

# A Publication of Saint Andrews United Methodist Church January 2012

# **Heart Beat**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ;

As we look forward to a new year, let us also look backwards and celebrate. For as we remember God's faithfulness in the past, we gain hope for the future that He will do the same in the days ahead. Take a moment and reflect with me on what He did this past year at Saint Andrews in the missions outside "our four walls", and the ministries within our own church family. Hasn't He been faithful? We can confidently stand on His promises for the new year! You didn't accomplish all that you wanted to last year? Relax; your Heavenly Father doesn't expect you to instantly reach maturity or to make your transition to more fruitfulness with perfect grace and style. Instead He takes great delight in watching you grow. Be encouraged God can always see past your present limits to behold your future promise.

You see, the simple truth, the great mystery is: "Christ in you, the Hope of Glory."(Colossians 1:27) There is a power greater than you realize residing within your "born again spirit." The indwelling Christ can become the shaping power within you. You tap into that power from Heaven by memorizing and living Scripture, worshiping passionately, obeying God's commandments, and sharing God's love with people. Say, "Yes" to Jesus every day and in every way. "For I am convinced that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

Intentionally Following Jesus; Pastor Wayne



"With all prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance..."

**Ephesians 6:18** 



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4's & Kindergarten

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1st & 2nd Grade

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# **BUDGET & BUILDING FUND NUMBERS**

All numbers are through December 18

Received For Budget \$ 443,066.92 Amount Needed for Budget \$ 469,768.00 Amount **UNDER** \$ (26,701.08)

Total Pledged For Building Fund \$1,025,310.00 Total Received On Pledges (since 5/16/10) \$ 411,410.21 Total Received Non-Pledges (Memorials) \$ 19,913.17

Total Building Fund Balance \$ 713,576.44 (Includes Money Market Acct and CD's)



The JOY Club wishes to thank you for your participation in the Christmas card project. It was a win, win, win, win program. You shared the joys of Christmas with your church friends, you saved 60% on your postage, you added to the Building Fund, and you helped make Christmas a little brighter for someone through Garner Area Ministries. Total money received was \$377.25, which represents 1,509 cards. \$188.60 went to the Building Fund, and \$188.65 went to Garner Area Ministries.

The Joy Club begins 2012 with a "brown bag" planning meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome at the JOY Club.



The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We will be discussing the book *More Parables from the Back Side* and *Easter from the Back Side* by J. Ellsworh Kalas. The cost of both books will be about \$17.00. Those interested should contact Betsy Youngblood at 772-7489 to order your books. I look forward to you joining our fellowship.



We offer heartfelt Christian sympathy to Randy & Cindy Maynard on the death of Randy's father, Grey Maynard.



We celebrate with Paul & Becki Leeland upon the birth of their son, William Felden Leeland. William was born on November 25<sup>th</sup> and weighed 8 pounds and 12 ounces.



HOPE MINISTRIES... We are in need of assistance with the Hope Ministries program at Garner UMC. On the first Saturday of every month, Saint Andrews UMC is responsible for providing the meal to the homeless families. Saint Andrews next day that we are responsible for Hope Ministries is Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help at Garner UMC from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Carolyn Hare at 779-0276 if you can help.



# **Safe Sanctuary Tip of the Month:**

Workers who are ill should not work with children. If you are scheduled to work/volunteer and you become ill, please find a replacement or contact the leader of the area of ministry.

# START THE NEW YEAR WITH A STUDY OF EPHESIANS

The Pathfinders' Sunday School Class embarks on a study of Ephesians January 1. Ephesians is a letter of encouragement and don't we all need encouragement? In this letter, Paul describes the nature and appearance of the church, and he challenges believers to function as the living body of Christ on earth. Chapters 1-3 expound on Unity in Christ and chapters 4-6 expound on Unity in the Body of Christ. Key verses in Ephesians you may want to locate and read are in Chapter 4:4-6. Pathfinders welcome you along with their teacher, Carolyn Hare, to join us for the study of Ephesians.



## Dear Friends At Saint Andrews UMC,

Our entire family would desire to express our heartfelt appreciation for the awesome ways that you supported us during the aftermath of the death of my father. We were overwhelmed with calls, cards, memorials, and other expressions of love. We were very thankful for the numerous prayers that were offered (and continue to be lifted up to the Lord) and we certainly have been grateful for those prayers!

