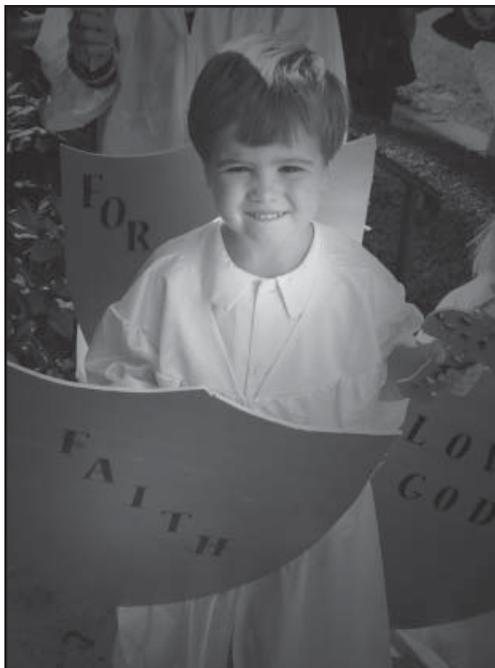


The Eagle

Winter 2010



The Holly Days Bazaar

November 10th and 11th

The Women of St. John's have been busy for the past year preparing for this year's Holly Days Bazaar! You are encouraged to join in the festivities by working prior to, or during, the Bazaar. The fellowship gained when volunteering for your Church is a true gift. You may also choose to support St. John's by enjoying a delicious lunch in the Parish House, grabbing a bite to go at Take-outs, or listening to Dr. Taylor's wonderful twelve o'clock Organ Recitals. Don't miss the wonderful sales and Silent Auction, and bring a friend or two! Here is a schedule of this year's events:

Holiday Bazaar Events on Both Wednesday, November 10th and Thursday, November 11th:

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tours of the Church Nave and Chancel

Garden Shop in the Garden Mall

Nun's Nook

Jams and Jellies by Jane's Canners

Frozen Foods

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Lunch Served in the Green-Meldrim House

Lunch Takeouts available on Madison Square

Silent Auction open for bids upstairs in the Green-Meldrim House

Candlelight Dinner Tickets for sale in the Garden Mall

12:00 Noon

Organ Recital in the Church

Thursday, NOVEMBER 12th will additionally feature:

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Books, Toys, Treasure Room and White Elephant in Cranmer Hall

2:00 pm

Drawing for the Candlelight Dinner

Silent Auction bidding closed and high bidders announced

*Craig or Gavin? Who says one thing
he loves about Savannah is:*

Tour buses

St John's, of course!

Last Issue: Craig: Clownish

Gavin: Over-committed



Pictured Above: Sunday School children enjoying Creation Corridor Sunday as they paint like Michelangelo.

Spread the Holly Days Cheer... Volunteer at the Bazaar

November 10th and 11th

To Volunteer or Make a Donation in any of the following areas, please contact:

Silent Auction Sarah Ross (912) 655-6966, Gennie Leigh Sumner (912) 657-6221 or Middi Moore (912) 353-9308

White Elephant: Nita Ann Klein (912) 927-4270 with your donations or to volunteer. Many volunteers are needed.

Treasure Room: Kippi Adams (912) 352-3839 or Jettie Johnston (912) 598-7488

Desserts: Marsha Berger (912) 598-0396 or Kathy Johnston (912) 303-9483.

Books, DVDs, Videos and More!: Margaret Wylly (912) 786-4316.

Candlelight Dinner Tickets: Mildred Derst (912) 925-1442 or Jessica Osborne (912) 898-0202

Canning: Jane Pressly (912) 233-6551

Frozen Foods: Ragnild Ezelle (912) 925-1407 or Robbie Culver (912) 238-4895

Soup and Chili: Sherry Holtzclaw (912) 897-3889 and Christiana Turner (912) 898-1810

Luncheon Food Prep and Sandwich: Jentri Hand (912) 272-1046

Luncheon Servers: Jessica Osborne (912) 898-0202

Holly Days Waitresses Needed: It takes at least 40 of you ladies to serve the Holly Days Luncheon! Being a waitress at the Bazaar is fast-paced, fun experience and a great way to meet your fellow parishioners. Come support your Church by serving lunch in the beautiful Green-Meldrim House. Hours are 11:00 – 2:00 and help is needed on either, or both, days.

Nun's Nook: Caroline Hayes (912) 897-0343

Garden Shop: Coren Ross (912) 897-2381 or Debbie Carson (912) 897-6169

Babysitting: Kerri Culver (912) 660-8269 to reserve your child's spot.



Pictured: Elizabeth Wilson
Daughter of our Bazaar
Co-Chair Amy Wilson

Contact the editors if you have volunteer opportunities you would like added to the Eagle or volunteers you want recognized.

The Holly Days Bazaar Recipes

It's not too late to make your soup and chili! We are in great need of Vegetable Beef Soup this year, 135 gallons - Please consider making a batch! Contact Christiana Turner at 898-1810 or Sherry Holtzclaw at 897-3889 for information.

