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LENT & EASTER 2015



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to dust you shall return...
an invitation to a holy lent

Ash Wednesday
February 18
holy eucharist
with the imposition of ashes
7:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.*

* Childcare is available for under 4 yrs
and under with an RSVP to
churchoffice@stbs.net by Fri., Feb. 13

An Invitation to Lent

The practice of being present

We are beginning yet another Lenten Season: a time, the prayer book reminds us, for “self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word”.

These are not to be boxes that we tick off once ‘accomplished’ for the day, but rather are to be disciplines that we engage in intentionally. The purpose is transformation.

I do take delight that, “He who began this good work in you will bring it unto completion” (Phil 1:6), and Lent is one of those times of the year that we give God a free hand to be doing just that.

I believe that central to a meaningful Lenten Season is the discipline of presence.

We need to make ourselves present to God in the disciplines we engage in.

As much as we all think we are the exception to the rule, recent research confirms that something always suffers when we think we can successfully multi-task. We can’t.

Being present with God is to recognize that we can’t multitask and that we are to give Him all of our attention for the time we determine to set aside.

I encourage you to be present on Sundays during Lent so that your worship

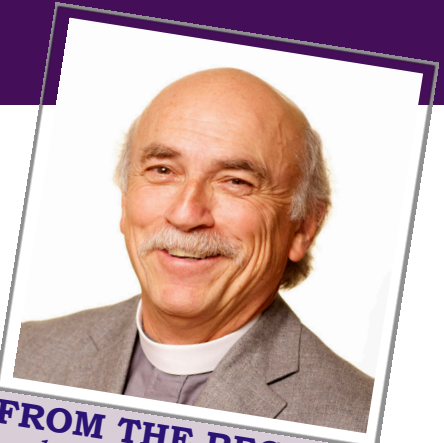
patterns may take on a new rhythm.

I encourage you to be present with God daily as you engage in time with Him; with His Word; and in prayer.

I encourage you to be present on Wednesdays as we study John Ortberg’s book, Who Is This Man, together.

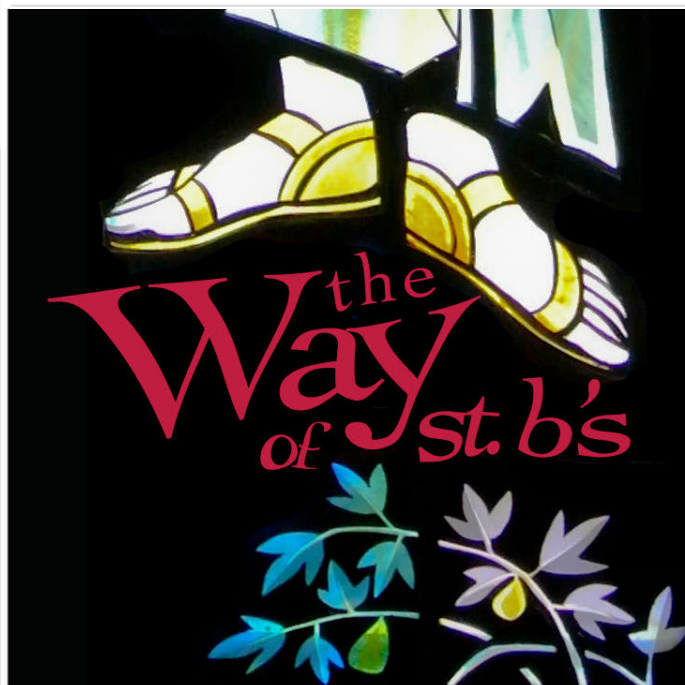
When our youngest son was still a baby in our arms he would often grab our heads and turn them to look right into his eyes. He wanted our attention and it was more than just carrying him around.

God wants our attention this Lenten season because He wants us.



FROM THE RECTOR
by Fr. Jerry Smith
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I invite you to the practice of a holy Lent by intentionally being present with God this Season. I promise He will be present with you.



a lenten sermon series

it's time to practice

beginning
sun., feb. 22



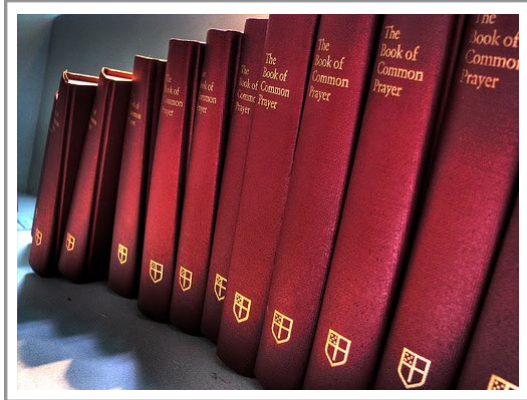
Lent at St. B's

Offerings to help you be more fully present

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES:

6:30 - 8 P.M.

Childcare Available with an RSVP

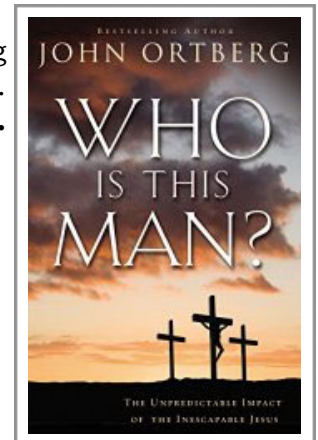


Anglicanism 101 returns with Fr. Jerry at the helm on **March 4** Where did the Prayer book come from? How is Anglicanism different from other denominations? What is a general convention anyway? What do all the symbols around the nave mean? What is a nave for that matter? What actually happens during the Eucharist? If you've ever wondered these things, then Anglicanism 101 is for you! This popular *class* is great for newcomers and cradle Episcopalians alike. It also serves as preparation for the rite of Confirmation and membership at St. B's.

Book Study: "Who is This Man?" by John Ortberg
Join us this Lent on Wednesday evenings for a 5 part study facilitated by Fr. Travis on our Lenten book. **The study will run Feb. 25 through Mar. 25.**

Childcare is available for both of these evening offerings with an RSVP to churchoffice@stbs.net.

The Youth Choirs and the Sr. Hi Journey Group continues at their respective times through Lent. The parish choir will also rehearse on Wednesday evenings.



parish choir resumes in lent

Rehearsals begin with a mini-retreat
Saturday, Feb. 28
from 9 a.m. – Noon
and then continue on Wednesdays
from 7 – 8 p.m.

The choir will sing on Palm Sunday & Easter.
No audition required. For more information please
contact Teresa Robinson at stbsmusicadmin@stbs.net.



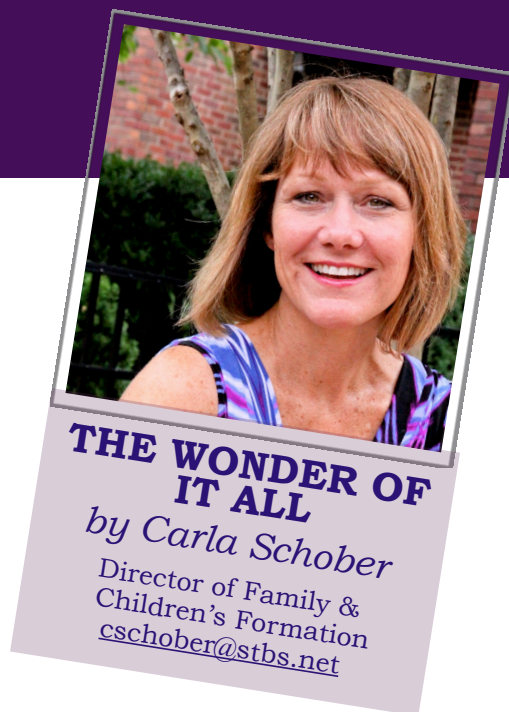
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Lent and Action

The other morning I walked into my mother's room and one of the first things she said was, "I'd really like some "MDT." "And what is that, Mom?" "Well Carla, it stands for mother/daughter time of course." She said it with a smile, but she wasn't joking. She had worked up the nerve to share her heart with me on something that I had unknowingly kept at arms length.

