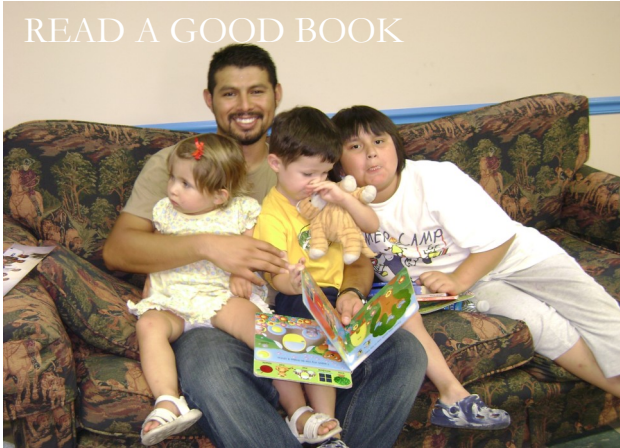


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**Vision Statement**

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**CALENDAR**

Monday-Friday—Common Grounds Bookstore and Coffeehouse 12:00-5:00  
August 7—Prayer Committee, 4:45  
August 8—Seniors of St. Andrews lunch  
August 14—SAC Board Meeting  
August 25-28—Workshop on Plaza Comunitaria programs

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## From the Executive Director, Rev. Michael L. Feely

August 2008

What is it that gives your life value?

What are the things that you believe to be important?

What gets you out of bed in the morning (other than breakfast)?

St. Andrews is a busy place, with lots of activity and meetings and events.....people come and people go ...and we often seem to be in a state of perpetual motion. And there are great things happening here that are helping to build bridges, promote healing and understanding, and develop community. We give thanks to God for the daily glimpses of grace we see at the St. Andrews Center.

We are busier than I ever dreamed we'd be when we started our programs back in early 2005. But in the midst of all this "busyness", I have been trying to pull back a little and ask some questions. It's hard to reflect when one is on the go, but I think that it is critically important to do so. Part of my pondering comes from my love for history, and my interest in learning about the places in which I live and work. I've been going through the 100+ years of St. Andrews United Methodist Church historical records and photos (come see our historical display cases next time you're in the building), and I have also been going through the much briefer (10 years) of records relating to our urban ministry work here in Chattanooga and Highland Park (and including the work of the St. Andrews Center). In all those records, the one constancy is change. Neighborhoods change. People change. The mission doesn't necessarily change, but ministries and churches do change and evolve. And the changes are not just in the past. It's easy to look around and see the changes that are happening even now in Highland Park and central Chattanooga.

What will Highland Park look like in 5 years? What will it look like in 10 years? Who will live here? What will the community needs be? Where (and what) does the St. Andrews Center need to be in order to maintain our goals of mission, ministry, arts and outreach? How do we need to grow in order to effectively impact the city around us?

These are not new or original questions. And they could apply to almost any organization. But I would invite you to ponder those questions with me. I'd love to know your ideas and feedback as well.

Let's talk soon,

Mike



MANY THANKS go to Jimmy Goddard and his youth group from Brainerd UMC. Not only did this hard-working group prepare sack lunches once a week for our summer campers, but they came back to sort and shelf several hundred books that were donated to the bookstore. The giving nature of these individuals is much appreciated!

## From the Afterschool Director, Marisol Jimenez

School is starting soon and we are preparing for the after school program. Thanks to the help of the Hixson Methodist Church youth, and an awesome mom named Hope, we have the main study rooms organized, including the daunting storage closet. It looks awesome!! The after school program's goal is to help kids at risk feel successful in the classroom. We work on homework, areas of need, and enrichment through the arts.

We are always in need of materials and supplies. Here is our current wish list:

Paper, pencils, sharpeners, colored pencils, notebooks, folders, glue sticks, Kleenex, and paper towels.

Thanks to everyone in the past for your volunteer hours and donations. We couldn't do it without your support.

Marisol

## From the Director of Programs, Lisa Nichols

We've had a busy summer at the St. Andrews Center – 26 students in the Passages program, volunteer youth painting and getting spaces ready for programming, getting the kitchen up to code, opening the Coffee Shop/Book Store, hosting lawyers and paralegals each Sunday afternoon for those affected by the Pilgrims Pride raid and those who need assistance with legal issues. The SAC luncheon on July 15<sup>th</sup> was an opportunity to thank and give a tour to those who support our ministry.

Several times this summer, I've heard Mike ask, "What possibilities do you see happening here?" As we look at the Common Grounds Coffee Shop/Bookstore as an opportunity for adults, youth, and children to gather, what programs or events do you envision taking place there? As we look at the Community Garden that is growing well, what do we do this fall? Next summer? As the St. Andrews Center continues to reach out to its neighbors, in what direction should we turn? What would you like to do to help reach that vision?

Lisa