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TELLING THE STORIES OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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



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Anglicanism 101 Returns this fall Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Beginning Oct. 1

This very popular 8 week class answers your questions and many more as it surveys Anglicanism's rich history and doctrinal distinctives. The class serves as preparation for the rite of Confirmation in the Episcopal Church and membership at St. B's. It is also an enjoyable refresher for life long Episcopalians. Please email the church office at churchoffice@stbs.net to sign-up. Childcare is available upon request.

The Way Forward

What does that mean?

It is important to me that the community understands how we move forward when key personnel are called by God to move to new ministries.

Unlike the secular community, we do very much believe that it is God that calls us, and that our responsibility is to be continually open to His next best for our lives individually and corporately.

We practice six important spiritual disciplines which are intended to provide an environment wherein we can meet God and be aware of His first purpose, which is to form and fashion us into the image and likeness of Christ (see Romans 8). These disciplines will also encourage us to look both within and without in order to place ourselves in the flow of the Spirit of God and consequently as close as possible in the ongoing story of the unfolding of His Kingdom.

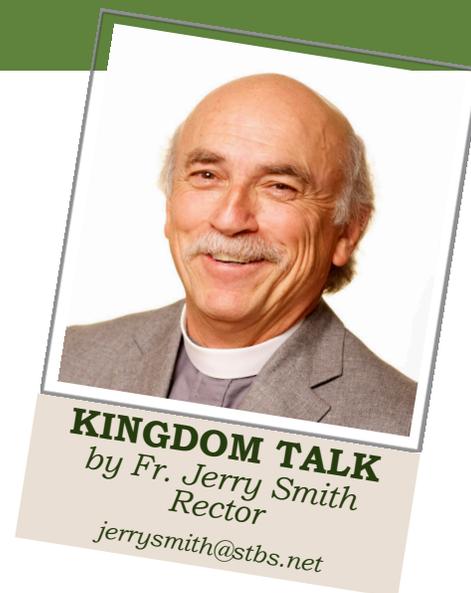
Do you need to be reminded of the disciplines?

“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/her attendance at public worship and especially at the Holy Communion. [Worship]*
- *The practice of private prayer, bible reading, and self-discipline. [Internal formation]*
- *Bringing the teaching and example of Christ into his/her everyday life. [External formation]*
- *The boldness of his/her spoken witness to his faith in Christ. [Evangelism]*
- *His/her personal service to the Church and the community. [Social Action]*
- *The offering of money according to his/her means for the support of the work of the Church at home and overseas.” [Stewardship]*

(from the Anglican Catechism)



Because of this underlying belief of the purposes and goals of God for us, changes that we understand are of Him provide us opportunities to look for His hand at work and to seek to understand how He would use these to help mold us into the people He desires for us to be becoming.

We do tend to get comfortable in our lives, and some changes are more difficult than others. BUT God is faithful and has proven Himself time and time again.

This is equally true with the transition of long time Associate Rector and Director of Youth Ministry, Fr. Dixon Kinser.

I am now in the middle of a nationwide search for the person that God would have as the next associate priest in our parish. The person will not be another Fr. Dixon! But I believe that the right person will assist our current ministry team to build on the foundation that has been laid and will lead us to yet an even greater understanding of how God is at work in our midst and how He would be at work in and through us.

Many of you have already heard that the vestry has also tweaked the budget to



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You Just Never Know

An overview of Sundays for children

What can our new Sunday morning schedule possibly mean to the families of St. B's?

Imagine this...

- * No more rushing in to worship from class?
- * Time to talk with one another between services, and maybe finish a cup of coffee
- * Meaningful discussions of what you each learned during Liturgy of the Word

* Time to meet and get to know the amazing set of men and women teamed up to share the Lord with your children.

As Children's Formation Director, I'm excited! There's a sense of the Lord moving in new and unique ways. And, thanks to our Lord, we're in this season together!

Moving ahead, there are a few questions that several parents have asked recently. Maybe you've wondered the same so please take a few minutes to read them below.



THE WONDER OF IT ALL

by Carla Schober

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A New Season for Children's Formation

What should we expect?

Question: I would like to bring my child early to class so I can make it to church on time. What time is the earliest I may check my child in? **Answer:** Children's classes start promptly at 8:30 and 10:30 so dropping your child off early is advised. Our classroom doors open for your children as early as 8:15 and 10:15. Note: For your child's safety, we do require that (2) of our adult volunteers are present.

Question: Will our children have the same teachers each week? **Answer:** Yes and no. Most of our teachers are on a two week rotation, not weekly. Some choose to teach two Sundays in a row. Others choose to teach every other week. We do require that all volunteers in preschool and elementary classes volunteer no less than twice a month for consistency. Regardless, each age/grade work with their opposite rotation to provide consistency in their class. They are also made aware of lessons they may have missed in case of questions.



Question: Where can our children give their tithes/ offerings? **Answer:** Beginning in October, there will be an extra offering plate provided in the back of the nave. Parents may take their children to this special plate at the end of service, and give to the Lord together. Special prayers will be available to pray as a family.

