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APRIL 2026

COMING UP...

APRIL

- 1 Chess Club
- 1 Bridge
- 3 Good Friday Service: 7:30 pm
- 3 Children's Place: Closed
- 3 Building Blocks: Closed
- 5 Easter Services: 9 am & 11 am
- 6 Children's Place: Closed
- 6 Connecting Threads
- 8 Chess Club
- 8 Sewing Ministry
- 8 Bridge
- 11 Intercessory Prayer
- 11 Houston Folklore & Music Society Concert
- 12 Confirmation Class
- 12 SOFA Spring Voice Recital - 3PM
- 15 Chess Club
- 15 Bridge
- 16 Children's Place: Pancake Breakfast
- 18 High School Youth Trip: Schlitterbahn
- 18 SOFA Musikgarten Celebration - 4PM
- 19 Confirmation Class
- 20 Connecting Threads
- 22 Chess Club
- 22 Bridge
- 26 Confirmation Class
- 26 SOFA Spring Instrumental Recital - 3PM
- 29 Children's Place: Family Chapel
- 29 Chess Club
- 29 Bridge
- 29 Sewing Ministry



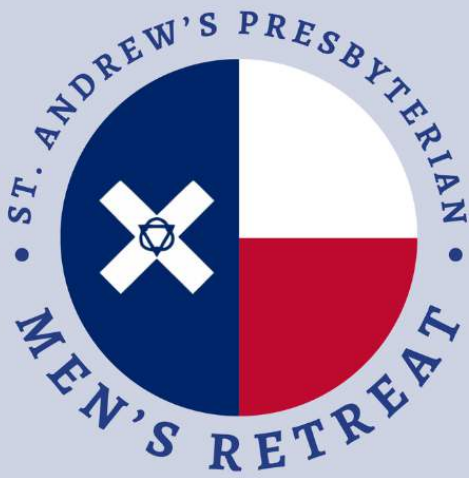
Easter turns everything inside out and upside down, and its story continues far beyond one Sunday as it carries us through the six weeks to Pentecost, the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. During these weeks, we remember that Jesus did not simply rise and leave, but continued to teach, appear, and reveal himself to his followers, giving us story after story that deepens our understanding of the resurrection. When we share communion, we remember that Jesus died, yet He is still with us, especially in the bread and the wine. The cross and the resurrection cannot be separated. Each reveals the other, and together they draw us into the fullness of the Easter story. Pastor Jeff will continue this transformational story in the months ahead, and we welcome you to join us at 10 a.m. on Sundays.



SATURDAY - APRIL 11
9 AM

Plan to join us at 9am on this Saturday, in the Gathering Area to pray for our community and the world. We welcome all to join us to pray.

Contact: Amy at amy@sa-houston.com



April 17-19, 2026

**Tall Timbers Retreat Center
Nacogdoches, TX**

Men, We'd love for you to join us this year in the Texas Piney Woods. Great fellowship and food. Good fun. Growing in faith. We'll hear from a few of our own, and consider together how we can better reflect Christ in our daily lives.

SIGNUP TODAY!



ST. ANDREW'S



Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class Information

We invite students in 8th grade and up to participate in 5 spring classes to discuss a life committed to following Jesus and the core beliefs of the church. Students who complete classes, should they decide, will join St. Andrew's as an official member on May 10 (Youth Sunday and Mother's Day) during our 10am worship service. Our classes will be on Sunday afternoons from 4-5:30pm on March 29, April 12, April 19, April 26, and May 3.

Contact Amy at amy@sahouston.com if interested in knowing more.



HomeGroups
Life in a world of existence

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!