You know how much that my father loved being associated with SAUMC. He truly enjoyed coming and doing what work he could do for God's Kingdom through SAUMC. Each week he looked forward to rolling up the plastic tableware for the Wednesday evening suppers. He so enjoyed the good natured banter that he occasionally had with me during worship on Sunday mornings as he would always try to get in the last word! He was most grateful for the numerous friendships he developed during the three years he was in your midst. He assuredly was grateful to worship with each of you on a regular basis and those worship experiences nurtured his very soul. Thank you so much for loving him in the fashion in which you did. Our family rejoices that dad is now with the Lord and he's been reunited with my mom, Eileen.

We continue to miss each of you but God is richly blessing us through our work here at Hampstead UMC. We continually receive reports of the many positive things that are taking place at SAUMC through Pastor Wayne's excellent leadership.

If your travels take you to the Wilmington area, please stop in and say hello. Thank you again for your love and support, it means more than you will ever know. May God bless each of you throughout 2012!

With much love and gratitude, Randy Maynard

# Saint Andrews UMC,

Thank you for the box of goodies. It was hard to keep from enjoying everything in one sitting. Even more so I thank you for your prayers. I know our God hears them all. Please remember Jessie and Abbey also. I look forward to worshiping with you again when I get back.

Take care and God Bless, Andy Besser

# Church Family,

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards and gifts to the Building Fund in memory of my husband's nephew, Devon Churchill. Also thank you to the Bible Sunday School Class for their sponsorship to WIHN's Three Tenors Concert.

# **Lucy Merical**

## Dear Friends and Members,

Jake and I so enjoyed the "Loads of Love" bag filled with goodies. We appreciate all you do for our church family. Lasagna is Jake's favorite Italian food and it was delicious. The cookies were tasty and that is my favorite dessert. Thank you so much. Jake & Patsy Bryant

# Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, calls, prayers and visits during my recent illness. I appreciate them all. We all at Saint Andrews UMC are truly blessed by such a wonderful church family.

# **Mary Ann Yates**

# **Dear Church Family,**

Thank you for all the Christmas cards and the Christmas love gift you so generously have given us. Merry Christmas!

Thank you, Pastor Wayne & April



The staff would like to thank the congregation for the generous love gift that was bestowed to each staff member at Christmas. It is a distinct pleasure to serve with you. We are grateful for your act of kindness.

**EMPTY BOWL PROJECT**- Thanks to everyone who participated in our Empty Bowl Project to benefit Garner Area Ministries. We were able to collect over 1,600 items of food through the bartering of our awesome ceramic bowls created by our 4th Grade Art Club.

**RECYCLE FOR A CURE**- Our next Recycle For A Cure will be Saturday, January 14th here at Vandora Springs Elementary from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



# The Following Memorial Gifts Have Been Received In Memory Of:

# Reverend William Sabiston III by:

Bill & Kim Amerson for the Building Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Armstrom for the Building Fund
Glenn & Patsy Cuthrell for the Building Fund
Lois Gainey for the Building Fund
Frieda Hayes for the Building Fund
Woodward Heath for the Building Fund
Rev. Geraldine Ingram for the Building Fund
Belton & Louise Joyner for the Building Fund
Jack & Barbara Snyder for the Building Fund
Bobbie Berry & Family for the Building Fund

## Grey Maynard by:

Louise Baker for the Building Fund
Bobby & Nancy Barbour for the Building Fund
Gene & Gloria English for the Building Fund
Jack & Serena Matthews for the Building Fund
Bill & Ann Messler for the Building Fund
Ed & Pat Sheffield for the Building Fund
Walt & Debra Upchurch for the Building Fund
Stan & Joan Buol for the Building Fund
Larry & Nancy Goff for the Building Fund
Ed & Linda Spence for the Building Fund

# Jack Stanley by:

Carol Stanley for the Building Fund

# **Devon Churchill by:**

Linwood & Harriette Finch for the Building Fund

# The Following Memorial Gifts Have Been Received In Honor Of:

# Saint Andrews Bible Sunday School Class by:

Gene & Gloria English for the Building Fund

# Pastor Wayne & April Hicks by:

Walt & Debra Upchurch for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund



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C.L. Byrd, Joyce Yale Carol Harris

Estes Rigsbee, Marie Stranad,

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Jerry Norris, Brian Harrell Pat Sheffield, Kyra Murphy,

Bill Harkness



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C.L. & Kathleen Byrd

Gary & Jackie Kieft
Bill & Ann Messler
Charlie & Kathy Harkness
Troy & Mary Green
Rick & Beverly Lemley
Rick & Gwen McMahill



# **TEACHER'S CORNER – by Paul Sims**

revelation scripture covenant-maker humankind sin grace salvation Jesus atonement confession faith Holy Spirit Trinity people of God church sacraments worship Christian Life sanctification CHRISTIAN HOPE judgment resurrection eternal life

Christian Hope is based on the character of God, and on God's intentions for Creation. The beginning of Creation God called "good". We may suppose that its end is also good. This is especially true if "end" refers to God's purpose rather than finality. Christian Hope looks to the day when Creation regains the potential it had at the Beginning. Christian Hope has the power to sustain us through the direst of circumstances and to give us the strength to live triumphantly.

