



2023-2024

Ministry Year

St Andrews Presbyterian Church

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A word from your Pastor

As we celebrate St Andrews' 40th anniversary, our verse of the year is very appropriate at this time in the life of the church. For 40 years, "The Church on the Hill" has sought to please God by stepping out in faith to follow Him. And in that pursuit, we have found God to be faithful every step of the way. Recently, I had the privilege of watching again the video celebrating the church's 25th anniversary. Several of the folks in that presentation are with the Lord now, but, like Abel and the faithful saints of old, "though they died, yet they still speak." The dominant theme from those voices of the past is God's faithfulness – through the work of the Holy Spirit—building His Church and transforming lives for His glory.

As we continue to help people joyfully know Jesus Christ, love Him more and serve Him better, we can trust the promise from our verse of the year that as we seek the Lord and draw near to Him in faith, He will bless us with fruitfulness. What more could we hope for than to have the blessing of the Lord on our church and in our lives?

As we begin a new ministry year together in August, it is a good time to evaluate your involvement as a member at St Andrews. Let me encourage you to ask yourself the following four questions: Am I faithful in my worship attendance? Have I found a way to connect deeply with other members in my spiritual family? Do I seek to grow in my faith by attending at least one growth class each semester? Are the gifts that God has given me being used to serve the church? If you find yourself lacking in any of these four areas, let me encourage you to exercise your faith by getting involved in our Disciple Flow. Be sure that you are "not forsaking the assembly" and that you are finding at least one way to connect, grow, and serve here. I am excited about the future as we look forward in faith to many more years of God's faithfulness.

Rev. Marc Rattray

*And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.
Hebrews 11:6*

together we Worship

Corporate worship is at the center of the life of the Church. We are invited to come together into the presence of God, singing with joy to the Rock of our Salvation. As different members of one body, you have a unique role in our worship. No other voice can sing your part in our song. No other body can fill your presence in our gathering. And no other heart can bring your thanksgiving into the sanctuary. Be sure you are here at every opportunity to do your part in praising our Creator and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus. And as we rehearse the gospel and participate in the means of grace, come in faith, expecting the Lord to provide spiritual nourishment and growth to your soul.

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!
Psalm 95:1-2*



events

HEATHER SORENSON CONCERT

Back by popular demand, Heather Sorenson is returning to SAPC for a candlelight concert! Eclectic in her musicianship, she easily maneuvers between contemporary, traditional, and classical genres of music. Come hear this talented pianist, singer, composer, and arranger!

[October 22 | 6:30p | Sanctuary](#)

ADVENT

HANGING OF THE GREEN

The Advent season at St Andrews kicks off with this special family service. The sanctuary and outside of the church will be transformed with Christmas decorations. Sing carols and enjoy music of the season while exploring Christmas customs. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Great Hall following the service.

[November 26 | 6:00p | Sanctuary](#)

SING WE THE SONG OF EMMANUEL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This Christmas concert celebrating our Savior's birth is a highlight of our Advent season at St Andrews! *Sing We the Song of Emmanuel* will feature orchestra and St Andrews' choirs of all ages.

[December 17 | 6:00p | Sanctuary](#)

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Come in anticipation and celebration of the Lord's incarnation, as we light the Advent wreath, sing carols of the season, and hear God's Word proclaimed.

[December 24 | 10:30a | Sanctuary](#)

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

This brief time of worship on Christmas Eve is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, sing carols, and hear God's Word. The service concludes with the lighting of candles to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World, and that we Christians should let our lights shine.

[December 24 | 5:00p | Sanctuary](#)

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Join us for our Sunday morning worship service as we remember Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. The children will process around the sanctuary as they wave palm branches. Adults can wave branches from their places in the sanctuary, too!

[March 24 | 10:30a | Sanctuary](#)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

We will observe Communion in this service, as we remember Christ sharing the Passover meal with His disciples and instituting the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The word "maundy" is derived from the Latin word for "command." The command referred to in the title of the service is the one Jesus gave in John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

[March 28 | 7:00p | Sanctuary](#)

EASTER SUNDAY

In this special worship service, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection!

[March 31 | 10:30a | Sanctuary](#)

TIM ZIMMERMAN & THE KING'S BRASS IN CONCERT

As part of the Summer @ St Andrews series, Tim Zimmerman & The King's Brass will be returning to SAPC! This group is much loved by our congregation! You will not want to miss this interactive concert performed by stellar musicians.

[June 26 | 7:00p | Sanctuary](#)

together we Connect

God's people are designed to live in community with one another, to connect deeply, and to encourage one another in our faith. In a church the size of St Andrews, it's easy to come and go anonymously without really being invested in the lives of your fellow believers. But to experience "church" in that way is to fall short of God's design. Find a place to connect with your brothers and sisters on a deeper level through a Community Group or other connection group within the church. We are many members of one Body and we need each other.

Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good work... encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
Hebrews 10:24-25



Community Groups

Community groups typically meet on Sunday evenings (2-3 times a month) for fellowship, a discussion based on the sermon, and time in prayer together. This opportunity to engage on a more personal level encourages our people to get to know each other better in a more intentional way. There are groups available for everyone, so contact us today to get involved.

Sign up online or contact Andrew Davis (andrew@sapc.net).
[Resume August 20, 2023](#)



Membership Classes

Our Membership Class is held on a Saturday morning, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about SAPC or in becoming a member is encouraged to attend. Attendance does not commit you, but we do ask those wanting to join the church to attend. Childcare will be available.

[October 21, February 3, April 20](#)



Connect events

MINISTRY YEAR GET CONNECTED EVENT

Our morning will begin with our whole church coming together at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we'll move together to the Great Hall, where each person can explore the opportunities to Worship, Connect, Grow, and Serve at SAPC. Don't miss this important event in the life of our church!

[August 13 | 9:15a | Sanctuary & Great Hall](#)

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

We are so thankful to be able to celebrate 40 years of St Andrews. Join us on September 10 as we celebrate God's faithfulness to our church. Lunch and a brief program will follow the morning worship service.

[September 10 | After Worship | Great Hall](#)

WOMEN'S WALK, TALK, AND EAT

Enjoy God's creation, fellowship with other women, and wind it up with good food! We will be meeting in downtown Columbia at the Riverfront Park for a walk, and end up eating at the Bierkeller Restaurant. The walk begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.

[September 14 | 5:30p | Riverfront Park](#)

MEN'S FALL CLASSIC

We're excited to announce the return of the SAPC Fall Classic! Come and play a round of golf on October 13 and then join us later that evening for a meal and some skeet shooting. Watch for details as this event gets closer!

[October 13 | 9:00a](#)

LOVE, LAUGH, PURSUE: A NIGHT OF COMEDY

This event, featuring comedian Ted Cunningham, is for you to unplug from the busyness of your hectic life and enjoy an evening of laughter and storytelling. Spend a fun evening reconnecting and learning practical tips you can use to strengthen your marriage and relationships.

[November 10 | 7:00p | Sanctuary](#)

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our beloved annual Christmas dinner features a catered meal, beautiful decorations, and a meaningful message by a guest speaker. Making the evening even more special are the men from the congregation who volunteer their time to serve us on this special evening.

[December 5 | 6:00p | Great Hall](#)

CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Another special SAPC tradition is our celebratory Christmas covered-dish lunch, with audience participation in some favorite traditions. Pull out your favorite recipes and festive spirit and join in!

[December 10 | After Worship | Great Hall](#)

ADULTS 55+ CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our Adults 55+ Christmas Luncheon is always filled with good food and great fellowship! With a catered meal and entertainment, it's a special event not to be missed.

[December 14 | 11:30a | Great Hall](#)

RESIST THE DRIFT MARRIAGE EXPERIENCE

This two-day conference is for those preparing to take their vows, newlyweds, or those married for any length of time. Hear from our trained marriage specialists about how their marriage moved from being just roommates to true soulmates, and how you can do the same. Receive biblically-based teaching and tools to reconnect and strengthen your marriage!

[January 19 | 7:00p | Sanctuary](#)

[January 20 | 9:00a-12:30p | Sanctuary](#)

DATE NIGHT

Men's Ministry is excited to partner with the Children's and Women's Ministry Teams to host a date night on February 9. We'll have food, childcare, and entertainment so that couples can enjoy an evening of fun here at the church.

[February 9 | 6:00p | Great Hall](#)

WOMEN'S EVENING AT LOVELAND COFFEE

This is a night for the ladies! We will be meeting at Loveland Coffee for fun, good coffee, snacks, and a special class.

[March 14 | 7:00p | Loveland Coffee](#)

SPORTSMAN DINNER

Men are encouraged to bring their family members, friends, neighbors, or co-workers to enjoy this unique dinner. Our speaker will encourage men in their lives, families, and work.

[April 26 | 6:00p | Great Hall](#)

TEA ON THE HILL: A CUP OF JOY

A Cup of Joy: Recapturing Joy Amidst the Drudgery of Life Every year, the women of the church enjoy a full three-course English Tea and hear from speakers on various topics. It is a time to slow down, enjoy the bounty of the handmade savories and sweets, and be encouraged. This year, our theme is that of Joy. Is it even possible in our world today?

[April 27 | 2:00p | Great Hall](#)

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

Join us for family fun and games at Saluda Shoals Park. This SAPC tradition will be followed by a covered-dish picnic meal in the early evening. Bring your favorite side items, desserts, etc. Main dishes and drinks provided.

