



CHURCH@ONE



ST. ANDREW
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A long time ago, a fledgling church in the city of Corinth was struggling to understand who they were and where they were going. Their founder, Paul from Tarsus, wrote them a letter to encourage them and remind them that though they were different people from different backgrounds, in Christ they had become one body.

The image of a single body, made of many parts, is an apt description for who we are today as St. Andrew United Methodist Church. We've witnessed many stories of changed hearts and lives during our combined 38 years as pastors in this community. Circumstances and situations change, but every story contains a common thread: one Lord and one foundation, Jesus Christ.

The faith we practice together on our campus in Plano and through North Texas is a reflection of our unity. Our common lives in Jesus are like ligaments that hold us together in relationship as a single body of Christ. ChurchOne is a celebration of that common life: of our singular bond in Christ, our shared life in faith, and our common vision for the future of St. Andrew.

But while ligaments hold the parts of the body together, they also require something in order to function: movement. Ligaments atrophy without stretching. Even as God calls us to live in concert with one another, as a single body, God also calls us to move forward together. The body is made to move. **Movement is life.**

Like the widow who overturned her house to find a single lost coin, or the shepherd who left his entire flock for a single stray, we are challenged to keep our focus on the one. A body works best when it is moving, and we work best as a community when we're directing our collective energy toward the lonely, the broken, the least and lost - those outside the community. Like Andrew, we are a church that is invested in bringing these people to Jesus.

ChurchOne is a vision for the future of St. Andrew. It is a celebration of our unity in Christ and a challenge to stay focused on making passionate servants for Christ.

We invite you to move into the future with us!

Robert **Hasley**



Arthur **Jones**





*This isn't an "If you build it
they will come" situation;*

*it's a "They are coming
so we better **build it**"
situation.*

Forrest Pool, St. Andrew C.O.O.

St. Andrew has a **mission** - and a **problem**.

We exist to help people become passionate servants of Jesus Christ. Like our namesake Andrew the Apostle, we're a community that loves to invite others to Jesus.

As we live out our calling to worship, connect, serve, and give, we're witnessing God move through our community in remarkable ways. The following pages document some of the ways God is at work.

In order to continue inviting and connecting people to Jesus, now is the time to build.

ChurchOne is a vision for the future of St. Andrew.

As followers of Jesus, we have **one** Lord and **one** foundation.

As believers in community, we the church exist as **one** body.

As friends and family, we have **one** vision for the future of St. Andrew.

As partners in mission, we have **one** driving purpose: to invite and connect the **one** outside our walls.



Connection Group members grow in faith and community during a weekly meeting.

1000

ALMOST PEOPLE FOUND COMMUNITY THROUGH ONE OF ST. ANDREW'S CONNECT OPPORTUNITIES IN 2016, INCLUDING CONNECTION GROUPS, DISCIPLESHIP AND SMALL GROUPS, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.

14

THE MOST POPULOUS AGE GROUP AT ST. ANDREW.

THE PRIMARY AGE OF PARTICIPATION IN OUR YEAR-LONG CONFIRMATION PROGRAM. IN 2017, WE HAVE MORE THAN 70 CONFIRMANDS.



OUR CONTEMPORARY SERVICES ARE GROWING AT A STAGGERING RATE:

25%

YEAR OVER YEAR.

Jesus, we love You
Oh, how we love You
You are the one our
hearts adore



At our current rate of growth, worship in our contemporary venue, Smith Worship Center, will be capped within the year.

Held during our annual Confirmation retreat, a foot washing ceremony is a powerful moment of faith for students and parents alike.

Each weekend, hundreds gather in The Cup for fellowship and coffee.



OUR PACE OF GROWTH IS NOW AMONG THE TOP OF ALL UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES IN AMERICA.

1%

Changing Hearts and Lives



Blake Heckel

When Blake Heckel's world changed in April 2016, he was lost.

Blake attended St. Andrew from his elementary years and completed Confirmation, but upon transferring schools before ninth grade, he got sidetracked. "I was really trying to fit in," Blake said. "I would do whatever it took."

