

THE BRANCH

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"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

John 15:5,8 NIV



Our Mission

We are a family of believers (kingdom community), on a journey to the fulfillment of our God-given purpose.

Our mission is:

- 1) To bring people to know Jesus Christ;
- 2) To provide clear and life-changing discipleship training;
- 3) To help people discern their life's purpose and provide opportunities for them to fulfill that purpose in ministry and mission. The fruit of our endeavor is that God be glorified in all the world (worship).

This month in *The Branch*, we are featuring the many ministries that make up the St. B's family. If you've been looking for a way to get connected or put your talents to work, this is the issue for you! Or, maybe you're looking for a new way to get involved, meet some new people, or try your hand at a new skill.

On the pages inside, you'll find a wealth of information about how you might engage in gospel ministry with us. There is undoubtedly something here for everyone. Do you like children? Enjoy reading home design magazines? Like to

cook? There is a ministry in need of your time and talents.

Each ministry includes a name and contact info where you can find out more. And of course, a representative from each of these ministries will be at the ministry fair on Sunday, August 8 and Sunday, August 15, 9:30-11:00am, anxious to share about their area of service and how you can join them.

Please plan to stop by the ministry fair to find out more. There will be snacks and coffee to enjoy. You won't want to miss it.





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later than August 27.

Articles can be sent to:
editor@stbs.net



How Will You Fulfill Your Vow?

We begin the month of August with our annual Ministry Fair. This affords members of our family the chance to once again witness the variety of ministries that our parish engages in and it also serves as an opportunity for each of us to be identifying areas in which we might become partners.

It is important for us to recognize that God invites us to collaborate with Him in the establishment of His kingdom. It is equally important for us to remember that even though he made us "without our aid", He does need us in this adventure of Kingdom building. He has chosen to equip us by His Spirit to do the work of ministry, rather than ignoring us and doing it Himself.

I wonder why, then, we often chose to ignore Him?

At our baptism we promised God that we would actively be part of His work, and this coming month each of us can fulfill that promise by finding a spot and stepping up to the plate!

St. Paul uses the metaphor of a body and suggests that each of us are members of one body and we all have a function. We all have an action or task to complete. No one has been baptized to sit idly by no matter how good we think our excuses may be.

The principle that dominates most organizations is that 20% of the members do 80% of the work. But Paul says that we are not "of this world" so this same rule should not be in effect in our community of faith.

Imagine how much would get done for God if everyone in the parish participated in one ministry.



The historic Anglican 'Rule of Life' suggests:

"Every Christian man or woman should from time to time frame for himself a RULE OF LIFE in accordance with the precepts of the Gospel and the faith and order of the Church; wherein he may consider the following:

The regularity of his attendance at public worship and especially at the Holy Communion.

The practice of private prayer, bible reading, and self-discipline.

Bringing the teaching and example of Christ into his everyday life.

The boldness of his spoken witness to his faith in Christ.

His personal service to the Church and the community.

The offering of money according to his means for the support of the work of the Church at home and overseas".

As much as each of these are important, for our purposes this month we should pay special attention to number 5.

In this issue of the Branch you will read the announcement about Robert Smith and Beverly Mahan offering themselves to help with ministry opportunities in our family. This needs

KINGDOM TALK

by Fr. Jerry Smith
Rector



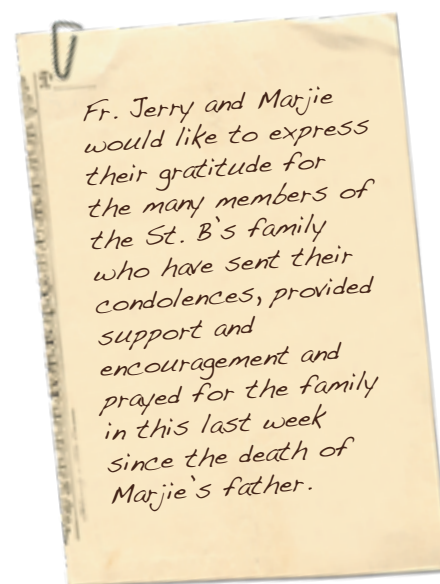
to be understood as part of their spiritual discipline and, as such, an example that all are encouraged to follow.

How are you going to offer yourself to the service of the church and the community?

I invite you to explore opportunities available to you at this summer's Ministry Fair.

Partnering together for
the Kingdom of God,

You may contact
Jerry Smith at:
jerrysmith@stbs.net



New Verger and Coordinator of Pastoral Care

Bev Mahan & Robert Smith Appointed to Lay Leadership Roles

I am excited to announce the appointment of Beverly Mahan as our new parish verger. In this role Bev will work closely with me in all matters liturgical, which means she will assist me in the leadership of worship week to week.

Historically the parish verger would not be dissimilar to a liturgical police, making sure that everything 'ran' smoothly and that all of the pieces were in place for meaningful worship on Sundays. In this role, Bev will help bring together all of the different

volunteers week after week, in order to help us worship more meaningfully.

On most Sundays Bev will be in the sanctuary with the rest of the worship team, but her role will be more of a supervisory one.



Bev Mahan at the ECW spring retreat. Photo by Marjie Smith.

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

by Fr. Jerry Smith

She will wear the traditional vestments of a verger, which is either an academic gown or a black cassock with a verger's smock (vest) over it.

Although this is a volunteer position I am empowering Bev to represent me when necessary on matters of liturgical leadership.



I am also delighted to be able to announce the appointment of Robert Smith as my "point person" for pastoral care in the parish. Robert will work closely with me to assist in ascertaining the pastoral

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Ministry Spotlight: Prayer Ministries

Prayer Desk

The prayer desk provides immediate prayer and support during communion on Sunday morning. Teams of two are available to pray with those who have specific needs - physical, emotional or spiritual, or want to give God praise or thanks. The Prayer Desk Ministry meets Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall, Room 117 from 9:00-11:00AM for Bible study, prayer and encouragement.

Prayer Chain

The prayer chain is for issues that need immediate prayer coverage during the week. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office at 377-4750 or by email to Dawn Grant.

Thursday morning intercessors

The intercessors is a group committed to praying for individual needs and church ministries each week. The group meets each Thursday from 9-11am in Room 119, to pray as God directs, usually for the congregation, leadership and other specific needs.