Vegetable Beef Soup

2 pounds ground sirloin (can substitute or mix with stew beef)
1 cup chopped onion
2 large cans stewed tomatoes
5 cups water
1 tablespoon salt
2 carrots, chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 pkg frozen butter beans
1 pkg frozen green beans
1 pkg frozen peas
2 russet potatoes, chopped
1 can corn
1 bay leaf
2 beef bouillon cubes
¼ teaspoon dried thyme
¼ teaspoon dried basil

In a large stock pot, brown sirloin and onion. Drain grease and add tomatoes, water, salt, beef bouillon, vegetables, thyme, bay leaf and basil. Cover and cook until vegetables are tender, approximately 45 minutes.

Beef Chili

2 pounds ground beef
1 large can stewed tomatoes
1 small can tomato sauce
1 29-ounce can kidney beans (with liquid)
1 29-ounce can pinto beans (with liquid)
1 cup diced onion
¼ cup diced celery (1 stalk)
2 teaspoons cumin powder
3 tablespoons chili powder
1 ½ teaspoons black pepper
2 teaspoons salt
2 cups water
2 beef bouillon cubes

Brown ground beef in a skillet over medium heat; drain off the fat. Using a fork, crumble beef into pea-size pieces. In a large pot, combine beef plus all remaining ingredients; bring to a simmer over low heat. Cook, stirring every 15 minutes for 2-3 hours. Makes about 12 servings.

***Important: When you make your batch of soup or chili, let it cool completely before freezing. Otherwise we may have problems with spoilage.

The Holly Days Bazaar Silent Auction

GET READY FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL HOLLY DAYS SILENT AUCTION!

The 2010 version promises to be full of your favorites! From great wines, to fabulous art, unique parties and special dinners and trips – we have a little something for everyone! Please come check out the auction items at the preview at coffee hour that's the Sunday before the bazaar. Some of our offerings include:

“Cottage in Ireland- What better way to get away than by visiting this charming place in Ireland. Beautiful landscape of the Shannon estuary. There are two double beds in the cottage and one double bed in the studio. You can rent a car at Shannon Airport and use the cottage as a base for exploring western Ireland or taking the train from Ennis up to Dublin. Self-catering accommodation. You must pay your own electricity for your stay here.”

Photography package donated by Christine Hall Photography

“Wow! This fabulous mini vacation features a beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath Mountain getaway in Scenic Saluda, NC. This mountain house comfortably sleeps 8, maybe 10 people. Wonderful Mountain views and within short walking distance of Downtown Saluda with an abundance of great restaurants as well as being located a short distance to Historic Flat Rock, Not available June-Labor Day. (4 days/ 3 nights)”

“Cabin in Helen, GA- Enjoy a 4 day weekend in this lovely 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath cabin in a private neighborhood, surrounded by nature. It provides total privacy from the back of the cabin. It has large decks, hot tub, a rocking chair front porch, tree house and game room. Black out dates- All of October and some weekends when it is rented throughout the year. Please check for scheduling. Cleaning fee \$185”

Crystal Column Lamp with silk lamp shade donated by Circa Lighting

“Dinner for 6 at Local 11 Ten- You and your friends will be seated at the much sought after “cork table” in the Old Bank Vault. Champagne awaits pouring upon your arrival. You’re sure to enjoy this sophisticated Southern dining experience. Additional cocktails and gratuity not included.”

“Enjoy two nights and three days at a 2 bedroom suite in Harbor Town in Hilton Head above the shops in Harbor Town. Enjoy a not so far vacation from home. Value \$500”

If You Cannot Be at the Bazaar

We understand that not everyone can volunteer during the Bazaar. Please know that your financial donations go a long way towards paying the costs incurred during the Bazaar. Please drop or mail any financial contributions to the Church Office in an envelope directed to Dale Thorpe, our Treasurer. Or call Dale directly at (912) 233-5530. Checks should be made payable to St. John’s Holly Days Bazaar.

As a parishioner of St. John’s, you are encouraged to get involved. Volunteering at the Bazaar is a great way to meet new friends and reacquaint with others. There is a lot to do and last-minute volunteers are still appreciated. Please call Leah Brunson, Chair (912) 398-1620 or Amy Wilson, Co-Chair (912) 308-6471 to volunteer or for more information.



Boys Choir: Nathaniel Smith, Phillip Inglesby & Henry Osborne were whitened in 2010. Behind is Turner Stevens who was whitened in 2009.

Girls Choir: Anna Giles Truax, Annie Morris & Elizabeth Simcox were whitened in 2010.

Children's Corner

Can you find this unicorn in our beautiful sanctuary?

Unicorn: in the imagery of art and poetry, this rare beast can only be caught and tamed by a virgin, after which the hunters may kill him and remove his much-coveted single horn, which dipped in water, was the antidote to the bite of poisonous serpents. As such, the unicorn is a symbol of Christ, who is “caught” by the Virgin Mary in his Incarnation, and in his incarnate humanity killed by his enemies; but whose cross, like the unicorn’s horn, is the saving antidote to the bite of that old serpent called the Devil and Satan.



Stewardship Nugget: Bible Splitting Is Poor Theology

When people say, “I believe in New Testament stewardship, and it doesn’t mention tithing,” their analysis is correct and incorrect. Jesus recommended tithing only one time, according to the gospel records. In this Scripture, he says not to neglect tithing (Matthew 23:23) while doing more important things, such as justice and mercy and faith. The people Jesus addressed were already practicing tithing. To harp on tithing would have been like repeatedly informing the Jews that the sun will come up in the east tomorrow. They took it for granted that seriously religious people would aim to give 10 percent of their income to God’s work.