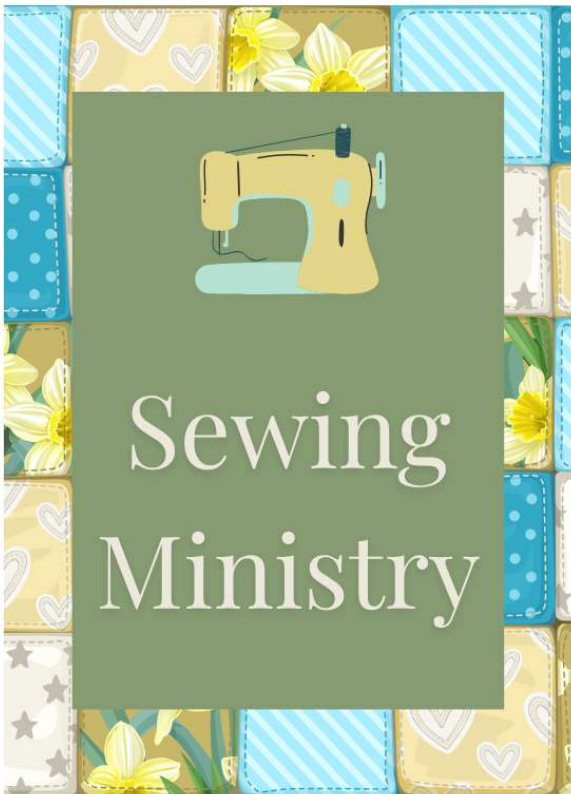
Contact: Amy Smith at amy@sahouston.com



**MONDAY - APR 6 AND APR 20
ROOM 211 - 11 AM**

Love to stitch or want to learn? Join us for Connecting Threads, St. Andrew's needlepoint ministry! We meet upstairs in Room 214. Beginners will get simple prints to start with, and experienced stitchers can bring a project they're working on. Bring your lunch, enjoy great company, and help us create fun projects for the church!

Contact: Kelly Lewis at kelly@sahouston.com



**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 8 & 29
10 AM
ROOM 138**

The Sewing Ministry is a dedicated group within our church that creates meaningful items for our congregation, including baptismal quilts, graduating senior laundry bags, and gift satchels for our Golden Members. If you love to sew or want to learn, we welcome you to join us in this heartfelt ministry to serve others and spread joy through the items we make.

Contact: Florine Carr at ffcarr30@gmail.com



ST. ANDREW'S CHESS CLUB

EVERY
WEDNESDAY
NOON - RM 215

Come be part of something new, fun, and engaging!

Whether you are a beginner, intermediate player, or a grandmaster, there is a place for you at the board. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Come learn, play, and grow together in a friendly and encouraging environment.

Have questions or want more information? Please email Jacks Kelly for any questions or inquiries.
jacks@sahouston.com

Join us for strategy, fellowship, and a little friendly competition. We would love to have you!



WEDNESDAYS 1:30 PM SESSION ROOM

Join us every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. for a fun, friendly game of Bridge! All skill levels are welcome—whether you're a seasoned player or just learning. It's a great chance to relax, share some laughs, and make new friends in a warm, welcoming environment.

Contact: Carolyn Blakley at ssb2143@sbcglobal.net



JOIN US FOR A
CONCERT
RIDERS ON THE
ORPHAN TRAIN
WITH CHARLES
BRYANT OPENING

SATURDAY - APRIL 11
7 PM
WARREN FAMILY
CENTER

Since 1951, HFMS has celebrated and preserved the heart of folk music "people's music." We support singer-songwriters carrying on this tradition and invite you to join us for an evening of music, community, and connection.

Contact: Jim Gill at jim@sahouston.com

TUES 5 MAY · 5:30PM - 7PM
DINNER PROVIDED

JOIN US!

FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT

EMAIL:
AMY@SAHOUSTON.COM



FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT

TUESDAY
MAY 5

Join us with your **WHOLE FAMILY**, for a tender time of singing, dancing, and praising. Feel free to invite friends and family. It's the perfect grandparent outing.

Dinner | 5:30 PM

Dinner will be generously provided by the church and will be served 5:30 - 6:00 PM in the Family Center.

Family Worship | 6:00 - 6:30

After dinner, join us in the sanctuary for a short worship service for the whole family.

