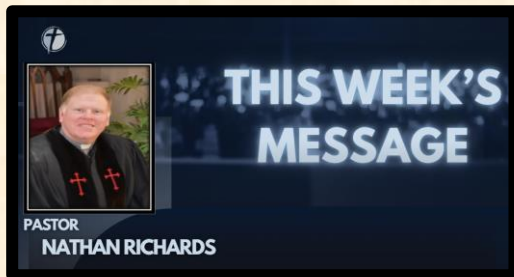


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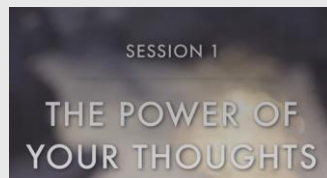


This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

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Ruth C. Duck, from her book *Bread For The Journey*, offers us these inspiring words to greet each day with for the many of us who are struggling in these chaotic times:

All life is a call and response. God calls us to creation. God calls us into life. How we live is our response to God. As we share in this call to awareness, let your response be "God calls me to this day," and raise your arms as a sign of your response. God calls us to life! God calls each of us to move among the creations of this world and bring joy and renewing love. God calls us this day.

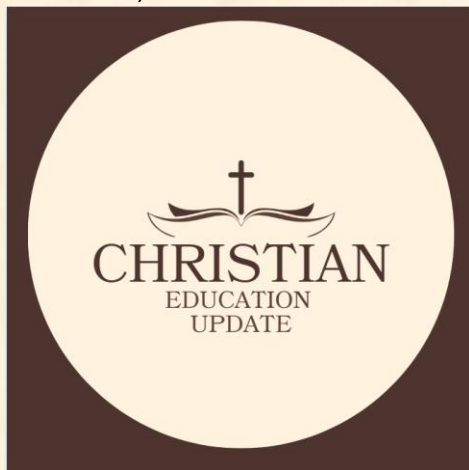


Three Tools to Renew Your Mind and Transform Your Life

Have you been feeling weighed down by worry? Or caught up in a web of self-critical thoughts? The good news is that with God's help, you can learn to renew your mind, break free from negative patterns, and become a little more like Jesus every day. This six-session Bible study explores three Scripture-based tools for managing your thoughts: **Practice Picky Thinking:** Monitor the airspace of your thoughts and don't allow the destructive ones to land. **Identify UFOs:** Scan for any untruths that are creating false narratives that are leading to overreactions. **Uproot and Replant:** Don't let the ugly weeds of Satan's lies grow. Pull them up by the roots and replace them with God's truth.

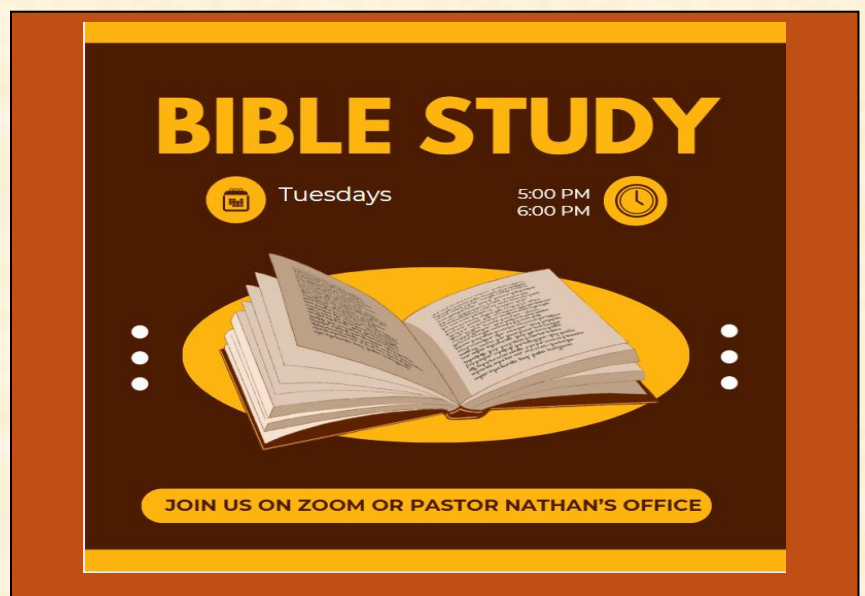
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For adults, we will be hosting our monthly Coffee and Conversation after Church. Please join us as we use a short video of Pastor Nate's choosing to springboard discussion.

This Sunday, we will be painting Halloween pumpkins in Sunday School!





HOLLY MART 2025

Holly Mart will take place on Saturday December 6th from 9 AM to 1 PM. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!! We still need leaders for 4 of our tables.** Leaders are responsible for organizing and pricing items on the table and overseeing the table during the sale. **We need donations to fill all our tables.** This is a great time to go through your home to clean out things you haven't used in a while, but someone else could put to good use. Below is a list of tables so you know what we can use. **We need some delicious baked goods for the breakfast bar, cookie walk, pie sale and baked goods table.** I know we have a lot of great bakers out there! **We are also looking for a few higher end items that could be used for the raffle and silent auction.** Some ideas are: a basket of homemade canned goods, gift cards from local businesses, craft/art.

Books/Puzzles

Jewelry

Wreaths

Art

Breakfast Bar

Pie Sale/Auction

Kids Table

Cookie Walk

Baked Goods

Luncheon

Raffles

Silent Auction

White Elephant (household items, outdoor items, decorations, etc)

Collection days will be announced later, probably near the end of November.