Jesus’ teachings about financial giving build on tithing but go far beyond it. Jesus talks about giving everything you have—heart, mind, soul, and strength—in spiritual commitment to God. Jesus did not say that tithing is no longer relevant. His major point to the rule-keeping Pharisees was that tithing is not enough. God expects more than that. Old Testament stewardship taught that giving a tithe as the basic spiritual commitment to God. For many rich people, that meant they could get off cheap. For people of every socioeconomic level, that meant they could meet a basic requirement of the Hebrew Law and operate the rest of their life with a different set of priorities. New Testament stewardship teaches that the bottom line is the condition of the heart, from which all our life priorities, our thinking patterns, and our behaviors emanate. If you get your heart right, Jesus was saying, everything else gets right. As we apply Jesus’ teaching to our own spiritual development, we would want to ask ourselves, “Is giving less than 10 percent of my income a legitimate symbol of giving my whole self?”



The Latest from the Episcopal Church Women

Written by:
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It is hard to believe that it is almost time for our annual Holly Days Bazaar. I know that this year's Bazaar will be a great success! The Holly Days Bazaar is the primary fund raiser for the Women of St. John's. It is a time of fun, fellowship, and hard work.

I think it is important to remember that the funds raised at the Holly Days Bazaar primarily go back out to our community and back into our parish. Last year the Women of St. John's, with the help of our outreach director, Catherine Sallee spent a lot of our time thoughtfully looking at our outreach program. We have increased our giving in this area. This year we are looking at our parish outreach programs. Not only are the Women of St. John's responsible for the running of the Parish House, the upkeep on the parish house garden, the staffing and scheduling of tours of the Green-Meldrim House and countless other small and big things within our parish, but even more importantly we visit those who are not able to attend Church. We take meals to the sick and bereaved, we sponsor educational programs for the growth and enrichment of the Parish. This work, coupled with our outreach programs in the wider community I see as our mission as women of the Church. Please remember that every woman that is a member of St. John's is a member of the Women of the Church.

If you have some extra time, come and join us! Jentri Hand with the help of Clayton Kennedy, Leah Brunson, and Carol Hewson, is in charge of 'Pantry Aids'. If you know someone that is in need of a meal please let her know; they can always use good cooks as well! Bonnie Gilbreath is working hard to ensure that all of our parish members that are unable to attend Church have a regular visit from a representative of the women of the Church. If you are interested in this mission, please give her a call. Mary Burnett is our corresponding secretary; if you know someone that may need words of encouragement or comfort, please let her know. Caroline Hayes is our Church School representative, if you are interested in the education of our youth, please call her. There are so many different ways to give of your talents at St. John's, please join us in this important and rewarding fellowship!

Yours in Christ, Jessica Osborne



The ECW wants to thank Leah Brunson, our 2010 Holiday Bazaar Chairman for all of her hard work. We also thank her family for sharing her with us. Leah moved to Savannah from Tallahassee where she went to Florida State. She joined St. John's in 2000 and was married to Frank by Father Carreker. Their family grew with two beautiful children, Frankie and Marian, who both go to Savannah Christian. Frankie is in the 2nd grade and is quite a little fisherman and piano player. Marian is in kindergarten and enjoys dancing but really wants to be an artist/painter. Leah says "My family and I love St. John's! The wonderful & loving people who work in the children's programs, the welcoming parishioners, the beautiful music and the terrific priests are just some of the many things that make St. John's a very special Church to us!" When you see the Brunsons at church, please let them know how much you appreciate their dedication.

Pictured Left to Right: C.J. & Victoria Bockhold, Marian, Frankie, Leah & Frank Brunson

Guatemala Medical Mission

Written by: Jayne Holland

In February, I was blessed to be part of my fourth mission team to Guatemala through the Christian ministry called Faith in Practice. "The mission of Faith in Practice is to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic conditions of the poor in Guatemala through short term medical, surgical, and dental mission trips and related programs of education. The mission is based on an ecumenical understanding that as people of God we are called to demonstrate the love and compassion that is an outward sign of god's presence among us." It has been my pleasure to serve as a representative from St. John's Church, and each year the experience is more amazing.

There was much excitement as we gathered at the airport very early to get our trunks, filled with medical supplies, unloaded and checked. Each team member was responsible for their own expenses and supplies. Last year I had the pleasure of my youngest son going as an EMT, and it was awesome seeing the journey through his eyes. Upon arrival to Guatemala City, we took a "chicken bus" to Antigua where we spent the week providing care to people all over Guatemala and the residents of the Obras Sociates Del Santa Hermano Pedro Hospital of Antigua.

The mission started on Sunday with "triage day" where people traveled from villages to schedule their surgeries to be performed during the week. My role has always been part of the surgical team, but we also have teams that travel to rural villages to provide medical and dental care to those unable to travel to a facility. The village teams identified surgical patients and were referred to the Obras for our surgical teams or other teams to perform their surgery. The days were long and exhausting, but I witnessed the Lord working through the talents of the physicians, nurses, and lay people. We averaged about 75-100 surgeries in 4 days. I continue to be reminded that whatever holy tasks we are called to, we are always given the strength to do them.