My mom came to live with my husband and I about a year ago. She's 84, handicapped, yet with great mental clarity. Because she lives with us in relatively good health, it has become easy for me to take her for granted. She knows I care and would help her in any way. But there's a part of living as family that is more then just taking care of needs. Family also means companionship. It includes laughter and tears, sickness and health, small talk and deep thoughts.

That brings up a few personal thoughts on Lent. One of the spiritual disciplines Fr. Jerry will ask for us as a church family to consider is social action. Social action assumes a lot of territory that usually extend beyond the borders of our daily routine, and it should. But my thought right now is close and personal. If I can so easily take for granted the very loved ones that God has placed under my roof, how much more do I take for granted the "family" members I see each Sunday. Do I thank the ones that bring floral beauty to the altar each week?



Do I thank those that clean up the coffee service that I use without thought? And as I rush around getting rooms ready for children's ministry, how many times have I neglected to let each volunteer know by name how much I appreciate them?

I have some hefty personal challenges for Lent. I may not do them as well as I intend. But I do pray the Lord helps me to open my eyes daily to what He knows I can do. Are there some challenges that God can open your eyes to see? As family at St. B's, let's try to take on some of them together.

Prayer Stations for Lent



WATER BLESSINGS

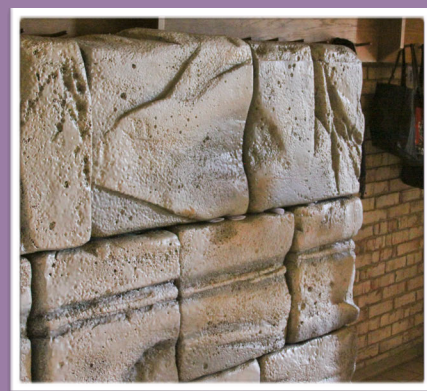
downstairs next the classrooms

During Lent, the practice of using holy water to bless each other will be a focal point downstairs. We invite you to dip your finger into the fonts filled with holy water (water that has been blessed by a priest) and make the sign of the cross on another's forehead, blessing each other in Jesus' name.

PRAYER WALL

in the narthex

Similar in concept to the Western Wall in Jerusalem, slips of paper and pens will be provided for individuals or families to write down their prayer requests each Sunday morning. Papers can then be slipped into the holes provided along cracks in the wall. Pastoral staff will pray for the requests during the week.



Sunday Mornings During Lent

More ways to practice being present

Adult Formation Classes

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

PRACTICING THE WAY

***Sundays in Lent beginning Feb. 22
In the Choir Room***

Join David Michelson and others in looking at some of our church fathers and how they structured their lives around a rule of life similar to the Way of St. B's. Each session will feature a different pioneer of the faith and his or her practice of that week's discipline. Come and learn how to integrate the ideas of worship, internal formation, external formation, service, evangelism and stewardship into the details of every day life.

LIFEBUILDERS

Every Sunday in Wallace Hall

This popular, multi-generational Bible study continues. Lifebuilders' conversation, community and study is facilitated by Don Paul Gross, David West, & Brian Hampton. The class is currently reading the Book of Job.

CENTERING PRAYER

Every Sunday in the Gym

This historic contemplative prayer style has been at the heart of Christian formation for centuries. This class is open to everyone.

A Little Lenten Fun

In between services (10 a.m.)



LENT MADNESS

Beginning Feb. 22

Who says Lent can't be enjoyable? Grab a cup of coffee and join Matthew Sullivan and Steven Lefebvre in between services for some Lent madness. Think March basketball brackets with church history and pioneers of the faith instead of teams. Who will win the Golden Halo? You get to decide.

Yet another reason to be present on Sundays at St. B's this Lent.



To Be Known

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

-James 5:16

I have always been uncomfortable with the sacramental act of confession. Perhaps we all are. As an Episcopal youth minister I have seen the terror on teenagers faces when I've invited them to confess their sins. I believe this is because confession strikes like a bullet to our most vulnerable place: *Will they love me if they truly know me?* And for most of us, we'd rather remain ignorant than find out what being exposed feels like.

The first time I ever knelt with a priest and confessed my sins was about ten years ago when I was the St. B's youth intern under Father Dixon. One night I drank too much and made out with a girl I barely knew. Now for many college students, this may sound like a silly mistake. But for a guy who was an approval junkie, trying to prove himself as a morally upstanding youth leader, this was devastating for me. For the days after, the shame and guilt kept me awake at night and I was terrified of disappointing my mentor (oh how my imagination can run wild). A few days later Dixon and I were having lunch and asked me what was wrong; apparently I wasn't hiding my shame-fatigue very well. I mustered up the courage and told him what I had done. He asked me, 'do you drink to get drunk?' The question sent shivers up my spine, I nodded, and he invited me into sacramental confession.

I'd love to tell you that after we prayed together I went on to live a morally upstanding 20's, that I took the priest's direction to go and sin no more and thrived, but I didn't. In fact, throughout this particularly difficult decade of my life, I would continue to struggle and make good and bad

choices when confronted with my insecurities, fear and loneliness. However, what I *did* learn was to walk through the shame. So that every time I strayed from the flock, hurt someone else, or disappointed myself, I had at least one good choice to make, instead of spiraling into self-hatred and depression.



WHOLENESS MATTERS

by Steven Lefebvre

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The great irony in choosing to keep our sins hidden is that it is impossible to be loved if we are not known. Now I'm sure there are ways to love strangers and acquaintances. But that's not the kind of love I'm talking about. I'm talking about the love that restores us to who we were created to be: That child of God, our Maker declared, 'good!' This kind of love binds us, heals us and makes us whole. It takes us back to the time when the world was full of childlike wonder, before we doubted if anyone would want to play with us. Because God declared us to be so good, it is impossible to be known and to be unlovable; in the same way it's impossible to hate a sunset or a field of wild flowers, we too are the undeniable beloved creation.

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." -1 John 4:7

Which brings what we are doing this semester in the youth ministry. On Wednesday nights we have started a program called Journey group. We gather with the strict guidelines

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that our group is a safe space. Everything that is said in the group, stays in the group and the only response to someone's sharing is, 'thank you.' We don't tell each other what we ought to do or shame one another for our mistakes. We simply listen to one another's stories, full of insecurity, pain, fear, and doubt.

In my almost ten years of doing youth ministry, I have never experienced this level of soul sharing with teenagers. In these meetings we are given the tools to deal with the disappointments and shortcomings that are almost guaranteed in this life. For me personally, the testimony I witness on a weekly basis with these teenagers is evidence that God's grace is very real; that the vulnerability and weakness I feel in the midst of confessing my sins, is actually being made strong.

This Lent, I invite you to consider allowing your church family to know you. The clergy have created a safe space for you on our annual Day of Reconciliation. May you be evermore confident in God's grace and restorative love. And may you find wholeness and peace on your journey of knowing and being known. Come and see. Shalom.



Above: Steve and Heather are expecting their first child this month!

Left: The Poindexter sisters blow up balloons for Steve & Heather's baby shower.



