

## GOD SAVED US THROUGH THE WATER OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. TIME 3.5

On Sunday, August 23rd, St. Andrew's congregation celebrated the confirmation of Chloe Childress, Jenna Kate Lampton, and Andrew Masinelli.

Their journey through the confirmation process began in early February when they attended a confirmation retreat at Camp Lake Stephens. After attending the weekend-long retreat, they began meeting on Wednesday nights for an hour with Bro. Billy. Confirmation was originally scheduled to be held in March; however, due to the pandemic it had to be postponed.

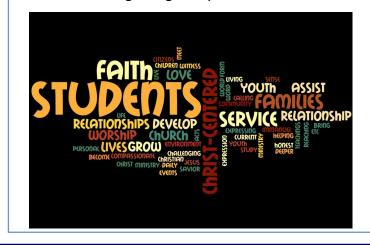
We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love.





## **Youth News**

The youth helped stock the shelves at the pantry during the month of August. We averaged around 10 youth every Wednesday night. The team work they had was AMAZING! We began a study on Sunday nights during the month of August on ways God shows us that He will take the weakest person to be His greatest testimony. Zacchaeus and The Woman at the Well were two of the examples. We look forward to team building activities on Wednesday nights beginning in September.







## They were hungry and we gave them to eat... (see Matt. 25)

A band of masked Methodists raided the Mid South Food BANK and distributed the loot to the poor. As of August 20, they toiled in the Lord's vineyard for a total of 372 hours to feed 455 families.



St. Andrew's is blessed in its youth. On Wednesdays they stocked the empty shelves for an hour. Great work and they are undaunted by the Covid. The families which St. Andrew's has fed rejoice in the joyful service of one and all.



## New Tax Deduction Available In 2020

Up to \$300 per taxpayer (\$600 for a married couple) in annual charitable contributions. This is available only to people who take the standard deduction (for taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions). It is an "above the line" adjustment to income that will reduce a donor's adjusted gross income (AGI), and thereby reduce taxable income.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act created this new tax benefit for those who donate cash to non-profits. It will benefit low- and middle-income households. This change will make a \$300 deduction for charitable gifts available to the nine in ten taxpayers who do not claim itemized deductions on their federal income tax returns. Be sure to clarify this with your usual tax advisor. (Forbes April 6, 2020)

