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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Connected

June 2025

Coming Up...

June

- 1 Honduras Mission Trip Meeting
- 1 No LifeFight 365 Untill August
- 3 Summer Family Worship
- 6 Children's Place Meet The Teacher
- 8 New Member Sunday
- 9 - 30 Building Blocks In the Science Lab
- 10 - 7 Honduras Mission Trip
- 15 Rutgers Street Grill / Father's Day
- 16 - 20 Children's Place To Infinity, & Beyond
- 22 HomeGroup 215
- 23-27 Children's Place Under The Sea VBS
- 23 - 27 Building Blocks Ocean Life

July

- 4 Fourth of July Church Office Closed
- 6 HomeGroup 215
- 7-11 Rainbow Fish Music, Art, Drama, Summer Camp
- 14-18 Children's Place Kingdom Quest VBS
- 8 - 28 Building Blocks Summer Camps
- 13 HomeGroup 215
- 22 Summer Family Worship
- 27 Happy Birthday Father Bruno

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Welcome
NEW MEMBERS

June 8th

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available—don't miss out on the best part of summer! Call the school today to secure your spot!

Deadline for Publications

Do you have something that needs to be included in the Connected or Wednesday email?

The staff reviews all requests on Tuesdays.

Please submit your request to
Ashleigh@sahouston.com

The deadline for the next month's Connected is the 20th of each month.

BUILDING BLOCKS WEEKLY STEM SUMMER CAMP

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MISSIONS

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP MEETING JUNE 1 • Session Room 11:30-12:30



Honduras Service Trip: Rancho Ebenezer

We are getting excited for our family service trip in June! We welcome your prayers for us. We have had more people join our team! See below for an amended list of team members. Please pray for our faith and love to bear witness to the compassion and mercy of God found in Jesus. We desire to be a winsome witness for the gospel, to join the work of God that is already present at Rancho Ebenezer and to do good works that will be a blessing to the community. We invite prayers for our travel and for our team to stay healthy. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer.

Rancho Ebenezer Team Members:

Allie Drew and Heather Albrecht, Everett Denson, Brian and BJ Duffy, Gracie Erskine, John Fitzgerald, Bryan Gowen, Marcia Holcomb, Alissa and Mark Joslin, Colleen and Danny Kimball, Emma Lewis, the Olson family (Stephen, Amanda, Addie, Davis and Georgia Mae), Delaney Perry, the Powell family (Steve, Linda, Grace, John and Jacob), Chadwick Scott, Amy and Jeff Smith.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER BRUNO Sunday July 27th

St. Andrew's Presbyterian has supported the humanitarian work in Haiti of Episcopal priest Father Jean Monique Bruno for almost 50 years! Father Bruno founded numerous schools in Haiti, most recently St. Barthélemy (pre-K to high school), as well as the health clinic, Clinique Espérance et Vie, in addition to building housing and feeding the poor. His tireless efforts have given hope and life to thousands of the least fortunate in Haiti. Today, St. Andrew's supports these programs through Bethlehem Ministry (a U.S. 501(c)(3)). Over the past five decades, Father Bruno has visited St. Andrew's numerous times, and countless members of St. Andrew's have traveled to Haiti on mission trips, packed Christmas shoesboxes, served on the board of Bethlehem Ministry and supported the programs with volunteer efforts, prayers and finances. Father Bruno is turning 80 on Sunday, July 27th and Bethlehem Ministry is collecting greetings for his birthday! Please go to the Bethlehem Ministry website to add your special memories, wishes and prayers for Father Bruno's very special Bòn Fèt!

You can get to the website by scanning the QR code or going to www.bethlehemministry.org.

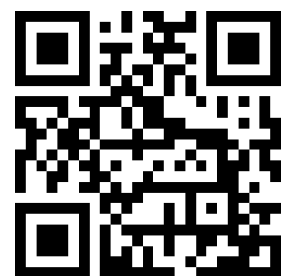
For more information contact: Rennae Henry (832-656-4292)

Father Bruno is turning 80!



**Bòn Fèt
Father
Bruno!**

**Sunday,
July 27th**



CHURCH GROUPS

HOMEGROUPS June 22 • 11:30 RM -215



St. Andrew's is committed to deepening discipleship through meeting in small groups, or what we call HomeGroups. We would love for you to consider joining a HomeGroup if you are not yet involved in one. We believe it is important to walk in faith together, and the commitment to meet weekly or bi-monthly creates opportunities to read the Word and to share life in smaller groups. We are called to be disciples of Jesus and become the body of Christ. HomeGroup participation is one great way to take the next step.

