

# CONNECTED

A PUBLICATION OF ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

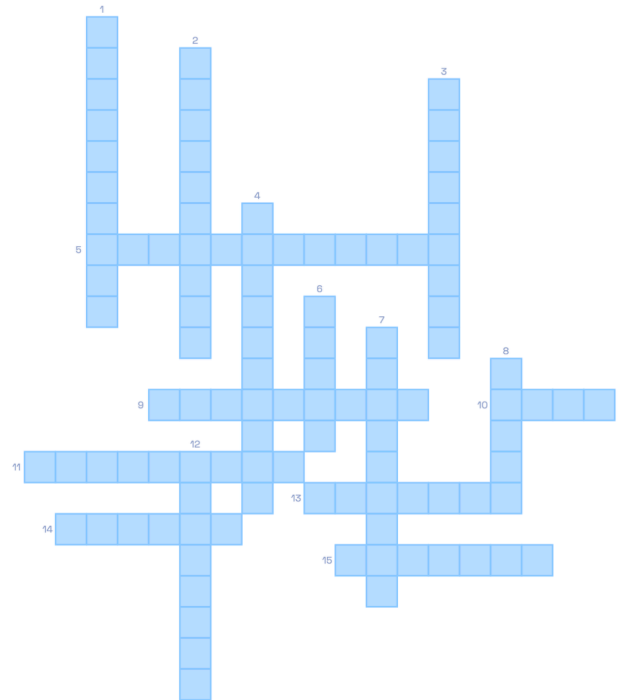
MAY 2026

## COMING UP...

# MAY

- 3 Confirmation Class #5
- 4-8 Children's Place: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 4 Connecting Threads
- 6 Chess Club
- 6 Bridge
- 7 Wild Men's Dinner
- 8 Children's Place: Mother's Day Tea
- 9 Houston Folklore & Music Society Concert
- 10 Youth/Senior Sunday
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- 10 Luncheon for Graduation Seniors
- 13 Sewing Ministry
- 13 Chess Club
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- 17 Third Grade Bible Presentation
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- 24 Day of Pentecost
- 25 Church Offices Closed: Memorial Day
- 25 Children's Place Closed: Memorial Day
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- 27 Children's Place: Family Chapel
- 27 Sewing Ministry
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- 27 Bridge
- 29 Children's Place: PreK Graduation & Last Day of School
- 30 Intercessory Prayer
- 31 Reconnect: Summer Worship Night

## ST. ANDREW'S CROSSWORD



### DOWN

- 1. God's presence that guides and comforts us
- 2. A joyful word of praise to God
- 3. Remembering Jesus with bread and cup
- 4. A celebration of finishing school and moving forward
- 6. God's undeserved love and kindness
- 7. Followers and students of Jesus
- 8. What flowers do in spring
- 12. One who cares for sheep, like Jesus cares for us

### ACROSS

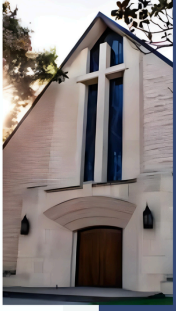
- 5. Jesus rising from the dead
- 9. The day the Holy Spirit came to the early church
- 10. A symbol often used to represent Jesus
- 11. When Jesus returned to heaven
- 13. A ceremony using water to show new life in Christ
- 14. Someone we honor on a special day in May
- 15. Becoming new again, like in springtime

\*answers are on the last page



## DAY OF PENTECOST

Sanctuary  
May 24  
10 am



## 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 4-6 pm on March 29, April 12, April 19, April 26, and May 3.*

*Contact Amy at [amy@sahouston.com](mailto:amy@sahouston.com) if interested in knowing more.*

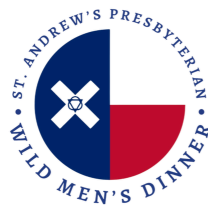


## HomeGroups

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](mailto:amy@sahouston.com)



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

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



RSVP: Ron Stern  
Text- 713-724-8284

# Youth SUNDAY

ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 10  
10 AM

SANCTUARY

Join us as St. Andrew's youth lead all parts of the service and as we bless our graduating Seniors and receive the 2026 Confirmation Class!