The Old Testament prophets had a vision of perfect peace and perfect government and prosperity on this earth; of justice for all people and care for the helpless. Christians believe the church is heir to God's promises to Israel. We look for their fulfillment in our lives.

Jesus has said that he is with us "to the end of the age". This alone gives us a sense of expectancy. We cannot know when the "end" will come, but we can know that each day has value and mystery, and that we can live in holy awe of God. We will better spend our time, I think, if we take the "signs of the times" to be general rather than specific. If we focus on fitting each new world crisis into some sort of divine calendar, we may miss the larger message of the gospel: we are to be ready - to live each day as Christ taught us to live, to be about the Master's business. If we do this, the timing of the "end" – whatever that means – does not matter.

The highest expression of Christian Hope is a serene expectancy regarding those matters the secular world looks upon as endings. Christians believe that because Christ lives, they also shall live. Christian Hope rests in the character of Christ, his death for our sins, his assurance of salvation. and his resurrection from the dead. "Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again."

Matthew 6:10. Christian Hope.

We believe in the certainty of Christian Hope. We are secure in our contemplation of the future.



# **VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE**

January 1 Abby Cope Isabella Saudo January 8 January 15 Alexis Hood January 22 Abigail Saudo January 29 Helene Johnston

# **Greeters**

January 1 Vince & Kathy Revels Mary Ann Yates, Pat Smith January 8 Dock & Sara Rogers January 15 January 22 Richard & Nancy Jo Stone Ken & Rita Sumner January 29

### **Ushers**

Robert Parker, Vince Revels, Brady Moore, Don Stranad, Paul Holbrook

## **Nursery Workers**

# January 1

8:30 a.m. Krista Bader, Mylinda Dorman

Infants Frances Creech Toddlers Sarah Cope

Claude Jenkins, Megan Tingler 2-3 yr olds

# January 8

8:30 a.m. Krista Bader, Karen Turner

Infants Nancy Woodward Dave Woodward Toddlers 2-3 yr olds Matt & Kristen Winkle

## January 15

8:30 a.m. Krista Bader, Lisa Jones

Vivian Weaver Infants Toddlers Glenda Norris

2-3 yr olds Jim, Teresa & Miles Hunt

# January 22

8:30 a.m. Rebecca Lovegreen, Cara Herring

Infants Betsy Youngblood Toddlers Joel Youngblood Greg & Lisa Reinhard 2-3 yr olds

### January 29

8:30 a.m. Rebecca Lovegreen, Melanie Upton

Infants Nancy Goff Cindy Wieland Toddlers

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LOADS of LOVE will meet on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, since our regular day (January 2<sup>nd</sup>) is a holiday.

If you know of someone within our congregation who should be receiving this tangible expression of Christ's love, please let us know. If you feel called to serve our Lord in this ministry, please join this committee. I can assure you that you will be blessed!

Hope to see you at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 9th.

For more information, contact Gloria English at <a href="mailto:ggenglish@nc.rr.com">ggenglish@nc.rr.com</a> or 772-4285.

**The FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** met on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, when Pastor Wayne read us the Christmas Story from Luke and we were entertained by the SAUMC preschoolers, who performed their Christmas program.

Our January meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., when we will be planning our activities and programs for the new year. Please bring a bag lunch and come join us as we decide where we think God is leading us in 2012.

For more information, contact Gloria English at ggenglish@nc.rr.com or 772-4285.



Presented by the UMW Evening Circle

When: Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: St. Andrews UMC Fellowship Hall

Who: All Ladies of the Church

Never played BUNCO before? NO WORRIES! It's EASY and FUN. ANYONE can play! The Evening features food, prizes, and great fellowship! There is no admission price to play, but a Love Offering will be accepted. The Love Offering will be used to purchase mulch for our outdoor playgrounds! Don't Miss the Fun! Plan to Join Us! Call to Register at 772-4410 or Email to jensjunk73@yahoo.com

Contact Deb Johnston or Jennifer Neighbors for more information! Childcare will be provided!