If you are interested in helping in any way, reach out to me at 207-441-3816. Join us to make Holly Mart 2025 a success!!

Sandy Lind

October 23, 2025



Bring your friends and family to a delicious fall supper on Saturday. Our cooks are preparing a yummy meal. Fundraiser for replacement of 70 year old pew cushions. We'd love to see and serve you.



It is an honor to serve as official GREETER on Sunday mornings.

After Pastor Nathan asked me to be an official greeter, I went home and prayed about it. The next day I realized it was a good way in which I could serve the Lord and the Church.

At this time of life, I realized how important it is to help people find God and it was the answer to my prayer.

This last Sunday was the second Sunday I have welcomed people to church. Deacons and others have been helping as we get accustomed to working together. Sheldon Hussiere has been with me as well. Being someone I really didn't know before, it was a pleasure to visit with him.

Results have been good. The first week two new people came in. Both were ladies who came alone. One of them followed up by attending the Bible study on Tuesday evening. Her name is June. The other lady was most interested in talking about the reason for coming to church: hoping to find a good connection with God. The second week she came with her partner. At fellowship time after church, the three of us talked at great length. It was a joy to get to know them both. They would like to come to the bean supper and are also thinking about getting married in the church. Their names are Mariah and Anthony. So this is to let everyone know the reason why I don't chat with you very long when I see you come in. When you speak to me, you will see me looking over your shoulder to see who else is coming. It is not because I'm not interested in you, it is that I am just searching for those who are new to the church.

A mission that continues is to print name badges and make them available for whoever attends.

If you do not have a name badge, please speak to me about it.

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As the nights grow colder, the Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center will continue to offer warmth, safety, and compassion to our neighbors in need, starting Nov 1st



WELCOMING OUR WINTER TEAM ❤️

As the colder months approach, we are honored to welcome the compassionate and courageous staff of the Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center for the 2025–2026 winter season.

Trained in de-escalation and community-centered service, they bring warmth, safety, and dignity to our neighbors in need.

Their presence is a gift to Augusta, and we are so grateful for the heart they bring to this vital work.

Let's show them our support as they prepare to welcome all who seek shelter this winter. 💙

#AugustaWarmingCenter #Winter2025 #CompassionInAction



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Donation Drop-Off Info

Donations can be dropped off
at the **Church Office, 9 Church
St, Augusta**



**Monday through
Wednesday, 9:00 AM – 3:00
PM**

email: southparish.com or call
207-622-0552 the office to
arrange a different time.

Laundry & Comfort Supplies

- Laundry Pods - Dryer Sheets - Body Wash - Socks (all sizes) - Underwear (new, all sizes)

Coffee Station Essentials

- Ground Coffee - Powdered Coffee Creamer - Sugar Packets - Disposable Coffee Cups



Snack Items

- Peanut Butter Crackers - Cheese Crackers
- Breakfast Bars - Fruity Snacks - Candy & Sweet Treats



Paper Goods

- Toilet Paper - Paper Towels

Every donation makes a difference. Thank you for being part of a caring community that shows up with love and generosity.

**"TOGETHER, WE ARE
THE SAFETY NET. EVERY
DONATION IS A THREAD
IN THE FABRIC OF CARE
THAT HOLDS OUR
NEIGHBORS CLOSE."**



Support Treasurer Dan Petersen's fundraiser

"Treat your Tush" for the Cushion Fund to help replace the pew cushions. Did you know those cushions are so old that they are filled with horsehair??

No wonder they feel like rock by now. And they are tattered, some are moldy, and it's past time to get some comfortable cushions (FYI, Dan had lots of name ideas, including "Pamper your Posterior," and "Delight your Derriere," plus many more I won't mention.)

The cost to replace them all is approximately \$22,000. If we can come up with half of that amount by the end of October, we may be able to lock in the price. Doing the math, Dan figured out that the cost for one person's spot is around \$35, and the cost for a whole pew (there are actually 2 cushions per pew) is about \$200.

Dan created a board with sticky notes that have suggested donation amounts, and put it in the Marge Grover Room. Feel free to grab one, and attach it to your donation. **Or simply write a check and put Cushion Fund on that line on the lower left; or put a donation in a labeled envelope - whatever is easiest! And if you are more tech savvy than me (it's a low bar) you can use the donate button or QR Code** that our IT Guru Marcel created for me!

There are other fundraisers for the Cushion Fund, also, including Cindy Sloma's Baked Bean Supper on October 25th. Let's all get together and work on "bolstering our behinds", and get some new cushions! Seriously, they are SO uncomfortable.

Kathy Petersen (The Treasurer's unpaid secretary who takes no credit for the bad jokes above)



Scan the QR Code
or [CLICK HEAR](#): to make your contribution for the pew cushions today.

Pastor Nathan's Office Hours

Looking to connect with Pastor Nathan for prayer, conversation, or pastoral care? He welcomes visits during his dedicated office hours:

- **Tuesdays:** 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Wednesdays:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Whether you're seeking spiritual guidance or simply want to say hello, Pastor Nathan is here for you.

Church Office Hours

For general inquiries or administrative support, the church office is open:

- **Monday–Wednesday:** 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Thursday:** 7:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Let's keep building a community of care, connection, and grace—one conversation at a time.

Watch Sunday Services Online. Join us live or catch up anytime!

Links to Watch

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@southparishchurch9971>

Facebook <facebook.com/SouthParishAugusta>

Church Website

Explore our ministries, events, and more.

- southparishchurch.com

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