Who:

All who feel called

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Prayer Desk: Phyllis Xanthopoulos at 859-1413 or pxanthopoulos@delloitte.com

Prayer Chain: Dawn Grant at DawnBGrant@aol.com

Intercessors: Joan Hutchinson at jchutchin69@yahoo.com



New Lay Leadership Positions (continued from page 4)



needs of our community and assuring that they are met in an expedient and caring way.

This means that he will help in the scheduling of pastoral visits, hospital visitations and in identifying and meeting other pastoral needs as they arise.

As we grow as a parish and our needs expand, with fewer clergy than we have had recently, it has been important to identify ways and means of seeing that the

Left: Robert Smith was both coordinator and expert roaster at last year's annual pig roast and fall festival. Photo by Marjie Smith.

needs of the parish are met in a timely fashion. Our current Junior Warden, Dorman Burtch, was of great assistance when this need was first identified, but with his increased responsibilities as warden it was deemed necessary to find someone else.

Robert's availability and willingness will help meet this need and will assist us in the delivery of legitimate gospel ministry day to day in our parish family.

This is a volunteer position but I am authorizing Robert to represent me when necessary in matters of pastoral care.

Ministry Spotlight: Music Ministry



The Music Ministry at St. B's seeks to worship the Lord and provide an environment where people with musical skill may use their gifts and talents to serve God and further His Kingdom.

Volunteers are expected to contribute at least once a month, with the exception of The Parish Choir, which meets seasonally.

We are always looking for new musicians (vocalists and instrumentalists) for the weekly worship team and choirs, as well as for additional sound technicians.



Photos by Chris Somerville

Who:

If you love music, can carry a tune or play an instrument with proficiency, and desire to use your musical gifts to facilitate in worship, there is a place for you in the St. B's Music Ministry.

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On the Verge of Invisible:

Bev Mahan Takes On the Role of Verger

When Bev Mahan came to Nashville 31 years ago to attend Vanderbilt's Peabody College, St. B's was always part of the equation. After all, her hometown parish priest called St. B's office and arranged lodging, via Fr. Chuck Murphy, for the fresh-faced psychology student. From that point on, there was little question as to where she'd worship.

In the years since, St. B's has been an integral part of Bev's life. "My husband Tom and I were married at St. B's. Our kids were baptized here. We thought about looking elsewhere on occasion, but laziness kept us here sometimes." She came. She stayed. And she got involved.

Despite a busy schedule as a professor at Vanderbilt University, Bev and Tom had always been involved in ministry at St. B's. "We've done just about everything, with the exception of serving on the Vestry," Bev says. "And that one, we studiously avoided, turned down the request to run until finally, when Jerry brought in the new way of electing vestry, I ran and was not elected. Whew! God said 'No thanks.' And I was glad." Still, she always thought 'I should be doing something at church.'



When Bev retired from Vanderbilt in 2008, that decades old question of 'how should I serve' came calling again. After all, she had long been passionate about worship and liturgy and had more time to get involved. But God convinced her to sit and wait.

Then last fall and throughout the early spring of 2010, as sometimes happens in the life of a church body, a natural place of ministry began to take shape. Our church suffered the loss of several parish members, seemingly back to back. "Serving at those funerals," Bev says, "the extra services, plus Advent—just seeing the need

for another layer of communication, someone besides the pastor who can deal with the nuts and bolts of a public service, it became clear that more direction and help was needed. ...That's the role of a 'verger.'"

Historically, says Bev, who began her volunteer position on June 1, "vergers fulfilled all kinds of roles in the Church. They led the processions, broke through the crowds and whacked the livestock out of the way." Often they carried a 'verge,' a small staff with which to whack such animals



GETTING TO KNOW

by Melissa Riddle

and also to use as a weapon to protect the priest, which is why the verger typically led the procession to begin with: To protect the priest. Vergers dug graves, and in a lot of churches, the verger is also the sexton, the person responsible for cleaning up the mess.

It's such an incredible privilege to lead in worship. Just watching people receive communion, having a role to play in such a sacred moment. ...Ultimately, we're trying to be invisible, to serve with precision and give our best in worship.

But for our purposes here at St. B's, she explains: "The Verger is like a master of ceremonies, responsible for everyone and everything needed in a public service." How that plays out, she says, varies from church to church. "That's part of the dance," she says, "working within the framework of that, and yet exploring the variety within the Anglican Communion."

Bev sees her new role as an advisory one, a shepherd who comes alongside the ministry team captains already in

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Ministry Spotlight: Men's Ministry



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The St. B's Men's Ministry meets quarterly for breakfast, holds retreats, Bible studies, and participates in ministry and missions.

All men are invited to join us for breakfast on Thursday mornings at 7:00AM in the Parish Hall. We gather for prayer, fellowship and discussion.

Who:

All adult men are welcome.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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SERVICE TIME SURVEY

You may be wondering what happened with the results of the survey we took several months back in regards to adjusting our Sunday service hours and introducing a 1 hour teaching time between services. The short answer is: We're still considering it.

The survey participation was great. Thanks to all who gave us feedback. As our staff discussed the results and how to move forward, it became clear that we needed to take some additional time to consider the many implications of making such an adjustment.

We will keep you posted. Don't hesitate to ask anyone on staff if you have additional questions. We value your input.

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ECW

St. B's ECW (Episcopal Church Women) group is updating our email contacts list. If you have not been receiving monthly updates about our activities and invitations to participate, please either write us at stbsecw@yahoo.com, call Sue Pichert at 356-0464, or come by the ECW table at the Ministry Fair to sign up.

On the Verge of Invisible (continued from page 6)

place to ensure that "a certain sacredness isn't lost in our casualness." And hopefully, she says, "to free up the pastor to be the pastor" by being the liturgical gatekeeper and question answerer...so he doesn't have to be.

"It's such an incredible privilege to lead in worship," she adds. "Just watching people receive communion, having a role to play in such a sacred moment. ...Ultimately, we're trying to

be invisible, to serve with precision and give our best in worship." In pursuit of that invisibility and precision, Bev will attend the national verger convention in Washington, DC in October.

Eventually, she'll train more vergers to serve at St. B's.

