

St. Andrew's UMC



January 2026



Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Can you believe we are entering into the year of 2026? Wow! I remember reading my favorite magazines growing up, "Boys' Life Magazine" and "Popular Mechanics." I feel like I read an article in one or both of these magazines predicting that we would have flying cars all around by now. We aren't quite there yet, are we? But maybe close!

I have been talking lately about how discipleship is going to look different in 2026. This is a claim that is already happening. Many of you have already known this type of discipleship to be very effective. The variety of discipleship I am talking about is a discipleship that prayerfully comes alongside of others instead of judging them or watching them struggle. It's really that simple. We all have our own way of doing this.

Discipleship in our context basically means "learning to follow Jesus." This is an ongoing process for both you and me, as well as everyone we would show how to follow Jesus, with God's help. Think of the very meaning of Christmas and John 3:16-17, as I mentioned in church on December 28th: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." Our God is so very concerned for us, that God came to the world as a human – Jesus – and *loved* us into salvation. Who are you *loving* into salvation?

Welcome to 2026! We may not have flying cars everywhere, but as believers in Christ we have new opportunities for discipleship each and every day. I pray that this is your best year yet, full of blessings that come in ways you couldn't imagine. Prepare for takeoff!

Blessings,
Pastor Terry



Prayers for the Radford family. Klara Radford passed away November 26th at age 96 and her memorial service was held on December 19th. Klara joined our church on April 24, 2002. Please keep the family in your prayers.



We welcome Dolores Hanlon to our church family. Dolores joined our church on November 23, 2025



The communion offering for January 4th is for "Human Relations". This special offering will support community development, United Methodist Voluntary Service, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs. If you wish to donate to this mission, place donation in the envelope located in the pews and mark communion. If you donate by check, please make payable to St Andrew's UMC and make a note on check for communion. Thank you.

You can watch the service live on Facebook starting at 11 am. Log in as follows: St Andrew's United Methodist Church, Killeen, TX Facebook.

Birthdays		Anniversary	
Cindy Parrett	19th		
Bud Parrett	21st	Shane & Michelle Guinther	9th
John Cashion	21st	Terry & Nikki Cashion	28th
Aurora Cepeda	22nd		
Joe Pelletier	26th		



Bottle Water Story



Once upon a time someone in the congregation recommended that we provide bottle water during church service and provided a donation for it. Well, as time has passed this bottle water kept in the fridge in Fowler for that purpose has expanded to a massive amount being used by attendees at all our church functions. One individual has been trying to keep the fridge stocked by paying out of pocket, making numerous trips to the store consistently, unloading water, and then stocking fridge. Water is now being consumed in massive amounts. It is not and cannot be provided through church funds; nor, do we want money donations given us for someone else to have to keep it stocked. We are asking for those that are using the bottle water to pickup a 12 pack or case occasionally when you do your shopping and bring it to Fowler Hall to help replenish the supply. The 8 ounce size is utilized the most or the 12 ounce. As of this writing, the only bottle water stocked in the fridge in Fowler will be what is brought in and donated. A volunteer will continue to provide water that will only be used for church service. Thank you for doing your part as a congregation.

Sundays: Sunday School class 9:30 am. Church service 11 am.

Tuesdays—Bible Study 10 am followed by Domino group at 12:30 pm, Fowler Hall

Wednesdays—Choir practice at noon

— Parkinson Group will NOT meet January 2nd.

Staff Parrish (SPR) meeting after service January 4th

Men's Fellowship January 8th at 6 pm, potluck at St. Andrews

Rainbow Emmaus, 6:30 pm, January 8th, Harker Heights GMC

Fowler Hall and sanctuary are reserved on Saturday, January 17th

January 16th— Parkinson Group meet in Fowler Hall starts 2:30 pm

January 24th Board Meeting at 9 am in Fowler Hall

Rainbow Emmaus will meet January 8th at Harker Heights GMC with potluck starting at 6:30 pm, business and worship to follow. Remember to bring your worship book, cross and name tag.



The Men's fellowship group will meet at St. Andrews Thursday evening January 8th at 6 pm with a potluck dinner, devotional, fellowship. Please come and enjoy an evening of fellowship.



"Start the new year off with a sure thing—God's promise to give you a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11)."