



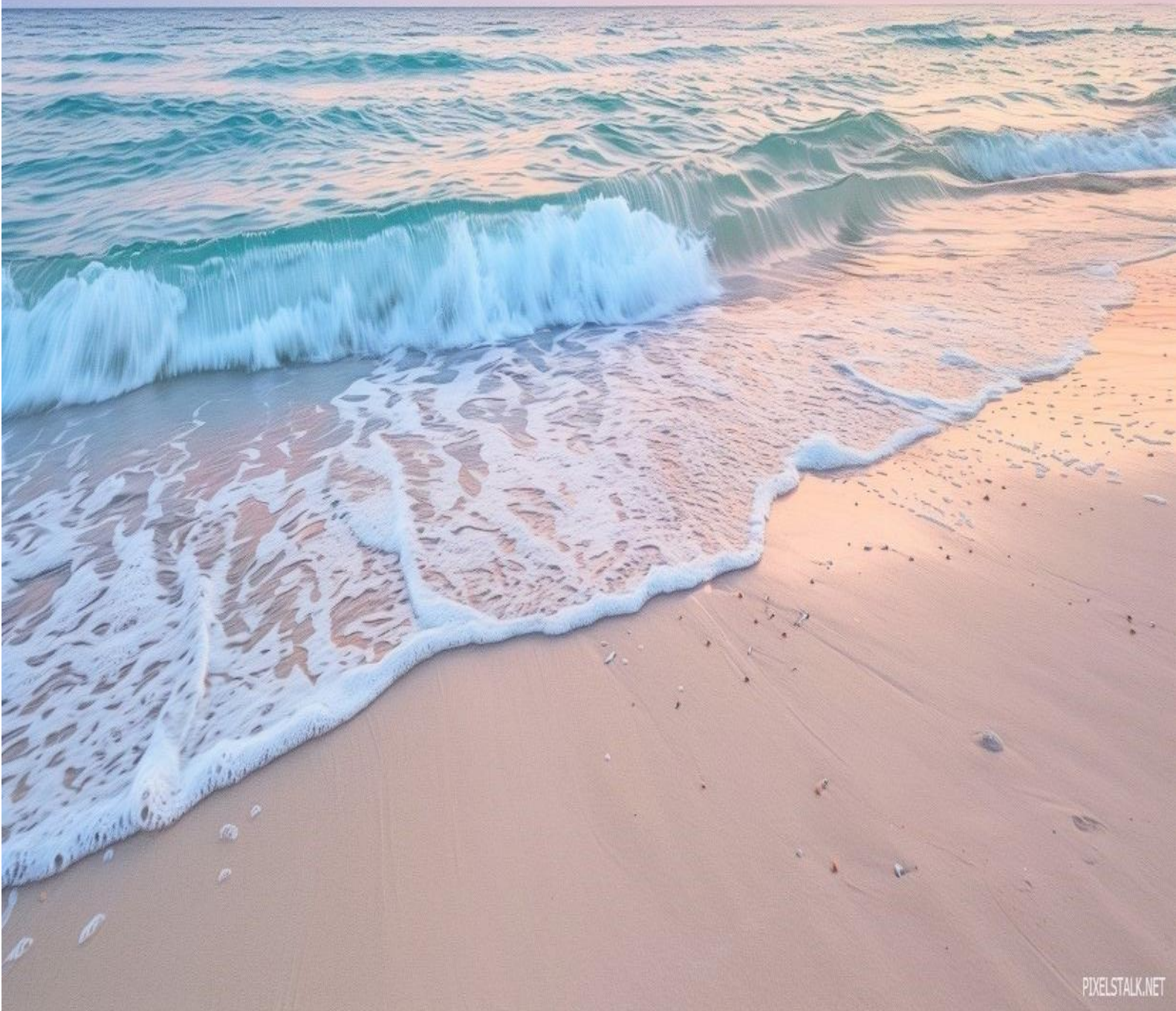
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Catching up On The Latest News





Notes

August 2026 Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Speaker: Rev. David Bierschwale

Liturgist: Dave Kimball

Music: Kristin Kochner

AV: Jo Chatman

Greeters & Ushers: Bob Wood, Mary Wood, Don Johnson

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Speaker: Rev. Dwight Welch

Liturgist: Curt Kochner

Music: Brendan McCann

AV: Martha Krebill

Greeters & Ushers: Sandy Welch, Mike Paterson

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Speaker: Sister Mary Dostal

Liturgist: Dave Kimball

Music: Brendan McCann

AV: Jo Chatman

Greeters & Ushers: Judy Anderson, Janie Wendland, Dave Kimball

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Speaker: Patti Johnson

Liturgist: Bob Wood

Music: Martha Krebill

AV: Martha Krebill

Greeters & Ushers: Cynthia Kessler, Jeff, Stan Bayley, Annette Bayley

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Speaker: Jody McDevitt

Liturgist: Sandy Welch

Music: Brendan McCann

AV: Martha Krebill

Greeters & Ushers: Anyone Available



August 2026 Calendar

August 5
August 6
August 7

August 12

August 13
August 14

August 15

August 19

August 20

August 21

August 27
August 28

Garden Committee 10:00 AM

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

Al-Anon – 7:00 PM

Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM

Facilities Committee – 10:00 AM

Worship Committee – 11:00 AM

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

Al-Anon – 7:00 PM

Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM

Dab N' Gab

Blue Grass Potluck 1:00 PM

Session Meets – 10:00 AM

Quilters – 12:00 PM

Writers Group – 10:00 AM

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

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August Birthdays and Anniversaries

