

# Disciples of Christ no creed but Christ

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Shouldn't activities be slowing down during the last month of my ministry at Saint Andrews? Not when the month is October! There are several very special events during the month.

Two baptisms are scheduled. Melissa Whitler will be baptized on Wednesday evening, October 19. Ryan Rembecki will be baptized in morning worship on October 30.

The Vick family is planning baby dedications for their beautiful children.

On October 2, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. With congregations around the world, we affirm God's covenant of love in Christ as we come around the Table of the Lord. Members will be baking breads representing several different countries. On this same day, we will recognize and bless Mary Peebles and Evelyn Witherspoon as new elders.

The last four Sundays in October, we will present the stewardship theme—"Extravagant Generosity." We will study the Biblical basis for our sharing our resources and talents in ministry at Saint Andrews.

Blessings,

*Pastor Randy*



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# October 2011

Extravagant Generosity:  
Please Pledge to SACC!

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1 Birthdays:  
Patrick Morales  
Jaelin Vick

## SURVEYS DUE

2 Elder installation— Mary Peebles & Evelyn Witherspoon, 11 am	3 Birthday— Melissa Whitler	4 Birthday— Judy Sawyer	5	6	7 Anniversary— Kerri & Jeff Vick	8
9 Fellowship Dinner 12 PM	10	11 <b>ELDERS 7 PM</b>	12 Birthday— Jacob Preuss	13	14 Birthdays - Hannah Gerko Kelsey Johnson	15 Birthday— Randy Smithson
16	17	18	19 	20	21	22 Birthday— Cindy Whitten
23 <b>Happy Retirement!</b> <b>Party / Dinner for Randy and Anne</b> 6 PM	24 Birthdays— David Allen Carol Johnson <i>Noon Prayer Pals</i>	25	26	27  <b>Food Pantry</b> 6 PM	28	29 Birthdays - Nancy Daniel John McCasland
30 <b>SMITHSONS' LAST WORK- ING DAY.</b> <b>BE THERE!</b>	31					 <i>Trick or Treat 5 PM</i>

# OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE

Activity	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30
Prepare communion	Robyn and Hannah Gerko	Tricia Whitler	Tammy LaFratte	Anna Bassford	Chi Rho Group
Greeters*	Jean & Wally Crover	Sally & George Tiegs	Martha & Gregg Hoppe	Mary & Michael Peebles	CYF class
Worship Leader	Robyn S-Gerko	Charlotte Sasser	Cindy Rowe	Cindy Whitten	Laverne Henkis
Scripture Reader	Reggie M <sup>c</sup> Clendon	Heath Koch	Amy Stephenson	L. Stephenson	Hannah Gerko
Servers	Carol Johnson Michael Johnson March Maher Sheila Maher Patrick Morales Debbie Gondolf	Jim Wilson Eric Bailey Jean Bailey Brett Malott Gary Stephenson Louellen Stephenson	Evelyn Witherspoon Dick Witherspoon Mary Sebastian Ron Sebastian Judy Preuss Jacob Preuss	Anna Poul Tammy La Fratts Wally Crover Gregg Hoppe John M <sup>c</sup> Casland Hannah M <sup>c</sup> Casland	Micheal Schafer Erin Schafer Jeff Koch Jan Wilbanks John Wilbanks R. M <sup>c</sup> Clendon
Communion Leader	Randy Smithson	Michael Gordon	Robyn Shipley-Gerko	Russ Daniel	Bill Sawyer
Children's Msg	Anne Smithson	Jeff Koch	Pam Wilson	Jean Crover	Robyn Shipley-Gerko
Extended Session	John and Hannah M <sup>c</sup> Casland	Leah Gordon	Laverne Henkis	Robyn and Hannah Gerko	Kari Sylvis

Message to Greeters: Please invite all visitors to sign the guest book located on the small table to the left of the main Sanctuary doors.

REQUEST AND APPRECIATION: No schedule is perfect. If you need to secure a replacement, please do so. Then email

Nancy.daniel@e-sacc.org or phone the Church Office (972.492.7531) to tell us the change. Thanks.

## A Note from the Chairman

Like Pastor Randy said, there's a LOT going on.

The Nominating Committee is looking for new Board members; the elders will be looking for new elders soon as well. The Search and Call Committee continues to do God's work in finding us a new pastor. I am so impressed with the fruition of these committees' efforts. People at Saint Andrews do GREAT work!

The new directory will be out soon. The Accounting Manual will be completed before Randy retires. WHEW!

Change is hard. Losing the pastoral ministry of our long-term and trusted advisor is difficult.

I know that many of us are feeling somewhat ungrounded with Randy's looming retirement.

As we pray for strength and divine guidance, let us remember to rejoice in Randy and Anne's pending free time, reduction of stress and unseen, but still exciting, opportunities.

We will all be okay. The Lord knows what He's doing.

Blessings,

*Pam*



## Put God First

Respond gratefully to what God has first given us. All that we do is a response to God's grace. Everything we are, have, and use comes from God. Best of all,

God gives the gift of Jesus Christ and the community of believers. It all begins with God. Our confession of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is not of our doing. Grateful stewards put God first.

"...but they gave themselves first to the Lord."