Until then, Bev Mahan will wear the black and gray vestments and be the liturgical mafia, if you will. And yes,

she's very excited about getting her own livestock whacker, upon the completion of her Verger training, currently in progress.

"My family teases me: 'It's the perfect job for you because you're so bossy!'" she says, "but I'm really energized by it. I love it. I know it's what I'm supposed to be doing."



Movies are Sacramental

I have acquired a new nickname: the movie guy. I think this is because for the last six years I have run a program called Film School. At Film School we do intentional Christian formation using current and classic films and our tag line is: "Making the sacramental connections between the story of God, the story of our lives and the story our culture is telling through the movie". This approach has been extremely successful and even spun off alternate classes (see Steven Lefebvre's article this issue) and weekend retreats, but I still get asked why I do it. Christians I meet seem to know there is something more to movies than simple entertainment, but can't always put their finger on exactly what it is. I



A MISSIONAL LIFE

by Fr. Dixon Kinser

Assistant Rector for Youth & Young Adult Formation

think this is because we've lost touch with the kind of storytelling our movies actually provide.

Every culture in human history has sought self-understanding and identity through common stories. Examples include famous Greek poems like the Iliad and the Odyssey, the coyote fables of the Hopi culture and even Grimm's fairy tales. Most of the parables Jesus told were actually twists on popular parables of his day. What all

these narratives have in common is that they provide a vehicle through which their tellers and hearers can work out moral questions, pass on wisdom and make sense of the meaning of their lives.

I would submit that the place such storytelling happens today is in movies. More than anywhere else, our common stories are told through film, with celluloid functioning as our format and the cinema our ceremonial campfire.

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Ministry Spotlight: Youth Ministry

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The youth ministry at St. Bartholomew's exists as a missional Christian community, imitating Jesus and being the Church.

Everything we do is oriented toward holistic discipleship where youth and adults together make the sacramental connections to all of life.

For adults who would like to serve as leaders, the only requirements are to love God, love teens, like what teens do and exhibit consistent Christian character.



Who:

Youth (7th-12th Grade)

Volunteer Leaders for the ministry (College Freshmen - any age)

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Ministry Spotlight: Supper Clubs

Supper Clubs are a once a month social event for the purpose of getting to know more members of St. B's, relaxing and having fun.

The hope is that members of each supper club will make an effort to attend as many monthly dinners as possible. When you accept the invitation of the host or hostess, you commit to bring a dish to complete the team meal. You and your food are important to making the menu complete and the event interesting and fun.



Who:

Supper Clubs are for anyone wanting to get to know more St. B's people, having fun and eating delicious meals.

Adult supper clubs are open to couples and singles.

Family groups are formed for people wanting to include children.

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Movies are Sacramental (continued from page 8)

Films provide us with shared metaphors, tag lines and experiences. They tell the epic Greek poems, moral fables and fairytales of our culture.

This is also why movies provide a most fertile ground for exploring how to live authentic Christian lives. The values, fears and dreams of our culture are on display in our movies because they are an expression of us. Therefore most movies (and there are exceptions to this;) provide a perfect place to start when teaching the Bible. Like one of Jesus' parables, the exploration of a character's choices can become the perfect place to examine your own. Like Grimm's fairy tales or an epic poem, the values of an entire culture can be revealed and surveyed

After the Credits - Questions to Consider

- ❖ What did the main character(s) in the story learn? Did they grow as people? If so, how?
- ❖ Did this movie have an overall "message"? What do you think it is?
- ❖ What do you think the director of the movie was trying to say with the film? How did they communicate that message?
- ❖ What similarities do you see between the world this film presents and the kingdom of God? What about differences?



by Biblical standards when they are examined through a provocative film.

Now, while it is true that many experience movies as passive entertainment, this does not have to be the case. Examining and interacting with movies as parable, fable and even epic poem takes work, but is

rewarding. When watching films by yourself or with others consider some of the questions above after the credits roll. They can help make the sacramental connections between your story, God's story and story of the movie.



Chambers Singers: Live in Studio C

Compositions by David Madeira featured on the NPR Program

On Wednesday, July 21, the St. B's Chamber Singers performed live on WPLN's "Live in Studio C" program. The program featured the compositions of 5 Nashville-based composers, among them St. B's Associate Director of Music, David Madeira. Two of David's recent compositions were on the program, both of them performed by the Chamber Singers. You can still hear the broadcast at wpln.org.



Photos by Aaron Sefton



Ministry Spotlight: Chamber Singers

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The Chamber Singers is a group that exists to provide excellent choral music at St. B's Sunday services and special events.

The group rehearses August through May on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 and participates in Sunday services twice a month with increased participation around Advent and Holy Week. The group also holds an annual spring concert.



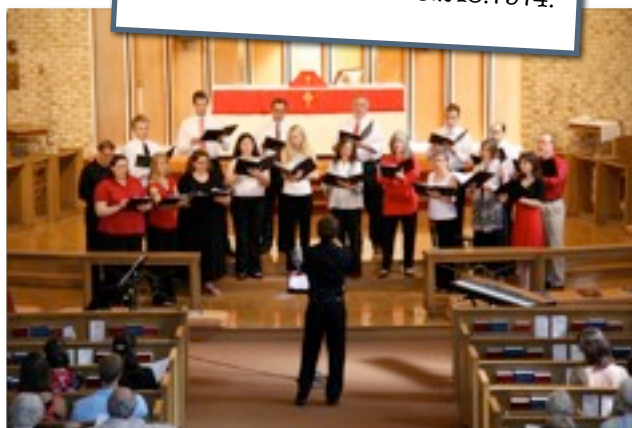
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Who:

Required skills are basic music reading and ability to stay in tune.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ECW Summer Luncheon

The Group's Largest Gathering to Date

by Bev Mahan,
ECW President

During his recent visit to St. B's, Bishop Bauerschmidt referred to Ruth and Naomi of the Old Testament as social outcasts. It caught my attention because the ECW leadership has been studying the Book of Ruth for the last year. Our focus has been on their redeeming qualities, such as devotion, tenacity, vulnerability and sacrificial love, their model of fellowship between women. But they were also social outcasts, a burden to their community and



cultural misfits. This was not due to any intellectual or emotional handicap, or personal shortcoming in Ruth or Naomi. It was because their culture did not provide for the circumstances of their lives, namely being female, childless, and widowed. But God redeemed them, and through them established His chosen people.