Day of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 18

10 a.m. - noon

4 - 6:30 p.m.
in the sanctuary

Bring Your Confession
Be Heard & Be Forgiveness

Appointments can be arranged with the clergy for other times. Preparation sheets will be available on the day or at www.stbs.net



THE BISHOP'S Lenten Quiet Day

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE



LED BY BISHOP JOHN BAUERSCHMIDT
SATURDAY, FEB. 21
9 A.M. THRU LUNCH
AT ST. B'S

PLEASE BRING A SACK LUNCH, A BIBLE AND A JOURNAL. DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED. THANKS TO THE WOMEN OF ST. B'S FOR HOSTING.

To Dust You Shall Return

Thinking about the Columbarium

by Dorman Burtch

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.
(BCP pg. 265)

I think all of us have noticed the improvements made over that past couple of years to the east side of the church building; the landscaping, the memorial paver sidewalk and the columbarium. The intent of these improvements is to provide outdoor space conducive to enhancing our

spiritual, emotional, and physical growth, and well-being as individuals and as a community. These improvements have been made possible by the sale of memorial pavers and by private donations.

The concept is an "outdoor sanctuary," a courtyard, a garden metaphor to honor "the cycles of life..., birth, death, joy, sorrow," a place for celebration, contemplation, prayer and remembrance, alone or with others.

Ashes to ashes: the holy season of Lent is again upon us with that reminder that we are indeed mortal. If we are to finish this life well, preparation for the end of life and the disposition of our mortal remains are very important considerations. Cremation is becoming more and more popular not only because it is one quarter to one third the cost of conventional burial, but also because it leaves a smaller foot print with no

lingering worries about the maintenance of a grave site.

Our columbarium is located in the heart of the courtyard, along the west wall of the church, and provides a peaceful repository for the remains of our parishioners and family members, a place to come, remember, and celebrate—a place not out of our way.

Our initial plan called for the construction of 32 niches, all of which have now been sold. When we laid its foundation, we made room for two additional wings of 16 niches each, and we have a waiting list already for the next wing. The columbarium is a self-funding project, that is, it is constructed when enough niches have been sold to cover the total cost to build, and we have only a few more niches to sell to build the next wing.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the columbarium at 390.4808 or burtchburtch@comcast.net.



Small Hands Make Large Differences

L e n t i n t h e s a n c t u a r y



by Thorunn McCoy
Altar & Flower Guild

Every Sunday service when the alms plates are passed from hand to hand, our fingers leave their marks on the brass plates. If we turned the plates over, we would see big and little swirls, the beauty of our individual whorls and fingerprints. Each week, these oily remnants need to be polished away or the brass would tarnish.

On Thursday mornings, Meredith Flynn shepherds twelve homeschooled children, who range in age from 5 to 9 and gather twice a week at St. Bartholomew's for learning and service. "We do love going quietly in to the big, empty sanctuary on Thursday mornings to retrieve the plates from the sacristy," Meredith says. The children then polish the alms plates. Their hands may not be big, but their contribution is.

Alex, who is 8, notes, "I feel like I am helping to do God's work. It's part of helping the church help others." And Addy, 5, feels "happy that we can clean the plates." In essence, these young members of our congregation are learning to, as Fr. Jerry says, tend their patch of the vineyard.

Altar Guild is a ministry of hands—large and small, old and young, male and female. Our hands wash, dry, fold, iron, polish, fill, refill, hang, empty, set, and reset all the things needed for our weekly services. They tend to a small patch of God's larger purpose and are essential to our common worship.

This Lent and Easter, please consider these hands. First, when you take communion or pass the alms plates,

pray for the hands that washed, polished, and shined them because each element you see and touch in our church has been lovingly tended to by a member of our congregation--old or young. And, second, consider your own hands and pray that God finds ways that they—big or small—be used towards His Glory. Altar Guild needs new members who can serve on third and fifth Sundays. Please contact Thorunn McCoy at tmccoy@usn.org to help.



Homeschoolers polishing the offering plates



The Tithe Talk

A story of two styles



- Make a Donation
- Pledge
- Connect
- Giving Calculator
- History
- Organization Website

Mobile Giving Give Your Way

Now you can give four ways to support the ministries and mission of St. B's.

1. At www.stbs.net/give
2. Via the SecureGive App
3. Via text message:
615.237.5393
4. By check or cash via the offering plate or post

In my experience, talking about money can be downright unpleasant. My husband, on the other hand, relishes a lively talk about money. One might wonder how we have survived 26 years of married life. This is a story of two styles.

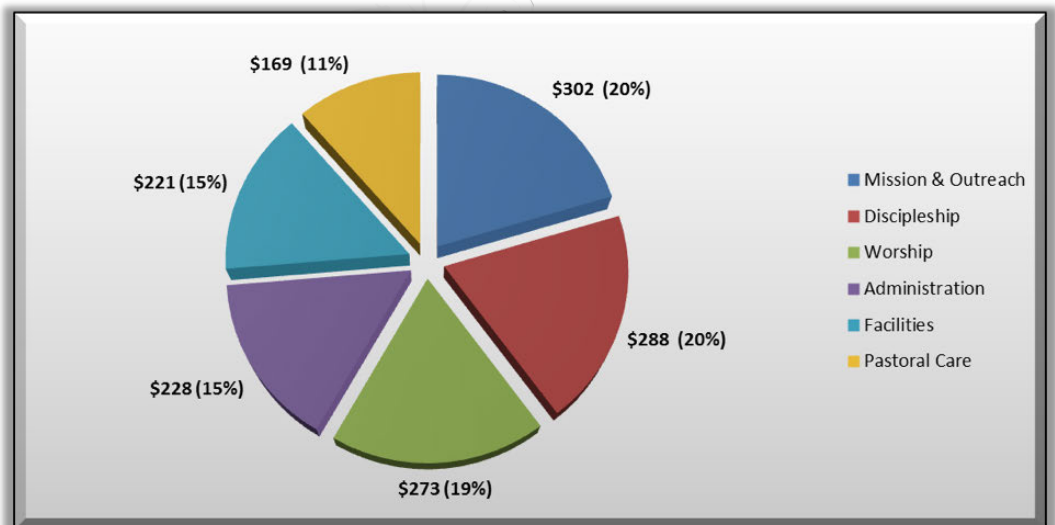
If you talk with me about giving, my style is "yes!" and I would claim that I judge each request for my money on its own merits, on a case by case basis. What that translates to is a fairly universal response of "yes" (turns out I don't do "no" very well) to most worthy organizations. The truth is, I rarely have the time to determine the true worthiness of an organization, and certainly not on a case-by-case basis. They all sound pretty sincere when they ask. I'm in the habit of making donations in the amount of about \$100. By keeping the donations at a moderate range, I've rationalized that things won't get out of hand. But organizations that I say "yes" to invariably argue for my increasing contributions year after year and they generally get another moderate "yes" because again, I'm not much good at "no" to a worthy cause and there's a LOT of need out there.



WARDEN'S CORNER
By Natasha Deane
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Enter the once a year sit down with my husband to talk seriously about GIVING. Needless to say, John doesn't appreciate my laissez-faire style. Why? First of all, he prepares our taxes and my giving records are generally haphazard. More importantly, however, he argues that my giving has no impact, that all this small money adds up, but no organization does anything new or exciting as a result of my generosity, they just have to work harder administratively to raise what was actually needed to keep doing what they do. Once a year, he argued, we should rather sit down

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Breakdown of operating budget categories for St. B's presented at the 2015 annual meeting: budgeted dollars are given in the thousands (% of entire \$1.48M budget in parentheses) and include dedicated staff effort (in salaries) plus related supplies and expenses for each category.

