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*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of people."*

**THE CALL**

*St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Rocky Mount, NC*



## Our Good Shepherd

By the Rev. George Greer



There is only one Good Shepherd, but that doesn't mean that we all recognize Him? Based on the Gospels it seems unlikely. St. John says that the sheep recognize only the voice of the Shepherd. Our Good Shepherd comes not to steal or to slaughter but to give life.

These are reassuring words for those of us who seek the living God, who seek to know the God revealed to us in the Church and in Scripture. There are so many voices in our world, all seeking our allegiance and telling us that each one has the way to salvation. Salvation is not a lottery. Salvation is not finding something that makes us happy. Salvation is following the authentic voice of God in His Church and in His Scriptures.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear a wonderful conversion story, all from preaching the word. The eleven clearly knew the Word of God and could preach it because it was clear to them that Jesus was its fulfillment. The more we come to understand the Word of God and allow it to possess us, within the Church, the stronger our own conversion can become. This conversion, through the Spirit of God, gives us authority to speak with others about God and His Word.

Only if we ourselves are personally convinced that Jesus is the Savior can we have the strength to proclaim Him to others. When we become convinced that He is Savior, we are not afraid to confess our sins: lying, covetousness, lust, adultery, stealing, fornication, and all the others that St. Paul lists in his letter to the Galatians.

The First Letter of Peter reminds us that we are all saved in Jesus Christ. None of the sins that I have mentioned can keep us from Christ. Rather the more we come to Christ, the more we see that in Christ we have the possibility of living a life more free from sin and more like the children that God created us to be.

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## May 2022 Sundays

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rt. I  
9:00a.m. Adult Christian Ed.  
Via Zoom or in-person in the conf. room  
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rt. II

On Sunday, June 5, we change to our summer worship schedule. One service at 9:30a.m.

## Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rt. II

## Important Dates to Remember

May 1	Taco Sunday	11:30a.m.
May 10	Finance Committee	6:00p.m.
May 13	Preschool Graduation	
May 18	Vestry	6:15p.m.
May 19	Meals on Wheels	10:00a.m.
May 21	Memorial Service for Gayle Wright	1:00p.m.

## Our Parish Family

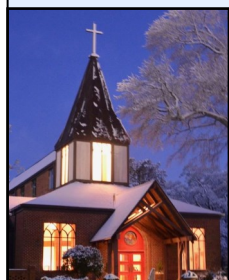
### Let Light Perpetual Shine

Cindy Boykin Grant

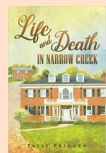
*Dec. 19, 1959—April 16, 2022*

*Mother to Holly Whistler*

*Grandmother to Abigail and McKenzie*



St Andrews Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 12th at 10:00 at the church. We will have local author, Patsy Pridgen discussing her book, Life and Death in Narrow Creek.



**St. Andrew's Preschool's  
Quarter Auction**  
Saturday May 7, 2022

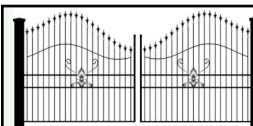
Dinner 5:15 p.m.  
Auction begins at 6:00 p.m.

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. ANDREW'S PRESCHOOL**



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 13—17th  
At First Presbyterian Church  
Children 3 years to  
completed 5th grade  
\$15 per child.  
Scholarships available



**GATEKEEPERS WORKCAMP**  
JULY 10-15  
Registration fee \$125

Email the office to get your child on the list to be notified of all updated information. Registration forms are generally not available until May, but you need to be on the list to receive one. Watch this space for updates and registration information.



## Margaritas and Tacos

Sunday, May 1

Outside on the front patio  
following the 10:30 service

Men's Club breakfast meeting is  
scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd  
at 8am in the parish hall.





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The voice of the Good Shepherd has a difficult time today considering our society tells us that actions many Christians consider sinful are instead virtuous actions and actions that are needed in order to be fully human so that we get the most out of life.

May we, through the mercy of God, hear the authentic voice of Jesus our Good Shepherd today.

Amen.

Speaking Episcopalian

On Easter Sunday, we refilled the Aumbry, which we emptied on Holy Thursday, with the reserved Sacraments.

Aumbry

A cupboard or secure receptacle in the side wall of the sanctuary or sacristy. Aumbries traditionally have been used to keep sacred vessels, books, reliquaries, and oils for anointing. Aumbries may also be used for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sanctuary Lamp

A lamp or candle which burns near the reserved sacrament when the reservation is near the altar.



HYMN STORY

The Rev. Neill Donovan

The Day of Resurrection #210

“The Day of Resurrection” is one of the oldest hymns in our hymnal. The words were written by St. John of Damascus of the Greek Orthodox Church. John was born in Damascus in the 8th century, and was engaged in secular work for many years. He became an Orthodox priest late in life, and spent the rest of his life at St. Sabas convent near Jerusalem. He was a gifted poet—the greatest poet of the Greek Church.