In July, nearly 70 members of the ECW welcomed three graduates and employees of Magdalene Ministries to

their summer luncheon. Each shared their stories of past drug addiction, of being cast out by their families, unable to contribute to the community, cultural misfits. But God rescued them, using Magdalene

Ministries as their kinsman redeemer. In their stories and interactions with each other, we saw tremendous faith and powerful evangelism, tenacity and strength of character, vulnerability and sacrificial love for each other and those of us present. I was struck by how much we had in common with our guests. Who among us has not felt cut off from fellowship with God and others by our sin and perceived shortcomings?

How many of us have prayed for years about a troubling situation, or been a prayer project of someone else?

We were also treated to time with Susan Powell, St. B's missionary to the Black Forest Academy in Germany. She told stories of the lives of some of the students she and her family are



Photos by Marjie Smith

privileged to share, as they stand in the gap for missionary parents serving around the world. I felt humbled by the sacrificial giving of the Powell

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Ministry Spotlight: ECW: Episcopal Church Women



The ECW seeks to offer a community of faith, fellowship and opportunities for outreach through retreats and events, as we grow closer to the Lord and to one another.

We organize events, from retreats to casual dinners, seeking to offer to all women of St. B's a community of faith, fellowship and opportunities for outreach.

Who:

All adult women are welcome.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Photos by Marjie Smith

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Every woman who attends St. B's is a member of our women's group, the Episcopal Church Women ("ECW").

ECW Summer Luncheon (continued from page 11)

family, and proud of our parish family for supporting this important work in the kingdom of God.

No less important, we were able to shop for Thistle Farms products, and ate a terrific meal together! This was our largest gathering to date, indicating an appreciation for the quality of speakers we enjoyed. Next up, join us on Saturday, September 25 to hear Fathers Jerry, Dixon, and Dave talk about the women of their personal testimonies. It will be a great chance to get to know them in a more informal setting than Sunday worship. Plus, there will be time for questions, so come prepared.



Photo by Marjie Smith



Ministry Spotlight: Chalice Bearers/Eucharistic Assistants

A Chalice Bearer is one who assists the Priest with distributing the wine during Holy Communion. Duties are typically scheduled on a monthly rotation. It is an honor and solemn responsibility to present the sacred readings and distribute the wine in the context of worship.



Photo by Katherine Bomboy

The commitment for this ministry is typically once a month, and may include special services such as funerals.

Who:

Any confirmed adult may become a chalice bearer following training.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Tom Mahan at 400-6401 or tommahan@workinstitute.com.

Feeding the Hungry

St. Luke's Community House and Mobile Loaves & Fishes



There are two regular opportunities to be involved in ministries to Nashville's hungry.

The first is **St. Luke's Community House**. Each week in *St. B's Weekly* you'll see a note about St. Luke's, with a suggested grocery item for the week. How much easier could it be? Next time you're out shopping, grab an extra item, then simply bring it to church on Sunday and place it in the basket in the Narthex. We deliver the collected items to the St. Luke's kitchen. For more information about

St. Luke's, contact Suzie Woolwine at sbwoolwine@comcast.net.

Another regular opportunity to serve is with **Mobile Loaves and Fishes**, an outreach ministry that provides food and clothing for the homeless and indigent working poor. The Mobile Loaves & Fishes truck goes out onto the city streets 7 days a week, 12 months a year thanks to the work of volunteers. The 3rd Tuesday night of each month volunteers from St. B's



load and deliver the meals to homeless camps and locations around Nashville. Volunteer opportunities are available on these dates plus other dates based on interest, as well as daytime preparation of sandwiches and food items for the truck.

The Mobile Loaves truck operates from Woodmont Christian Church. For more information about how to serve with Mobile Loaves and Fishes, contact Try Myatt at treymyatt@earthlink.net.

Ministry Spotlight: Manna Ministry

The Manna Ministry at St. B's provides help with meals for anyone from our church family who is recovering from an illness, has been hospitalized or because of other personal or family circumstances need temporary help with meal preparation. Anyone signing up who feels called to help in this area doesn't need to feel an obligation to respond to all needs that arise.

Even if you can't cook or don't have time, we always give suggestions for a recipient's favorite take-out restaurants so that those of us who find it easier can pick up food and deliver it.

Who:

Anyone who can cook or order takeout.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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4th of July Corn Roast & Parade

By Denise Kemp,
event Co-Chair

What a Hit!

Each year at the Corn Roast and kids parade we come together to celebrate our freedom as a country.

Whether you hit the target and sent someone swimming in the dunk tank or enjoyed some yummy watermelon, we definitely had a great turnout at this year's event.

I want to say a special thanks to all who came together to help pull this event off. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to all our fabulous dessert makers as well. This was a record year for us, with well over 250 people in attendance.

One of the new events - and most popular - was the dunk tank. I'm sure those of you in attendance would agree, it was the biggest hit of the event. Thank you to Sean Root for organizing the tank. We were able to raise nearly \$200.00 on the dunk tank and all proceeds went into the fund for new Room in the Inn cots.

The little ones all seemed to enjoy having something just for them, as we turned on the sprinkler in the hot sun.

Thank you to all who joined us. And our apologies to those who RSVP'd but were not able to eat due to the food shortage. We'll make sure this doesn't happen next year.

And finally, in addition to the money raised for the cots, we were also able to give a little over \$1000.00 to Mission and Outreach. What a blessing!



