



St. Andrew's Tidings

Message from Margaret:

Our Old Testament passage is taken from the commissioning of Ezekiel. Ezekiel was both prophet and priest, and was among those exiled to Babylon in 597 B.C. Throughout the book, the prophet is addressed as “mortal” (see Job); or literally “son of man.” (Ben Adam)- to contrast his status to that of the immortal God. Thus when Jesus uses this title for himself in the Gospels, he may have been referring to his role as prophet.

As the Lord speaks to Ezekiel, he is filled with God’s Spirit and is charged to go to the people of Israel, who have rebelled against God. According to the theology here, the Babylonian exile was punishment for Israel and their ancestors who had betrayed their covenant with the Lord and worshiped false gods. The violation of the covenant had brought disaster, as Jerusalem was laid to ruin and the people sent into exile. But the Prophet Ezekiel is sent to call the people back to the Lord. As God’s representative, Ezekiel is warned to expect rejection, but he is not to be disheartened by the people’s response: “Do not be afraid of...their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.

Although he faced rejection, Ezekiel remained faithful to his commission from the Lord and foretold the eventual restoration of Israel. The rejection of Ezekiel is mirrored in the experience of Jesus at his hometown in Nazareth. The Gospel passage is the conclusion of a narrative section of preaching, teaching, and healing that began with the appointment of the Twelve. The town of Nazareth where Jesus lived until he was baptized and began his ministry was an obscure and insignificant place. When Jesus returned from his travels with his disciples, he went to the synagogue and began to teach. Anyone who was invited could address the local synagogue. Thus, as Jesus began to speak, the people were astounded by his wisdom and the “deeds of power...done by his hands!”

But they didn’t know how to receive him. Though they had heard about all the remarkable things he was doing, they couldn’t imagine how he had acquired such knowledge. They wondered if he might be a prophet. To the residents of Nazareth, he was the boy who had grown up in their midst and they were not

prepared to accept him as a messenger from God...and they took offence at him. And here we find references to Jesus' family. He is described as "the carpenter," the son of Mary, and his brothers are listed, and we also find he has sisters. This serves to accentuate his ordinariness. And the kicker is that the family regards him as a source of shame. Jesus then declares that his true family are those who do the will of God. Realizing he might be rejected, Jesus quotes a proverb: "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."

We see miracles happen quite apart from the faith of those who receive their benefit, but the people of Nazareth wanted no part of the ministry of Jesus, and other than curing a few sick, he could do no deed of power in Nazareth.

Namasté',

Margaret+

Thank You to Those Who Signed Up to Help **With the Fourth of July Cook Out !**

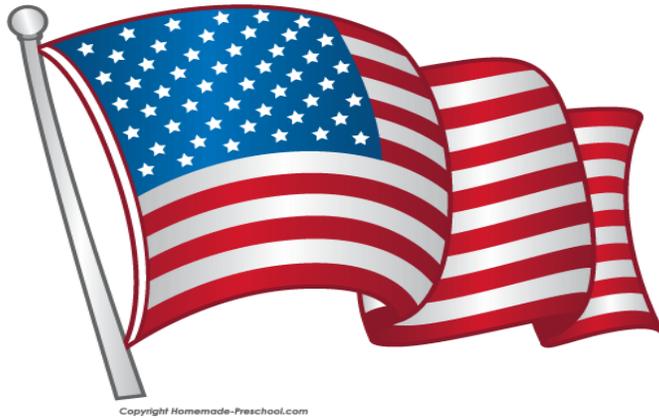
Set Up: Fran Tate, Ann Bruce, Al and Jeanette Tremaine

Decorating: Laurie Ayers and Anne Staley, Gail Harris, Linne' Morgan (3 p.m.)

Cooking: Mike Kennedy and Al Tremaine

Clean Up: Dee Bonebright, Tania Watts, Beverly Temple, Kathy Lopez.

It's not too late to help. Call the office if you would like to add your name to the list.



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION!
SATURDAY, JULY 4TH 6:30 P.M.
ON THE FRONT LAWN

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be furnished. Please bring sides such as salads, baked beans, deserts. Bring your own cooler with beverage of choice.

There will be a Jazz Band, followed by fireworks over St. Andrew's Bay. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome! Donations Accepted.