[May 19 | 2:00p | Saluda Shoals Park](#)

SUMMER AT SAPC

Families and folks of all ages are encouraged to come and enjoy the various activities planned for each Wednesday evening! Specific details to follow.

[June 12, 26, July 10](#)

SUMMER CHURCHWIDE FAMILY GATHERING

This covered-dish lunch will follow the worship service on Sunday, July 28. Plan now to join us in the Great Hall with your favorite dishes in tow for a delicious lunch and time of fellowship!

[July 28 | After Worship | Great Hall](#)



together we **Grow**

The end goal of growing in the knowledge of Jesus is to love Him in worship and devotion, now and forever. If you belong to Christ, one day you will be mystically joined to Him in a way that the Bible compares to being married. There will be an intimacy and love with God that we can barely imagine now. As we anticipate in faith that full union, it is incumbent on us to increase our knowledge of the One who is the lover of our souls. St. Andrews is committed to offering growth classes that will help its members know Jesus and love Him more. Be sure to find a class each semester to “grow in the grace and knowledge” of the Lord.

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.

2 Peter 3:18



Sundays

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:45a

WEEKLY CORPORATE PRAYER

We pray for our church and the worship service using God's Word as our guide.

9:15a

NEW WINE CHINESE

FELLOWSHIP

A Chinese-language ministry which seeks to reach the thousands of Chinese families in our area with the good news of Jesus.

CHILDREN'S GROWTH CLASSES

Children infant through 5th grade study and grow in God's Word using the *Show Me Jesus*™ curriculum, the covenant story of Scripture, centered on Christ.

YOUTH GROWTH CLASSES | GRADES 6-12

The youth are going through 1 & 2 Thessalonians using the S.O.A.P method. Our goal is to help the youth know how to study Scripture and apply it to their lives, and learn how to pray using the Scriptures. We will be separated into three different classes: Middle School, High School Girls, and High School Guys.

SUNDAY EVENINGS COMMUNITY GROUPS

Meet at various times and locations, typically three Sundays a month.

YOUTH PRAISE TEAM

Meets 5:00-6:00p in Youth Area.

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Meets 6:00-7:00p in room 220.

ADULT & YOUNG ADULTS GROWTH CLASSES

Our website lists the current class offerings for adults and young adults at sapc.net/grow.

10:00a

FELLOWSHIP IN THE GATHERING PLACE

Enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Place at the conclusion of Sunday Morning Growth Classes.

10:30a

WORSHIP SERVICE

God's people gather to fellowship, sing, worship, and hear from God's Word.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the worship service, Children's Church, 4K-5K have play-based Bible activities using *Little Kid's Time*™ curriculum, while discovering God's truth and His great love for us. *Nursery is available for children 3 and under during the worship service.*

FALL SEMESTER CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 20, 2023

SPRING SEMESTER CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 7, 2024

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Wednesday Nights

Wednesday Nights at St Andrews offer a chance to connect mid-week through a meal. After we eat, there are classes available for all ages. Also, if you're interested in finding ways to help out around the church, we have ongoing projects where you can serve alongside one another. Take time out of your week to come and be part of the church family, be encouraged, and connect with one another. This is also a great opportunity to invite friends to come and get to know our church outside of Sunday Morning Worship.



FALL 2023 WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF

You said you wanted more trivia and we listened! Our Wednesday Night Kickoff, on August 23, starts with a meal (sign up requested) and moves right on to Family Trivia Night. Don't miss this fun for-all-ages evening! [August 23 | 5:30p | Great Hall](#)



SCHEDULE

- 5:30p** Dinner & Fellowship | Great Hall
 * Weekly menu may be found in the worship guide and at [sapc.net](#)
 * Dinner registration (requested) opens the Thursday before the meal and closes on Sunday night
- 6:00p** Youth Group (6th-12th grade) | Youth Area
- 6:15p** Children's Choir (1st-5th grade) | Children's Choir Room
 Preschool Choir (4's & 5's) | Room 103
 PB&J (Praise, Bible, & Jesus) (Ages 2-3) | Room 107
 Nursery (1 & under) available 6:15-7:30p | Room 106
- 6:30p** Adult Growth Classes | various locations ([sapc.net/grow](#))
- 6:55p** Kids' Quest Catechism Club (4K-3rd grade) | Rooms 101, 102, 103
 MERGE Bible Study (4th-5th grade) | Room 100
- 7:15p** Choir | Room 220





40th ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

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September 10, 2023



We are excited to partner with Focus on the Family for these two events!