**MONDAY - MAY 4  
& MAY 18  
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](mailto:kelly@sahouston.com)



**WEDNESDAY  
MAY 13 & 27  
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](mailto:ffcarr30@gmail.com)

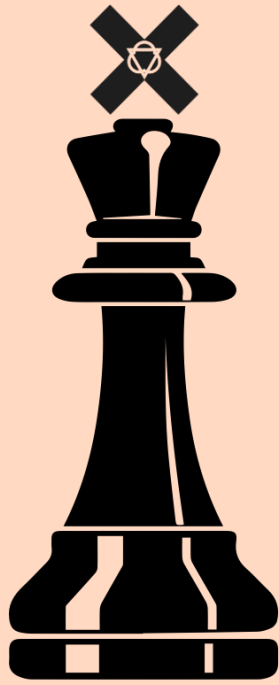
**CHURCH**



**Join us in gratitude  
for our church ushers!**

Because of our faithful and friendly ushers, everyone feels welcome!

**MAY 17 - 10 AM - SANCTUARY**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ssb2143@sbcglobal.net)



JOIN US FOR A  
CONCERT  
ROB LYTLE  
WITH LEAH DAWN  
OPENING

SATURDAY - MAY 9  
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](mailto:jim@sahouston.com)

# INTERCESSORY PRAYER



**SATURDAY - MAY 30  
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@sahouston.com](mailto:amy@sahouston.com)

MISSING GOD? 

# RECONNECT

A SUMMER SERIES

**\*SUNDAY NIGHTS**  
@6:30 PM

WHERE WORSHIP  
DEEPENS  
&  
PRAYER BECOMES  
PRACTICE

5/31  
6/28  
7/26

**Summer Worship Nights**  
**Sanctuary - 6:30 PM**  
**Last Sunday in May, June & July**

Contact Amy at [amy@sahouston.com](mailto:amy@sahouston.com) if interested in knowing more.

**CHURCH**

# MISSIONS



## FAMILY SERVICE DAY

Serve together as a family! Family groups will learn about the impact of CCSC's work and participate in a kid-friendly service project. Activities are geared to children in kindergarten through 6th grade.

- ✓ 1-hour shifts 12-3:00 p.m.
- ✓ Sign up each family member
- ✓ Price: 1 bag of nonperishable food

Sign up at [bit.ly/familyservice26](https://bit.ly/familyservice26)



CCSC



### 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/1c1mconnections>, by scanning the QR code or by emailing [rennaehenry@gmail.com](mailto:rennaehenry@gmail.com).



## HOUSTON MISSION WEEK

JOIN US FOR ONE OR ALL, EVERY MOMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



### \*June 22-26: (Morning and Afternoon Projects)

Monday: AM: Children's Place VBS, PM: Kid's Meals

Tuesday: AM: Children's Place VBS, PM: Agape Ministries

Wednesday: AM: Children's Place VBS, PM: The Summer Institute

Thursday: AM; Children's Place VBS, PM: Hospitality Apartments

Friday: AM: Children's Place VBS, PM: Building Blocks Field Trip

RVSP:  
[AMY@SAHOUSTON.COM](mailto:AMY@SAHOUSTON.COM)

# CHILDREN'S PLACE

We are delighted to invite our Kangaroos, Koalas, and Hummingbirds families to our annual Mother's Day Tea on Thursday, May 8th at 9:20 AM in the Warren Family Center. This special morning will feature a charming performance by our students as they celebrate the wonderful mothers and special guests in their lives. Guests are encouraged to come dressed in "High Tea Attire"—think dresses, hats, gloves, and all things fancy for a truly memorable occasion! Please be sure to RSVP to Hannah so we can prepare accordingly. We look forward to celebrating with you!

[hannah@sahouston.com](mailto:hannah@sahouston.com)



We are proud to celebrate our PreK Hummingbird Class Graduation, honoring the growth, achievements, and special memories of this wonderful group of students. Following the ceremony, families are invited to join us for cake and fellowship in the Warren Family Center as we continue the celebration together. Please come celebrate the many accomplishments of our newest graduating class—we are so proud of our Hummingbirds!