Numbers do not include specially designated offerings.



Tithe

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together, determine our giving levels based on income, prayerfully determine our giving priorities, make a giving plan for the year and commit to stick to it. "But new reasons to give crop up all the time!" I argue. So he proposes to set aside a defined amount for unanticipated giving, but the plan also requires saying "no" at least sometimes. And so our process of family discernment began.

For many years now, though admittedly reluctantly at first on my part, my husband and I annually review the collection of organizations to which we contribute. Before long, clarity emerged. With that clarity, the benefits of tithing to the church became evident: the peace that comes with compliance with Biblical principles and the tangible gratification that comes from supporting worship, discipleship, care and family life that has held so many of us closely for generations. Importantly, what I came to acknowledge is that the mission and outreach activities of the church are also my own and reflect my priorities. Though I did not exercise my individual power of "yes" in choosing

them, I know that the process by which they are prayerfully discerned by the Body and I know that the generous and justly distribution of these resources through the Church are ordained by God. I can readily see how the mission and outreach activities of the Church overlap with worship, discipleship and pastoral care ministries and enrich us corporately as they feed our community and the world. Gone are the days of multiple \$100 drops in the bucket that feed my undisciplined desires to say "yes". Tithing to the Church brings a freedom; the freedom from being "blown by the wind", the freedom and strength of family, Godly worship, and spiritual discipline.

So in this area of style, I chalk one up to my beloved husband who has taught me not to fear but to embrace "the tithe talk". I win some, and I loose some. In this area, I know I've won the Peace that I've longed for. I pray that you also consider "the Tithe Talk" and that you will prioritize your tithe to the Church.

- $(\text{Avg. annual income})(10\%)(\# \text{ giving units}) = \text{receipts}$
✓ $(\$70,000)(10\%)(380) = \$2,660,000$
- $(\text{Avg. gift})(\# \text{ ACTUAL giving units}) = \text{receipts}$
✓ $(\$3,890)(337) = \$1,310,930$
(numbers from 2014)
- $(\text{avg. tithe needed/giving unit})(\text{est. 400 units}) = \$1,484,792$
✓ $\$1,484,792/337 = \$4,406 \text{ per year}$
= \$367/month
= \$85/week

Data on giving is essential for planning a church or a family budget.

For all examples, formulas are shown in black and actual numbers in red. **Example 1** uses the estimated average income in a parish and the number of "giving units" to estimate receipts that are then relied upon when creating a church budget. **Example 2** takes the dates from previous years and the number of ACTUAL giving units to set the church budget. **Example 3** starts with discernment at the church leadership level to set a budget and divides that by the number of giving units to offer giving guidelines to families and individuals.

Welcome to our new vestry members elected through the casting of lots at the annual meeting, Feb. 8. From left to right: Ty Sparks, Kristin Chapman, Mimi Heldman and Seth Swihart.



Changing Lives Locally & Globally

How your treasure is put to work

compiled by St. B's Mission & Outreach Committee

As the year draws to a close, we, the Mission & Outreach Committee, want to highlight the ministries we have supported financially in 2014 and are committed to for 2015. In the coming year, by deepening our involvement as a congregation, we hope to become even more effective partners, creating an even greater impact.

Facts are taken from each organizations' 2014 End of the Year Report.

Local and Diocesan Outreach

Rooftop

Rooftop partners with churches to provide emergency rental assistance to residents of Davidson County to prevent homelessness and provide hope. The funds received from St. B's were used to provide emergency rental assistance to keep 30 individuals or families in Davidson County in their homes.

Room In The Inn

Room in the Inn partners with almost 190 congregations during winter months to provide emergency shelter to people experiencing homelessness. St. B's financial support was used toward "Hope University" which offers emergency supportive services and educational programming. In addition to daytime shelter and meals, in 2014, Hope University offered 1, 200 hours of on-site job training.

Open Table

Open Table Nashville is a non-profit, interfaith community that disrupts cycles of poverty, journeys with the marginalized and provides education about issues of homelessness. St. B's donation helped move one person into permanent supportive housing covering the initial move-in costs including furniture and utility deposits.

Charis

The Christian volunteers of Charis deliver food and a Bible to families unexpectedly in need. In 2014, Charis delivered food to 424 households. In many of those visits, volunteers shared their faith and prayed with recipients.

St. Luke's

St. Luke's Community House provides a multitude of services and programs focusing on early child development, adult education, senior assistance, crisis support and financial literacy instruction helping low-income, working families, seniors, and individuals in West Nashville. St B's financial support helped to make possible mobile meals, emergency financial assistance, holiday programs and other much-needed services.

Siloam

Siloam is a faith-based, volunteer-supported primary and specialty care clinic that provides affordable, high-quality health care to the uninsured. Their mission is to share the love of Christ by serving those in need through health care. St. B's support in 2014 covered the cost of approximately 100 patient encounters.

STARS

STARS serves schools and communities by providing prevention, intervention, and treatment services addressing bullying, substance abuse, violence, and social and emotional barriers to success. St. B's support provided bus passes and healthy snacks four days a week to over 70+ youth in the intensive outpatient treatment program YODA (Youth Overcoming Drug Abuse).

Young Life

Young Life (YL) introduces adolescents to Jesus Christ and helps them grow in their faith. St. B's funds supported YL's ministry to the inner city teenagers of Stratford High School through weekly club meetings and dinners. Our funding provided scholarships for 30 kids to attend a life-transforming summer camp and helped start a Young Life program at Maplewood High School.

Magdalene

Magdalene is a residential program for women who have survived lives of prostitution, trafficking, addiction and life on the streets. Financial support from St B's was used in 2014 to underwrite treatment for Magdalene residents at Nashville's Sexual



Changing Lives

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Assault Center, a critical program, as “90% of women at Magdalene have experienced child sexual abuse and 100% have been raped as adults.”

Send Musicians to Prison

Nathan Lee, along with other musicians, “shares the language of hope, healing, and restoration with the imprisoned...through music.” They remind the forgotten that they are not forgotten. St. B’s contributions helped with transportation costs to Los Angeles, New York, and Nashville prisons.

Anglican and Global Missions

Don Paul Gross with InterVarsity

St. B’s supports parishioner Don Paul Gross and his work with InterVarsity, a campus ministry. He leads 35 staff members serving graduate students and faculty in the South-Central Region. InterVarsity’s mission is “To develop witnessing communities of students and faculty that have a redemptive influence on the university’s people, ideas, and structures.”

Dave Mennen with Bridges International with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ)

St. B’s supports parishioners Dave and Dana Mennen and their work with Bridges International with Cru. Bridges International “seeks to help international students through services, activities, social networking, and spiritual resources.” Dave is the National Director of the Chinese Resource Network and leads a staff of 35.

Bishop Grant and Dr. Wendy LeMarquand SAMS Missionaries

Grant and Wendy are SAMS missionaries who live in Ethiopia. Grant is the Area Bishop for the Horn of Africa, and Wendy is a physician involved in teaching primary health care and nutrition to women. They are based in Gambella, Ethiopia in the west of the country. St B’s financial contribution supports their vast ministry spreading the gospel by planting churches, developing leaders, serving refugees, offering community-based health initiatives and other programs.

New Life Restoration Ministries

New Life Restoration Ministries International is a nonprofit organization, located in the Kibera Slums, Kenya, whose main goals are evangelism through meeting the needs of the society. In addition to 60 church branches, they operate an orphanage housing and caring for 45 children and run a school for 210 children providing food and education.

