

Who are we?

St. Andrew's is a parish of the Episcopal Missionary Church (EMC). We moved into our "little chapel in the woods" in April 2001. Our motto is:

Historic, Biblical, Spirit-filled

We are historic in that we are in communion with faithful bishops in the historic Apostolic succession. We embrace the ritual, doctrine and principles of the early church and the Reformation. Our worship is anchored in the theology and liturgical language of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

We are Biblical in our commitment to Scripture as the authoritative standard for life and doctrine. Our preaching and teaching is centered on Scripture, and we encourage personal reading of Scripture as well.

We are Spirit-filled in that we realize that only way to live a life pleasing to God is through the power of the Holy Spirit. We take seriously the New Testament claim that God is alive within us, and strive to live in light of this, and help others do the same.

Services

Two Holy Communion services are held on Sunday Mornings: one at 8:00 AM and the other at 10:15 AM.

Church Office Hours

The church office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 12 noon. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Wonderful Wednesdays

We hold activities on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year, as outlined below. This is a time of fellowship, study and prayer as a church family. You are invited to come to dinner and/or Bible study. (Lenten, holiday and summer schedules are different. Please call the church or check our website for details.)

8:00 AM

Morning Prayer (1928 BCP)

7:00 PM

Bible Study/Teaching

Thursday Night Soaking Prayer

"Soaking Prayer" is a form of contemplative prayer. We wait on the Lord and seek His face while listening to soft music. Then someone shares a meditation, and prayer ministry is made available. We meet from 7 until 10 p.m.

Ministries

St. Andrew's has many ministries, including:

- Prayer Ministry
- Altar Guild
- Lay readers
- Acolytes
- Children's Ministry/Nursery

Christian Education

- New Members'/Confirmation Class
- Premarital Course

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Head

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Bishop of the Diocese of the South

The Rt. Rev'd William Millsaps, D.Min.

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The Rt. Rev'd Ron Kuykendall, Ph.D.

Priest

The Rev'd Nahum Beard, M.D.

Deacons

The Rev'd Don Duer, B.A.
The Rev'd Allyn Kyes, M.A.
The Rev'd Carter McCain, M.A.

Deaconesses

Mrs. Jacqueline Walker
Mrs. Miryam Hernandez

***To Worship the Lord,
Receive His Mercies,
and Walk in His Truth***

What is the Episcopal Missionary Church?

Background

Beginning in the 1960's there began to be anti-Biblical changes in the theology and practice of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (ECUSA), now The Episcopal Church (TEC). For many of those within the church, the changes being proposed seemed to be an echo of the popular sentiments of the day. Wide-scale acceptance of deviations from the doctrines and principles of the historic Catholic faith took hold before the true, humanistic nature of the changes became obvious.

In an attempt to work within TEC to restore it to its Biblical and historical beliefs, the Episcopal Synod of America was formed to provide a voice for those not in agreement with breaking from the faith as it had been practiced for centuries. In 1992, having failed to make progress in either rescinding the changes or ensuring a separate but equal place within the church for traditionalists, the Episcopal Synod of the Americas formed a Missionary Diocese to offer pastoral care to the thousands being excluded from their own church.

Withdrawal from TEC

Faced with ongoing rejection and hostility from proponents of the anti-Biblical movement, the Missionary Diocese withdrew from TEC in 1992 and formed the Episcopal Missionary Church (EMC), completely separate from and independent of TEC.

Beliefs of the EMC

The EMC is "Episcopal" in that it affirms the principles of the ancient Catholic Church, which we believe to be the fulfillment of Christian Faith and Order, received from Jesus Christ and His Apostles. These are "Matters of Faith", incapable of being changed, compromised or ignored by the stewards and ministers of the Church. They must be upheld for the common and equal benefit of all the faithful. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament contain all things necessary to salvation, and are the ultimate rule and standard of faith. We acknowledge the Nicene and Apostle's Creeds as definitive statements of the Christian faith. We emphasize the necessity of the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and we unflinchingly use the words and elements which our Lord ordained. We support the Historic Episcopate as the means of ensuring the unity of the Church and maintaining true Apostolic Succession.

The EMC is a "missionary" Church in that it reaches out to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. We provide a harbor for Biblically orthodox Christians from all backgrounds. Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and within the liturgical balance of the Prayer Book Tradition, the EMC welcomes parishes that are catholic, evangelical, and charismatic in their substance and expression.

Our motto, "Defend the Historic Faith", describes both our beliefs and practices. All of the traditional values and doctrines which have made the Christian Church the great witness of our Lord's teachings are alive and well. The Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev'd. William W. Millsaps invites you to join us as we celebrate Jesus Christ in the Sacraments and proclaim His message of salvation!

EMC Cathedral

Our Cathedral is Christ Church, Monteagle, located ninety miles south of Nashville, Tennessee. A warm welcome awaits you there. We are pleased to work alongside the Anglican Communion Network and the Forward in Faith Assembly and with all others who live out "the faith once delivered."