8 Cynthia Kessler

9 Paul Whiting

11 Janie Wendland

20 Dave Kimball

23 Grady Skaggs

28 Stan Bayley

2 Gail & Dave Kimball

3 Fran & Mike Paterson

3 Mary & Larry Apple

GARDEN GLEANINGS

by Dave Kimball

Summer is heavy upon us, with many hot days, including some over 100 degrees. Some plants love it and others, not so much. One group of plants that really love it are (you guessed it) weeds, particularly bindweed! Gardeners have also been great in tending to the Mission Garden and fighting the weeds. They are enjoying some wonderful bounty from their plots that is the result of their work and effort.

We have been harvesting from the Mission Garden and delivering to Family Service for over a month now. The early crops are finished, and we are now moving into things like broccoli, carrots, tomatoes, zucchini, garlic, and potatoes. We will have delivered over 500 lbs. by the time you read this, and its market value will be over \$1,900. Lettuce has been in big demand due to the cyclospora scare, and we have delivered around 120 lbs. of lettuce and still have some more to go.

A group of seven Catholic Youth Volunteers were at the garden recently, and they did a great job of clearing the bindweed from the summer squash quadrant. We hauled off two pickup loads of biomass. We are now tilling that quadrant weekly to try and beat the bindweed down.

The annual Parade of Gardens, sponsored by the Magic City Community Gardens Coalition, will be held on Saturday morning, August 1. We expect to see a lot of visitors from the community stop by to tour the garden and take part in some fun activities.

Our well pump recently failed after 23 years of service. We had been keeping our fingers crossed every spring when we turned it on, and it started this year but then gave out in the middle of one of our hot spells. We were fortunate to find Gary Mayes of Mayes Pump and Drilling Service. He and his son-in-law came out on a Saturday afternoon, pulled the pump, and installed a new one. They were so impressed with the garden that they donated their time and the new pump at no cost to the garden. What a gracious and wonderful gift. We are so often blessed by the support of individuals and the larger community.

A Promotion Worth Celebrating!

The St. Andrew community garden has an exciting announcement! After countless hours of battling weeds, tending rows, and helping the garden thrive, Potato Man 1st Class Bayley has officially been promoted to **Potato Patch Specialist!**

This lighthearted award recognizes you for outstanding dedication, persistence, and all-around spud-tacular service to our community garden. Thanks to you and the rest of the amazing garden crew, the potato patch is growing strong and getting ready for a wonderful harvest.

Congratulations, Potato man Specialist Bayley, on your well-earned promotion!

We can't wait to see what you'll accomplish in your new role. Keep up the fantastic work... and may the weeds continue to surrender at your arrival!

Please see the insert!



GARAGE SALE!

Come find something great!



**OCTOBER
1-3**

YES, IT'S TRUE!
St Andrew is having a Garage Sale!

♥ Sandy and Patti are co-chairs of this project.



DONATE ITEMS NOW!
Bring your gently used items to church. Place items in the Zimbabwe shed or in the room downstairs with the turquoise sofa.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

-  Set up tables and price items
-  Staff the sales floor and arrange items
-  Cashier
-  Take down tables and clean the Garden Room on Saturday

NO FURNITURE MOVING
Our aging members are not as strong as they used to be. If you have furniture to donate, please make arrangements with a **strong young person**.

PLANT CORNER!
We will have a Plant Corner for sale. We will take pest free plants and find good homes for them.

PLEASE NOTE: Donated item prices are subject to the Garage Sale committee's discretion, if prices are not set.

Questions? | Please contact Patti or Sandy. *Thank you for your support!*

Fall Garage Sale Coming Soon!

Believe it or not, October is just around the corner! As you tackle your summer cleaning and start making room for fall, please keep St. Andrew's Garage Sale in mind.

We're collecting gently used household items, décor, books, kitchenware, toys, and more for the October 1–3 Garage Sale. Donations may be placed in the Zimbabwe shed or in the downstairs room with the turquoise sofa.

Volunteers are needed to help sort donations, set up, work the sale, and clean up afterward. Every donation and helping hand makes a difference!

Thank you for supporting this fun event and helping make it a success. Can't wait to see you in October!



Before



After

St. Andrew is graced with a beautiful new sign thanks to the hard work of our Facilities Committee!

Susan and Curt participated in the Big Sky State Games in the 5K Road Race and won bronze medals in their respective age-group categories.





For many years, the Facilities committee has been aware of peeling veneer on the legs of the communion table(s). The repair was finally accomplished along with new slider feet.
- Bob Wood



The Women's Bible Study gathered at the 4Bs Restaurant for lunch on Tuesday. Surprise guest, Betty Whiting, joined the group for fun and frivolity!



A new batch of honey from Magic City Apiary is available in the Garden room. If you are interested in this delicious honey please stop by and purchase some.
It makes a great gift as well!





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