The financial support from St. Bs has helped with the daily expenses of the school providing food, clean water, school supplies, and helping to pay teachers and staff.

Long Term Missions

Mark and Susan Powell SAMS and Teach Beyond Missionaries

In 2014, the Powells returned to Germany where they began as missionaries in 2008. Their ministry is to “provide Member Care (missionary care) for over 170 TeachBeyond missionaries in Germany and the surrounding region (Europe, N. Africa, Central Asia). Their pastoral care ministry is a natural extension of what has become part of the ethos of restoration and healing that characterizes St B’s. The Powells seek to provide similar pastoral care to missionaries in the field. St. B’s financial support helps cover the Powells’ living expenses in Germany, professional training and development, travel to aid missionaries, and the development of training materials. The Powells believe they are “exactly where God wants them to be.”

Through your support of St. B's, you are making a difference locally and abroad!

We hope you will consider helping us to deepen our connection with these ministries in the coming year by sharing your time and talents. Please contact Brooke Schroeder at brookeschroeder@gmail.com to get more involved.



On the Excessive Use of Force...

Resolution passed at the 183rd Diocesan Convention

by John & Nicole Deane

We're writing to our St. B's community today as longtime church members who are new to understanding and working to end racial injustice. Please read this piece as a warm invitation to join with us as we search for answers and struggle to follow God's will in this broken world.

The 183rd Diocesan Convention held January 23-24th at St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Nashville passed a Resolution entitled, "On the Excessive Force Against Unarmed Citizens" condemning the use of deadly force against unarmed citizens and calling upon Episcopalians to stand up, speak up and organize/ collaborate with credible assemblies to right the wrong of excessive use of force by police.

This resolution calls on our congregation to wrestle with the historical legacies of white supremacy and recognize the current manifestations of structural racism that are creating a world in which African Americans are

disproportionately targeted by State violence. This is heavy stuff, and it's difficult to know where to even start... especially because it's so difficult to talk openly about race and racism. We hope to start that difficult but necessary conversation today.

Crisis of Epidemic Proportions

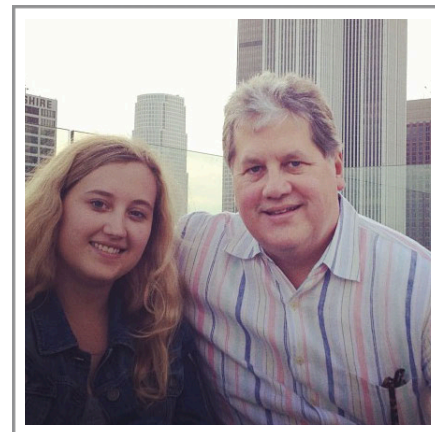
Police violence has reached epidemic proportions, creating a major crisis in our society. In 2014, police officers killed at least 1,092 American citizens. Young Black men are at a far greater risk of being killed by police than their white counterparts – 21 times greater, to be exact. Many of these victims were unarmed, fleeing, or surrendering when officers opened fire on them.

You've probably heard about the two most high-profile cases of police violence in the last year – Mike Brown, age 18, who was shot with his empty hands raised in the air (inspiring the chant, "Hands Up, Don't Shoot!"), and Eric Garner, who was choked to death by officers who kept smothering him even as he cried, "I can't breathe" 11 times. Tragically, these are not isolated incidents. If you think our church shouldn't be worrying about what's happening in Ferguson, MO or New York City, know this: 15 people were killed by police officers in Tennessee in 2014.

Can you imagine being afraid of the police, worrying that any wrong move during an interaction with an officer could get you killed? This is the reality our African-American brothers and sisters are facing.

Crisis Tests American's Tradition of Non-violent Protest

The end of 2014 saw sustained mass protests around the entire country, every day and night for over many weeks. The response to this public outcry by local law enforcement



John Deane and his daughter Nicole

agencies in many cities has only made the situation worse, and heightened tensions between communities, and police- from the tanks and militarized riot cops police with military weapons descending on Ferguson like a war zone, to California Highway Patrol sending undercover officers to provoke protestors into arrestable action, shooting down at crowds of demonstrators from highway overpasses with shotguns, and pointing guns at journalists at close range in Oakland, CA, to an NYPD's union president declaring "War" on the city itself and blaming both Mayor Bill De Blasio and all protestors of Eric Garner's murder for the random killing of two NYPD officers by a mentally-ill out of townner.

It is notable that when demonstrations broke out in Nashville over the Eric Garner case impeding traffic on the Interstate, our local police chief, Steve Anderson lead a response that permitted the peaceful protest and worked to maintain public safety for both protestors and drivers, earning the Chief both praise and criticism. But the repression of legitimate, nonviolent civil disobedience and expression of First Amendment rights has only created stronger resistance. Activists and everyday citizens around

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A copy of the complete resolution passed by the 183rd Diocesan Convention in January can be found here: www.edtn.org/resolutions-2015

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the country have shut -down highways, public transportation systems, shopping malls, and even police departments themselves.

The Role of The Church in Addressing Police Violence

As Disciples of Christ, we are called "to preach the gospel to the poor...to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." As Christians, we must come alongside the oppressed. We cannot cosign the kind of violence that forces mothers and fathers to bury their sons. This must break our hearts and inspire us to take positive steps to right what is wrong.

There is a strong history of God using the Church to serve as a conscience to the culture. Nonviolent demonstration tactics that opposed racial discrimination and violence in the South under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King and others is celebrated in our popular culture as

evidenced by the recent release of the movie *Selma*. Definitive steps we can and should take now as a church community at St. B's include the following:

- **Building consciousness** – As a community it is our responsibility to educate ourselves about both the facts underlying current events as well as the historical legacy of race discrimination that has led us to where we are;
- **Prayer** – We should incorporate into our corporate prayers those individuals and families who have been affected by racial discrimination and police violence, including the police as well as the victims as well as our public leaders and elected officials to work towards reconciliation and positive change;
- **Equip the saints** – St. B's is committed to equipping the saints through the scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer, and other resources available to the Church to "condemn the sin of

racism, the culture of violence that it fosters and the indifference to injustice that undermines the pursuit of holiness;"

- **Create opportunities for dialogue** – The Resolution calls upon clergy and lay leadership "to labor to create opportunities for dialogue among church members, the communities served by the local church, and local law enforcement officials, that the highest degree of safety, mutual respect, and understanding might be fostered."

Under the leadership of our Rector and Vestry, listening to God and to each other, our heart is to create opportunities at St. B's for building consciousness, prayer, equipping of the saints and opportunities for meaningful dialogue – to hear where God is leading us and to enable us as a community to rightfully stand for justice. Please reflect and pray on this resolution in the coming weeks, and think about how God might be calling you to step into solidarity with the African-American community.

St. B's Children's & Family Formation Presents

KALEIDOSCOPE

COMING SUMMER 2015!

JUNE 8th-11th, Celebration Night JUNE 12th

A half-day camp at St. B's for K-6th grade

COST: \$25/Kid, \$15 Siblings

REGISTRATION COMING MID MARCH!



Holy Week Liturgies

An invitation to live the story this holy week

Palm Sunday | Mar. 29

8:30 & 10:30 A.M.

LIVE THE STORY BY WAVING A PALM BRANCH AND SINGING HOSANNA; BY LISTENING TO THE DRAMATIC READING OF THE PASSION NARRATIVE AND CRYING "CRUCIFY." THIS LITURGY WILL BEGIN OUTSIDE, WEATHER PERMITTING, WITH THE PROCESSION OF THE PALMS. NURSERY IS AVAILABLE AT BOTH SERVICES FOR 3 YRS. AND UNDER. CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART IN THE PROCESSION WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND THEN PROCEED TO THEIR CLASSES.