The beauty of these people can not be put in words. They have so little and yet the richness of their grateful spirits as they mutter "gracias" post-operatively radiate to all. As they waited in the long triage lines we were never asked "how much longer" or heard "I have been here all day"- they merely waited with peace and gratitude. And, to see the smile of a 12 year old looking in the mirror following a cleft lip repair -there are no words to describe! I could see by the look in her eyes, that she would no longer be ostracized by society for her appearance.

The final day, prior to departure back to the United States, we visited an orphanage started by two biological and religious sisters from Spain. They arrived in Guatemala with the singleness of purpose of caring for orphans. It is God who opens our hearts, it is God who calls us into action, and it is God who accompanies us along the way. I have never felt this as solidly as when I entered the gates of this orphanage. The children, many with deformities, were beautiful. The one thing they all had in common was that they were loved. They were loved by the sisters and loved by God.

I feel so blessed that the Lord has provided me the opportunity to be of service using the talents and skill that He has given me. God is revealed to each of us as we are able to respond, and I know that my journey of service is just beginning. I want to take this time to thank Gavin for his support and prayers, without such these endeavors for me would not have been possible.

If you are interested in helping Jayne or want more information on Faith in Practice, please contact her: 912-920-9392 or bud1218@aol.com



Pictured: Alex Jarman, Adam DeLoach, Joe & Sarah Ross, Frances & Robert Vinyard, & Marti Campbell

Episcopal Youth and Children's Services
Written by: Debbie Carson, EYCS Publicity Chairman

Our children and young people are our precious gift and promise for the future. With that in mind, the Episcopal Youth and Children's Services Board was established as a resource of the Diocese of Georgia to strengthen family life and commitment to the church by giving financial assistance for college expenses, medical expenses, and to those youth participating in camp at Honey Creek. Most likely a young person from your church has benefited from the work of the EYCS Board. In 2010, 35 academic scholarships were approved for a total of \$65,500 that was distributed to help youth for educational grants, and 18 children received camp grants totaling \$6,565. Here at St. John's, we have several students who have received scholarships for college in the last few years. This year the EYCS gave scholarship grants to six students from our parish, totaling \$11,500.

Yearly we conduct our Thanksgiving Appeal by giving each parishioner, church, mission and organization the opportunity to make this special offering for our youth. The EYCS could not exist without the generous gifts received from individuals within the diocese, our men's and women's church groups, fundraisers, grants, and the November Ingathering.

When the Episcopal Home for Girls was sold, its proceeds went to establish an endowment fund to help the young people throughout the diocese, and that work continues each year through the EYCS Board. Membership includes church representatives from the Savannah Convocation, and members serve for three years with the option for a second term of three years. We currently have two St. John's parishioners serving on the EYCS Board: Coren Ross as Chairman of the Board, and Debbie Carson as Publicity Chairman.

Happening, New Beginnings, Fall Rally and Winter Blast are a few of the other events that are well attended at Honey Creek, and as with the summer camps, partial funding is available on a first come-first served basis. Please remember that your generous financial gifts to the EYCS assist in helping with tuition for college, allow children to attend church camp, and have even provided help with medical needs when possible.

Visit www.eycs.org for more information and for applications for financial assistance, or speak with Father Dunbar. This year the Ingathering is scheduled for November 28th, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Please place the gold envelope you receive in the mail in our church offering plate on November 28th, or you may mail your gift for the EYCS directly to the Diocesan Office at 611 East Bay Street, Savannah, Ga. 31401.

Welcome Mike and Joanne Chastain

We have a new addition to the staff here at St. John's. Rev. Mike Chastain has accepted our invitation to help fill some slots and offer support in some of the non-sacramental duties that our two priests have so tirelessly been performing, along with those aspects of ministry that are uniquely and wonderfully theirs. Mike's title is: Director of Family Life and College Outreach Ministries, meaning he is counseling, assisting others in establishing personal discipleship, teaching the Bible and the 1928 BCP, and offering pre-marriage counseling and prayer ministry. He says that this is very exciting work, and he is right at home back with the Episcopal church.

Mike grew up in Savannah and was greatly blessed to become part of the Derst household during very formative years. After high school Mike became a cadet at The Citadel and during his time as a cadet and with the influence of Mama Derst, the gospel, the greatness of the person of Christ and the sense of call to ministry captured his mind and heart. He became a serious student of the Bible and doctrine and began to have concern for the souls of men and the acceptable worship of God. During his work with the church, Joanne, the woman who was to become his wife, was led to the Lord, and he taught her for years, not knowing one day SHE would ask him to marry her. Well, almost. He says that she was his best student so in 1981 she got the prize...him!

Mike was encouraged by leaders of the church to attend seminary to become a pastor and when FINALLY concluding his formal academics, Mike had earned three master's degrees, one each in Religious Education, Divinity and Theology. He served as a Presbyterian pastor and church planter in St. Louis and in the Northeast for over twenty-five years

before moving back to Savannah in 2009. Upon returning home he started attending services and availing himself of the learning opportunities afforded by St. John's. After a year of being one of us here and re-establishing roots, St. John's decided to tap Mike's 30 plus years of pastoral experience and include him on her staff.

