards arrived with the right message and humor that I needed each day. Your visits were enjoyed and always a delight. I am not use to being home, so I really enjoyed seeing our church family.

I look forward to being back at church in September and seeing your smiling faces. In the mean time I send my love and hugs.

Blessings, Norma

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St Andrew's Family,

Larry and I would like to express our appreciation for the "special offering" collected for the Oklahoma tornado victims. Our families were safe this time but as you know many families were not. Please continue to pray for the victims and their families as they continue to rebuild their lives. The children and teachers have returned to school and many are and will be dealing with the trauma of the storm for a long time. Larry and I were very touched by your concern and thoughtfulness.

Blessings to all, Larry and Paula Wolfe

**NEEDED -  
PRESSURE WASHER**

The picnic tables on the playground need to be washed the first weeks of September and May each year. If you have a pressure washer and would like to offer your services twice a year, please talk with Amanda Newhouse or Gina Collard in the preschool office.



**HARVESTERS.** The first meeting of the Harvesters for the 2013-2014 year will be held on Thursday, September 5 at 10:30 AM. A musical program is scheduled that no one will want to miss. Please invite friends who would enjoy a day of entertainment, food and fellowship. If you are not already on a calling list, please make a reservation by calling Rosada Lackey at 704/551-6980. Also bring canned food donations for Loaves and Fishes. Hoping to see you on the 5th. Mark your calendar now!

**HANNAH AND HER SISTERS** will meet on Saturday, September 7 at 10:00 at Linda Kizer's lake house. If anyone needs a ride or wishes to car pool meet at the church by 9:15am. Please bring a lunch item.

**LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST** is looking for volunteers to help their clients. There are opportunities to serve a single time, to do a service once a month. or to work as part of a team helping a client who is in more need. If interested, please call Laurin Austin at Love INC, 704-536-5588 ext. 205.

**SOUND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING** will be held on September 8, 2013. We will have two sessions, one at 10:15am and the other at 1:00pm. Lunch will be served between the two sessions. All persons interested in helping with sound in the FLC needs to be present.



**If anyone wants any part or parts from the old organ please call CJ Ash at 803-547-4146 or 704-560-1315.**



**OUR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** are collecting Country Time Lemonade in the 5lb. 2.5 oz. size. These are used once a month when our United Methodist Women go to Urban Ministries to share a cup of lemonade and a smile. Help support our women with this ministry area. A collection bin is located in the narthex.



The Chiquita Classic is once, again inviting Love INC and other local charities to raise money through the Chiquita Classic 2013 golf tournament. This tournament is one of the four finals events of the Web.com Tour where 150 contenders from both the Web.com and PGA Tour will compete for 50 PGA TOURS Cards. The tournament will be held at River Run Country Club in Davidson, NC on September 2-8, 2013.

Love INC is participating in this Charity Ticket Program, which is a fundraising opportunity that provides non-profit organizations the ability to encourage people to purchase tickets to the tournament. 100% of each ticket sale will return to Love INC to help our ministry make a difference in our community.

One-day access tickets are \$15 with all-week (Thur. - Sun.) access tickets being \$45. The Chiquita Classic website allows anyone purchasing tickets online the opportunity to designate Love INC as their charity of choice. To learn more about the Chiquita Classic and how you can support Love, INC by purchasing tickets, please visit [www.chiquitaclassic.com](http://www.chiquitaclassic.com). or the Love INC facebook page or call 704-536-5588.



# HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Julie Hecksher   | 11 James Carte         | 21 Miriam Moore     |
| 2 Wilda Council    | 11 Joshua Evans        | 22 Evelyn Thomas    |
| 2 Dana Huntley     | 11 Scott Arndt         | 22 Rob Barker       |
| 2 Annie Jones      | 12 Millie Shannon      | 23 Frank Clontz     |
| 3 Kayla McMurray   | 12 Mabel Chapman       | 23 Mary New         |
| 4 Robert Newhouse  | 12 Josh Patton         | 25 Ron Padgett      |
| 6 Sophia Heck      | 14 Edna Senger         | 25 Ted Campbell     |
| 7 Beth Wallace     | 14 Diane Slade         | 27 Jean Wissinger   |
| 7 John Newhouse    | 16 Shirley Eichorn     | 27 Pat Wolfe        |
| 7 DE Murray        | 16 Abbey Buzzard       | 27 Victoria Furr    |
| 7 Hunter Boone     | 16 Hannah Buzzard      | 27 Barnes Brinkley  |
| 8 Betsy Grooms     | 17 Al Sergel           | 28 Sarah Humphries  |
| 8 Kurt Grist       | 17 Matthew Carte       | 28 Mark Schrader    |
| 8 Eric Bryant      | 18 Mary Hutchinson     | 28 Jimmy McLaurin   |
| 9 John Whichard    | 18 Rosada Lackey       | 29 Ashlei Alvarez   |
| 9 Jack Muntz       | 18 Madison Francis     | 29 Katelyn Grist    |
| 9 Devon Patton     | 19 Abby McLaurin-Noell | 29 Rachel Gillespie |
| 10 Steve Gibson    | 19 Jessica Padgett     | 30 David Poteat     |
| 10 Rosemary Gloege | 20 Brenda Heck         | 30 Bobby Murray     |
| 10 Carolyn Kier    | 21 Kathryn Humphries   | 30 Max Jelley       |
| 10 Jennifer Catha  | 21 Anne Friese         |                     |
| 10 Jordan Stokes   | 21 Elaine Brewer       |                     |
| 11 Andrea Ridgely  | 21 Jennifer Wiker      |                     |
| 11 Jay Kizer       | 21 Jacob Catha         |                     |

## 2013 Schedule

Family Life Center Service Coffee

**SEPTEMBER**

**First Sunday** To be announced  
**Second Sunday** To be announced  
**Third Sunday** To be announced  
**Fourth Sunday** To be announced  
**Subs:** To be announced

Recycle Pickup 2013

**September .....** To be announced

Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up

Schedule for 2013

**September .....**Jimmie Dowless

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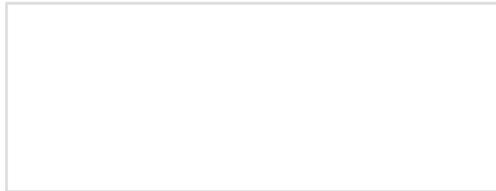
**September Team Leader...**

Fred Boger  
Cember Carella  
Larry Carella  
Mark Collard  
Larry Collins  
Linda Collins  
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### NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE

September 15, 2013 at 12:00 Noon

### SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Every Tuesday at Noon

Send your Chatter/Bulletin information,  
inserts, etc. to:

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