FOCUS^{ON}THE FAMILY[®]



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together we Serve

Through the members that He has called here, God has given St Andrews every gift that we need to serve Him faithfully. Have you found a place to serve the Body of Christ? It is our great privilege to be stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us and to use them for His glory and the growth of His Kingdom. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we can work shoulder to shoulder in fulfilling the calling He has placed upon our lives. Join together in the work of the Kingdom by serving in at least one area of the ministry.

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
1 Peter 4:10-11*



events

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out takes place at Irmo Community Park and is focused on serving first responders and their families. This community outreach seeks to build relationships between SAPC and the Town of Irmo in a unique way.

- Contact Andrew Davis (andrew@sapc.net)
August 1 | 5:00p | Irmo Community Park

OKRA STRUT

This is a great opportunity to serve in our community! For the 2023 Irmo Okra Strut, we need volunteers to help decorate our float, ride/walk in the parade, lead craft tables for kids, serve at the SAPC tent, and help in other ways. Plan to volunteer and enjoy our town's festivities!

- Contact Andrew Davis (andrew@sapc.net)
September 30 | 9:00a-3:00p | Parade and Irmo Community Park

FALL FESTIVAL

Don't miss this FREE family-fun event! There will be food, games, inflatables, fun, candy, and more! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to the New Life Field for all of the fun!

- Contact Jeanette Simpson (jeanette@sapc.net)
October 29 | 5:00p | New Life Field

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

This year, once again, SAPC will be a collection point for Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoeboxes. During this week, we receive shoeboxes dropped off by the community and then pack them up and ensure they get on their way to the OCC Charlotte Processing Center.

- Contact Mary Dale Morgan (marydale@sapc.net)
November 13-20 | Office Lobby

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING LUNCH

This is SAPC's annual outreach meal for elderly and disadvantaged community members.

- Contact Andrew Davis (andrew@sapc.net)
November 21 | 8:00a | Great Hall

CHRISTMAS BLITZ

For this year's Christmas Blitz, we will head to Saluda Shoals Park to hand out cookies to cars as they enter, sing Christmas carols, and play handbells during the park's Friday night lightshow. Carolers and handbell players will be at the Environmental Center, where many guests take a break from the lightshow.

- Contact Andrew Davis (andrew@sapc.net)
December 1 | 5:00p | Great Hall

EASTER BLOCK PARTY

Come join in the fun at our Easter Block Party! All ages are welcome to attend! There will be games, food, fun, and—of course—eggs! This special event allows us to share the Good News of our Savior Jesus with the community!

- Contact Jeanette Simpson (jeanette@sapc.net)
March 30 | 10:00a | New Life Field

MOBILIZATION DAY

Save the date and plan to be part of this special day of service here at SAPC, and to those across the street, across the country, and across the world!

- Contact Andrew Davis (andrew@sapc.net)
May 11 | 8:30a | Great Hall

CAMP JAM

Experience Jesus, Arts, & More at Camp JAM! Camp JAM is for rising 1-5 graders. Children will have lots of fun as they learn about Jesus while participating in art, hands-on, movement, and music classes. Pre-registration is required.

- Contact Jeanette Simpson (jeanette@sapc.net)
June 17-21 | 9:00a-12:00p | SAPC Campus

Children's Ministry

The primary goal and purpose of the Children's Ministry of SAPC is for our children to joyfully know Jesus Christ, love Him more, and serve Him better.

Our desire for our covenant children is for them to grow in their faith. We hope and strive to achieve this purpose by the power of the Holy Spirit, with God's Word as our guide, and by following Christ's example in obedience and faith as we build God's Church. We want our children to be lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ and will provide opportunities to WORSHIP, CONNECT, GROW, & SERVE.



Grow

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:15a Growth Classes Infant-5th grade

Children will study and grow in God's Word using the Show Me Jesus Curriculum, which walks them through the covenant story of Scripture centered on Christ.

10:30a Children's Church for K4-K5

Nursery available for children 3 & under

During Children's Church, preschoolers will have play-based activities using Little Kid's Time Curriculum, discovering that God loves them so much.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:15-6:50p Children's Choir (1st-5th grade)

Preschool Choir (4's & 5's)

PB&J (Praise, Bible, & Jesus) (Ages 2-3)

Nursery (1 & under) 6:15-7:30p

6:55-7:30p Kids' Quest Catechism Club (4's-3rd grade)

MERGE Bible Study (4th & 5th Grade)

Connect

Children's Ministry has many activities and events throughout the year!

FALL

We have **Children's Ministry Training** for all volunteers, teachers, and leaders (twice a year). **New to the Pew** is for rising 1st graders and is a special time of training for children and their families as they transition from Children's Church to Worship. **Promotion Sunday and Open House** are where children move up to their new age/grade group and parents have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers. **Fall Festival** is a fun event for all and a great SERVE opportunity, too!