Mike and Joanne have been blessed with eight children and two (soon to be three) grandchildren. The Chastains also enjoy the blessing of Joanne's mother, Mary, who lives with them and Mike's aunt, Grace. It is the Chastains' desire that everything in and about their lives will be used to minister to others for the cause of Christ. Because, as Mike always says about Jesus, "He is worthy of full allegiance and full obedience!"

New Young Marrieds Class

Here's what some had to say about Mike's new Young Marrieds Class:

It's encouraging to come together as a community of believers to talk about marriage from a biblical perspective. This is a topic that will continue to be a priority as I can only strive and fail to perfect it! - Betsy Howard

The class is an excellent opportunity to devote time to strengthening my marriage. Mike's discussions are always thought provoking and inspire me to spend the next week working towards being the husband God wishes me to be. -Ben Baxter



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Childhood Education

The Church School is having a great start to the year. We had our first Special Event for Michaelmas. The children learned how Michael and the angels are warriors for God. If you were in church, you saw them process with their swords and shields dressed in white. Last year we started this tradition, creating a day that will leave them with what the day means and making it memorable. A big thanks to Mary Helen Burdell and Jentri Hand for organizing this wonderful day. And also to Park and Jentri Hand for donating the lovely white robes for the children to wear for this Special Event and ones in the future.

Next, back by popular demand, St. John's Creation Corridor. This year Father O'Brien gave a captivating lesson on the Sistine Chapel, even getting on the floor and demonstrating how Michelangelo painted. They learned the days of creation and saw slides on a big screen of pictures of the Sistine Chapel. They then were under tables painting their own days of Creation, seeing how difficult it must have been to paint flat on your back. Come by the second floor of Cramner Hall to see our own Creation Corridor. Our next Special Event will be for All Saints' on November 7th.

As I mentioned before, we are studying "The History of Our Salvation – The Old Testament". Last year, the ECW graciously offered to purchase felt storyboards for the Church School. They really are beautiful, and a fantastic visual of the stories in the Bible. Anne Mingledorff has generously offered to come and set up the boards each week. Now when the children come to morning assembly, they will see what they will be learning about. We are blessed that our children not only hear the stories, but can see them too. When you come by to see Creation Corridor, take a peek at the felt boards in the 2nd floor assembly area of Cramner Hall.

You may have read in a previous Eagle that Martha Sullivan and a band of volunteers take part in the Second Harvest Food Bank Backpack program. Each week they collect and pack bags of food for children at Thunderbolt Elementary to take home for the weekend. Many of these children are on free or reduced breakfast and lunch at school during the week, leaving them without food for the weekend. This provides them with some nourishment to get them through the weekend. The Church School would like to help them by collecting jars of peanut butter. If you are able, please bring a jar of creamy peanut butter to Cramner Hall for this wonderful project. If you have any questions or ideas, or if you would like to volunteer or receive our weekly emails please don't hesitate to contact me.

If you have any youth photos, we would love to have them complete with names. Send to Cathy@twistedwarrior.com.

The new St. John's Website is here and it looks great.
Visit www.stjohnssav.org. for an up to date calendar on church activities,
fireside chatter with Father Dubar, a dynamic 360 degree view of our beautiful church,
current and past Eagle publications and church newsletters,
never before seen photos, information on what the church offers-
well, what are you waiting for?

Go to:
www.stjohnssav.org



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College Outreach and Young Marrieds Ministry

Greetings in the Lord! As I work here at St. John's Church it is my goal to support and augment the wonderful ministry you have here and be used to fulfill ministry needs under Father Dunbar's and the Vestry's direction. The initial work has begun and a centerpiece is the forum on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time for anyone, especially young marrieds, to learn what the 1928 BCP and the Bible say about engagement, moral purity, vows, married life, children, duties of husbands to wives/wives to husbands and both to God. I can't say that the discussion started out lively, but it is getting that way as many questions are raised, discussed and the Bible and Prayer Book are opened to show that God has given us answers.

In the outreach department, I have been privileged to meet literally dozens and dozens of SCAD students and to one degree or another discuss with many of them the truths of God and the claims of Christ in the context of the church. In fact, a grandfather of two SCAD students from a distant State who is a long time reader of the Parish Paper wrote to me to ask that I contact his grandchildren as a St John's representative. I did. We had a great time, and they positively identify us as a caring church body that reaches out in love and ministry even to those who usually have little to give in return. That's ministry. It is for Christ and His kingdom, not for our egos. I commend the vision, forethought and sacrifice the Vestry and the priests here have for the extending of Christ's kingdom. On November 6th about 25 SCAD students are coming to my home for a class get together. My goal is to be a good friend and defender of 'the faith that was once and for all delivered to the saints.' It is also a great privilege to meet people of all ages who are looking toward marriage and give them guidelines that can help them think more maturely and biblically about the coming pleasures, commitments, and trials that marriage entails.

Another joy afforded me is the fellowship of the men's groups on Tuesday and Thursday mornings whose leadership I share with Father Dunbar. We have a very good time. This group is known for lively debate. And we are now studying the depths of meaning of the Lord's Prayer. Did you know the Lord's Prayer (by my count) is so important that it is in the BCP 19 times and the Bible twice? We intend to know even more fully the truths supplied to us so abundantly in our liturgy and Bible.

