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THIS SUNDAY - E.Y.C. S. INGATHERING

A special offering provides **needs-based college scholarships** and camp bursaries to children and youth in Georgia. Please give generously: it may help a child that you know.

THURSDAY 27TH - THANKSGIVING DAY

10:30 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Office Closed Thursday 27th and Friday 28th. No Morning or Evening Prayer.

FAMILY OUTING - NOVEMBER 29TH

**Low Country Boil and Cookout
at Villa Marie Center on Isle of Hope
11 am to 2 pm**

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, who isn't tired of turkey and cooking?! Worry no more! Bring your family and your out-of-town guests, and join your fellow parishioners for good company and good food. There will be games for the young and the young at heart and live music. *All College students eat for free!* Tickets on sale this Sunday in Cranmer Hall and at Coffee Hour: \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Beer and wine wristbands \$5. Or make reservation chayes@stjohnssav.org **by Monday 24th.**

VISITATION OF THE SICK

(THIRD AND LAST PART)

According to the old Visitation of the Sick, the key to comfort in the face of serious illness is to recognize that God is free to accomplish his good purpose in and through sickness and infirmity, in those who receive his visitation in repentance, faith, patience, and gratitude. He may use it to render virtue conspicuous, or, as we consider this week, *to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father.* It urges the sick to "take in good part the chastisement of the Lord" with a quotation of Hebrews 12:5-10:

'whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and

scourgeth every son whom he receiveth' [Proverbs 3:11f]. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. These words, good brother, are written in holy Scripture for our comfort and instruction; that we should patiently, and with thanksgiving, bear our heavenly Father's correction, whensoever by any manner of adversity it shall please his gracious goodness to visit us.

The notion of sickness as a remedial chastisement is not perhaps congenial to the temper of our age. It is just the kind of idea that literal-minded polemicists might seize upon, as 'proof' that Christianity is inherently abusive. But the point of this image is surely nothing of the sort: it is rather to make the point that God can use something that is evil in itself, suffering, to accomplish his good purposes, and that these good purposes might include the correction of our faults. Affliction is not a

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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 and recordings of Services and Sermons are to be found on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Dr. James S. McClellan, Jr.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Walter H. Strong, Jr.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry King McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. L. Rogers Wells, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilbert Wells.

And in loving memory of Louis "Ray" Schmidt by Mrs. Louis Woodbury Schmidt.

And in memory of Martha Fielis Belford by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lee Belford.

And in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor, Jr. and in honor of the birthday of Jules IV, given by Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Victor.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnston by their family.

And in loving memory of George Vaughan by Mary Burnett, Wendy and Decie.

The arrangement at the altar for Thanksgiving Day is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Albert Sidney Newton by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers.

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8:00 volunteer
10:30 Charles Perrie, Mikel Kelly
Philip Perrie, Henry Osborne
Patrick Perrie, volunteer

THANKSGIVING DAY

Turner Stevens
Hawkins Pindar, volunteer

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Christopher E. Klein

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

Harlotry, Compassion, Shepherding, and Jesus - 3rd Floor East. Led by Jack Wray.

Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays 3rd Floor East. Led by David Noble.

Middle and High School Youth. Third Floor. Led by Mrs. Skip Jennings and Fr. Bergstrom.

St. John's Gospel Chapel. Led by Fr. Dunbar.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

No Meetings this Week

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

No Meetings this Week

VESTRYMEN ELECT

Congratulations to Mr. R. Gilbert Wells, Mr. J. Alex Jarman, Mr. L. Allan Reynolds, Jr., and Mrs. Marl D. Stevens (Chambliss) Their five year term begins January 1st, 2015.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

sign that God is unconcerned about their welfare or is withholding his support and help: to the contrary, it is a sign of his fatherly care to train and correct his sons.

How is sickness the chastisement of moral faults? *Some* illnesses are related to behaviour, and in that sense may be the just punishment of sinful action. Gluttony may be punished by diabetes, or gout; promiscuity by sexually transmitted disease; anger by high blood pressure. Of course, one may have these conditions as the innocent victim of someone else's sin, or simply as the victim of bad genes. The sense in which sickness may be a correction for sin is deeper than that. If you are in the grip of worldly ambition, greed for gain and advancement, to the neglect of your soul's health, sickness exposes the futility of such ambitions. If you are puffed up with prosperity and abundance and imagine these things can never change, sickness demands a rethink. If you have been cold toward the needy and the sick, in sickness God teaches you to have compassion and charity on those in misery. If you have taken your health for granted, sickness will teach you to prize it as a blessing of God. In sickness God is prodding us to rethink our outlook and priorities.

If in sickness God corrects us as a father does his sons, in love, then sickness is a means of becoming more like Christ: and this is the greatest encouragement of all:

there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For he himself went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain; he entered not into his glory before he was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life.

These are glorious words, and they transfigure the hard realities and grim necessities of sickness and dying.

We do not wish suffering on anyone, and in charity and compassion we must seek to

relieve the pains of those who do suffer; yet where suffering comes, let us receive it in faith, in patience, gratitude, and repentance, as the means by which God may work in his gracious will, and draw us to himself. GGD

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Wednesday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

Thursday - THANKSGIVING DAY

10:30 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

*Office Closed and No other Services on
Thursday and Friday November 27th and 28th*

YOUR PLEDGE - THE VESTRY BUDGET

Under its bylaws, the Vestry must pass a balanced budget for 2015 at its December 9th meeting. If you have not turned in your estimate of giving card and plan to do so, please help us make a more accurate estimate of revenue in the budget, by returning the card at your earliest convenience. Or make your pledge to Rence Schmidt by phone (232-1251) or by email rschmidt@stjohnssav.org.

SHERMAN'S ARRIVAL AND SAVANNAH'S DELIVERANCE - 150TH ANNIVERSARY Wednesday, December 3rd, 6- 8 p.m.

To commemorate the preservation of the Green Meldrim House and the city of Savannah from the devastation of war.

5:30 p.m. Eucharist of Thanksgiving (in the Chapel)

6:00 p.m. Reception at the Green Meldrim House, with Music and Food of the period.

Open to Men and Women of Saint John's and their guests.

This takes the place of the usual daytime meeting of the Women of Saint John's.

CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION

New Toys for children ages 5-17, to be distributed by the Salvation Army, will be taken Nov. 16th through Dec. 14th. Leave donations in the box at Cranmer Hall.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPELPrayer Book, p. 225
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30a.m.-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30-10:15 A.M.: ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall & Chapel*)

10:30 A.M.-END OF SERVICE: PRE-SCHOOL & PRE-KINDERGARTEN

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

10:30A.M.—SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON

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Children may exit following the cross for JOYFUL NOISE (5's and 6's) and PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 2-5)

SERMON Fr Dunbar

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

12 Noon (In the Church)—HOLY COMMUNION Collect, Epistle, Gospel p. 225