Things fell apart with the death of Blake's friend last April. Blake was in church the next Sunday and hasn't missed since.

And it was only the beginning of unimaginable grief over the following 10 months. The



● Jordan and Jeff Wonsmos

Jordan and Jeff Wonsmos could only pray through their newborn daughter's challenging diagnosis. Their baby girl, Lila, was born with bladder exstrophy – a condition where the bladder is exposed outside of the body at birth, affecting only 1 in 40,000 babies.

The family found the journey easier with friends. Chad McSwain, a former St. Andrew contemporary service preacher, had a daughter, Eliana, born three and a half years prior with the same condition. The Wonsmos' and McSwains' mutual surgeon

brought them together. St. Andrew helped keep it that way. "We came to find that Chad was preaching at St. Andrew and decided to give it a try," Jordan wrote. "We fell in love. Our sweet girls are dear friends and our families will share a lifelong bond."

Lila attends St. Andrew Preschool, a nationally accredited program her older brother, William, graduated from last year. "It's definitely been an amazing journey with the kids because the preschool is so accepting and understanding of all types of children, and they're so loving," Jeff said. "They wake up, and they're excited to go to school."

community mourned in July the passing of Christian Sanchez, an active member of St. Andrew student ministries. Blake lost another friend in August. Two more of Blake's peers – Shepton High School sophomores – lost their lives in an accident in February 2017.

"It just seems nice to have the backbone, someone to have your back, a foundation," Blake said.

The student ministry aims to reach many more students, including the many who came the Sunday following February's accident. Room is becoming tight, though.

"I've always said that I don't want somebody to miss out on this opportunity like I did my first two years," Blake said. "I think it would be selfish to keep this youth group to ourselves because it's such an amazing experience, like nothing I've ever experienced before. There's so much love and faith and amazing people in here, it could change someone's life just like it changed mine."

● Margo Moore

Margo Moore got the hint from a passenger on a plane ride to New York. "You know, God told me that he thinks you should go back church."

Although Margo had spent the previous seven years as a televangelism executive assistant, she hadn't stepped foot in a church in that time. "When I worked in ministry, I wasn't going to church at all because, especially toward the end, I was angry," Margo said.

Last spring, Margo made a career change and moved to Plano, and her roommate, Chaley,

brought her to St. Andrew last summer. "I was concerned that there wouldn't be a place for me, being a single 30-year-old woman," Margo said.

Margo instead discovered a thriving young adult ministry, led by Associate Pastor Allison Jean. Chaley had befriended Middle School Coordinator Devin Dusek.

"St. Andrew is very family oriented," Margo said. "But Allison, Devin, I think are really great assets to make it conducive to millennials and people of all life stages."

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN IS UP

13%
IN THE PAST YEAR.



On fifth Sundays of the month, we gather as parents and children to Worship Together and live out the power of multiple generations acting as one body.

Rashid, a Vietnam veteran, lost his truck in a fire and had to push his car-washing supplies on a cart to make a living. Through a Spark Tank project, he received a new van.

Seven Loaves Food Pantry distributed more than 1,250 dinners during its annual Thanksgiving food distribution day.



SEVEN LOAVES FOOD PANTRY,
PART OF THE STOREHOUSE OF
COLLIN COUNTY, DISTRIBUTED

1,539,546

POUNDS OF FOOD IN 2016. WE
SERVED 31% MORE FAMILIES
IN 2016 THAN THE PRIOR YEAR.

What is the purpose of ChurchOne?

As one church, we are united in our mission to make passionate servants for Jesus Christ. That means we are fully committed with our hearts, minds, souls, and strength to follow our namesake Andrew the Apostle in inviting and connecting all whom we meet to the transforming grace of Jesus Christ.

This mission is why we exist, and is why we are having a capital campaign. The beautiful campus of which we are so proud exists not for the sake of our community, but for the people who will come here and whose hearts and lives will be transformed by an encounter with Jesus.