From my background in the Faith we share, I have an enthusiastic and blunt style which may take some getting used to among reserved and polite Episcopalians. Please know that I am determined not to teach anything that is not consistent with the Prayer Book's teaching and the Bible's, and the direction set by the rector. My desire is to be used by St. John's for the sake of Christ."

As you see me around our church, please introduce yourself to me. I'd love to hear about you and learn what God is doing in your lives. If I can ever serve you in any way please feel free to let me know. Fr. Dunbar is a slave driver, but I think he will let me have a few moments if I promise to make them up.



Rector's Musings

by: Reverend Gavin Dunbar

The Four Hundredth Anniversary of the King James Version

In his Stewardship Sermon this year, Fr Dupree reminded us that 2011 is the four hundredth anniversary of the English Bible that North Americans know as the King James Version and the British as the Authorized Version.

Acting on a suggestion made at the Hampton Court Conference of 1604 by a Puritan, James I ordered the work be done, and a committee of fifty black-gowned divines, divided into six groups, was organized to make the translation from the original Hebrew and Greek texts. Work began in 1607 and took two years and nine months to complete, and was published in four large black letter folio volumes in 1611. Later editors updated spelling and punctuation, inserted cross-references, and occasionally supplied a superior alternative translation in the margin, but the work remains the benchmark of English Bibles.

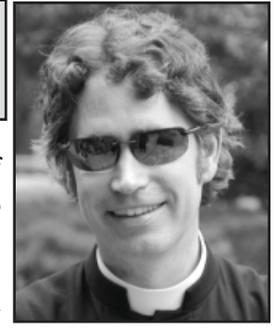
Part of its excellence is that it was not original, but tacitly drew from the best parts of earlier translations, especially the pioneering work of the heroic William Tyndale, who about eighty years earlier was executed for the crime of making the first English translation of the Bible. But at its best, which is most of the time, (there are a few missteps, but even Homer nodded), the King James Version excels them all. As Adam Nicolson put it in *God's Secretaries: the Making of the King James Bible* (2003), "it is both clear and rich. It both makes an exact and almost literal translation of the original and infuses that translation with beauty and ceremony." How shall St. John's keep this anniversary? A Bible-reading marathon? Ideas on a postcard please (oh all right, email is fine).

Welcome New Members

- Dexter and Joni Truax
- Harry and Elizabeth Shore
- John and Margaret Northup
- Emily and Ryan Mello
- John and McLean Hooff III
- Michael and Corinne Brown
- John and Cort Atkinson

The Blessed Dead

by: Father Craig O'Brien



You will forgive me if my mind wanders in this issue to the dissolution of our mortal coil-death. It is the end of October, and we have pronounced many final farewells from the chancel crossing at S. John's this month. It is, however, one of the great and full and realistic and comforting Catholic privileges we have as Anglicans in '...the joy of conscious fellowship with the blessed dead, expressed in praying for them and asking their prayers for us.' November is traditionally the month of the holy souls, the blessed dead who have died in the faith and fear of Christ.

On November 1 the Church exalts in the feast of All Saints, both known to the Church and those known to God alone, who, in their deaths, already taste by anticipation the bliss of resurrected life reserved to 'the Last Day'. It is in the communion of saints that we ask God to '...give us grace so to follow their good examples' in the Prayer for the Church. You might want to call to mind here, at each eucharist, the saint being commemorated that day, Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. John our patron and your favorite saint.

But it is November 2, All Souls Day, from which November takes its devotional cue. On All Souls Day, the Church offers three Requiem Eucharists (from the opening words of the Latin Introit, Rest eternal), by which she pleads the benefits of Christ's sacrifice for the benefit of all the faithful departed, that, as the priest prays in the American Canon of the Prayer Book '...we, and all thy whole Church (the living and the departed), may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.' It would be salutary here, for the worshipper- and not just at Requiems, but at all celebrations of the Eucharist, to silently name our departed loved ones, as the celebrant does quietly at the Altar.

In case you are wondering, the collect for the departed we use at the public recitation of the Divine Office (Morning and Evening Prayer) is the second collect appointed for Requiems on page 268. It has been the norm for the Church from ancient times to offer a Requiem for the repose of the soul of the departed as part of the burial function in the Church. As we have done with Fr. Ralston, Bishop Reeves, and other faithful churchmen, perhaps more of you at St. John's will plan on availing yourselves of this normative Christian practice at the time of your death or that of a loved one.

Of your charity pray for the souls of the faithful departed. And pray for those who this day will die without benefit of priest or sacrament.

V. +Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. And rise in glory. Amen.

For further reading:

The Traditional Saint Augustine's Prayer Book. A supplementary devotional manual for use with The Book of Common Prayer(1928), see the Requiem section. This is available from The Anglican Parishes Association of Athens, Ga.

Human Immortality and the Redemption of Death, Simon Tugwell O.P., A rich historical survey of the topic by the English Dominican. He also covers the question of how we can both be in the graveyard and heaven after death, in a compelling and fascinating way.

Life After Death: The Evidence, Dinesh D'Souza, the conservative pundit and new president of the only University campus in the Empire State Building, takes on the reductive materialism of the new atheists by looking at life after death from the evidence of Near Death Experiences, physics, biology, neuro-science and philosophy.

