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DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

The Prayer Book (p. 259) provides for the observance of an annual "Feast of Dedication" - a yearly commemoration of a church's dedication to the service of God. Because ours falls at a busy time of year (May 7th), we are not able to observe it with due solemnity. Fortunately, it is an old custom to observe the Feast on a Sunday in

October, and therefore, on Sunday, October 26th, we shall give thanks for *one hundred and sixty-one* years of worship within these walls, and shall pray for God's continued grace and blessing upon all those who pray here.

Without the generous offerings of its congregation

at that time, there would have been no church to dedicate in 1853. In 2014, therefore, a Feast of Dedication is a fitting occasion for the present congregation to dedicate their gifts and offerings for the coming year. Our Feast of Dedication will also be our annual Stewardship Sunday.

Giving to one's church is a personal matter, but one grounded in biblical teaching. Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical

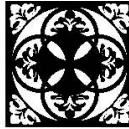
perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to grow spiritually. By supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes, Christians grow in their relationship with God.

It is these biblical and spiritual

principles of generous giving that will be taught during the month of October in St. John's annual Stewardship campaign. It is based on the biblical teaching of the need of the giver to give for his own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church

to receive. Instead of treating our Parishioners as members of a social club who should pay dues, we ask them to be followers of Jesus Christ who want to give as an act of discipleship.

The Stewardship campaign encourages people to grow towards proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" How will we respond to the call of Scripture:



STEWARDSHIP

Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site:
www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed

10:30 Mr. William C. Rodgers

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. James B. McClellan and

Lt. Col. James B. McClellan, Jr., MD

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Mr. Sidney T. Nutting Jr., by his family.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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ACOLYTES

8:00 *Volunteer Requested*

10:30 John Osborne

Jamie McClellan

Hawkins Pindar, Finn Repella

Jackson McClellan,

COFFEE HOUR

Ms. Susan C. Wylly

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M.

Men's Discussion Group *Third Floor, Cranmer Hall.* Led by Rick Wright, Walter Strong, and Charles Ezelle

Women's Discussion Group *Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.* Led by Carol Hewson, Susan Donahue, Linda Sheahan, and Laura Wimbish

Men's & Women's Group Study *Gospel in Life* Ralston Rm., led by the Spragues & Stevens.

Halrotry, Compassion, Shepherding, and Jesus - 3rd Floor East. led by Jack Wray.

Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's His-tory Plays *3rd Floor East* led by David Noble.

St. John's Gospel Chapel led by Fr Bergstrom

Middle & High School Youth led by Mrs. Skip Jennings and Fr. O'Brien.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast and Discussion on the *Holy Spirit*, with Fr O'Brien, Parish House.

Thursday 7 a.m., **NO MEETING THIS WEEK.**

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 16.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Monday Noon, led by Fr. Bergstrom, on John Jewell's *Apology and Defence.*

Thursday 9:15 a.m., led by Fr. O'Brien

on *How We Know: A Study of Plato's Meno*

Holly Days Kids Camp

If you are *volunteering* for the bazaar you can sign your children for Wednesday, November 12th and Thursday, November 13th. The hours will be from 9:30 until 2:30. The teachers from the Children's School at St. John's will have fun activities planned. Please contact Caroline Hayes - chayes@stjohnssav.org to reserve your spot. The deadline to sign up will be Nov. 7th.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

"offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the most High" (Psalm 50:14)?

Every parishioner who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily while attending services at 8 a. m. or 10:30 a. m. on Stewardship Sunday, October 26th. (There will be no service at Noon.) Even if you do not wish to complete a card, we urge you to attend one of the services and the Breakfast (after the 8 a.m. service) or the Brunch (after the 10:30 a.m. service). Each service concludes with a brief period of instruction and exhortation, during which members may make their commitments as a *confidential* act of worship. The process is done in such a way that no one should feel uncomfortable or conspicuous if he chooses not to fill out an Estimate of Giving card during the service.

Since the Vestry and Stewardship Committee will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform and encourage everyone to attend a service on Stewardship Sunday, October 26. Please do plan to take part with us in worship on this important day. GGD

"ELEVENSES"

party honoring our *Guides and Door Keepers on Wednesday, 22nd of October in the Green Meldrim House at 11:00 a.m.*

RSVP by October 17th to Martie Campbell 598-4299 or martiecampbell@bellsouth.net

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS

Saturday, October 4th @ 10:00 a.m. in Cranmer Hall and **Wednesday**, October 15th, @ 10:30 a.m. in Cranmer Hall. Contact Mary Dawson 657-9099.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Thursday

8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Morning or Evening Prayer

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR (11/12 & 13)

Waitresses! call or Text Grace Merritt 658-3010.

Soup or Chili—freeze in ziploc bags, store in Cranmer Hall. Christiana Turner 308-0102 or Sherry Holtzclaw 897-3889.

Homemade Desserts (no cookies or breakfast breads) Kathie Johnston 303-9483.

Craft donations are requested for the Bazaar. Please call Mary Dawson 657-9099.

The Storage Units are awaiting for **White Elephant Treasures** and **Books**. Call Nita Ann Klein for codes 927-4270 or Jettie Johnston 598-7488.

Want to Volunteer for the HollyDays Bazaar? Please call Erica Jarman 398-0138.

Please **LIKE** the Holly Days Bazaar on **Facebook** for updates and info!

MEN'S FORUM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 2ND

"Daniel - on faithful witness and inner confidence in a dangerous world"

Part I (Fr. Bergstrom)

Good food for Body and Soul

Guests Welcome. Donations requested.

Food served 11:50, Talk runs 12:10-12:50.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Nominations for four five-year terms should be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee or in a sealed envelope to the Church Office. Nominations will close Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, November 16, 2014.

Nominees must:

1. Be members of St. John's for at least 5 years;
2. Support St. John's financially; and
3. Worship regularly at St. John's.

8 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPELPrayer Book, page 212
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 Noon: NURSERY (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30—10:15 A.M.: ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(*Chapel, Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 a.m. – Noon: **Preschool-PreKindergarten**

(*Cranmer Hall –activities for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times*)

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN #288 <i>O Worship the King</i>	Hanover
Sentences, Confession, Absolution & Lord’s Prayer.....	Prayer Book 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE (Hymnal #610).....	9
Psalm #146.....	522
First Lesson: 1 Chronicles 28 & 29 (selected verses)	insert
<i>David encourages Solomon to build the temple.</i>	
TE DEUM (Hymnal #615, 619).....	10
Second Lesson: Ephesians 3;13 and St. Luke 7:11.....	212
BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #634)	1
<i>Children may exit following the cross for JOYFUL NOISE (5’s and 6’s) and PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 2-5).</i>	
Apostles’ Creed	15
Versicles and Responses.....	16
Collect for the Day	212
Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace	17-20
HYMN #453 <i>Jesus, All My Gladness</i>	Jesus, All My Gladness
THE SERMON	Fr. O’Brien

OFFERING

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>Blessed are the Pure in Heart</i>	Walford Davies
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)	
Prayer and Blessing	
HYMN #385 <i>Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken</i>	Austria
ORGAN: <i>Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata II, Op 65)</i>	Felix Mendelssohn

Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Green Meldrim House immediately following the 10:30 service.If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 Noon HOLY COMMUNION in the Chapel. (as 8 a.m.)