The UMM have scheduled 3 events in 2012- mark your calendars.

January 29th- Bowling Event at Buffalo Lanes in Garner- Sunday afternoon
February 11th- Valentine Gala-6:30 p.m.

March 18th- Chili Cook off- after the 11:00 a.m. service

The Thursday morning Bible Study will begin a new series of studies based on the book The Measure of A Man by Gene Getz. It is a multi-week discussion of the qualities of men that Paul wrote about in two of his letters to Timothy and Titus. We will begin on January 5th and this is a good way to start out the year with the men of SAUMC. Start 2012 with a challenging and refreshing study.



Oh what fun it is to sing and make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Sometimes children have their own idea of how they want to sing a song, even if a different version has already been practiced. That's what happened when our little ones sang one of their songs, "Jingle Bells", for the morning UMW. We adult staff just stopped singing and let them continue. We so enjoy their enthusiasm! The morning UMW enjoyed our practice as well. **Thank you, UMW**, for your monetary donation for supplies!

The next morning, we sang for the parents and extended families and some church members as well. What a treat! The children and their families then went to the Fellowship Hall so the children could give gifts to their parents. They had worked diligently and with much love on these gifts. They also had the opportunity to visit with Santa who reminded them that they could give the gifts of "squeezie hugs and I love you's" to their parents and to remember that "Jesus loves you and so do I". Everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The Preschool hopes that you will spend quality time with your children *always* and will have a Blessed New Year!

Mrs. Pat Sheffield, Director



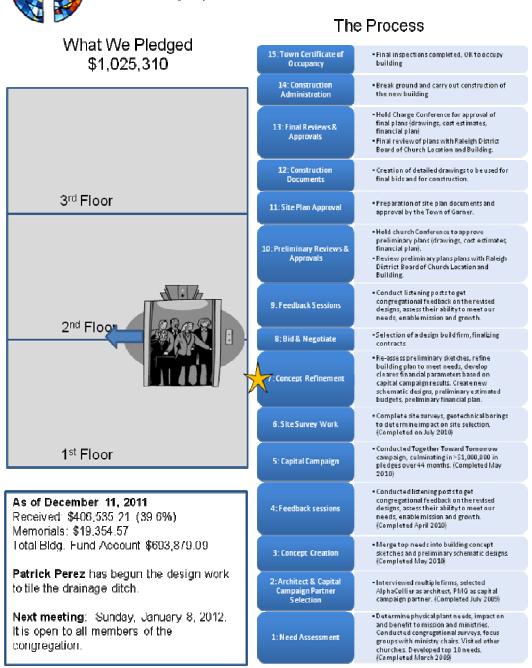
The busiest season for Missions has past and we are ready to move into 2012 with not only our "golden oldies" mission activities, but a few new ones. I want to thank Zach Woody for spearheading the Appalachian Project for this year, and Tracey Green for being the lead for our Cancer Walk. I will be asking for a few co-chairs to help me with some of the activities - so please don't run when you see me heading your way, it is a relatively easy task on any of them because of the support that your church family will give you. I am also pretty excited about the new website that will be launched during January. The website will give me an opportunity to put information on all we do out to the community to discover the opportunities that Saint Andrews offers to new members. It will also allow you to keep up with our mission projects within your time schedule and not wait on emails or "help" calls from me. Have a blessed new year and I am looking forward to working with you in 2012.



Patrick Perez has begun the design work to tile the drainage ditch. The next meeting of the Building Committee is scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. and is open to all members of the congregation. Minutes of the Building Committee meetings are on file in the office of Kim Tingler and are available for review by St. Andrews members. As of December 11, 2011, we have received \$406,535 or 39.6% of the \$1,025,310 pledged in May, 2010 for the new building. Thank you for your support, patience, understanding and encouragement in working through the Building Plan Process. Please share your thoughts and concerns about the work of the Building Committee with Vince Revels, Chair of the Building Committee.



# Together Toward Tomorrow January Update





### **NEW MEMBER RECEPTION**

Mark your calendar to attend a reception for our newest members. The reception will follow the 11:00 a. m. worship service on Sunday, January 22. Please join us as we honor and welcome these families to Saint Andrews.

