



Ministry Spotlight: New Beginnings A Brain Health and Respite Program



Adult Day Program

The Adult Day Program is a mission project of St. Andrews in collaboration with Peachtree Christian Health to provide a facility and volunteers to serve older adults and individuals requiring affordable, supervised daytime care and respite for caregivers. Other objectives of this program are to provide programming to improve brain health and promote aging in place. The day program will be held every Tuesday in the Youth room from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, starting September 1st. The day's activities will include devotionals, games, classes and exercise. In addition to the day program Peachtree Christian Health's staff will be providing, on a regular basis, additional educational programming.

Educational Programming

The New Beginnings Educational Outreach Program is dedicated to increasing awareness about the importance of early diagnosis, next steps, and access to evidence-based interventions for individuals living with mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, and related dementias. The program also emphasizes vital support for caregivers navigating these conditions. It intends to provide critical, evidence-based resources to the broader community to educate, empower, and connect individuals and families. See the attached flyer for registration information.

Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to offering our facilities for this program we are seeking volunteers from St. Andrews and the wider Tucker Community. These volunteers will be provided adequate training on being greeters and friends to the participants, helping with the daily activities, serving lunch and assisting in other areas as needed. The first day of training for volunteers will be Friday, July 24th. We are looking for all levels of involvement as a volunteer. You could volunteer one day a month or more or you could volunteer to pick up the catered lunch. There will also be opportunities to volunteer with programming or the daily devotions. Click here for more information and for the sign-up to volunteer.



BRAIN HEALTH AND RESPITE PROGRAM

Beginning September 2026
Tuesdays • 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church • 4882 Lavista Road, Tucker, GA

The New Beginnings Brain Health and Respite Program is a supportive daytime program offering brain-healthy activities, social engagement, and caregiver respite.

Who Should Attend?

- Individuals looking to remain active, engaged, and connected within their community
- Individuals experiencing memory changes or living with mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, or related dementias
- Those interested in participating in fun, engaging, brain-healthy programming

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

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The New Beginnings Educational Outreach Program provides education, support, screenings, and resources for individuals living with mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, and related dementias, as well as their caregivers, families, and neighbors.

Programs Include:

- Memory Screenings
- Virtual Dementia Tours
- Memory Cafes
- Caregiver Education & Support
- Dementia Friends Presentations
- Community Resource Navigation



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteer your time and talents to help provide social engagement, activities, and support for older adults participating in our New Beginnings programs!

Scan the QR code to sign up or learn more about volunteering!



<https://bit.ly/VolunteerForPCH>



VOLUNTEER

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Help us build an inclusive community enriched by
empowering all people to live life to its fullest

Provide Friendship – Support Families – Strengthen Independence –
Uplift Dignity – Inspire Hope – Promote Well-being – Build Community



Be Strong, Be Brave, Be Courageous ... You are never alone"

Joshua 1:9

Program Opportunities:
Brain Health & Respite
Educational Outreach
Caregiver Support

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From the Pastor

I am a Bicentennial baby, so I can't really comment on the last big celebration. But I did not expect to feel the way I do about marking our

country's 250th birthday. Let me tell you what is giving me hope about our world today—soccer (or football to the rest of the world). Whether you go to a World Cup game or not, the spirit of the tournament is something to behold. The US, Canada, and Mexico are welcoming fans from around the world to enjoy the “beautiful game” and celebrate. I feared that, with the state of our nation, this could be a nightmare. But it's not, at least not so far.