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4th of July Corn Roast & Parade



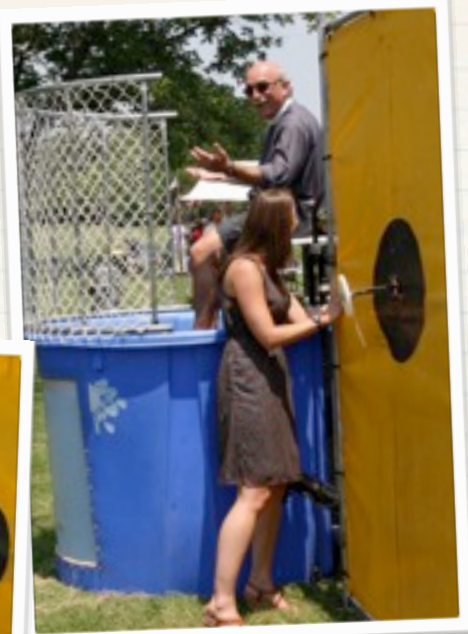
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4th of July Corn Roast & Parade



4th of July Corn Roast & Parade



Photos by Marjie Smith



Local Ministry Spotlight: Siloam Family Health Center

Our mission is to share the love of Christ by serving those in need through health care. Siloam serves uninsured patients in the Middle TN area, many of whom are refugees and immigrants. We are committed to delivering whole-person care, and assessing our patients physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Siloam is committed to mentoring the next generation of health care professionals and mostly uses volunteers with medical skills or a clinical background. However, volunteers with clerical skills or language proficiency are also welcome to get involved.



Who:

Siloam serves any patient without health insurance.

Volunteers are invited to serve as much as they want to provide a meaningful service opportunity and to meet the needs of the clinic operations. There is no minimum time commitment to serve.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact:

Nancy West, CEO

nancy.west@siloamhealth.org
298-5406 ext. 115

Lisa Fenton, RN

lisa.fenton@siloamhealth.org
298-5406 ext. 128



Covenant Conversation

Two Sundays: September 12 & 19

In the month of September our parish family will spend some time intentionally studying the Anglican Communion Covenant, following the directive of both the Episcopal Church General Convention of 2009 and our Diocesan convention in 2010.

The conversation will be facilitated by Fr. Jerry and will take place over the course of two Sundays: September 12 and September 19, 10:30-11:30am in the Parish Hall.

Come join us as we discuss more about our historic Anglican roots, what it means to be a part of the Anglican Communion and the implications of the Covenant.

To prepare for our upcoming conversation, you can read the document at The Anglican Communion Official Website at www.anglicancommunion.org.



Instructed Eucharist Sunday, August 29

If you have ever wondered what all the symbols, gestures and ritual mean during Holy Communion then the last Sunday in August is your day!

During the 8:30 and 10:30 services on August 29 we are going to have an Instructed Eucharist. This means we will worship as usual but during the Eucharistic prayer we will stop here and there to explain and illuminate different symbols, gestures and explain their theology. Think of it as communion with a "directors commentary".



Dinner and a Movie: What a Fantastic Summer

This summer Nicole Deane and I ran a program on Tuesday nights called Dinner and a Movie. Our basic goal was to get together with other members of our parish, eat dinner, watch film, and have formative discussions. (The films we watched are shown below.) It was our hope that we could cultivate community as well as lead people in critically engaging media instead of just being consumers of it. All I can say is, it was a wonderful success!

When Nicole and I planned this back in May, we thought that we would get

my young adult group to show up; just a few people in their twenties, getting together to watch our favorite movies. We were surprised with the wonderful collection of over twenty-five people every week, from all different backgrounds and generations. Needless to say, it made for remarkable conversation.

What I was most impressed with was the ownership our community took of the event. Every week someone new volunteered to bring dinner. People

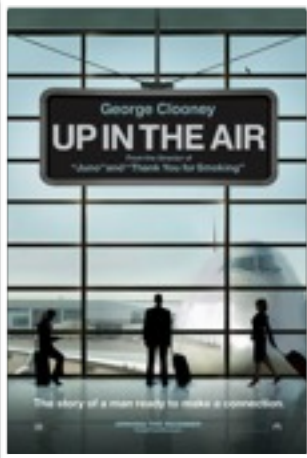


by Steven Lefebvre

Assistant Director of Youth & College Formation

came early to help set up and stayed late to tear down. I was so thrilled to get to know everyone and look forward to continuing our friendship.

Thank you St. B's for such a wonderful summer. Let's do it again next year!



Ministry Spotlight: Creation Care Crew

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The Creation Care Crew exists to help our congregation be better stewards of God's creation by working to reduce our environmental impact.

Everyone in the St. B's family can be a part of this initiative. We're always looking for people with a willingness to contribute ideas on how our community can become better stewards of God's Creation, and a willingness to pitch-in on a project from time to time.

Creation Care



Please use this container to recycle:
Aluminum and Tin Cans
Cardboard

Paper (including soft-cover books and magazines)
Plastics 1-7 (including styrofoam)

Please take all glass items to the glass container located inside the kitchen.

THANK YOU!

Who:

Anyone passionate about
the three R's (Reduce,
Reuse and Recycle)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Rachel Sefton -
615-414-7196 or
rachelsefton@bellsouth.net

Justin Cole - 615-202-7868
or jcolemusic@gmail.com



Ministry Spotlight:

Children's Ministry- What's New This Fall

This Fall children's formation is excited to introduce two new curricula for the 10:30 Sunday school hour.

Preschool (2 years old - Kindergarten) Group Publishing's "Hands-On Bible Curriculum"



Although this particular curriculum has been used by many churches across the nation for over a decade, it has been recently revised and we're excited to offer this new version this Fall. "Hands-On" taps into a child's God-given desire to learn not just by listening and watching, but by doing.

"Hands-On" curriculum uses what is called a "one point learning" method. This simply means that rather than a multiple number of Bible points being taught and loosely retained,

"Hands-On" lessons focus on one specific Bible point through activities and interaction. The goal at this early developmental stage is that the child will retain one life-applicable piece of Bible truth each week. And, over the following weeks and months, they'll not only remember but apply these truths in their daily lives.

Elementary (1st - 6th Grade)

David C. Cook's "RIO-Deep & Wide"

Rio's philosophy:
"Rio" believes that our faith is a relational one, and that the best way to grow people in the faith is to help them deepen their relationship with God and others. We strive to engage relationships at all levels - leader to child, child to child, child to parent, parent to leader - all within the context of a relationship with God."



Who:

Children's Formation at St. B's exists to assist parents/caregivers in their children's spiritual formation

We're always in need of adult volunteers who are willing to serve 2-4x per month during either the 8:30 or 10:30 services.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Carla Schober at 512-1969 or carlaschob@gmail.com.

These days, children don't think of information in the same way as in other generations. To them, all information is interconnected. With this in mind Rio presents Bible lessons as all part of the same incredible story written by God.