We are looking forward to our April Family Chapel, which will be held on Wednesday, May 27th 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!



Join us for our Meet the Teacher & Ice Cream Social as we kick off the 2026-2027 school year!

This special event is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher, connect with new classmates, and get settled into the year ahead. We will also host a brief beginning-of-the-year orientation, where we'll cover important information to help your family feel prepared and confident for the first day of school. Following orientation and classroom visits, our church community will host a fun Ice Cream Social in The Woods—a perfect time to relax, enjoy a sweet treat, and build connections with other families. We hope you'll join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and a warm welcome to the new school year!



# WEEKLY STEM SUMMER CAMPS!

Rising PreK4-6th grade

STEM Literacy Enrichment  
Sports and Group Games  
Social Emotional Learning  
Spiritual Development  
Weekly Fine Arts Experiences  
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 [rachel@sahouston.com](mailto:rachel@sahouston.com) 713.410.0336



Your student won't want to miss STEM Summer Camps at Building Blocks! Each week is intentionally and creativity developed to maximize learning in fun and engaging ways. Contact the Director below if you are interested in learning more about enrolling your PreK-Middle Schoolers.

What to expect each week:

- Hands on STEM lessons + activities
- Weekly Experiments
- Engaging Enrichment activities (art, cooking, dance, music, group games, etc.)
- Social Emotional Learning lessons + games
- Leadership Development lessons + games
- Reliable, energetic, passionate and kid-loving camp counselors
- On campus (every week) and off campus (occasional) Friday Field Trips and more!

Contact: [rachel@sahouston.com](mailto:rachel@sahouston.com)



If you are interested in learning more about Building Blocks' 2026-2027 After School Program, please email the director at [rachel@sahouston.com](mailto:rachel@sahouston.com).

Schools we pick up from:

- Condit
- Horn
- Mark Twain
- Poe
- Roberts
- West University
- Lanier Middle School

Time:

2:45-6pm Monday-Friday

Occasional Day Camps offered when HISD is out.

# BUILDING BLOCKS

# SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

## Summer Early Childhood Music Classes

Baby and Toddler Musikgarten: Family Music  
Best fit for Infants to 3 ½ years

Level 1 Musikgarten: Cycle of Seasons  
Best fit for children around 3 ½ to 4 years

Combined Musikgarten Levels 2 & 3 (Pre-Piano): Music Makers at Home and in the World  
Best fit for children around 4 ½ to 6 years

Sign up Link: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=50765d>  
or include QR code in this Canva file that is shared with you:

<https://canva.link/99sesgyycp4woem>

Location (Rm 131)

Contact person Ms. Lea or Ms. Emily  
[sofaesahouston.com](http://sofaesahouston.com)

## 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](mailto:sofaesahouston.com)

## 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.

[sofaesahouston.com](http://sofaesahouston.com)



# 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](mailto: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

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January 1, 2026

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Assistant Clerk – Bill Hargrove  
Assistant Treasurer – TBD

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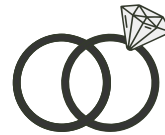
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**Add a name to the prayer list** • Amy Smith, [amy@sahouston.com](mailto:amy@sahouston.com)

**Notify us of a death or illness** • Amy Smith, [amy@sahouston.com](mailto:amy@sahouston.com)

**Request a bulletin announcement** • Isis Pinon, [isis@sahouston.com](mailto:isis@sahouston.com)

**Request an announcement for the weekly email** • [info@sahouston.com](mailto:info@sahouston.com)

**Update contact information in our database** • Maria S. Ibarra, [maria@sahouston.com](mailto:maria@sahouston.com)

### DOWN

1. HOLY SPIRIT
2. HALLELUJAH
3. COMMUNION
4. GRADUATION
6. GRACE
7. DISCIPLES
8. BLOOM
12. SHEPHERD

### ACROSS

5. RESURRECTION
9. PENTECOST
10. LAMB
11. ASCENSION
13. BAPTISM
14. MOTHER
15. RENEWAL