Maundy Thursday April 2 6:30p.m.

Maundy comes from the Latin word for *commandment* referring to Christ's words to love one another as I have loved you. Live the story through the washing of feet, Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar. A participatory and family friendly liturgy.

Childcare offered for 4 yrs. and under with an RSVP to churchoffice@stbs.net by Monday, March 30



Good Friday April 3

We have two liturgies on Good Friday one at noon that is quiet and solemn; and Stations of the Cross at 5:30p.m. Stations is also participatory and family friendly liturgy. No childcare is offered.

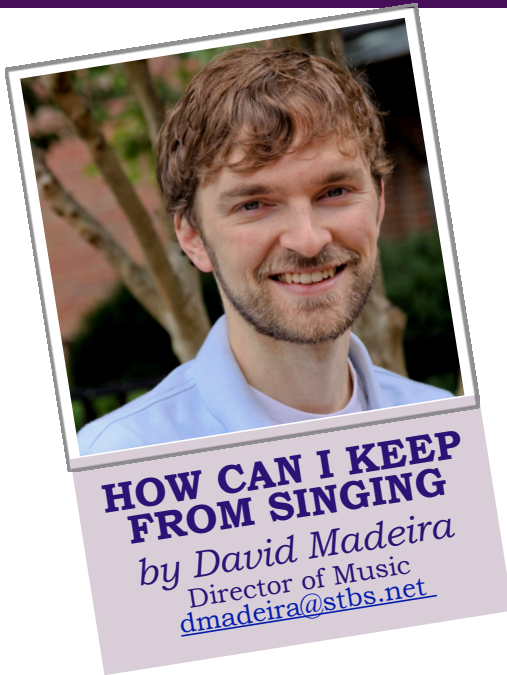
The Easter Vigil April 4 6:30p.m.

Live the story on Holy Saturday with an ancient liturgy that begins in darkness. The light is then processed, marking Christ's resurrection in the night. The story of salvation is heard and baptismal vows are renewed.

A vigil of prayer will continue throughout the night culminating with the sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. Families and individuals are invited to camp out on the church grounds as part of the vigil.



The Great Three Days



one. Our service begins at sundown on “Maundy Thursday”. From the Latin *mandatum* meaning “mandate,” this service remembers, enacts, and celebrates the institution of the Lord’s Supper and the washing of the disciples’ feet. At the heart of these two actions, instituted by Christ, is the *novum mandatum*, the “new commandment” that we love one another. Far from merely memorializing the so-called “last” supper, this service celebrates the eternal presence of Christ with us every time we celebrate the Eucharist. As much as it is a somber memorial of the night before Jesus was crucified, it is also a defiant declaration in the face of death that nothing can remove us from Christ’s presence when we gather in his name. Though we know the end of the story, the Eucharist

closes with the stripping of the altar, a symbol of the stripping of Christ’s clothes at the humiliation of his suffering and death.



Maundy Thursday:
Ceremonial Footwashing

One of the earliest Christian practices to develop into an annual observance was making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem during the week leading up to Pascha (Easter). Pilgrims on this journey would find themselves walking the way of Christ, identifying themselves with him on the road leading to his death and resurrection. Walking the road of Jesus to the cross and beyond the tomb became a kind of active remembrance, an embodied memorial rather than a mere mental recall of past events. When we journey with Jesus toward his Passion and Resurrection, we do more than simply remember the past; we enter into these eternal realities in the present.

St. Bartholomew’s would like to invite you to undertake this kind of embodied memorial practice during this upcoming Holy Week as we observe *Triduum*, the great three-day liturgy that stands at the epicenter of all Christian spirituality.

While it is easy to view the components of *Triduum* as separate, stand-alone services, in truth they are

For Christians there is no time throughout the entire Christian year that is more crucial than the great three days. These days are to be set aside to enter into a worship that is the source of our entire spirituality, a moment in time that defines all time for Christians, a moment in time that is the very sum and substance of our spirituality for every season, every week, every Sunday, and every moment of every day.

Robert Webber,
Ancient-Future Time

Our service continues on Friday with two installments: the Good Friday liturgy at the noon hour, the hour that Christ was crucified, and the Stations of the Cross in the evening, where we will observe several scenes of Christ’s Passion along our walking path. We will carry the cross along the way and nail our sins, remembering that they were indeed nailed to the cross with Christ.

On Holy Saturday, our service will continue with the most profound liturgy of the entire year, the Great Vigil of Easter. Unfortunately allowed to dwindle in many churches in the last few centuries, this service contains the entire span of the Christian past, present, and future. It is the most pregnant liturgy in its sense of expectation, even more so than Christmas Eve itself, for this service takes place in the tomb of Christ, the womb of the Resurrection. We will gather in the darkness, the tomb, the “valley of the shadow of death,” and kindle the new fire, the “Let there be



The Epicenter of Christian Worship



Good Friday: Carrying the cross around the Stations

light” moment of the new creation. We will sing the *Exsultet*, the prayer that declares over and over “This is the night!” (note the present tense) when salvation’s story reaches its climax. We will recall our history, focusing on creation, the Exodus, the coming of the Messiah, and finally declare that the tomb is empty and “The Lord is risen indeed!” We will baptize new members into the faith and sing songs of our deliverance and the promise of eternal life. The

church will remain open throughout the night for the observance of a prayer vigil, a bonfire and tents may go up on the church grounds, and we will reconvene on Sunday morning to celebrate the Eucharist in the full splendor of the Resurrection dawn.

It is almost inconceivable to the 21st-century American mind that the early Christians celebrated *Triduum* as one three-day service of worship, prayer, and fasting containing two all-night vigils (Thursday night and Saturday night). Still, while we won’t be worshipping together all night, we invite you to come partake in each part of this most important of all liturgies. Come journey with Christ, and your brothers and sisters in him, along the road to his death and resurrection. Immerse yourself in the story from beginning to end, and you will be transformed. My sincere promise to you is that you will *not* end the weekend saying “I wish I hadn’t



The Easter Vigil: Service of Light

done all that!” In fact, if you’ve never participated in a full *Triduum* observance before, I guarantee that Sunday morning’s Eucharist will be among the fullest and most meaningful that you have ever celebrated.

Come walk the road that Christ walked this Holy Week. For in truth, we walk this road in devotion to Christ because he walked it first for us.

See you there.



In the light of the resurrection, you are invited to renew your baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil



Life After Resurrection

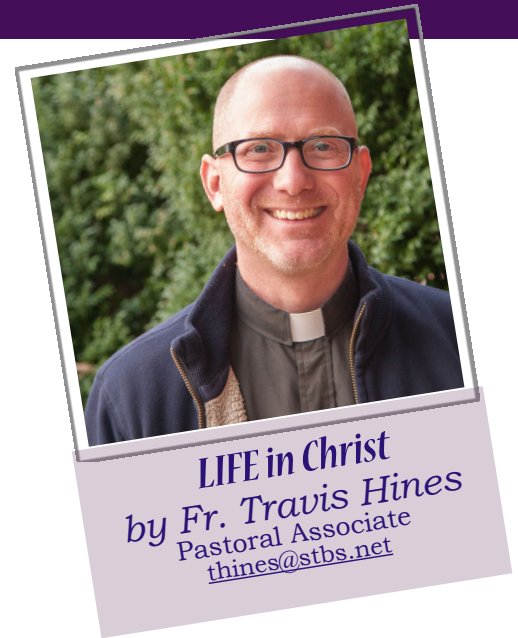
*"Now on the first day of the week
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early...,
and saw that the stone had been taken away..."
John 20:1*

Easter is the dawn of the New Creation. It is no coincidence that the Resurrection of Jesus occurs on the first day of the week. Genesis tells the Creation Story in such a way that it culminates at the *end* of the week – Sabbath, God at rest, creation complete and good, Adam and Eve poised to live. Then comes Chapter 3, the spoiling of life, and the entry into God's unyielding, mysterious, and loving intervention in history to reconcile His creation to Himself.

