



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS: Nov 12, Mark Partlow; Nov 14, Mona Garnett; Nov 15, Laura Hall, Jessie Cowles; Nov 16, Butch Porter; Nov 17, Melanie Fisher; Nov 18, Chris Vick

MARRIAGE: Stephen David “Trey” Brunson III, son of Cindy Brunson and Steve Brunson, was joined in marriage with **Marcy Caitlin Spikes** on Nov 11.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Abbey Hale, Lorie Turner, Mary Lou Thesmar, Joe Marsh, David, Paul, Mark, Rhonda & Dale, Anita Coughlin, Callie, Paul Massa, Carole Scruggs, Mary Ellen, Lori, Wendy Davis, Fr. René, and Lindsey Mobley

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST, REMEMBERING TODAY: OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAMS, ASHLEY STRANGE, NIKKI SKILES, BRIAN CLEMMER, STUART SKILES, BUTCH PORTER, ED, MARY STINNETT, BUCKY, PAUL HYDE, JACK & GAIL BOBICZ, PAM BRAMLEGE, JULI VALLEY, BARBARA & TOMMY JONES, ANN & WALKER, BETTY & TOM, THERESA, BILL RICHARDSON, DAN S., SHERRI, SAVANNAH HYDE, and MIKE COLEMAN

✿ ALTAR FLOWERS ✿

Given by Byard Clemmons and family to the glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Mtr. Gerry Clemmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO: If you were not able to have your portrait taken by Portrait Café, you still can have your photo added by contacting the office within the next few days. Cynthia will be glad to take your photo.

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE: It's not too late to turn in your 2024 pledge card. If you didn't get your mailing or misplaced it, we have more in the office. We ask that you turn in your pledges as soon as possible so that Martha, Matthew our Treasurer, and the Finance Committee can put together a realistic budget for next year. Thank you for your love and faithfulness in supporting the ministry of Saint Andrew's.

VESTRY MINUTES: The Vestry meeting minutes from Oct 18 are posted on the parish hall bulletin board and on the church website for your perusal.

ADVENT 4 and CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE PARTICIPANT SIGN-UP: The sign-up for service participants for Dec 24 at 9:30 AM and all the Christmas Eve services is posted on the parish hall bulletin board. Please consider helping with these special services.

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLY EUCHARIST: Thursday, Nov 23, at 10:00 AM.

SCHEDULED CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING: The church office will be closed Wednesday–Friday, Nov 22–24, with no Bible studies or morning prayer on Wednesday or Friday.

SCHEDULE CHANGES MONDAY–FRIDAY, NOV 13–17: Morning Prayer **WILL** meet Mon–Wed; Evening Prayer **WILL** meet Tues; Morning Prayer **WILL NOT** meet Thur–Fri because of the Senyoni naturalization ceremony on Thur and the Diocesan Convention on Fri. Men’s Bible Study **WILL** meet as usual on Mon at 10, and Ladies Bible Study **WILL** meet as usual on Tues at 10. The Exodus study on Tues **WILL NOT** meet; Fr. Jeff’s Wed study and Fr. Christian’s Thurs study **WILL NOT** meet. The EYC **WILL** have their Wed 6:00 PM Bible study. Fr. Jeff will be on Jury Duty for the week.

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY FOR SENYONIS: Dear friends in Christ, we are so grateful for your support and friendship from far and wide in praying with us and for us. It’s been a long journey and so many people helped along the way. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your faithfulness in standing with us! If you desire to attend our naturalization ceremony, the date is **Thursday, Nov 16, 2023, at 9:00 AM**, at the Benjamin Hooks Library, 3030 Poplar in Memphis. Blessings, Christian+

SAINT ANDREW’S NIGHT – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: This year we will have Saint Andrew’s Night here at the church in the parish hall. It is scheduled for **Wednesday, Nov 29, at 6:00 PM**. Please mark your calendars, and sign up on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Saint Andrew’s will provide all the food this year. You are welcome to bring wine for your dinner if you wish. We hope you will join us for this special, once-a-year evening. New Vestry members for 2024 will be elected, and Fr. Jeff will update us on the state of the parish. Please sign up ASAP, and indicate need for baby/toddler nursery by Nov 19.

VESTRY NOMINEES FOR 2024: Be sure to read the biographies included in the bulletin for our six Vestry candidates for 2024. The election of three new vestry positions will be held at Saint Andrew’s Night on Wednesday, Nov 29, at 6:00 PM. The nominees are **Mary Walton Allen, Lisa Carter, Ting Ting Davis, Charles Hall, Don Johnston**, and **Jay Walne**. Their willingness to serve Saint Andrew’s is greatly appreciated.

ADVENT RETREAT: On **Dec 3** after the 10:30 service, there will be an Advent Retreat led by Fr. Jeff Marx helping us to focus on the season and prepare us for Christmas. Lunch will be provided for retreat attendees. Please sign up in the parish hall and indicate whether you will eat lunch. Also, please indicate whether you will need nursery/childcare (give children’s ages). We need the lunch and nursery/childcare information by **Sunday, Nov 25** so we can order the food and hire nursery workers if needed.

LESSONS & CAROLS LED BY EYC: Everyone is invited to Lessons & Carols, which will be led by our EYC group on **Dec 10 at 5:00 PM**. Come out for a nice Advent service in support of our youth.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT HOSTED BY EYC: Our EYC group is hosting Parents' Night Out on **Saturday, Dec 16, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.** It's a great time for parents to have a date night or go Christmas shopping, or both.