In this informational age, just because someone may know a lot about God it doesn't necessarily mean they know God. "Rio" stresses spiritual formation. "Every lesson is God-focused, builds Bible study skills, and helps kids understand each Bible story in the context of God's grand redemptive plan throughout history".

Returning this Fall: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

8:30am - For children 3 1/2 years-old (potty trained) through 7-years-old

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is not a curriculum but rather a method of religious formation which is "rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the education principles of Maria Montessori." Developed by Sofia Cavaletti and Gianna Gobbi in Rome, Italy, it has been offered in the United States for over 25 years.

This method recognizes that an adult may study the Scripture, find a passage and ponder it's meaning, it's intent. He or she may choose to read further, offer up a prayer or discuss the passage with others. A child however, unable to read, needs another way to ponder and express what they hear from Scripture, lessons expressed that morning or a prayer from the liturgy. During class (referred to as the "atrium"), children are given a lesson from a New Testament parable, passage or lessons on our Eucharistic Prayer. They are then given time and materials (referred to as "work") to experience what they believe the Lord is speaking to them through art, sculpted New Testament figurines, maps, Eucharistic or liturgical furnishings or simply a quiet place to sit and pray. The work of the child becomes a prayer, a conversation with God.



Ministry Spotlight:



- As part of a group, purchase and prepare a hot dinner.

- Be present to distribute Jeans, Socks and Underwear (JeSU clothing).

- Be one of 2 or 3 who host the guests overnight by sleeping at the church.

- Provide breakfast foods for the overnight hosts to serve (do not have to be present to serve).

- Do 3-4 loads of laundry (St. B's linens and towels) each week.

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St. B's volunteers host 12 carefully screened homeless guests every Saturday evening through early Sunday morning from November through March. Various helpers are needed to do one or more of the following:

- Provide transportation from the Campus for Human Development on Saturday evening and back again on Sunday morning

Volunteers may choose to help with one or all of these tasks. Males and females are equally encouraged to volunteer with each of the tasks. More details can be found in the see the online summary at our website.



Who:

This ministry is open to all parishioners, including young children. We rely on volunteers for each of the various tasks listed to the right. You may choose to commit once, twice or several times each season. It's helpful if those who prepare meals can cook, and a willingness to share stories and a meal with strangers is a real plus.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Jim Pichert at 356-0464 or jpichert@yahoo.com.

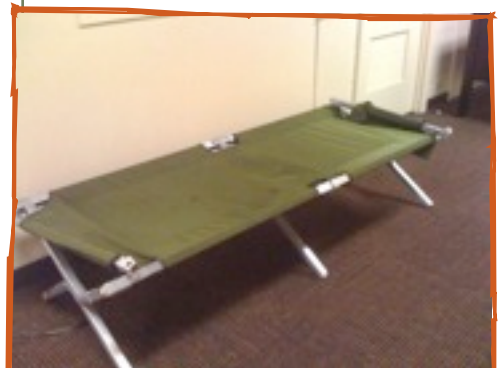
Children's Ministry Replacing RITI Cots

You're invited to help us raise the necessary funds

Children's formation would like to invite you to join our St.

B's children this Summer as they raise funds to purchase new cots for the Room in the Inn ministry. The current cots have served our guests for close to two decades. Many are now in disrepair or have become quite difficult to set up on a regular basis. Our goal is to

purchase 15 new or slightly used cots and mattresses. Will you join us? Designated offering jars will be located in the downstairs hall each Sunday from August through the end of September. For questions, please contact Carla at carlaschob@gmail.com.



Would you ask your guests to spend the night on one of these cots?



Ministry Spotlight: Lay Readers

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This ministry provides readers of the scriptures for both Sunday services and other special services throughout the year.

Currently, the commitment for this ministry is approximately once per quarter, but may increase or decrease depending on the number of volunteers.

Who:

Anyone who's able to read clearly, slowly and confidently in front of a large group.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Beth Ramsay at
615-351-4604 or
RN921@comcast.net

Mini-retreat for Spiritual Direction Groups

August 14, 8:30am- 3pm at Mercy Convent

Spiritual Direction groups meet ONCE a month from September through May. It is an opportunity in our busy lives to join others to listen for God, for yourself and for each other, to be still and to make a space for Him.

All are invited to the mini-retreat whether you want to be in a spiritual direction group or not. The day will include time alone with God, lunch, materials, and a brief time at the end of the day to explain the opportunity to be involved in a spiritual direction group.

The cost for the mini-retreat is \$30.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Gail Pitt at 615-714-9311 or Gaibee4@aol.com

Ministry Spotlight: Dovehouse Ministries Spiritual Direction & Silent Retreats

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Dovehouse Ministries is led by spiritual director and St. B's parishioner Gail Worsham Pitt. This ministry seeks to offer opportunities for growth in relationship with God in Jesus through spiritual direction, spiritual direction groups, directed silent retreats and quiet days, and the spiritual exercises of Ignatius of Loyola in everyday life.

Spiritual direction and spiritual direction groups meet once a month. Quiet days take place four or five times a year from 8:30 to 4:00 at Mercy Convent. Remaining Quiet days this year are August 14 and December 11.

Directed silent retreats are typically three days, from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon at St. Joseph's Monastery in KY. Remaining dates for this year are: Aug. 20-22, Sept. 10-12, 24-26; Oct. 8-10, 15-17; Nov.



5-7, 12-14; Dec. 3-5 (Advent retreat).

Spiritual exercises last for nine months, beginning in Sept., ending in May, and include weekly meetings with Gail.

Who:

Anyone 18 and over who longs to deepen his/her relationship with and love for Jesus.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Gail Worsham Pitt at
615-714-9311, Gaibee4@aol.com,
www.dovehouseministries.com



Gail Pitt



Mission & Outreach: Getting Involved

by Langley Granberry

Mission and Outreach (M&O) at St. B's is engaged in a number of initiatives which fall into five major categories of support. They are: Local and diocesan; Anglican and global; Long-term missionary support; Short-term mission support; and Sudanese ministry. Nancy Hyer is the chairperson of the committee and serving with her are Suzie Woolwine, Langley Granberry, John Deane, and Jonathan Merkh. Paul Miller and Adam Wirdzek serve as vestry liaisons. An important part of the committee's work is to hear new support requests and evaluate them.