CHRISTMAS

At Christmastime, we host a **Children & Youth Operation Christmas Child Packing Party**. At the **Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party** we celebrate the Savior's birth. The **Communicant's Course** is a parent-led course for 5th-8th graders for children who are ready to make a public profession of faith and begin partaking in Communion.

EASTER

Journey to the Cross is a hands-on experience to learn about the events that took place from Palm Sunday to Jesus' Resurrection. The **Palm Sunday Processional** is a time where children and families process in celebrating the coming of our Savior. Our **Easter Block Party** is a fun event for all and a great SERVE opportunity, too!

SUMMER

At the **MERGE Meet & Greet & MERGE Move-up**, rising 6 graders are introduced to Youth Ministry. **CAMP JAM (Jesus, Arts, & More)** is a week-long camp for rising 1st-5th graders. (Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$25)

Play Dates, Bible Story Times, and other fun times to invite friends are scheduled throughout the year!

To learn more about these events, visit sapc.net/children.



Serve

If you have a heart for children and want to make a difference in their lives, please consider serving in the Children's Ministry! There are many weekly, monthly, and yearly opportunities available, such as: serving in a teaching or assisting capacity, room preparation, getting supplies ready, assisting in setting up for events, organizing, and much more. Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of serving God's covenant family! Please contact Jeanette Simpson, Director of Children's Ministry for more information (jeanette@sapc.net).

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry follows the mission of SAPC by encouraging the youth to joyfully know Jesus Christ, love Him more, and serve Him better. We pray that our youth will be lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ, and we provide ways for them to Worship, Connect, Grow, and Serve!



Grow

SUNDAY MORNING GROWTH CLASSES

The youth are going through 1 & 2 Thessalonians using the S.O.A.P method. Our goal is to help the youth know how to study Scripture and apply it to their lives, and learn how to pray using the Scriptures. We will be separated into three different classes: Middle School, High School Girls, and High School Guys.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for Youth Group. The night begins with a fun, group game! Our Youth Praise Team leads us in a time of singing, and we then move into our lesson time, followed by small groups. Join us as we study various topics, from theology to tough questions about Christianity.

Connect

Throughout the year, our youth enjoy many fun events and retreats.

First Night Fellowship meets every first Sunday evening of the month at various locations. This is a laid-back time for the kids to just hang out with each other.

We have two big retreats this year: **Fall Retreat** (November 3-5) and **Youth Ensemble Retreat** (February 16-18).

We will also have other events throughout the year including **late nights**, **Operation Christmas Child Packing Party**, a trip to the **OCC processing center** in Charlotte, **roller-skating**, **paintball**, and more!



Serve

There are many areas where our youth and adults can serve within the youth ministry.

We always need **Youth Ministry Volunteers** to help chaperone an event, help with praise team/youth ensemble, host get-togethers, teach, be a small group leader, and more! Please reach out to Rebecca (rebecca@sapc.net) if you have any desire to be involved with SAPC youth.

Youth Ensemble and **Youth Praise Team** both meet on Sunday evenings. These are great groups for our youth to learn more about music and what it means to lead others in the church through music. These groups will resume on August 20.

This year, we will also host a **Worship Lab Workshop** on October 7 led by the music department of Baylor University. This special experience is designed to equip and empower students to lead the church of today and tomorrow.

MISSION JOURNEYS

Each year, our youth have an opportunity to serve on a week-long mission trip. On our mission journeys, students lead VBS-style backyard Bible clubs, play games, perform skits, and help with crafts and songs. We also do work projects to support people in the communities we serve.

Be on the lookout for mission journey details for the summer of 2024!



Young Adult Ministry

Our Young Adult Ministry is focused on helping equip folks after graduating high school; whether they have chosen to attend college, start a career and enter the workforce or decided to serve our country as a first responder or in the military.

During the summer we offer a robust, ministry-specific programming. We meet, eat, and fellowship every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. for dinner (at various locations), as well as small group time. We also have other activities throughout the summer which can be found at sapc.net/events.

During the school year, young adults are encouraged to be integrated into the life of the church. We would love to have you join us for Growth Classes on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. Consider joining one of our Community Groups. Join us December 15 for our Christmas party!



SERVE

EXAM PACKS

Help us show support and love for our college students and they prepare for spring and winter exams. We package and mail boxes filled with snacks and thoughtful items to let them know their church family is thinking about and praying for them.

- Contact Amy Reynolds (amy@sapc.net)



Adults 55+ Ministry

We seek to minister to our members of all ages. The goal of the Adults 55+ Ministry is to have its members continue to grow in God's Word while ministering to one another through fellowship and prayer.

We meet the first and third Thursday of the month for a time of study, followed by lunch. Lunches are either on campus or at a local restaurant.