Generations later, John tells the New Creation Story in such a way that it culminates at the *beginning* of the week – Resurrection, scarred God-made-flesh walking in the garden, reconciliation complete and good, a new community poised to live. Then come the following chapters, the restoring of life, and the continuation of God's unyielding, mysterious, and loving intervention in history to reconcile His creation to Himself through His Son.

These are the chapters of our lives, reaching back to the Son Rise and reaching forward to the coming kingdom. How do we live in Resurrection Reality, participating in this sweeping story of reconciliation while trudging through our ordinary days? Two Resurrection stories, both told by Luke, provide us with a livable narrative for living in these days following the Resurrection of our Older Brother.

The first story is told in Luke 24:13-35. That very day of Jesus's Resurrection, two disciples are stumbling toward their home in Emmaus, disappointed, confused, and disoriented. Into their darkness and rambling conversation steps a Stranger, who brings a dawn of new understanding in His "opening" of the Scriptures. Then, as He breaks bread in their presence, they suddenly realize they are in *His* presence – the presence of the Resurrected Jesus. They quickly return to Jerusalem with the news, only to be greeted with the words, "The Lord has risen indeed!"



The second story is told in Acts 2:42-47. It is the description of the Resurrection Community, the women and men who have set every hope for their lives in Jesus. Some of them have experienced face-to-face encounters with the Risen Son; others have heard the Story and know it to be the answer to all their questions, and have encountered the Risen Son in their belief. All of them have re-oriented their lives toward Jesus, repenting of their past, receiving restorative forgiveness, and receiving the Holy Spirit. And giving shape to their new lives, "...they devote

St. B's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5, beginning at 10 a.m.
for toddlers to 2nd grade



To participate please drop-off 12 or more treat-filled eggs (no chocolate) to the church **by Good Friday**. Hunts will be divided by age. Toddlers - 4 yrs will meet at the statue at 10 a.m.; 5 yrs. - 2nd grade will meet at the bell at 10:05 a.m. We are looking for 2 adults to co-lead the hunts, no experience is necessary. For more information, please email Carla at cschober@stbs.net.



An Invitation into the Easter Season

themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2.42).

In these stories are the narrative threads for life after Resurrection:

- Being together with each other, in darkness and in joy.
- Opening the Scriptures.
- The Breaking of Bread.
- Prayer.
- Encountering Jesus, as individuals and as a community.
- Sharing with others what we have received.

This Lent, we are inviting each of you into an extended season of reflection on "The Way of St. B's," and encouraging you to develop your own Way for weaving together these threads into your life. As you look toward this day, remember that small and simple is of greater importance than any radical readjustments. Sitting at your desk for five minutes of silent awareness of Jesus's presence may be more significant than striving to wake up an hour earlier for an extended time of prayer. Move toward

what is doable and what uniquely enables *you* to re-orient toward Jesus, receiving His very life for your life. What will weave together the narrative threads for life after Resurrection in *your* life? As you seek to answer that question, invite others into the conversation. You won't be able live this Way alone, so don't develop it alone.

On Holy Saturday you will have the opportunity to give yourself fully into living this Way. Then, on Easter, we will celebrate together the reality of the Risen Son, and take the next steps into this new Way of living. Through the grace of the Father, you will be given the very Spirit of God to enable you to live in these days after the Resurrection.

But that's a story that will be told in its fullness at Pentecost....

PENTECOST AT ST. B'S SUNDAY, MAY 24

ONE SERVICE
9:30 a.m.

PARTY ON THE LAWN
11 – 12:30 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG
6 p.m.

a celebration of the gifts and
talents that make up our
church family.

#stbsisfamily



Enjoying red velvet cupcakes at the Pentecost Party last year.



A Snapshot of St. B's Preschool & M.D.O.

Director of 35 years prepares to retire

by Jim Russell, Vestry Liason

*And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit,
filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.*
Luke 2:40

A rainbow of tiny backpacks and lunch boxes fill the downstairs hallways of St. B's. Eager voices, full of excitement, clamor to be heard as they wait for the door to open. In the back hallway, teachers straighten the chairs and place the final few markers on the table for coloring. Soon, the door opens and children of all ages stream in to the classrooms. There are hugs, excited shrieks, and little dances and twirls of joy. This is the first day of preschool and Mother's Day Out of 2015.

St. B's is proud to provide the highest quality of Christian-based early childhood education to children ages 15 months to 5 years with our Mother's Day Out (MDO) program and preschool. If you are unfamiliar with these programs, here are some basics. Our preschool provides an education program three days a week for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. Our MDO program takes children from age 15 months to 2 years. MDO like the preschool is a three day program

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Toddlers in the MDO program may choose 1 or 2 days and 2 year olds choose two days. MDO is specially designed to provide children with a gentle introduction to school.

We see these early classes as a unique opportunity to instill the love of Christ and a love of school in these children at a young age. For these students, it is their first formal school experience, making it all the more important that this is a truly positive and nurturing environment.

At St. B's preschool and MDO, our teachers and staff focus on the whole child. We aim to develop our students emotionally, physically, socially, intellectually, and spiritually. Our curriculum covers a wide range of subjects and skills through phonics, creative learning centers, music, Creative Connection: Body & Mind, art and dramatic play, to proper manners and Jesus stories. And we work to properly prepare students for their

time in school after St. B's. For example, older students are taught about writing with the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum and Zoophonics. This is a developmentally based educational tool specifically designed to prepare children for writing in kindergarten.

In addition to the highest standards of curriculum, we value spiritual growth in our children. Our teachers and staff engage in daily worship and prayer with the students. Each teacher has a strong, personal relationship with Jesus and we are eager to share the love and acceptance of Christ with our MDO and preschool children.

We are blessed to have truly amazing teachers at our preschool. Most of our 15 teachers have their degrees in education or related fields, and one has their Masters in Education. And, of course, we owe much of the success of this program to our wonderful director Suzy Floyd. Suzy has been at the helm of these programs for the last 35 years. She has seen both these programs grow and blossom into the wonderful ministries of today.

After decades of service, Suzy is stepping down from being director. The Vestry, along with Father Jerry, have embarked on the search for a new director for both our preschool and MDO. We are excited to begin this new chapter of this St. B's ministry and we hope we can count on your continued support. If you are interested in learning more about getting involved in any way, please contact St. B's preschool by email at stbspreschool@stbs.net.