The story is told of John writing a hymn for the funeral of a fellow monk—a monk not yet dead but at death’s doorstep. After writing the hymn John started practicing it loudly. The next thing he knew, the dying monk came shuffling into the room to protest the unseemly noise.

This hymn, “The Day of Resurrection,” was part of a much longer poem. John Mason Neale translated it into English in the 19th century—a thousand years after it was first written.

The first verse calls us to celebrate the resurrection—to proclaim it abroad. The second verse calls us to live lives pure from evil — to live, as it were, resurrection lives. The third verse calls all the heavens and earth to be joyful—to sing—to proclaim a joy that has no end.



Scott Bailey Scholarship Fund



Several years ago, Robert and Virginia Bailey set up a Scholarship fund in honor of their daughter Scott. To date, this scholarship has helped several of our graduating seniors in their college endeavors. For the past several years, we have been able to award up to eight scholarships, worth up to \$1500.00, though this amount may vary. If awarded, scholarship funds will be sent to the college, university, or institute of higher learning where the student will be attending.

Scholarship applications are located in the Commons or call Sarah Katherine in the church office to request yours today. Scholarship funds are available for members of St. Andrew’s, and children of Nash or Edgecombe county.

Kids Corner

Have you ever heard of the word, “guarantee?” It’s a promise, if something breaks or stops working, a company will fix it. Can you think of something that comes with a guarantee? Many things come with a guarantee. Refrigerators, cars, TVs, houses, even cell phones. That’s because things made by human hands have a tendency to break.

Wouldn't it be great if something was guaranteed to last forever? Well, there is!

Jesus promised everlasting life to those who trust and believe in Him.

"My sheep hear My voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never die!"

Nothing can take us out of Jesus’ hand. It is guaranteed that no one can steal His trust or break His promise.

Jesus said, "No one can snatch my sheep out of My hand."

Imagine eternal life that you can't lose and no one can take away. That's a guarantee no one can match.

Let us pray: Dear Father, we thank You for Your guarantee of everlasting life through Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Guaranteed Forever

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 10:27-30

Q V S Y H W L V O I C E P O S  
F W Q M O U T F P S I B B V F  
V K U L S Q L A F H O A T U O  
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W T L A S X S K E R B I Y F E  
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Puzzle created by Sermons4kids

HAND	LISTEN	FOLLOW	FATHER
STEAL	LIFE	GREATER	VOICE
ETERNAL	SHEEP	PERISH	NEVER

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.” JN 10:27-30



“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...”  
Mt. 25: 35a

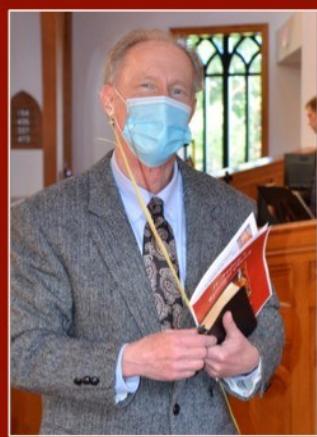
On Saturday, April 2, St. Andrew’s participated in our Rocky Mount Convocations *Rise Against Hunger* ministry. That morning, 16 folks from St. Andrew’s and parishioners from across our convocation prepared 20,000 meals for the people of Haiti.



“But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”  
Luke 14:14



Blessed is He who comes in the  
Name of the Lord.  
  
Hosanna in the highest.

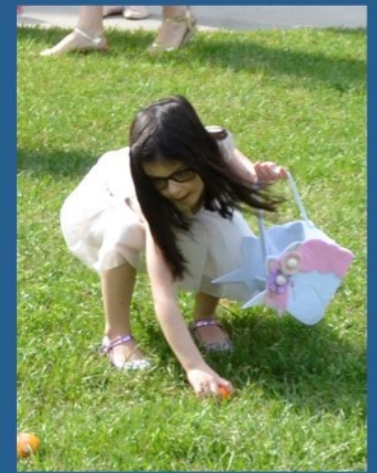






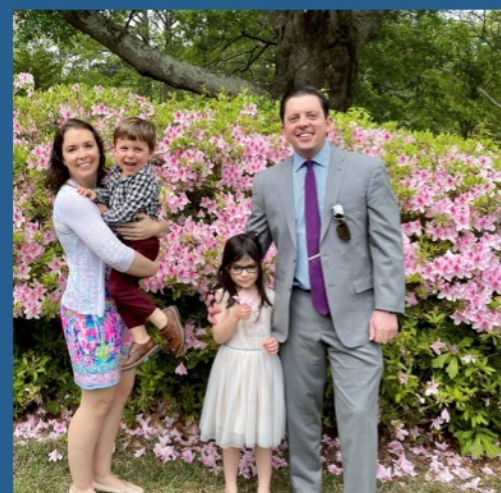
### Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.



Easter Egg  
Hunt





## Easter Sunday



Welcome Happy Morning!