2 Corinthians 8:5

**W**orship in church every Sunday wherever you are

**O**pen your heart and mind to new possibilities

**R**ead your Bible

**S**ing a hymn of praise

**H**elp someone in need

**I**nvoke a friend or neighbor to church

**P**ray every day and practice Christian hospitality

Steve Capel

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Richmond, Virginia

# What's Happening at SACC?

## PRAYER PALS

... Ask you to remember

*Lyndsey Campbell*  
*The Chaplin Family*  
*Etta Marie's g'daughter Christine*  
*Mary and Dan Daniel*  
*Nancy Daniel*  
*Tom Ebel*  
*Bob Edwards*  
*Barbara Miller*  
*Glenn Startz*  
*Gary Stephenson*  
*Grant Story*

## YOUTH

Youth Sunday shook it all up! Reports are that the youth did an outstanding job of sharing their Christian commitment with the rest of the congregation September 25. Amy Stephenson and Reggie McClendon deserve accolades for their investment in our youth.

### Kids' Kafe— The Best Buy in Town!



Every Wednesday night at 5:45, we enjoy dinner together and help the church too! Kids' Kafe dinners are a reasonable \$3, and the proceeds help to pay ½ the cost of summer camps for our SACC youth. Now, here's another good thing—you don't have to be a kid to enjoy Kids' Kafe. Folks of all ages are welcome. All we ask is that you let us know if you're coming so we can prepare plenty of food. You can fill out a pew pocket card on Sunday, or you can e-mail Randy at [randy.smithson@sacc.org](mailto:randy.smithson@sacc.org) to let us know you're coming.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Pictorial Directory



We had a wonderful response to our pictorial directory project. We had fifty-seven family units coming to get their photographs made. The church received \$2 credit for each family photographed, and this credit can be used for extra pages in the directory or extra copies of the directory. The preliminary design will be sent in to Olan Mills by the end of September. Several weeks later, a rough draft will be sent to us for editing and correcting any errors. After we send a corrected copy back to Olan Mills, the directory will be printed. You should be getting your directory by the first of December. Thanks to all the sign-up people, the phone committee, and the hosts/hostesses who helped make this project so successful!

### Fellowship Dinner

OCTOBER 9  
AFTER CHURCH

On Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon, the congregation will gather for lunch in the fellowship hall. The dinner just won't be complete without you and your family! Please remember to bring extra food so that we can invite visitors to stay for lunch and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish (and food!) and place it in the fellowship hall before worship. We'll see you on October 9<sup>th</sup>

Thanks!

Anne Smithson,  
Mary Peebles,  
Velvet Scholz-  
Membership

## YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults got together for a pot luck dinner at SACC in September and had a great time. With THE wedding in November, they may take a couple of

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



No information at time of publication. Check in with the men at church to see what's up in October!

## SENIORS

Seniors will be having fun October 15 at 6 pm. No details available at time of publication, but a good time is bound to be had by all!!!

## OUTREACH



### CROP HUNGER WALK REPORT

What a great CROP walk it was! On August 27<sup>th</sup>, nearly 200 participants gathered at the Holy Covenant United Methodist Church for the annual Crop Hunger Walk. Saint Andrews had 19 folks participating!

A few pledges are still coming in, but the current total from all churches is \$16,996.94! This amount is quite an increase from previous years. CROP donations will go a long way to help buy food for those far away and those here in our community.

# What's Happening at SACC?

## EMPTY NESTERS



Empty Nesters had a lot of fun last month.

Come for the Oktoberfest in the Fellowship Hall on October 7.

Jean and Eric Bailey are hosting. Find out if Eric can play an accordion. We already know he can wear a skirt!

## SEARCH & CALL



The Search and Call Committee is in the process of collecting the congregational surveys from each person in our congregation.

You should have received notification from Survey Monkey, via an email from Margaret McCasland. Please take a moment to fill out the short survey, the input we receive from this survey will be used in our search for our new full-time pastor.

If you do not have access to a computer, paper copies of the survey are available at the church.

Thank you in advance for filling out the survey. Your opinion matters!

**CONGREGATION SURVEYS**  
**DUE 10/3**

## RETIREMENT

Unless otherwise instructed, Retirement Party committee should arrive in the Fellowship Hall at 4 pm on Oct. 23 to set up for the big

**PARTY!**



## STEWARDSHIP

The church needs your help. The Stewardship Committee cannot build a budget without a clue about its expected revenues in 2012.

Please consider completing and submitting your pledge in the offering plate on Sunday!!

## TRICK OR TRUNK



October 29 is the date for the annual "Trick or Trunk." Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner followed by games and activities at 5:30.

Michael and Leah Gordon are the founders of Trick or Trunk and long-time leaders and cooks for the Chili Dinner. Anne and Randy (not a certified cook) and many others will assist. Youth will serve participants at the tables in the fellowship hall.

Contributions received at the chili dinner will be directed to the Youth Fund to help offset the cost of summer camps and much-needed resources during the years.

Members of the congregation should decorate the trunks of vehicles and park on the north parking lot. Bring lots of candy or small, safe gifts for kids.

Outdoor games will be on the back lawn of the church.

Thank you for supporting Trick or Trunk.