There are many ways to be involved with M&O in a meaningful way. One way is to engage with those we

support. There is no set formula for engagement, but it could be as simple as writing a letter of encouragement or by volunteering with one of our local ministries. For example, we support Siloam Family Health Center and they have many volunteer opportunities available.

A few of the ministries we support provide educational and equipping opportunities. Trinity School for Ministry is a residential and online seminary with accredited degree programs, and the U.S. Center for World Mission holds the Perspectives Missions Course locally at least once a



year.

We value equipping ministries and would like to see their offerings utilized by our St. B's family. A volunteer opportunity would be to make known the educational opportunities of the ministries we support.

The Mission and Outreach committee currently meets every two months. Come join us! Email me at lgranberry@comcast.net to find out more.

Local Ministry Spotlight: Hope Clinic for Women

Hope Clinic serves women of every race, religion, and socioeconomic status who are facing difficult decisions regarding past, present, and future life choices.

Since 1983, Hope Clinic has equipped people to make healthy choices in regards to unplanned pregnancies, abstinence and past abortions

Many times crisis pregnancy situations will bring women and their families to us. Many times our clientele is facing postpartum depression, pregnancy loss, low self worth, and relationship struggles. We exist to provide a safe, nurturing, Christ centered message to women of all ages and those who support them.

Volunteers are required to watch a training DVD as well as attend an open house. Those interested should prayerfully consider the most suitable level of involvement whether it be as a prayer warrior, counseling volunteer, administrative support, event coordinator, financial donor, or in-kind donor.

Who:

Hope Clinic has volunteer opportunities for creativity, administration, organization, project orientation, counsel, intercession, and more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Katie Gustafson at
k.gustafson@hopeclinicforwomen.org
or 615.627.2793



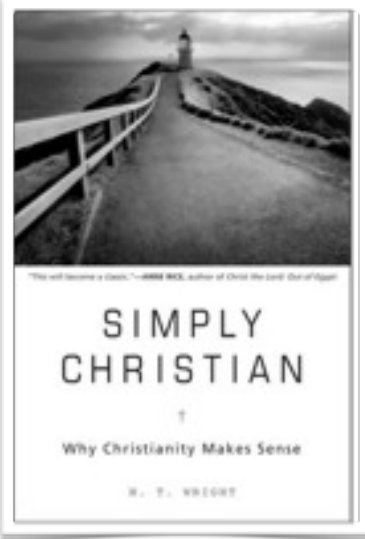
Simply Christian

It's not too late to join the summer book club

This week we begin chapter ten in our summer book club!

Each week, we're reading one chapter of Simply Christian by N.T. Wright, and a member of our family is writing a brief reflection on our blog. If you haven't visited the site, be sure to drop in soon for the latest post and comments.

So far, this book has been a great catalyst for some deep theological conversation as we explore the written word together. It's not too late to join the conversation.



Floral Tributes

Each week, the sanctuary flowers, which are selected and arranged by Flower Guild members, commemorate family and friends who have been important in our lives. Through these saints, God binds us into a family that can celebrate and mourn together, and the flowers pay tribute to these blessings. To commemorate a loved one in your life, please sign up on the Flower Roster in the parish hall or contact the church office. Weeks should be shared by many families. The cost is \$50, which can be shared by the families who have signed up for that week.



Ministry Spotlight: Altar Guild & Flower Guild

Altar Guild members set the Lord's table each week, seeing to the linens, the silver, the elements, and other necessary items for Sunday services as well as baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals. Flower Guild members choose and arrange the flowers that glorify God during services.

Altar Guild members are on teams that work once a month. Times are flexible, even if someone can only help on Saturdays for an hour or on Sundays between or after services.

Flower Guild members arrange once every other month.



Who:

These ministries are open to ALL, regardless of gender, training, or age.

Particularly suited for these areas may be anyone who loves home/dwelling magazines, who enjoys setting a splendid table, who adores flowers and/or working in the garden, who has a flair for color, who seeks beauty, and who loves God.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Thorunn McCoy at 889-3029 or tmccoy@usn.org



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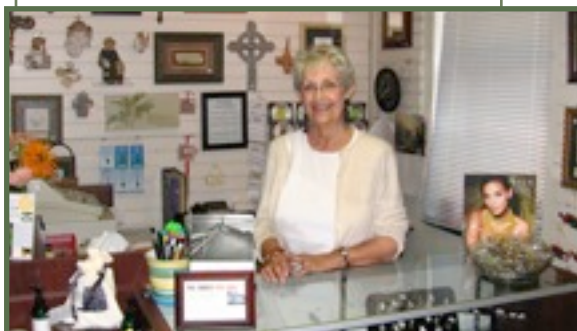


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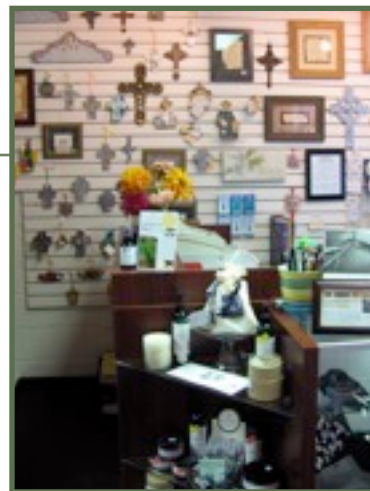
By now you've probably noticed that during our recent facilities updates the bookstore was renovated and redesigned.

Some of the updates include new carpet, paint, a new glass display case and counter, new layout and several new display features. If you haven't visited the bookstore lately, stop by during the week or on Sunday morning.



Also, next time you need to order a book, keep in mind that we are able to special order many books at a significant discount. So before you

shop online, give Allison a call. You may be able to save some money while supporting the church.



Ministry Spotlight: Preschool and Mother's Day Out

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The mission of the Mother's Day Out and Pre-School is to offer the church members and the community a program that provides the best early childhood education with a Christian environment of love and support. The program is interested in the development of the whole child. This is accomplished by providing activities and situations for the child to develop and grow in the areas of spiritual, intellectual, physical, social and emotional aspects.

We strive to form a partnership between parents and teachers to give children the best possible learning experience. Parent activities include monthly prayer time, educational speakers, children's music programs, and in-house field trips. Parent-teacher conferences for preschool are held twice during the school year.