CHURCH



For over 30 years, Wild Men's Dinner has been a place where men gather in community and faith. This year, we continue the tradition, bringing together generations of men to share a meal and grow stronger together.

Dads, bring your sons.
Grandfathers, bring your grandsons.

Let's carry the tradition forward.

May 7
6:00 PM
Family Center

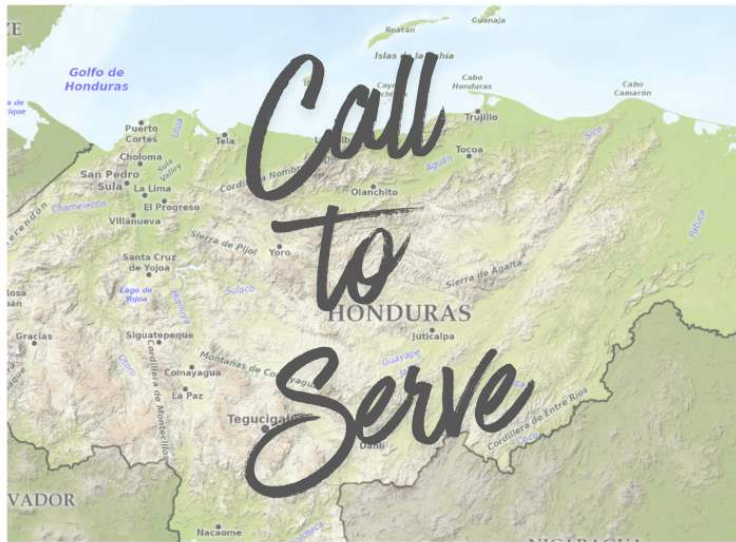
- Fajitas served
- Live music
- Meaningful fellowship
- All generations welcome



RSVP: Ron Stern
Text- 713-724-8284

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."
Proverbs 27:17

MISSIONS



Year 3 Serving at Rancho Ebenezer in HONDURAS- (July 7-14)

St. Andrew's has sent serve teams the past two summers, and there are plans to return again in July. Anyone is welcome to join the Olson family, who will be leading the trip. To learn more about what God is doing in Honduras, visit Rancho Ebenezer's website: <https://www.wgoreach.org/rancho-ebenezer>.

Please email Amanda at amandaleigholson@gmail.com to learn more about the specifics for this summer's trip. Everyone who has gone has been richly blessed by the Rancho Ebenezer community and come home changed!



**ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN**
ONE CAMPUS ONE MINISTRY
CHURCH • CHILDREN'S PLACE • BUILDING BLOCKS • SOFA

Strengthening our 1 Campus 1 Ministry Connections



Please sign up to be notified about fun, easy ways to engage with the parents, children and staff of Children's Place, Building Blocks and the School of Fine Arts! We want to make sure they truly feel part of the St. Andrew's community. Opportunities may include things such as attending a special event, helping serve refreshments or delivering teacher appreciation gifts, all with the goal of connection! This is also a great way for you to get to know these programs better, brought to you by your Outreach and Educational Outreach Committees. You can sign up for alerts here: <https://tinyurl.com/1clmconnections>, by scanning the QR code or by emailing rennaehenry@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S PLACE

NO SCHOOL
EASTER
MONDAY

MON - APRIL 6



Children's Place will be closed in observance of Easter Monday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday, April 7th!

We're excited to invite your family to our annual Pancake Breakfast! Because our preschool has grown so much this year, the event will be split into two morning shifts based on your child's age. Stay tuned for more details on Brightwheel!

Thursday - April 16

Pancake
Breakfast



We are looking forward to our April Family Chapel, which will be held on Wednesday, April 29th at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. All 2's, 3's, and 4's classes will attend chapel that morning, and families are warmly invited to join their children for this special time of worship. Family Chapel is a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith—we hope you'll come worship with us!