Please consider joining us. Our door is always open and you may find just the connection you are looking for in your spiritual and emotional journey along with the Word and shared friendships.



Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry of St Andrews exists to serve the body by resourcing and equipping women of all ages to connect, grow, and serve the body here and beyond our walls. While we are integrated into all areas of ministry, and also offer events, classes, and discipleship by women for women. We are excited to see you become a part of the St Andrews family! There is always room for more!



Grow

There are many grow opportunities in the life of the church; if you are looking for a specific by-women, for-women group or class, there are several options:

Bible Studies

Our Bible Studies run at various times of the week or month. Some meet monthly, others weekly. We offer women's Growth Classes on Sunday mornings, as well as mid-week studies in the fall and spring semesters.

Some of the topics we will be covering this year include prayer, gratitude, friendship, and dealing with anxiety. For detailed information about our growth classes, please check out sapc.net/women.

Discipleship

We offer different types of discipleship opportunities.

We have groups called **Side-by-Side**, where more or less age-contemporaries meet monthly to study a book and encourage each other in their Christian walk.

We also have **Titus 2 Ministries (T2M)**, a monthly discipleship ministry of mature women to younger women. Each year we walk through a book to encourage our faith and walk. This is a time for questions, discussions, answers, fellowship, and deepening our faith together through intergenerational relationships.

Please reach out to us at women@sapc.net if you would like to talk to someone about these opportunities. We look forward to hearing from you!

Connect

As women, we connect at St Andrews in many ways, from regular connect groups, to standalone events.

Mom Connection meets twice a month and is a way for Moms of Littles to be encouraged and supported by Moms Who Have Been There, Done That. *Childcare available.*

Our **widow's fellowship**, the Naomi-Ruth Group, currently meets at Christmas for a luncheon with a guest speaker.

Our upcoming quarterly events:

In the fall, we will be meeting downtown Columbia to walk the **Riverfront Park Trail** and gather for a meal, enjoy our **Christmas Dinner** in the winter, learn a skill and sip a hot beverage at **Loveland Coffee** in the spring, and conclude our year with a full **English Tea** in early summer.

Be sure to join our Facebook Group, **Women of SAPC**. This is a closed group and meant for mutual encouragement, prayer, getting together outside the walls of the church, and generally experiencing community when we cannot be together in person.

But we do not merely connect as women with women at St Andrews! We also connect with women from our Presbytery at the annual **Fall PresWm Retreat**. This year it will be held October 6-8 at Ridge Haven in Brevard, NC.

Serve

Women serve in all aspects of church life!

If you have a desire to serve, there will be a place for you to plug in! There are many churchwide serving opportunities. We serve within the Fellowship Team to host churchwide Wednesday night dinners as well as special events. We serve in various capacities in all aspects of Missions and Outreach - across the street, across the country, and across the world. And there are plenty of opportunities exist within our Children's and Youth ministries as well.

If you are crafty in any way, we have opportunities to serve through sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting, and much more. If you enjoy cooking, consider joining the Take them a Meal group, which delivers meals to individuals and families in times of need: following a birth, death, illness, or other family situation.

We also come alongside our deacons in mercy ministries by serving in ways of benevolence, visitation, and bringing meals. If you have a desire to serve in a care capacity, please get in touch with us at women@sapc.net. We coordinate all our care efforts directly through the deacons and our pastoral care staff.

There are so many ways we can fulfill God's call on our lives to live in community with each other well. Let us strive to do so in the unity we have in Christ!

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry seeks to serve the men of the church by challenging and encouraging them in their journey with God. This includes growing together, connecting through events, and serving in every area of the church.



Serve

One of the things we believe is that men are uniquely called by God to be servant leaders. The Men's Ministry Team wants to encourage men to serve in every area of ministry at the church. Whether it's serving in the nursery, teaching a Growth Class, being a greeter or usher, or helping serve food for our Wednesday night meals, we encourage men to find a place where their gifts might be used to serve God.

Grow



S.W.A.T. - SAPC Men's Ministry partners with Perception Ministries, lead by Kenny Crosswhite, to offer this unique opportunity for men. S.W.A.T. (Spiritual Warfare and Tactics) is an ongoing growth and connect group that challenges men to be leaders in every area of their lives - spiritually, in our families, work, church and every other area. Meetings are Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Area.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - We offer this opportunity at the church in the Library beginning at 6:30a on Tuesday Mornings. If you're finding a need to begin your day or your week in fellowship and time in God's Word, consider joining this Bible study.

Connect

Fall Classic - We're excited to announce the return of the SAPC Fall Classic! Come and play a round of golf on October 13, and then join us later that evening for a meal and some skeet shooting. Watch for details as this event gets closer!