Our four-part strategy to accomplish this mission is to worship, connect, serve and give.

The growth of our church community has created critical needs in each of these four areas.

Recognizing that the need was imminent, last fall our congregation overwhelmingly approved a 30-year master plan for the future of St. Andrew. Careful prayer and planning how to best implement this master plan has led to the decision to implement a capital campaign, which we have named ChurchOne. The purpose of ChurchOne is to progress as far as we can in addressing the critical needs in each of the four strategic ministry areas.

Worship.

Includes improvements and additions to the sanctuary, the bridge and a creekside promenade for better accessibility to the campus and parking. **Cost: \$8,500,000**

Connect.

Includes a new, 2-story students annex with large group spaces; a new entrance and additional parking for children and families; improvements to the children's second level wing, garden and preschool areas; and expanded coffeehouse and gathering spaces. **Cost: \$11,500,000**

Serve.

Includes a renovated and improved missions wing and administrative area. **Cost: \$2,000,000**

Give.

As we pray, "Lord, What do you want to do through me?", let's listen and respond boldly to God's leading. Our individual and corporate faithfulness to God's leading will determine how many of the Worship, Connect, and Serve needs can be addressed in the ChurchOne capital campaign.

SPARK TANK - A THREE-YEAR, MATCHING FUNDS OUTREACH PROGRAM OF ST. ANDREW - GENERATED

59 PROJECTS LAST SUMMER, TOTALING \$182,000 WORTH OF SERVICE.

42%

PROJECTED GROWTH OF
COLLIN COUNTY OVER THE
NEXT 5-7 YEARS, FROM 830,000
TO 1.4 MILLION.



ChurchOne Timeline

April 30 | Celebration Event

Worship | ChurchOne: The Family of Faith.

Like Andrew bringing Peter to Jesus, we see God move through relationships, joining people in a family of faith to change hearts and lives for God's kingdom.

May 7

Worship | ChurchOne: Passionate Servants.

Like Andrew, we look for opportunities to share our resources, no matter how great or small, so that our community may experience the abundant life in Christ.

May 14

Worship | ChurchOne: Changing Hearts and Lives.

Like Andrew, we are focused not just on our own community but on bringing people to Jesus from the broader culture, in North Texas and beyond.

May 21 | Commitment Sunday

Worship | ChurchOne: Connecting Others to Jesus.

Like Andrew, we want to be servants whose spirit of generosity and invitation will change the world.

June 11

First Fruit Offering

June 18

Announcement Sunday

Giving at St. Andrew

Giving at St. Andrew is one of the four parts of a fully committed life in Christ: worship, connect, serve, and give. We like to talk about three types of giving: **Annual Gifts**, **Special Gifts** supporting current operations, and **Forever Gifts** investing in our future.

As a special gift, ChurchOne is a call for gifts over and above your usual tithes and offerings. A capital campaign gift is not intended to impact your regular giving to the church. Rather, it is an opportunity for God to stretch us through sacrifice, growing our faith and trusting in God to provide for both our families and our church.



What can I do to help?

The most critical need for ChurchOne is for the entire community of St. Andrew to join in prayer. We believe God is actively at work in each of our households and in our congregation. Our hope is that through this campaign, we as individuals and as a church family earnestly seek God as we plan for the future of St. Andrew.

The best thing you can do right now is join with other leaders in praying this prayer: "Lord, what do you want to do through me?"

Soon, a member of our prayer team will reach out to you, asking how we can pray for you and your family, and inviting you to join in this campaign prayer, opening ourselves to God's will for each of us individually and as a congregation.

Meanwhile, praise God for the remarkable work God has done through St. Andrew, and for the lives yet to be connected to Jesus.

In coming weeks, you'll find opportunities to be involved in the campaign. Mark your calendar and make plans now to participate by attending worship, participating in activities, and volunteering to help when needed.



Lord, what do you want to do through me?

Move in my heart as I consider my role in your work at St. Andrew.
Empower me to further your kingdom through my gifts and actions
as a passionate servant of Christ.

Amen.



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