ADVENT COOKIE EXCHANGE AND DIRTY SANTA: Ladies, we're going to get together for a Cookie Exchange and Dirty Santa Party. It will be at Erinn Monette's home (3282 N. Hartwell Ridge Dr., C'ville) on **Saturday, Dec 16, 1:00–4:00 PM.** The Cookie Exchange will start at 1:00 PM, and the Dirty Santa present exchange will start at 2:00 PM. You don't have to do the cookie exchange or the Dirty Santa (or either) if you do not want to participate in them! Just come and mingle and chat over some snacks and drinks. We want everyone to have a good time! We are trying to do this in early afternoon before it gets dark out, but, if you need a ride, let us know. Please sign up in the parish hall if you plan to attend. Bring a friend if you'd like. Also, put what kind of cookie you are making/buying so that we don't end up with 20 dozen chocolate chip cookies! For the Dirty Santa, if you plan to participate, bring one wrapped gift of up to \$20 in value. Contact Stacy Coughlin at 901.270.4319 or at stacycoughlin@comcast.net if you have any questions.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: You may submit your requests for poinsettias in memory or honor of someone. The church is always beautifully decorated with poinsettias on Christmas Eve and the First Sunday after Christmas. The cost is \$15.00 for each dedication. Turn in your check made out to Saint Andrew's (put "poinsettia" on the memo line), **and** be sure to turn in the names (indicating in memory, in honor, or in thanksgiving) to Cynthia or Martha by **Dec 15.**

Daily Office, Year 1, Proper 27, Nov 12–18, BCP 992

Sun	AM Psalm 93, 96 Ezra 10:1-17	PM Psalm 34 Acts 24:10-21	Luke 14:12-24
Mon	AM Psalm 80 Neh. 9:1-15(16-25)	PM Psalm 77, [79] Rev. 18:1-8	Matt. 15:1-20
Tue	AM Psalm 78:1-39 Neh. 9:26-38	PM Psalm 78:40-72 Rev. 18:9-20	Matt. 15:21-28
Wed	AM Psalm 119:97-120 Neh. 7:73b—8:3,5-18	PM Psalm 81, 82 Rev. 18:21-24	Matt. 15:29-39
Thu	AM Psalm [83] or 23,27 1 Macc. 1:1-28	PM Psalm 85, 86 Rev. 19:1-10	Matt. 16:1-12
Fri	AM Psalm 88 1 Macc. 1:41-63	PM Psalm 91, 92 Rev. 19:11-16	Matt. 16:13-20
Sat	AM Psalm 87, 90 1 Macc. 2:1-28	PM Psalm 136 Rev. 20:1-6	Matt. 16:21-28

EYC MISSION STATEMENT

Our goal as a youth group is to be an all-inclusive community of young believers who set an example for other Christians in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity (1 Tim 4:12).

EYC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- If you have questions or you want to be added to the list to get texts about EYC events, get in touch with Julie at 901-240-6189.
- Sunday school meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Be sure to make this a priority in your Sunday routine. Donuts are usually provided as an extra incentive to come learn from Fr. Christian.
- Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM in the basement EYC Sunday school room. Snacks are provided, and we hope to see everyone there!
- **Applications are now open for Diocesan Youth Council!** The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is a group made up of 10th-12th grade students from around the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee tasked with bringing their thoughts, perspectives, and interests to diocesan leadership, creating meaningful fellowship and service events for young people in our diocese, and providing insight to Bishop & Council. The first term of the DYC will begin in Spring 2024. Members will meet once a quarter over Zoom. The anticipated time commitment will be 4 hours/quarter. Applications for the DYC are due by Dec 15, 2023. Apply at EDWTN.org/Youth.
- Sunday, Nov 19: We will meet in the parish hall from 5:30-7:30.
- Wednesday, Nov 22: No EYC Bible Study.
- Thursday, Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day – Holy Eucharist at 10 AM. Give THANKS and enjoy turkey day!
- Wednesday, Nov 29: Saint Andrew's Night, at 6 PM, so no Bible Study that night either. If you are 16 years old or older, you are welcome to join the adults in the parish hall. Everyone else can come to the church basement for pizza and to help play with the younger kids while the parents are upstairs.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Sunday, Dec 10: Lessons and Carols. More details to follow but readers will be needed. If you have a talent to share like playing an instrument, reading a poem, etc., we would love to have you showcase that during this service. Let Julie know what you would like to do for this service.
- Saturday, Dec 16: EYC will do Parents Night Out; we will be hosting games and activities with the younger kids. Be thinking of something fun we can do with them.

SOLO: SIGNS OF ENDING ALL AROUND US

(words by Dean W. Nelson, b. 1944; music is GENEVA by George Henry Day, 1883–1966)

Signs of endings all around us,
darkness, death, and winter days
shroud our lives in fear and sadness,
numbing mouths that long to praise.
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us!
Hear our cries, come set us free.
Give us hope and faith and gladness.
Show us what there yet can be.

Can it be that from our endings
new beginnings you create?
Life from death, and from our rendings,
realms of wholeness generate?
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them
into hopes for life anew.
Fading light and dying season
sing their Glorias to you.

Speak, O God, your word among us.
Barren lives your presence fill.
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness,
terrors calm, forebodings still.
Let your promised realm of justice
blossom now throughout the earth;
your dominion bring now near us;
we await the saving birth.