Contact: Amy Smith amy@sahouston.com

BRIDGE EVERY WEDNESDAY • 1:30 p.m.

Looking for a fun way to connect with others and enjoy a good time? Join us every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. for a lively and friendly game of Bridge. Whether you're an experienced player or a beginner, our group welcomes all skill levels. It's a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, share some laughs, and strengthen bonds within our church community. Bridge is more than just a game—it's a way to spend time together, engage in friendly competition, and build lasting friendships. Plus, it's a great way to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the week and enjoy some quality time in a warm and welcoming environment.

When: Every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Session Room

For more information contact: Carolyn Blakley ssb2143@sbcglobal.net



CHURCH EVENTS

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY • June 8

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Contact: Amy Smith amy@sahouston.com



RUTGERS STREET GRILL • June 15

Join the church community for lunch after worship. This is a great way to meet new people at St. Andrew's or catch up with old friends. If you are interested in showing off your culinary skills and preparing the meal, please contact John Bremer. The Church Life ministry team will be with you to help!

Contact for more information: John Bremer bremer@sahouston.com

When: After Worship **Where:** Family Center



YOUTH & FAMILY



Summer Family Friendly
Worship
Tuesday Nights

June 3
July 22
August 5
6PM: SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

FAMILY FRIENDLY WORSHIP NIGHTS

All are welcome to attend summer worship nights. Ms. Vasti Adkins and her husband, Jake, and Pastor Jeff will lead all ages in a short worship service.

We will meet in the sanctuary at 6pm and share a meal in the Family Center after our service. This will be a wonderful time to sing together and enjoy the more carefree summer schedule!

NO LIFEFLIGHT 365 DURING THE SUMMER!

Starting June 1

LifeFlight 365 takes a break beginning on June 1. We invite kids and youth to stay in the worship service. We will have kids packets available. If your child is an infant to 5 years of age, they are welcome in our Childrens Area for childcare.

We will look forward to gathering again in August for LF 365 with our new Senior LF Camp Directors!



BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Leela (1st GR)

Building Blocks likes to highlight a student of the week from each classroom every Friday! Take a moment to read through some of our past winners and parts of what makes them great!

Leela (1st GR) sets a great example for others every day she is at Building Blocks. She is clever, kind, inclusive and a hard worker. Leela is also a very talented artist. We are so grateful to see her interact with others with love and positivity every day.



Emiliano (4th GR)

Declan (2nd GR) is so sweet and kind to all. He works hard at doing his work well and is quick to ask for assistance. He is creative, competitive and an excellent baseball player. He is an energetic addition to BB and we couldn't be happier to have him be a part of our program.



Declan (2nd GR)

Emiliano (4th GR) has been a part of Building Blocks since 2022 and has been a joyful addition to BB ever since. He is a hard worker, respectful student and a great story teller. He is also kind-hearted and a thoughtful friend. We are blessed by him!

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BUILDING BLOCKS

WEEKLY STEM SUMMER CAMPS!

Rising PreK4-5th grade

Daily Activities

- STEM Lessons
- Literacy
- Spiritual Development
- Creative Arts
- Sports and Group Games
- Social Emotional Learning
- Enrichment
- Friday Field Trips and More!

Reg. Fee \$150
Waived if you register before March 31 and pay for 3 weeks of camp

Extended Day 7:00am-6:00pm \$375/week

Day Camp 7:00am-2:30pm \$315/week

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More Information rachel@sahouston.com 713.410.0336



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Scan the QR Code to Sign up!!

SOFA 20th SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS



5pm Voice Recital



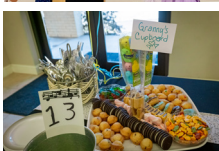
2pm Instrumental Recital

Thanks to our amazing community of volunteers, charcuterie board competitors, ad sponsors, student performers, and teachers, our 20th Anniversary Recital and Celebration was a rousing success!

We had a fantastic turnout and raised \$2,230 for SOFA — thank you for making it such a memorable event!



Charcuterie Board Competition Winner!