Date Night - Men's Ministry is excited to partner with the Children's and Women's ministry teams to host a date night on February 9. We'll have food, childcare, and entertainment, so that couples can enjoy an evening with other couples.

Men's Ministry hosts a number of other one-time events throughout the year. Check our calendar to see when the men might be going bowling, catching a Fireflies game, or grilling out together.



Outreach Team

The Outreach Team seeks to equip the members of St Andrews Presbyterian Church to engage our community with the gospel and provide opportunities to build relationships outside the church.

Through events, encouraging personal evangelism, and other opportunities, we hope that SAPC will be a place that is not only inwardly focused, but seeking to be a part of our community for the sake of the gospel. Philippians chapter 3 tells us that if we are Christians, then our citizenship is in another place, that our citizenship lies with God in his eternal Kingdom. But that doesn't mean we get to ignore this world we live in now. In fact, God tells his people in the book of Jeremiah that while they're in exile, while they're away from their promised home that they should pray for their city and should seek the welfare of their earthly home. The Outreach Team wants to keep in mind that our eternal home is in heaven while seeking the good of our community.



GOOD NEWS CLUB

This weekly afternoon Bible Study for Irmo Elementary School is a unique opportunity to share the gospel with students in 1st - 5th grade. This afterschool program offers a safe and fun environment where students can learn about what Jesus did for them.

- Contact Andrew Davis (andrew@sapc.net)

MEMBER TRANSPORTATION

Serve and minister to those in the SAPC family who occasionally need assistance with transportation. This could be for events at SAPC but could also include help getting to other appointments: doctor, pharmacy, grocery stores, etc. This would be on an as-needed basis, and you will be given the opportunity to accept or decline each time.

- Contact Mary Dale Morgan (marydale@sapc.net)

SCHOOL TIME BIBLE

This program for Crossroads Intermediate School brings 6th graders across the street (as well as some homeschooled students) from the school to the church building for a Bible class. This ministry needs teachers, crossing guards, classroom helpers, and more.

- Contacts Pam Blackwell and Andrew Davis (andrew@sapc.net)



EVENTS

There are many events throughout the year that SAPC uses as outreach opportunities. We are always in need of volunteers to serve in various capacities as we engage with our community, seeking to build relationships with those in Irmo, Columbia, and beyond.



LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS

SAPC partners with many local ministries such as Happy Wheels, Daybreak Lifecare Center, and Sharing God's love to provide food, clothing, toys, and other assistance to those in need. If you would like to serve with one of our ministry partners, SAPC would love to help you get involved in these vital ministries. Learn more at sapc.net/missions.

Missions Team

Across the Street, Across the Country, and Across the World

It is exciting and a privilege to be a part of God's Great Commission of expanding His Kingdom. It is amazing and rewarding to hear of God's work around the world in drawing people to himself. Take your involvement in missions to the next level by being a part of our Missions Team, or even going on a short-term trip. Maybe you are saying that you don't know anything about missions. Well, this is a great place to start and a great way to grow your faith. We need all sorts of folks and talents - from coordinators and organizers to prayer warriors and communicators. Not all roles on the team require coming to the First Night meeting, we need several people to simply keep in touch with our missionaries. If the Lord has been prompting you about missions reach out to the team and we can find a place for you. Arise and shine by praying, giving, and going, and consider being a part of the team.

ACROSS THE STREET

Christ Community Church Plant	Operation Christmas Child
Daybreak LifeCare Center	Reconcile the City
Happy Wheels	School Time Bible
Lifeline	Sharing God's Love
North Augusta Fellowship	Snack Pack Ministry
One Church Ablaze	

ACROSS THE COUNTRY

HIS International
Pacific Northwest - Lummi Tribe
PCA Disaster Relief
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)
Reformed University Fellowship International

ACROSS THE WORLD

Bulgaria	Belgorod Christian Clinic
Caribbean & West Africa	Belgorod Church
England	Izmail Lifecare Center
Greece	Elias Riggs Center for Biblical
Haiti	Studies - Bulgaria
Spain	El Shaddai Ministries
Ukraine	International (ESMI)
	World Mission Centre
	MTW Member Care North
	America

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) DROP-OFF LOCATION

Every year SAPC comes together as a family to pack shoeboxes to send around the world. We also serve as a local hub where other churches or anyone in the community can drop off their packed shoeboxes. Sign up times will be available for the OCC National Collection Week of November 13-20. The first week of October, we will also travel to the distribution center in Charlotte, NC.

- Contacts Pam Burtis and Mary Dale Morgan (marydale@sapc.net)

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

We endeavor to support missionaries not just financially, but through regular prayer, communication, and involvement. If you desire to be a prayer partner for our missionaries or stay in regular communication with the missionaries SAPC supports, reach out to the Missions Team for opportunities to serve.