Who:

Children 15 months-5 years old.

Teachers commit to work mid August-end of May. Requirements are a personal relationship with Jesus, love of children and prior Pre-school work experience. College degree required for Pre-school teachers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Suzy Floyd, Director at 373-4633 or stbspreschool@stbs.net.



Vanderbilt First Friends

You are invited to be a First Friend to a Vanderbilt international student. This is an opportunity to build a friendship with a student from Asia, Africa, Europe or beyond by meeting at least once a month with your student during the 2010/2011 school year.

Ideas for activities include enjoying a meal together or attending sporting or cultural events. The main requirement is a servant's heart that offers hospitality to your friend and seeks to get to know and value them. This is a great opportunity to share the gospel hope we have in Christ with both words and deeds. Want to sign up, or have more questions? Contact Rob Vaughn from InterFACE Ministries at robvaughn1@gmail.com.

There is a mandatory 1 hr. orientation offered on the evening of August 30 or September 2nd at the Vanderbilt Student Life Center.



EVENTS

More News...

ECW Fall Luncheon

Ladies, save the date for the ECW fall luncheon on Saturday, September 25 at St. B's. More details will be coming soon, but go ahead and mark your calendars now.



St. B's ART Show Sign up Now

You're invited to be a part of the St. B's Art Show - "Halos in the Hall: Parish Pictures of the Saints" on Saturday, September 11.

Create a work of art about, of, around, involving... A SAINT. (Or saints. Any saint. There are hundreds!).



You have the rest of the spring and summer to make, paint, sew, build, sculpt.... whatever your heart desires... and have something ready for the September show & party.

To sign up, call or email:

Donna Easter (969.6821, dmckeaster@att.net) or Mimi Heldman (351.2314, mimiheldman@comcast.net).

Spotlight: Newcomer Ministry



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The purpose of the Newcomer Ministry is to follow-up with visitors who return and want to become further involved at St. B's by way of one on one contact (phone or email) and planned events (historically either coffees or luncheons).

This ministry is in need of a new leader who has a heart for seeking out and following up with newcomers.

Who:

This ministry is an outreach to those who have recently started attending St. B's.

The Newcomer's ministry is in need of a new coordinator

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Sue Pichert 356-0464 (h);
478-2431 (cell);
spichert@yahoo.com.

Note: This position is currently open, but Sue is filling in until a new leader steps up.

Photo by Katherine Bomboy



From Glory to Glory

The title "From Glory to Glory" comes from Paul's revelation into God's eternal destiny for each of his children. "And we...are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory."



Anniversaries

Jim & Michelle Alcott	08/04
Don & Nancy Cason	08/02
Jill & Nathan Clair	08/12
Donna & Luke Easter	08/10
Deedee & Roland Ewubare	08/03
Jay & Michelle Ferguson	08/15
Heinrich Tischler & Jana Ruth Ford	08/19
Erick & Lisa Goss	08/06
Dan & Julia Halford	08/22
Joan & Thomas Hutchinson	08/03
Diane & John Marshall	08/06
Betty Ashton & Aaron Mayo	08/12
Lisa & Robert Rhea	08/02
Bryan & Erin Rodgers	08/24
Jerry & Marjie Smith	08/19
Miriam & Seth Swihart	08/18
Denise & Yubal Yennie	08/22

Birthdays

Alfie Ashworth	08/26
Mary Ellen Black	08/17
Kristi Cleary	08/08
Natalie Clements	08/02
Donna Darnell	08/20
Anne Dennison	08/30
Hazel Edwards	08/24
Nefe Ewubare	08/22
Randall Ferguson	08/19
Jerry Fink	08/19
Jack Flynn	08/23
Georgeanna Goldthorpe	08/19
Elena Goss	08/28
Erick Goss	08/20

Gabriella Goss	08/08
Langley Granbery	08/12
Margaret Granbery	08/05
Randi Green	08/21
Don Paul Gross	08/06
Olivia Gross	08/01
Eugene Halford	08/21
Daniel Hansen	08/01
Laura Headley	08/07
Erin Hindalong	08/29
Nancy Hindalong	08/26
Audrey Hughes	08/14
Sophie Hughes	08/20
Matt Ingham	08/24
Christopher Insani	08/27
Patricia Insani	08/21
Dick Jewell	08/24
Christopher Johnson	08/27
Jerry Krogman	08/22
Madeline Langlinais	08/04
Asher Lowell	08/19
Micah Lowell	08/19
Bob Lyons	08/30
Fionn Miller	08/24
Aaron Muckala	08/14
Jim Pichert	08/28
J. Michael Poindexter	08/27
Grayson Price	08/08
Katie Reasor	08/26
Lisa Rhea	08/19
Ed Schoenberger	08/25
Marjie Smith	08/03
Maureen Smith	08/10
Whit Smyth	08/11
Chris Somerville	08/31
Sarita Stewart	08/13
Nora Sullivan	08/04
Seth Swihart	08/09
Andrew Thornton	08/13
Caleb Thorpe	08/07

Lydia West	08/26
Manier West	08/18
Jackson Wilhoite	08/14
Isaac Wills	08/10
Jessie Wills	08/20
Jared Yennie	08/27
Jonathan Zadick	08/17

Baptisms

Ruthie Adeline Collins
Parents: Betsy & Daniel Collins

Births

July 10: Elizabeth Kelly Kintz
Parents: Towles and Andrew

July 24: Athalia Mae Kipp
Parents: Aaron and Eleanor



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Spotlight: Visitor Ministry

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Jesus welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God... Luke 9:11

Jesus said to them... "whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me". Luke 9:48

The purpose of our ministry to visitors is to welcome everyone who attends to worship God and to be the face of Christ to those who seek God at St. B'.

The commitment levels are:

Greeters: Can be scheduled monthly, every other month, or quarterly.

Bread bakers: Currently about once every 10 weeks.

Follow-up: These people either call or email everyone who turns in a Visitor Card with contact information. Each person serves for one month, usually requiring between 3 and 6 follow up contacts during the month. Current rotation is once every 9 months.



Who:

This ministry is an outreach to all who visit St. B's, primarily during Sunday morning worship.

The visitor ministry is always in need of more greeters, bread bakers, and people to follow-up with visitors.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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