

We Welcome The Webbs



Tom and Laura cuddle with grandson Colten

Tom and Laura Webb recently moved to Oxford. Both grew up in the delta, where they met, became high school sweethearts, and married. Next year will mark their fiftieth anniversary.

Tom majored in forestry at Miss. State and, with the US Forestry Service, they moved all around the country. When it came time to retire, they wanted to be near family. They are raising two grandchildren.

Newsletter Editor Retires

This is my final newsletter. The challenge has been so rewarding over these nine years: tracking down all the who, what, when, why, where and hows, mastering graphics layout, databases, and budget spreadsheets. Most of all I have enjoyed my interactions with such a cross section of St. Andrew's people.

Missionaries On The Move

Robby Enfinger, our Lay Leader, first heard the call to do missionary work for the trip to St. Croix. This year, Mennonite Disaster Service offered the opportunity to use his skills and practice his faith in Saipan. Robby repaired houses damaged by Super Typhoon Yutu, the most powerful cyclone on Earth in 2018.

Mike Windham spent eight days in Havana, Cuba, helping install a clean water system at a local church. He worked with a team from the Tupelo Presbyterian Church under the auspices of Living Waters of the World. Mike has made three such trips to Cuba and plans to return next year to install another system.

Both men felt they shared "the Love of Christ," while they "helped people get back on their feet."

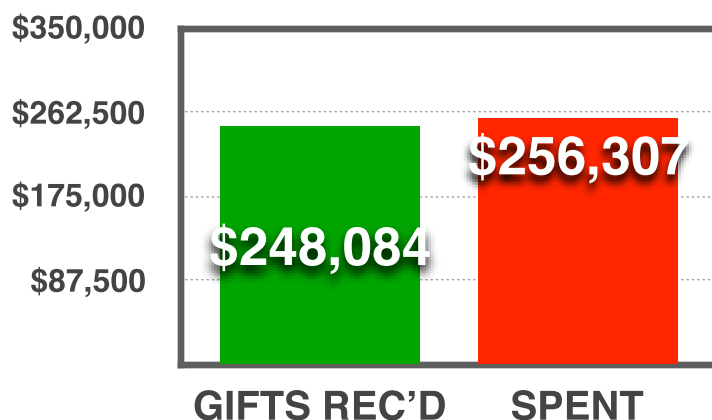


Christmas Gift Giving

As of Sept. 30, for the year to date, our operating budget was in the red.

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Our Operating Budget



As of the same date, we were two thirds of the way to meeting our approved spending target for the year of

\$363, 626

As you devise your holiday budget, please remember that God created us to live in communities with Jesus and to use the gifts God has given us to care for one another and his creation.

Oby's Offers Ongoing Support



This popular local Oxford restaurant continues to donate free meal coupons to our evangelism committee in its recruiting efforts. It also offers its facilities and a share of the cash receipts to children and youth activities that St. Andrew's holds there. These benefit, for example, Vacation Bible School. Our church family is grateful for their special help and appreciates the best po-boys and muffulettas in town.

Ladies' Holiday Lunch

Please bring a salad, 2 doz. cookies and a friend — all to share.
Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m.

If The Archives Could Speak

In the library on the top center shelf, you will find an archive of all the newsletters, as well as most of our fifty plus years of directories. Old photo albums and other memorabilia are also filed there, along with oral history tape recordings of interviews with charter members about the early days of St. Andrew's

Report of the Church Council

The Church Council has approved Reni Westbrook as our new financial secretary and Mike Youngblood as our new Treasurer. They replace Jo Anne Mardis and Holly Bynum, respectively. St. Andrew's thanks Jo Anne and Holly for their faithful servant leadership and welcomes our new volunteers.

Kay Larson was elected to serve on the Nominations Committee. Kyle Massinelli will serve as chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. The Council also approved a raise in the pastor's salary package to \$74,000, which represents a modest increase of 1.4%.

Holidays Can Be Hard

The Grief Support Group invites you to attend if you are in the process of grieving the loss of a loved one or feeling the need for a support group. This need may involve divorce, illness, a job loss, loneliness, or depression. The group meets the first and the third Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's.

Our next meeting is Dec. 2; please feel free to join us, since all discussions are to be confidential. For further info, contact Jean Greenway Meyer

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**Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people**

Saint Andrew's Chancel Choir proudly presents its Christmas oratorio, *The Messiah*, Larry Pugh's beautiful arrangement of George Frideric Handel's most beloved work. This condensed musical celebration of Christ's coming, birth, and triumph will be presented as the

11:00 worship service on December 15, 2019.

We invite you to come and join us as we share this wonderful scripture-based work that has become one of the Christmas season's most beloved musical experiences. And bring a friend! Or two!! A fellowship potluck will follow the one-hour service.