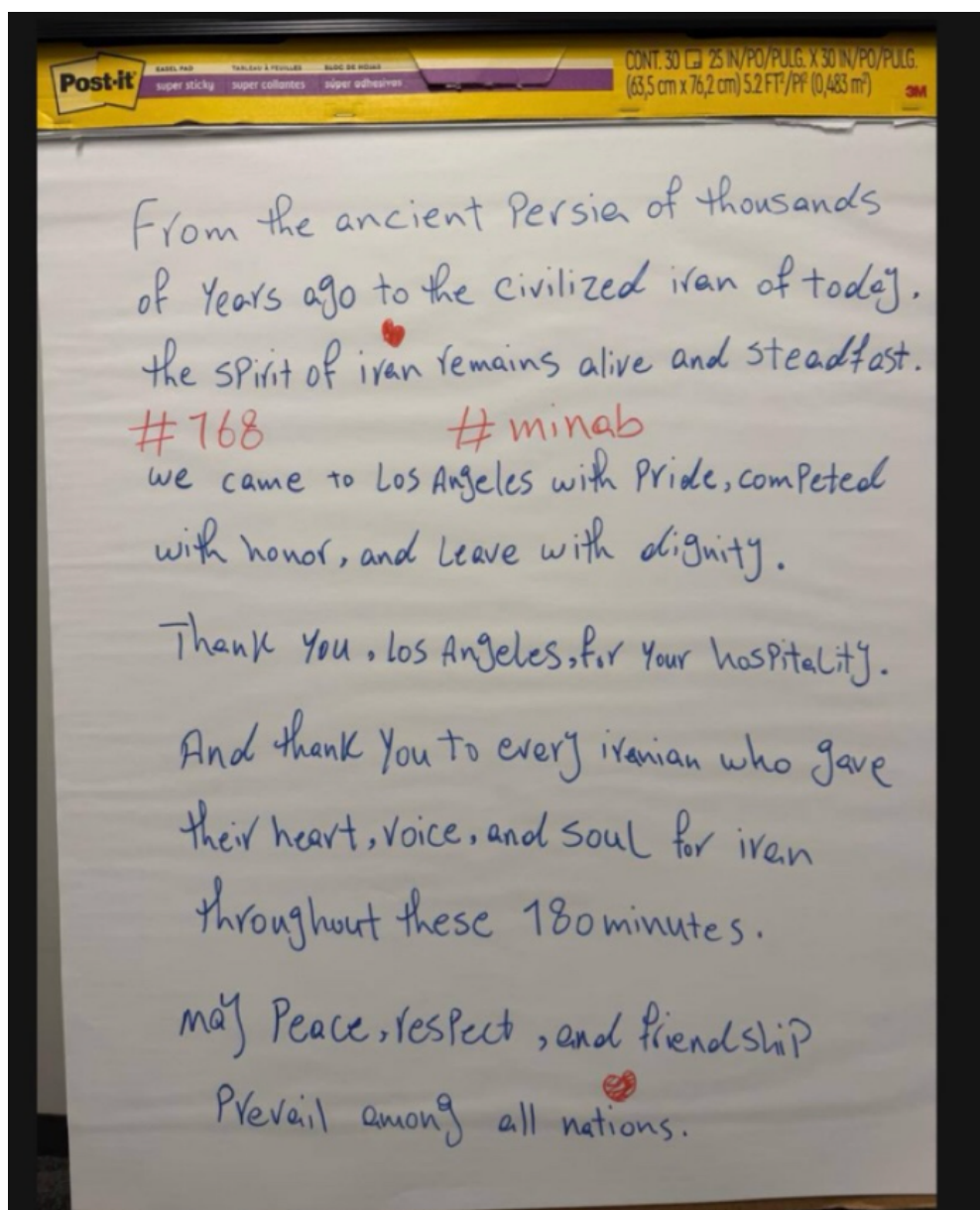
A legal scholar writing under the name “Lady Libertie” confesses that she expected to hate the World Cup because FIFA is corrupt and the US has no business having guests like this right now. She expected the worst.

“I was dead wrong. Because what has unfolded instead is one of the sweetest, strangest, most culture-affirming things I have seen in a long time. It has not felt like an invasion. It has felt like a great big international sleepover where everybody brought a flag, learned one another's songs, got sunburned, ate too much, cried at midfield, and discovered that America is not only the place they see in disaster clips, shooting headlines, political horror shows, and social media sneer-posts.”