Joe & Bridget Bone
Zack & Breanna Woody
Ken & Lisa Jones
Edward & Linda Spence
Scott & Amanda Allen and their children, Spence & Gabi
Carrie Shaffer
Ron Morrow
Jason & Shannon Waters and their daughter, Breanna
Eric & Ashley Hale and son, Matthew
Tabitha Adkins, Justin Jordan and Cole Jordan



The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for their generosity and participation in this year's Stewardship Campaign. Through the first week in December, we have collected 123 pledge cards with an estimated giving total of \$396,085. Hopefully the spirit of the campaign and the message from our guest speaker Roger Elliott brought you closer in your relationship with the Lord.

Committee members this year were Sarah Cope, Jack Matthews, John Turner, Becky McNeill, Kim Tingler and Joan Buol. Please take a moment to thank them for their hard work and service.

If you have not returned your 2012 pledge card, it is not too late. Please drop it by the office in a sealed envelope with Joan Buol's name on the front by January 15. Additional pledge cards are available in the office if needed.

David Jones Stewardship Committee Chair



**WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPERS TO RETURN...**Starting Wednesday, January 11 (please note the date) and continuing each Wednesday evening until Memorial Day, we will be serving supper. From 5:40 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. a catered supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for this meal but donations are welcomed. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. Our supreme thanks goes to Nancy Jo Stone and her helpers for making this event so wonderful for everyone involved.

# **GUPPIES AND TWEENS are \*SPAGIC!**

# \*(Serving, Praising And Growing In Christ) IMPORTANT DATES FOR JANUARY

Thank you all so much for supporting Guppies and Tweens in their presentation of "The Reluctant Innkeeper." The ease with which these kids performed in front of their church family is a clear indication of how comfortable and accepted they feel. St. Andrews is truly a church family and these children are so blessed to be growing in their faith in such a loving and caring Christian environment. We look forward to a blessed 2012 as these young Christians seek to grow in their walk with Christ. May God continue to bless each of you - the family of God worshipping as the family of St. Andrews. In Christian love,

# St. Andrews Youth News



Happy New Year!

I hope that your year has started off in the best possible way...with thanks and a prayer!

The **thanks** should be for all the blessings that you and your family received last year and a **prayer** for 2012.

All too often we take the simple things for granted like being able to tie our shoes, read a book, indoor plumbing and heat! Don't pray for grand things in your life because God already has you included in His Grand plan. Pray for those who are less fortunate than you and don't take the small things for granted.

Loveyameanitseeya.......BYE!

January	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	5:00-6:30	No Youth Meeting Youth Meeting Lake Junaluska sign up	XX
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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00–6:30 Youth Meeting

12:00 YAC planning meeting following the worship service

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00–6:30 Youth Meeting Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:00 Youth Meeting

(1st Lake Junaluska deposit due)

Youth Basketball Season is in full swing. Come out and support our teams even if you don't play!!!

We need a big cheering section. They are having a great season so far! Check your emails for the game schedules. Middle School plays Friday nights and Sr. High plays Saturday mornings.

# Upcoming Events to watch for:

ASP Meeting & training YAC planning meeting



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Prayer Ministry 9:00 am 6:00 pm	Sonrise Practice 7:00 pm	Choir Practice 6:45 pm	UMM Bible Study 6:00 am		Hope Ministries 12:30-3:00 pm
	Church Office Closed			Evangelism Committee Meeting 6:30 pm		
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Building Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	Prayer Ministry 9:00 am 6:00 pm Loads Of Love 10:00 am	Morning Bible Study 10:00 am UMW Evening Circle Bunco Night 7:00 pm Sonrise Practice 7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Supper 5:40-6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:45 pm	UMM Bible Study 6:00 am Girl Scouts 6:00-8:00 pm		Recycle for a Cause 9:00 am
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Trustee Meeting 5:00 pm	Prayer Ministry 9:00 am 6:00 pm	Morning Bible Study 10:00 am	UMW Friendship Circle 10:00 am	UMM Bible Study 6:00 am		
Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Administrative Council Meeting 7:00 pm	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	Joy Club Noon Sonrise Practice 7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Supper 5:40-6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:45 pm	UMM Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm		
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New Member Reception 12:00 pm noon	Prayer Ministry 9:00 am 6:00 pm	Morning Bible Study 10:00 am Sonrise Practice 7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Supper 5:40-6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:45 pm	UMM Bible Study 6:00 am Girl Scouts 6:00-8:00 pm		
29 UMM Bowling Event	Prayer Ministry 9:00 am 6:00 pm	Morning Bible Study 10:00 am Sonrise Practice 7:00 pm				

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Worship:

8:30 a.m. Sunday – Contemporary 11:00 a.m. Sunday – Traditional

Sunday School:

9:45 a.m. Sunday

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