We warmly invite all mothers, aunts, and grandmothers to join us for our Children's Place Mother's Day Tea. Enjoy light bites, tea, and a special performance from the children as we celebrate and honor the love, care, and dedication you pour into their lives each day. We look forward to sharing this sweet and meaningful time together!

MOTHER DAY
TEA

MAY 8TH
10:00 AM
FAMILY CENTER

WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE
AND HONOR YOU!





WEEKLY STEM SUMMER CAMPS!

Rising PreK4-6th grade

- STEM
- Literacy
- Enrichment
- Weekly Fine Arts Experiences with SOFA
- Sports and Group Games
- Social Emotional Learning
- Spiritual Development
- Friday Field Trips!

Reg. Fee
\$150

Extended Day
7:00am-6:00pm
\$400/week

Day Camp
7:00am-2:30pm
\$350/week

THEMES

- June 8-12 - Animals Animals Animals
- June 15-19 - Field Day/World Cup
- June 22-26 - Lone Star State
- June 29-July 2 - Anime
- July 6-10 - Explorers
- July 13-17 - Family Trees
- July 20-24 - The Human Body
- July 27-31 - Superheroes
- August 3-7 - Blast Off into Space!



More Information



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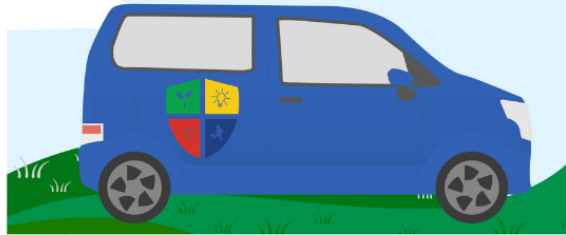


Registration is open now!

Email Ms. Rachel with any questions!
rachelesahouston.com

Building Blocks is looking for committed, reliable and kid-loving tutors and/or van drivers to work in our after school program and/or summer camps. If you have experience working with children and are interested in learning more, please contact Rachel Gowen at rachelesahouston.com for part time and full time inquires.

BUILDING BLOCKS NEEDS VAN DRIVERS AND TUTORS!



BUILDING BLOCKS

SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

SOFA Welcomes a New Staff Member

Emily grew up at St. Andrew's church and participated in youth choir, bell choir, and youth group. She is excited to return to St. Andrew's to work with her mentor teacher, Doris Sing. In her free time, Emily enjoys pilates, growing vegetables, and reading.



Creative Arts Camp - Peter and the Wolf

July 13-July 17

Children ages 3½ to 6 are invited to enroll in our Creative Arts Camp! This year's theme is Peter and the Wolf, and students will rotate daily between music, art, and drama, culminating in a short showcase at the end of the week. Early-bird signup is now open.

Visit the SOFA website or contact Mandy for more information.

sofaesahouston.com



Spring Voice Recital; Musikgarten Celebration; Spring Instrumental Recital

Spring Voice Recital - April 12 at 3:00 PM
Musikgarten Celebration - April 18 at 4:00 PM
Spring Instrumental Recital - April 26 at 3:00 PM

Join us for three special spring events celebrating our students' musical growth and achievements.

These recitals and celebrations are wonderful outreach opportunities to welcome families and friends into our community. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!



SOFA Piano Camp: July 27-31

Save the date for SOFA's exciting Piano Camp this summer! Students will enjoy focused piano instruction, grow in musicianship, and enjoy a fun, enriching camp experience with professional piano instructors.

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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.



ST. ANDREW'S STAFF



LEADERS IN OUR CHURCH

SESSION LEADERSHIP 2026

January 1, 2026

MINISTRY	Active Elders	Team Lead
CHURCH LIFE churchfamily@sahouston.com	Heather Albrecht Mary Bradley MaryAnn McGlamery	Mary Bradley & MaryAnn McGlamery
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Treasurer – Mark Mallett

Assistant Clerk – Bill Hargrove
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**BABY ANNOUNCEMENT
PREPARE FOR BAPTISM**

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

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

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