Here's how our global neighbors are experiencing the US and reminding us of who we are:

- In Boston, a police officer juggles a soccer ball while a crowd of international fans “loses its entire mind because, for one minute, nobody is performing a culture war. They are just watching a guy in uniform do keepie-uppies in the street, and the whole crowd becomes eight years old.”
- In Los Angeles, the team from Iran left a heartfelt note in their locker room after their matches, reading: “We came to Los Angeles with pride, competed with honor, and leave with dignity. Thank you, Los Angeles, for your hospitality.” The note is an especially touching symbol of peace, respect, gratitude, and friendship, considering the current relationship between the governments of Iran and America.
- In Lawrence, Kansas, the University of Kansas marching band learned the Algerian national anthem to welcome the team, which made the university its home base for the tournament.
- In Dallas, a Japanese fan visited a Mexican restaurant and was overwhelmed by the hospitality. The fan describes sitting at the table and being presented with chips and salsa before they had even ordered. He said to the waiter, “We have not earned these.” “They just come with the table, man,” the waiter responded. The visitor reflected, “In my land, hospitality is a debt. Every gift creates an obligation, weighed carefully, returned in the proper season with interest of feeling. Here, the gift arrives before you have even proven you can pay for dinner... I had been defeated by a courtesy... Generosity that arrives before the request cannot be repaid. It can only be survived. The trust of a nation is in that salsa, and I intend to honor all of it.”



The stories continued with the joy of discovering Waffle House, Buc-ee's, ranch dressing, baseball, a gallon of milk, and the NBA finals. This isn't what any chamber of commerce would put in an official brochure, but it's part of who we are. These stories remind us that we are more than what the headlines or political ads would like us to believe. The reactions of visitors have helped some of us appreciate things we take for granted. There's a spirit of curiosity in both hosts and guests.

Lady Libertie says, "Let's not get precious. We have real violence here, real poverty, real cruelty, real corruption, real democratic danger. Nobody needs to put a doily over the rot and call it patriotism. That is not love. But the opposite is just as dangerous."

I don't know about you, but I needed this reminder that there is more than hate out there, that there is a country and a people worth fighting for. America is more than the worst of us. The world coming to visit is helping us find joy and gratitude. The World Cup will not fix what is wrong with America, but it is opening our eyes to see our nation loved from the outside.

Regardless of how far the US Men's team makes it in this tournament, I think we will come out winners. Because this season of unity, curiosity, and joy, surrounding the beautiful game, may remind us why, as we celebrate our country's Semiquincentennial, it is worth doing the work to live into the promises of our founding.

As the Preamble to the United States Constitution says,

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

We've still got work to do to *form a more perfect union*, and I still believe we can together.

Camille



Summer Worship Series
Broken: Good News for Tough Times

As far as we know, the Apostle Paul never met the Christians in Rome to whom he wrote. But he knew that the Christian life was perilous. He knew the world in which the church was growing and spreading was unpredictable and increasingly diverse. That’s why he wrote to the young church, hoping to encourage and build up the community he hoped to one day visit. This Summer, we’ll spend time reading some of the most intriguing and inspiring passages from Romans. I hope that we will learn how God sustains us in the midst of brokenness, both within and without, helping us find wholeness and unity, just as Paul had hoped, no matter the crises we face.

July 12	<i>Broken Spirits, Broken Bodies</i>	Romans 8:1-11
July 19	Guest Preacher	
July 26	<i>Labor Pains</i>	Romans 8:12-25
August 2	Guest Preacher	
August 9	<i>Inseparable</i>	Romans 8:26-39
August 16	<i>All-Inclusive Grace</i>	Romans 9:1-5
August 23	<i>The End of the Law</i>	Romans 10:5-15
August 30	<i>God is in Control</i>	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
September 6	Hymn Sing and Service of Healing and Wholeness	

Treasurer's Report
by Charlton Allen

A brief summary of the income and expenses for May: Our income was \$ 22,528.41, and our expenses totaled \$37,590.48. For the month of May, we are in the red by \$15,062.07. Combined with the first quarter of 2026, we have a total deficit year to date of \$34,481.63.



Collections for NETWorks
Our collection of food and hygiene items for NETWorks is going well. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our neighbors. Please keep bringing in shelf-

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stable food and hygiene items like adult diapers, poise pads, maxi pads and tampons to the collection bins in the Narthex. Or monetary donations to NETWorks may be made directly [here](#).

[Visit our website](#)



Giving

Online giving applies to your pledge just the same as a paper check. Secure online contributions can be made by clicking [this link](#), or checks can be mailed to: SAPC, 4882 Lavista Rd, Tucker, GA 30084

GIVE NOW

through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange

NETWorks Back-to-School Shop

We are collecting new school supplies for NETWorks Good Neighbor Back-to-School Shop. Please bring in your donations to the narthex through Sunday, July 12th. Click [here](#) for the list of most needed items. For more information about NETWorks, how to give a monetary donation, or how to volunteer for this event, click [this link](#).