Fellowship Team

The Fellowship Team plays an integral role in many of the churchwide gatherings and events at St Andrews. The planning and coordination of events with meals or any type of food service is always a success due to the Fellowship Team, who strive to provide an environment for our congregation to connect and celebrate with one another.

The Fellowship Team organizes and operates the Wednesday Night dinners and oversees the kitchen and Gathering Place. Meals for funerals, as well as the volunteers to serve them are handled by the team. The major events the team manages are the Churchwide Christmas Lunch, Church Family Picnic, covered-dish dinners, Hanging of the Green reception, Presbytery lunch, and any special event receptions that occur.



SERVE

HOSPITALITY HELP

We have many opportunities to help with meals, receptions, and special events. Want to assist in set-up, serving, and clean-up? Like to bake, cook, or grill? Lend a hand to the Fellowship Team!

- Contact Paul Reynolds (paul@sapc.net)



Spiritual Growth

We believe that spiritual growth is an essential part of every Christian's walk with the Lord. In addition to growing spiritually through the preaching of the Bible in our worship services, we seek to offer many additional opportunities for growth as a part of the Christian life. These mostly take the form of growth classes, offered on a weekly and monthly basis.

The Spiritual Growth Team is developing a three-year plan for offering classes in Old and New Testament Books of the Bible, topics/themes, our beliefs, family relationships, and societal issues to help and equip our members to do life through the lens of the gospel.

Sunday Mornings and Wednesday nights we offer classes to help you grow in your faith. From lecture-style to discussion/interactive-based classes, there are a variety of classes to choose from.

Mid-week, we offer women's and men's Bible studies on a weekly basis, as well as women's studies that meet monthly.

For a list of our current growth classes, visit sapc.net/grow or contact Pastor Andrew Davis (andrew@sapc.net).



Prayer Events

Don't miss one of our regular combined Sunday Morning Growth Hours - where we are led in a focused time of prayer - or our Sunday morning corporate prayer time!

COMBINED FOCUSED PRAYER

December 31 | 9:15a | Great Hall
April 28 | 5:00p | Great Hall

WEEKLY CORPORATE PRAYER

We pray for our church and the worship service using God's Word as our guide.
Sundays 8:45a | Room 208



Worship Team

The Worship Team plans, coordinates, and carries out the worship and arts ministry of St Andrews.

The Worship Team coordinates weekly Sunday worship services, special worship services, arts events, and sanctuary flowers. Other responsibilities of this team include providing greeters and ushers for worship and other events, facilitating weddings and funerals, and organizing the drama and visual arts ministry. This group also oversees all church musical ensembles, including choir, handbells, instrumentalists, praise band, and children and youth music.



SERVE

ADULT WORSHIP BAND

Prior band experience and music reading are not required. Bring your instrument and rehearse songs for our worship services and other events. Interested in finding out more information? Contact Amy Reynolds! (amy@sapc.net)

CHOIR

Come and join your voice with others in joyful worship and praise each Sunday during worship. High schoolers and adults are welcome! Rehearsals take a break during the summer.

- Contact Amy Reynolds (amy@sapc.net)
- Choir Room
- Wednesdays 7:15p

HANDBELLS 1 & 2

No handbell ringing experience is needed for either group. Members of Handbells 2 do need to know how to read music. Both groups break for the summer.

- Contact Amy Reynolds (amy@sapc.net)
- Room 206
- Handbells 1 Tuesdays 5:30-6:30p, Handbells 2 Tuesdays 6:00-7:15p

USHER & GREETER MINISTRIES

We need warm and friendly folks with the gift of hospitality to welcome people onto our campus with a smile.

- Contacts Jeff Nuovo and Andrew Davis (andrew@sapc.net)
- Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and special events

Leadership

Deacons



Bottom: Roger Simpson, Bucky Brown, Brad Brannon, David Schmidt, Dillon Layman **Top:** Marion Sadler, Casey Melia, Mike Michaelis, Steve Martin, Jeff Nuovo
Not pictured: John Crane, Emmett Heath, Dave Looney, Grier Mangum, Daniel Maycock, John Rockholz, Chandler Whisnant

Session



Bottom: Ted Gantt, Simon Graham, Jody Mills, Lucius Coogler, David Layman **Row 2:** Daniel Marchman, Mark Jordan, Marc Rattray, Brian Bowen, Jay Evans **Row 3:** DuPree McKenzie, Bryan Clifton, Roy Frazee, Russ Zimmerman **Top:** Burk Suits, Daniel Threadgill, Ralph Blackwell
Not pictured: Scott Downs, Ron Fuoto, John Hilbish, David Koon, Jr, Larry Mack, Jeff Mull, Bryan Patterson

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