**Please join us in celebrating
the ministry and retirement
of Suzy Floyd on Saturday,
April 25 from 3 - 5 p.m.**



From Glory to Glory

Celebrating the glory that grows within us and among our community

Anniversaries

Gretchen & Judson Abernathy	5/28
Pat & Bill Bowlby	5/17
Zena Carruthers & Steve Thorne	5/6
Natasha & John Deane	5/22
Suzanne & Rodger Dinwiddie	5/18
Abigail & Alfred Dowell	5/20
Amy & Tommy Dunaway	6/22
Lynn & Randall Ferguson	6/15
Suzy & Bob Floyd	4/29
Shirley & Bob Garth	6/14
Karen & Brian Hampton	6/24
Vanessa & Matt Hardy	5/12
Becky & Ben Hornsby	6/11
Ta & Monty Kimble	4/25
Emily & Brett Kinzig	6/15
Katherine & Gregory Letterman	6/12
Thorunn & Roger McCoy	5/21
Katherine & Thomas Petillo	6/14
Sue & Jim Pichert	6/22
Teresa & Jim Robinson	5/17
Kim & Dan Simpson	4/30
Kendra & Christopher Thorpe	6/6
Heather & Morgan Wills	5/18
Katrina & David Wilson	6/8
Phyllis & Harry Xanthopoulos	6/23

April Birthdays

Adkison, Sydney	04/11
Agyemang, Henry	04/27
Bowlby, John	04/21
Buxton, John Daniel Bodie	04/23
Cooper, Beckett Andrew	04/30
Dinwiddie, Rodger	04/20
Easter, Luke	04/25
Ewing, Leslie	04/17
Griffith, Paxton	04/20
Gross, Nolan	04/22
Hardy, Matt	04/13
Hardy, Vanessa	04/28
Hornsby, Becky	04/30
James, Emma Claire	04/03
Johnson, James Gowen	04/21
Kazmerowski, Carolee	04/16
Kintz, Peter Charles	04/16
Krogman, Emily Ann	04/19
Krogman, Rachel Lee	04/19
Latham, Adam	04/24
Lehman, Grant	04/02
Lickey, Amelia	04/18
MacLachlan, Ashley	04/07
Mahan, William	04/27
McLellan, Pamela	04/06
Mumme, Mindy	04/19

Overton, Carolyn	04/21
Pichert, Sue	04/09
Price, Matthew	04/17
Prichard, Kimberly S.	04/05
Richardson, Ben	04/20
Richey, Chuck	04/25
Schober, Michael	04/20
Scott, Bet	04/27
Searfoss, Kristin	04/04
Shankel, Evangeline Ruth	04/30
Shankel, Stella Dale	04/02
Smith, Michael Aaron	04/10
Thorne, Beth	04/04
Thorpe, Kendra	04/18
Ward, James	04/22
Weems, Evelyn	04/22
Williams, Clay	04/20
Wills, Morgan	04/10
Wirdzek, Samuel David Ludwig	04/25
Wood, Gaia	04/02
Wood, Presley Otto	04/22
Wright, Jeff	04/12
Zadick, Rebecca	04/08
Zaher, James	04/06
van der Heijden, Elijah	04/20
van der Heijden, Lucas	04/16

May Birthdays

Acheson, Georgina	05/25
Bradley, Micah Nell	05/08
Cason, Patrick	05/11
Cropp, Griffin	05/13
Deane, John	05/23
Dinwiddie, Suzanne	05/12
Droman, Marilyn	05/04
Frank, Richard H.	05/31
Goodman, Randy	05/10
Gross, Victoria	05/09
Gustafson, Gerrit	05/10
Hampton, Benjamin	05/07
Hornsby, Emily	05/04
Houston, Christopher Murrey	05/17
Jones, Naomi	05/03
Lauer, Olivia	05/09
Lauer, Stella Hope	05/06
Leo, John	05/05
Lewis, Ian	05/21
Lickey, Ethan	05/04
Macarthur, Pam	05/19
Madeira, Nathaniel David	05/13
McRae, Jay	05/28
Mennen, Gracie	05/08
Michelson, Wills	05/30
Norem, Dan	05/19
Pichert, Allison	05/26
Pichert, Tom	05/30
Pitt, Anne Elizabeth	05/20
Pressnell, Micah James	05/25
Price, August Jean	05/10
Pullen, Jill	05/09
Robinson, Holly	05/30

Shankel, Alice Louisa Kay	05/14
Shay, Phil	05/22
Southwood, Allyson	05/06
Southwood Jr, John	05/18
Tischler, Heinrich	05/15
Tomlin, Joel	05/10
Walker, Elizabeth	05/27
Weedman, Audrey Kay	05/04
Weedman, Clara Jean	05/04
Weedman, Emmaline	05/18
West, Nancy	05/18
White, Eve	05/22
Wirdzek, Amy	05/07

June Birthdays

Abernathy, Judson	06/22
Allen, Caroline	06/30
Andrade, John	06/30
Bowlby, Bill	06/16
Cason, Don	06/11
Castellon, Jaisie	06/23
Castellon, Jerry	06/30
Cox, Brea	06/27
Daniel, Elijah Qoe	06/21
Edwards, Mary Winston	06/10
Edwards, Winston	06/10
Floyd, Bob	06/30
Flynn, Joe	06/07
Goodman, Rachel	06/04
Griffith, Eli	06/11
Gustafson, Gates	06/17
Hampton, Karen	06/09
Hayden, Anna	06/10
Holt, Dennis	06/03
Hornsby, Christopher	06/14
Hyer, Nancy	06/16
James, Stephen	06/24
Jewell, Elizabeth	06/17
Jones, Celia	06/29
Kinard, Ellie	06/04
Latham, Austen Benn	06/21
MacLachlan, Grace	06/06
McCoy, Thorunn	06/27
Michel, Miriam Corinne	06/23
Minshall, Jerry	06/04
Norem, Sean	06/20
Price, Julia Rose	06/05
Pullen, Robert	06/17
Quinn, Lori	06/21
Robinson, James	06/19
Russell, Jared	06/10
Ryan, Taylor	06/15
Sale, Max	06/13
Seavers, Hillary	06/17
Shay, Rock	06/06
Stone, Jonathan	06/24
Sullivan, Aidan	06/18
Sullivan, Jack	06/01
Thornton, David	06/05
Taylor, Abigail	06/15
Taylor, Hudson James	06/02

Being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory.
from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, chapter 3, verse 18.



From Glory to Glory

Celebrating the glory that grows within us and among our community

Ward, Marion	06/21
Waters, Bruce	06/12
West, Millicent Rae	06/01
West Jr, David	06/20
Wood, Marlon Arthur	06/19
Wood, Missy	06/14

Baptisms

Ivy Leigh <i>parents Erik & Jaclyn Larsen</i>	11/30
Parker Wade <i>parents Judd & Amy Larson</i>	11/30
Louis Reed <i>parents Sebastien & Rebecca Papin</i>	11/30

Births

Eliana Kathryn <i>parents Yuri & Kate van der Heijden</i>	11/17
Henry Joseph <i>parents Mike & Rachel Stevens</i>	11/15
Silas Thomas <i>parents Jared & Jill Danford</i>	12/12
Sammy <i>parents John & Robin Pisciotta</i>	12/12
Daily Lux <i>parents Phil & Sonnie Shay</i>	12/30

Evelyn Macie
parents David & Elizabeth Madeira 12/27

David Ethan
parents Danny & Novella Dean 1/13

Weddings

Elizabeth & David Maxwell 11/16

Deaths

Manier West 12/22

Come Away to the Mountain

Women of St. B's Annual Retreat

On April 17-18, join the women of St. B's on the mountain at St. Mary's Sewanee for our annual spring retreat. Kristin Kinser will be our speaker, and will be leading us as we learn about Freedom in Christ: Free to Worship, Free to Love, Free to Serve. In this beautiful setting, we seek to connect and grow as women and as a community. Retreat registration begins on Sunday, March 1. If you have not been receiving our monthly newsletter, please email stbswomen@stbs.net to sign up and get more details.



Last year's community of women at the annual retreat in Sewanee

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