Kid's Day

Mother's Day, Father's Day and now Kid's Day! Sunday, July 12, is the first Kid's Day at St. Andrews. We will celebrate children and our inner child in worship, and then have a celebration in the courtyard after worship. There will be water balloons, bubbles, popsicles, chalk drawing, snacks and lots of water play so come prepared with towels and maybe a bathing suit! Invite neighbors, bring your kids, grandkids and any children you know. And if you get in touch with your inner child, don't be afraid to dress appropriately - no matter your age! For more information or to volunteer to help, [contact Phyllis Bearden](#).

Back-to-School Carnival

August 8, 10 am - 12 pm

Please continue to bring in Children's books to be given out at Story Time at the carnival. It's a highlight every year when the children get to select a new or gently used book to take home.



Children's Books
for the
CARNIVAL

Be on the look out for a link to the volunteer sign up soon!

Please contact [Marsh Ashby](#), [Bernadette Angelo](#), or [Cindy Weimer](#), if you'd like to help with planning this year's event.

Fidelis Sunday School Class

Fidelis Sunday School will continue to meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am during the summer. Everyone is welcome to join the Fidelis Sunday School Class, which meets at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Library, and on Zoom (password fidelis).

The class uses *The Present Word* series of books. Contact Deanna Hall for more information.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries



There are spots available for upcoming dates to bring food to Clifton. For more information or to sign up, click here. This ministry is a very easy thing to do since meals are dropped off on Clifton's front porch after calling ahead to let them know when you are coming.

A group gathers on the 4th Sunday of each month after worship to make lunches for Clifton. If you are interested in helping, contact Phyllis Bearden.

Our congregation feeds the men at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries on the fourth Sunday of every month.

Thank You from Phyllis Bearden

My brother passed away in May, and I realized how fortunate I was to be in a church that is so loving. A community that cares and let's our friends feel comforted. I got so many cards, hugs and loving words. How does anyone cope without a community like St. Andrews. We grieve, but we are comforted. Thank you so much.

Session Update

by Jane Thomas, Clerk of Session

- The Session approved skipping the July Session meeting.
 - Pat Baker presented an update to the opportunity for the church to provide a respite care space. We are scheduled to start on September 1 on Tuesdays from 8:30AM - 3:30PM. There is a job opening for a part time coordinator, and the first training for volunteers is 7/24. Details to follow in the Lamplighter.
 - Basil Papotto added to Management's report: They are working with a neighbor regarding access to our sewer system, and they are working on plans for giving to address the budget shortfall.
 - The Session discussed Micah, Chapter Three and a commentary by Landon Whitsitt.
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July Birthdays

- 1 Pat Blair
- 8 David Lukens
- 9 Kayla Chen, Mike Rometo
- 10 Jeff Pattillo
- 12 Deby Brooke
- 13 Lynda Robinson
- 14 Bernadette Angelo, Karen Burns
- 16 Natalia Papotto
- 18 Deanna McFarlan
- 19 Rachel Nelson
- 25 Lily Powell
- 26 Jeff Jackson
- 27 Jared Papotto
- 30 Margaret Williams

July Anniversaries

- 6 Deby & John Brooke
 - 17 Klara & Al Smith
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39ers

The 39ers are a group that meets for lunch and fellowship at noon on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be July 28th at Jim & Nicks Bar-B-Que in Tucker. Everyone is welcome!

Out of Chaos, Hope

Flood, Hurricane & Wildfire Response and Relief

by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) which enables congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. PDA has deployed National Response Teams to the Texas Hill Country flooding, Spring tornados, Southern California wildfires, Florida, North Carolina, and Georgia to support the congregations and communities affected by the natural disasters. They

also aid refugees and asylum seekers as well as respond to incidents of public violence, like mass shootings. When you are not sure what to do besides offering thoughts and prayers, supporting PDA is a way to do more. If you would like to contribute a financial gift to support PDA's immediate and long-term work to rebuild and recover, you can give [using this link](#).

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