Fr. O'B

United in Holy Matrimony

Saturday, September 25, 2010,
Miss Winnifred Lane Morgan to
Charles Richardson Yates III

Received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

June 5, 2010

Master Kyle Kirkham Hoge, Jr.
infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle K. Hoge

August 22, 2010

Master Randolph Bryan Jones III
infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph B. Jones, Jr.,
grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Culver

October 9, 2010

Master Charles Andersen Northup
infant son of, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Northup III

October 10, 2010

Master James Cooper Sappenfield Dilbeck
infant son of Mr. Clay B. Sappenfield and
Miss Molly F. Dilbeck.

Deaths of our Loved Ones

*Rest Eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Charles Ellis Waring
Jane Turner Greene
Mildred Sprowl Wolfe
Ewing Smith Barnett
Frances Catherine DeMine Johnson
Louis Allan Reynolds
Leonora Carolyn Huguenin Victor
Mary Helen Jones Ray

John Frederick Moyer
Mary Elizabeth Moyer
Elizabeth Guerry Poole
Elizabeth Krenson Myers Walker
John Colin Hungerpiller
Spencer Long Edleman Sr.
Laura Cecilia Bailey Williams Flowers



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The Men's Club Reports

The Men of St Johns held their annual dinner meeting in September. Colonel Eric Robyn, the Headmaster at Veritas Academy, Savannah gave an informative talk on the work they are doing to provide a “classical, covenantal and Christian” K-12 education. I would venture to say most of the Men were not fully aware of this mission and left quite happy that St Johns is helping to support the education of these young people.

During this meeting the Men of Church completed the annual ritual of filling out their “Blue Cards” to indicate what Men’s Events they were interested in supporting with their time and effort. If you did not get a Blue Card and would like to join in the fun and fellowship, please call the church office.

Both weekday study groups are robust and growing. New attendees are welcomed, with the only requirement being a constitution that allows you to be up and functioning at church by 7AM! The Tuesday morning group starts off with a hearty southern breakfast prepared by Thomas Knight and crew. We just finished a discussion of the book A Prodigal God by Thomas Keller and are currently immersed in the Lord’s Prayer under the guidance of Michael Chastain and the Rec-

tor. The Thursday morning group is working its way thru the Gospel of Mark. This group is led by the Rector but where all are encouraged to share their thoughts and understanding. By the end of each session we have been skillfully taught the historic understanding of the Bible by the Church Fathers. Plans are under way to start a third group for those whose schedule will not permit them to attend either of the current groups. Please speak to the Rector or me if you are interested in being part of this venture.

One of the many blessings I have found at St Johns is the incredibly talented leadership, scholarship and teaching ability of our clergy and lay people. Taking part in weekday or Sunday’s educational opportunities at St Johns will not disappoint.



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Choir Cantations

2011 Anglican Heritage Tour

Next summer, Fr. Dunbar will be leading an Anglican Heritage Tour in southwest England. This tour will be in conjunction with the St. John’s Choirs’ residency at Wells Cathedral. Participants will visit various historic and religious sites that will aid their appreciation of our Anglican spiritual patrimony. One highlight of this tour is a full day at historic Bath. In addition, all will have the opportunity to worship each evening at Wells Cathedral as our choirs sing Choral Evensong. The trip is scheduled for July 8 through 18, 2011. For details on this trip contact Brian Taylor at the church office or by e-mail at btaylor@stjohnssav.org.

Whitening of Choristers

On August 15th, three members of the Girls Choir, Annie Morris, Elizabeth Simcox and Anna Giles Truax, moved from probationers to full choristers. They were “whitened” – that is, received their white surplices to go over their black cassocks. On September 26th, three members of the Boys Choir, Phillip Inglesby, Henry Osborne and Nathaniel Smith, were also whitened.