Jan Kelly & Jim Gill representing one of the Home Groups



REGISTER FOR SUMMER CLASSES

Ready to make music this summer? SOFA – the School of Fine Arts offers fun and engaging music classes for all ages! Discover your sound and sign up today! to sign up contact Registrar@sahouston.com

FAMILY MUSIC CLASSES

BABIES & TODDLERS

INFANTS TO
3 1/2 YEARS OLD

WED*: 9:15-9:45AM
THUR: 6:00-6:30PM

LEVEL 1

3 1/2 – 5
YEARS OLD

THURSDAYS:
3:30-4:15PM

COMBINED LEVELS

2 & 3 PRE-PIANO

5 – 7
YEARS OLD

THURSDAYS:
4:30-5:30PM

SUMMER 2025 CLASS DATES (PICK 6 OUT OF 8)

- MAY 28* & 29
- JUNE 4* & 5
- JUNE 11* & 12
- JUNE 18* & 19
- JUNE 25* & 26
- JULY 2* & 3
- JULY 16* & 17
- JULY 30* & 31



Children's Place

A ministry of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

CHILDREN'S PLACE

THE ANN WALLIN CENTER



Children's Place is registering for the 2025-2026 school year
email registration@sahouston.com

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Under the Sea - Dive deep into God's love and find out that "Jesus is o-FISH-ally the best!"

Kingdom Quest - Suit up for a royal adventure and remember that "Jesus is our forever King!"

Dinosaur Discovery - Travel back in time and uncover the truth that "Jesus' love is DINO-mite!"

Each week is packed with fun, faith, and friendship as campers learn all about Jesus through stories, games, crafts, and more. A few spots are still available—don't miss out on the best part of summer! Call the school today to secure your spot!



MEET THE TEACHER • June 6

You're invited to our Meet the Teacher event at Children's Place! Join us at 10:00 AM to meet your child's new teacher and get a peek at their new classroom. At 10:30, parents will head to a brief orientation while students stay with their teachers for a fun 30-minute session. The event will wrap up at 11:00. We can't wait to see everyone again on the first day of summer camp—Monday, June 6!



SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 9-13: SENSATIONAL SCIENCE & SENSORY
JUNE 16-20: TO INFINITY & BEYOND
JUNE 23-27: VBS- UNDER THE SEA
JULY 7-11: CREATIVE ARTS WITH SOFA
JULY 14-18: VBS- KINGDOM QUEST
JULY 21-25: BUBBLE MANIA
JULY 28-AUG 1: ZOOM INTO ZOO
AUG 4-8: VBS- DINO DISCOVERY



SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp at Children's Place is almost here, and we can't wait to kick off the fun! Each week brings a new theme packed with music, sensory play, exciting games, and special in-school field trips. It's going to be a summer full of laughter and learning! We still have a few spots left, so don't miss out—email our director, Ms. Claire, at claire@sahouston.com for more information. Let the summer adventures begin!

WANT TO RESERVE A SPACE?

If you would like to reserve a room for a meeting or event, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Melinda Garza, at melinda@sahouston.com. Melinda will follow up with you to assist in scheduling your space and confirming the details.



OUR ST. ANDREW'S STAFF



CLERGY AND STAFF

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Join the church

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Fund the altar flowers

Ashleigh Ordeneaux

Ashleigh@sahouston.com



Plan a Wedding

Kelly Lewis

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Announce a birth or adoption

Prepare for Baptism

Kelly Lewis

kelly@sahouston.com

Make a donation • sahouston.com/giving

Planned giving • Maria S. Ibarra, maria@sahouston.com

Add a name to the prayer list • Amy Smith, amy@sahouston.com

Notify us of a death or illness • Amy Smith, amy@sahouston.com

Request a bulletin announcement • Ashleigh Ordeneaux, ashleigh@sahouston.com

Request an announcement for the weekly email • info@sahouston.com

Update contact information in our database • Maria S. Ibarra, maria@sahouston.com