The Gift of Music for the Fourth of July in Memory or in Honor of Service People are Given By:

Bob and Toni Banks In Memory of Robert Crispen and Vance Banks

Belle Casler in Honor of Howard Noland

Rose Dallas in Honor of Bob Dallas

Anne Staley in Memory of Joseph Staley, Sr., and Joseph Staley, Jr.

Gail and Frank Tamberino in Honor of The Iraq Wounded War Vets

St. Andrew's YARD SALE

A Yard Sale will be held Saturday July 11th starting at 8am. Any help prior to that will greatly be appreciated. If you have items that you would like to donate for the Yard Sale you may bring them by the church before that date. If you have items that you would like to donate but are unable to transport please contact the church. We ask that you please price your items before dropping them off. Please have all donations at church before 6pm on July 10th.

We will also hold a silent auction for items that are extra special on July 12th after church. If you have items that you would like to donate for the silent auction please contact Fran Tate or Tania Watts before July 5th. If you have any questions you can contact Fran Tate 763-7636, or Tania Watts 872-0052

CENTERING PRAYER
EACH TUESDAY MORNING IN JULY
JULY 7,14,21,28
10 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL
FOLLOWED BY LABYRINTH WALK FOR ANYONE
WHO WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT

Events Coming Up
St Andrew's Concert Series

***Fourth of July Celebration on the Front Lawn;
Music, Food, Fun and Fireworks.***

***July 26 at 4 p.m.: Pianist Andrew Lagrimas will
present his FSU Senior Doctoral Recital.***

CHAIRS

How wonderful it was that at a Memorial Service we did not have enough chairs, but were able to supplement with our folding chairs. We have sold 90 of the new cathedral chairs, but still have 60 chairs to pay for. Here is your chance to honor someone by giving a chair in their name, or giving it as a birthday present, or give one on your birthday. The chairs are \$241.33 each, and the hassocks are \$90.75. Let's finish up the chairs! Thanks in advance. *Anne Staley*



FUN! FUN! FUN! CARD PARTY

The Gulf Coast Women's Club is now holding a monthly Card Party on the fourth Monday of every month in Byrne Hall. They serve lunch and play all kinds of games—bridge, shanghai, hand and foot, Mexican dominoes, etc.—from 10 until 2. The cost is \$15 which covers the cost of lunch and is a fundraiser for their service groups. They would love to have anyone from St. Andrew's join them! Contact Teri Floore (763-2439) for reservations (especially)bridge players so they have full tables) so they know how many to plan on feeding.

Thank you

Supper at Grace offered an opportunity for St. Andrew's to show God's love and concern for people in need. Thank you to everyone who helped with this ministry Thursday night: Sue Webb, Gail Tambarino, Jeanne Cirks, Shirley Gobat, Faye Hutt, Margaret Seeberger, Marilyn Hermansen, Ann Bruce, Mary Johnson, Tom and Sally Brewer, Linne Morgan, Jona Swift, Teri Floore and Diane Tate. We prepared and served 125 eat in/take out meals and 50 sack lunches. Our next date to serve Supper at Grace is Thursday, August 20th. We welcome all willing hands and hearts to join us.



Please sign up to cook for Summer Breakfast. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in Byrne Hall. Dates that are available are July 19, 26, and August 2,9,16,23.

St. Andrew Oaks Garden of Hope Update

We will continue to meet at the Garden of Hope on Fridays, but the time has been changed to 9:00 a.m. due to the extreme heat. Bring your gardening gloves and join us!

Thanks,

Laurie



BREAKFAST THIS WEEK AT 8:30!
\$3.00 PER PERSON; \$5.00 PER
COUPLE; \$7.00 PER FAMILY

Please keep the following in your prayers ; Pat, Marty, Rita, Eric, Stephanie, Elijah, Dan, David, Sandra, Anne, Tracy, Page, Norma, Lisa, Elaine, Madison, Shawn and John, Beth, Carol, Virginia, Iva, Frank, Cynthia, Bob, Harry, Montie, Shawn, Chris, Bill, Brent, Blaine, Bret, Phillip, Jeremy & Heather, Kirsten, Titus, Charley, Joni, Jon, Abel, Chris, John, Sallie, Charles, WEndy

We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad: Jeff, James, Andrew, Kenneth, Evan, Ryan, Joe, Nate, Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan, Jeremiah