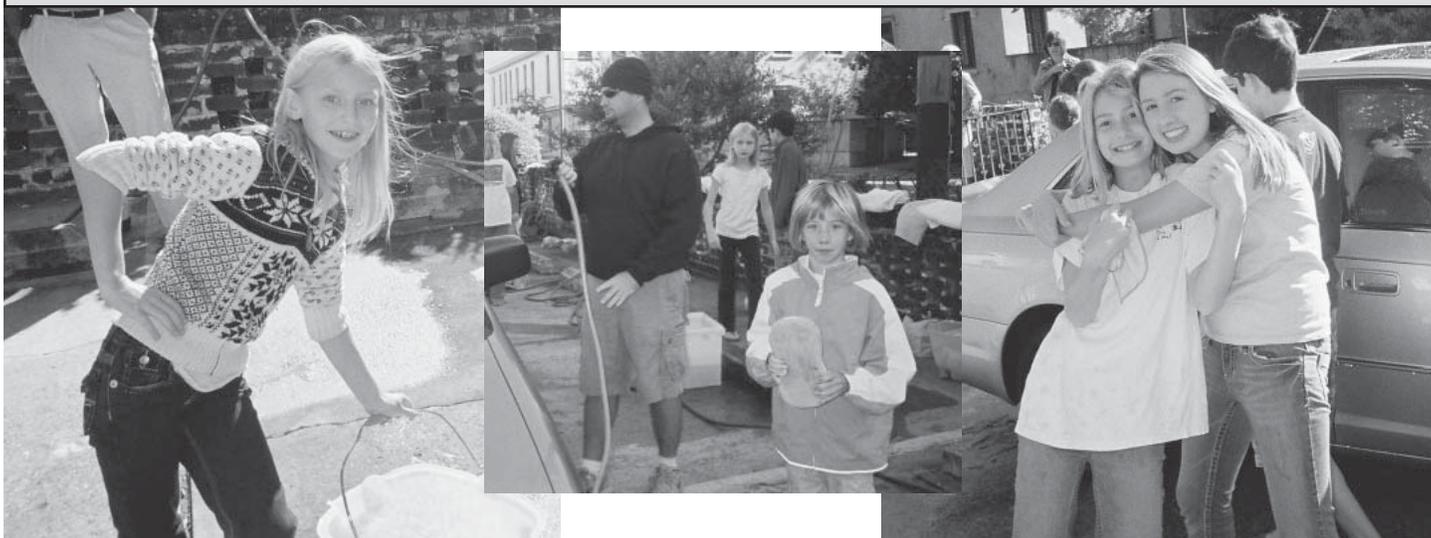
Boys and Girls Choir Car Wash

On Saturday, October 16th, choristers from the Boys and Girls Choirs along with their dads washed cars as a fund raiser for their England trip next summer. They raised over \$800.00.



Pictured: Katharine Warner & Emily Osborne

Pictured Washing Cars: Audrey Hand, Dave and Lizzie Simcox, Annie Morris & Sarah Elizabeth Inglesby



You've Enjoyed Her Beautiful Singing, Now Meet Dottie....

Once in a while one meets a rare and unusual individual. Such is the case with Parish Choir member Dottie Jarvis. Dottie was born in Limon, Germany and grew up in Plant City and Lakeland, Florida. She was raised Presbyterian. Since coming to St. John's she has been active in the choir, and she was confirmed by Bishop Louttit in 2009. In addition to her musical interests she is also an artist. She became interested in Medieval illuminations after her mother shared with her a book featuring the illuminations of the Book of Kells. She offered an illumination for sale at last year's Holly Days silent auction which was purchased by the Organist-Choirmaster and now hangs in the choir room. She will be offering another one at this year's auction. Dottie also has a heart for youth. She is popular with all of the students and was even made an honorary member of the St. John's Girls Choir where last spring the girls gave her the "pure awesomeness" award. Dottie left Savannah briefly after her first year but returned because she loved Savannah and particularly St. John's Church. The choir and parish are blessed to have her calm, peaceful presence amongst us.



Editors' Ramblings

Our next Eagle deadline is February 5, 2010, so please mark your calendars and contribute!

Fall is back in full swing with Sunday School beginning and the Bazaar right around the corner. There are many activities for us to participate in, so please support our church! We recently received a lovely note from Holly McClellan who is an out of state member of St. John's who greatly misses the church and Savannah. Holly's husband is active duty military, and they are stationed in Texas. She thanked us for The Eagle and helping her stay in touch with her church family, and we wanted to thank her for her support. We hope she will be able to come back to St. John's soon. Also, thank you to Caroline Hayes and Ted Warner for sharing their wonderful photos of our St. John's children. We do not make it to all of St. John's events and really appreciate pictures, so if you have any, please send them to us for inclusion in the Eagle!

Thanks and see you at the Bazaar,
Martha and Cathy

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Pictured: Clara, Falls, & Austin Kennedy & Will Burdell

Consecration Sunday Thank You

On Consecration Sunday, Fr. Douglas Dupree began his address with this quotation: "What are we worth? we are worth what we give to the world". Fr. Dupree went on to talk about how St. John's gives: in world where knowledge of the Christian faith is often completely lacking, a strong Christian Education program, a strong faith built around the Prayer Book liturgy and King James version of the Bible, and continuous service to those in need. His address at the 10:30 a.m. service concluded with a remembrance of his own father's tithing in good times and bad, and of the ECW's gift which paid for the first year of his

doctorate at Balliol College, Oxford, where many years later he is chaplain, and advising (at the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury) churches in eastern European countries on how to rebuild the Christian education of their people. After his moving sermon, members of the congregation filled out pledge cards if they felt this was the thing to do and placed it in a basket on the way out. No one was pressured to do so. Everyone was invited to breakfast or lunch whether a pledge was made or not.

What a meal it was; Sunday was indeed a celebration! Years ago people brought their bounties of fruit, vegetables, and meat to the temple and shared them with a meal in thanksgiving. The parishioners of St. John's carried on this tradition by celebrating in thanksgiving of their many blessings, by attending either a brunch in Cranmer Hall after the 8:00 service or lunch at the DeSoto Hilton after the 10:30 service. The room was filled with joyful conversation.

My heart is grateful for all of you who support St. John's whether it is in service, attendance, or financial support. As Karen Perrie said in her talk, " It is each person's decision about how God calls them to give." May we continue to give thanks and to pray for God's will in all that we give.
-Jane W. Pressly, stewardship chairman

Pictured on Cover (left to right). Top: Olin Anne Hayes & Anna Giles Truax Bottom: Thomas Burdell & Sam Forkner