LEADERS IN OUR CHURCH

SESSION LEADERSHIP 2025

January 1, 2025

MINISTRY	Active Elders	Team Lead
CHURCH LIFE churchfamily@sahouston.com	Mary Bradley John Bremer MaryAnn McGlamery	John Bremer
FAMILY MINISTRY youth@sahouston.com children@sahouston.com	Natasha Erskine Andy Fitzpatrick	Katy Butterwick
EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH edoutreach@sahouston.com	Rennae Henry Tami Mallett	Tami Mallett
FACILITIES facilities@sahouston.com	James Lambuth Mark Reid Winston Reid	Winston Reid
MISSIONS missions@sahouston.com	Bryan Gowen Mark Wendt	Mark Wendt
OUTREACH outreach@sahouston.com	Beverly Brownfield Julie Fitzgerald Kristy Juzswik	Beverly Brownfield
RESOURCES resources@sahouston.com	Ron Stern	Mark Mallett
SPIRITUAL FORMATION spiritualformation@sahouston.com	Elaine Ecklund Bill Hargrove	Bill Hargrove
WORSHIP worship@sahouston.com	Carrie King Alex Sardual	Carrie King
CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE nominating@sahouston.com	Beverly Brownfield Julie Fitzgerald	Beverly Brownfield

Clerk – Aletha Evert, session@sahouston.com
Treasurer – Mark Mallett

Assistant Clerk – Bill Hargrove
Assistant Treasurer – Mark Carleton

TRUSTEES -- [2023] Florine Carr, Brian Duffy [2024] Rick Bott, Joyce Ramsey-Coleman
[2025] Sara Brinkmann, Karen Gerstner

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

Ephesians 6:18

St. Andrew's is a praying community.

Below are ways to ask for prayer or join in prayer for all things.

Requesting Prayer:

Please complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the entrances) and hand to an usher during the Gratitude song or place it in the offering plate. We have a dedicated person who prays during our worship service for God to be glorified and for the needs people submit on these prayer cards. And if you would like to become an intercessor or be added to our longer term public prayer list, please email Amy Smith at amy@sahouston.com.

We encourage you to pray for the immediate needs of our congregation:

Diane Arrington, the Boucher Family, Cindy Chmielewski, Zia Duffy, Laurie Fitzpatrick, Allison Gutierrez, Stephen Gelbaugh, Jill Kinkel, Natalie Kinkel, Mandy Kung, the Lewis Family, Barbara Lytle, Anne McAllister, Nora Quiocho, Dee Savoy, Mike Staley

GOLDEN MEMBERS

Mike Anders, Bondu Anderson, Carolyn Blakley, Sidair Boeker, Ruth and Walter Bohannon, Pat Bowers, Judy Bristol, Jan and Dan Butterwick, Margaret Caddy, Carolyn Caldwell, Florine Carr, Janet and Ed Christensen, Forrest Clark, Nancy Donaldson, Carolyn Draper, Dorothy Falkenberg, Janiece Ferguson, George Ferry, Ann Gaston, Maria Geddes, Ann Gentle, John Grubb, Mary Lou Horsley, Mona Johnson, Charlene and Ken Kern, Jerry Ann Kilcoyne, Peggy McCall, Dorothy McIntosh, Sue McLeod, Clyde McMeans, Ann Migliore, Zillah Oden, Dinah Orum, Pat Perry, Nora and Florante Quiocho, Suzanne Reese, Kay Russell, Dee and Joe Savoy, Hanna Schwarze, Betty Smith, Barbara and Mike Staley, Jamie Strauss, Ann Wallin, Eugenia and Klaus Weissenberger, Georgia and Connie White, Dick Wolf, Patsy Yeager

The ACTS Prayer Group is praying for these members

June 1

Mandy Kung
Tracie & Gabriel Lambourg
Jocelyn & James Lambuth, Cecilia, Paul
Kelly & Paul Lewis, Emma, Abby
Kristin & Brian Logan, Abigail

June 29

Lynette & Gerry McGlamery, Caitlin
Michele & Mike McGlothlin
Liz & Cris McGuffee, Anna, Maggie, Jack
Dorothy McIntosh
Nikki Janzen & Eva, Tycho McKay

June 15

Nancy & Mike Magilton, Emily, Charlotte, Madeline
Tami & Mark Mallett
Ginny & Steve Martin
Caroline Matlock
Chris Matlock & Liz Padon

June 8

Caren & Mac Mackinnie, Will, Jack
Doris Mcleod
Deborah Lokey
Audrey & Eric Lokker, Bridget, Ryan
Elizabeth & Jason Love, Jay, Tait

June 22

Karen Matlock
Lynn & Marty Matzuk
Shea McCord
Kathleen & Philip McDaniel, Noah, Evelyn
MaryAnn & George McGlamery