Question: Where do we pick our child up after class? **Answer:** Children in the 2's/3's class must be picked up during The Peace. **3 1/2 yrs. - 6th grade:** If you are in the worship service, your child will be ushered into service at approximately (9:35 or 11:35). If you are attending an adult formation class, you must pick your child up in the narthex of the main church at either 9:30 or 11:30 sharp. **Note:** for safety reasons, we request that no child be picked up as they are being ushered upstairs. If you are attending an adult Sunday class, you will still pick the child up in the narthex.



St. B's, Set Apart

Who We Are As A Church Matters Now



WARDEN'S CORNER

By Natasha Deane
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I praise God for St. Bartholomew's Church. Particularly this summer, the quality of our life together has been demanding of my own spiritual growth, but also the growth of the Church as a whole. During this time, we have steadfastly continued to come together in worship and encouragement of one another. This is a remarkable place and even after over 20 years among you, I still feel the presence of the Lord among you here. St. B's is filled with a love that surpasses my understanding, at once bringing me to my knees and continually lifting my heart in joy!

Psalm 9: 1-2

I will praise you O Lord,
with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonders.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing praise to your name,
O Most High

Occasionally, a glimpse into the great mystery of our spiritual life together resonates in a particular way, illuminating our path forward. On September 7th, Fr. Jerry outlined a discernment process that helps to define who we are as a Church; what sets us apart. In case you missed it, you can listen to his message [here](#) or at www.stbs.net. Six facets of this journey are easy to recall, but require discipline to embody (see Fr. Jerry's article on pg. 3 for a list of the disciplines).

Your vestry has actively engaged in partnering with Fr. Jerry and our staff to maintain and deepen our commitment to that which defines us. Now, many are working diligently adjusting to change and building for our future. Central to this work is communication with you, the living Church. Accordingly, vestry will be personally reaching out to church members this fall to discuss your what you value, what you long for and how you can serve and be served at St. Bartholomew's. Anticipate hearing from your vestry in the fall season (to be sure that you are contacted, keep your membership file up to date by filling out a card found in the church pew and dropping it into the offering plate on Sunday, by contacting the church office (377-4750, churchoffice@stbs.net) or by contact the junior or senior warden (jrwarden@stbs.net, srwarden@stbs.net).

Important things that we hope to discuss with you in the coming season are these:

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allow me to hire a full time director of youth ministry. This decision has come as a result of understanding that for some months Fr. Dixon and I have been actually doing the work that, in the past, four full time employees had been doing. Alleviating the workload will allow us to put more energy into what we do with more expertise and sensitivity to God's direction.

It will put a strain on the current budget as you have been told, and we look to you to partner with us in

sharing resources to be able to cover these increased expenses. (I would remind you of the last of the six disciplines above... stewardship is defined as freely sharing that which God has given us with the community to assist the ongoing work of God.)

We do need your partnership in Gospel ministry in this community, and I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might engage in this.

I will be keeping you posted over the next few months as the search for

these new staff members unfolds and will be calling on some of you for input and discernment.

We are a family, not just a gathering of individuals, and we can only continue to be formed as we understand the implications of this day by day.

Thanks for you partnership in Gospel ministry. I value your prayers as I help lead us following Jesus.





worship
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The Way of St. B'S

an invitation to practice a rule of life

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Children during their program on the 60th

Question: Do our toddlers and or young preschool children move up to their next age class on their birthday?**Answer:** No. We request that all children remain in their current age class through the the school year. The only exception are for 2 year olds and potty trained 3 year olds who may move up quarterly (January, March, June and September).

Question: How can we get information about what our child is being taught?**Answer:** We encourage parents to partner in ministry with us, and vise-versa. A parent can simply let a teacher know they would like a copy of the lesson. The teacher will take down your email address and we will have our office forward a pdf copy or copies of the curriculum.

Question: What would our Children's Ministry staff say is the most difficult part of what they do?**Answer:** The lack of parent interest in getting to know their children's teachers and what their children are learning. The most common complaint of our volunteers is that parents don't seem to want to put in a little extra time to say hi or know their name. With your help, we'd love that to change this year.

An Outside Perspective

offered by Charles Higgins, Seminarian

Ridley Hall CAMBRIDGE

For those of you whom I didn't get to meet whilst I was visiting St. B's, my name is Charles and I'm a seminarian from Ridley Hall in Cambridge, England. I've got one more year at seminary in Cambridge at the end of which my fiancée Emma (who is also a seminarian) and I will be ordained to serve in a parish somewhere in the country. Before I go, I've been asked to write a brief article from an "outsider's perspective," although, if truth be told, I have felt like anything but an outsider whilst I've been here. Anyway, here goes:

I got off a plane three weeks ago and after a night of very much not acclimatizing to the heat and vaguely sleeping, I came to St. B's the next morning. As I spoke with the staff team and others that morning one of the first words I heard was "story." There was a feeling that I had come at a very exciting time in the life of the Church, the 60th anniversary feeling like a new chapter in that "story." I felt both very welcomed by the community and very upheld by God when I heard those words. As I had been talking with Fr. Jerry about the possibility of joining you for a few weeks, "story" had been a word on which I had focused. I was interested in getting to know the story of the Episcopal Church and its differences with the Church in England. Even more, I wanted to get to know the story of St. B's and the stories of its people, how God has been working among you.

While stories are often about what has happened in the past, the amazing thing about the kingdom of God is that, whilst there are inspiring and life-giving stories of God at work in the

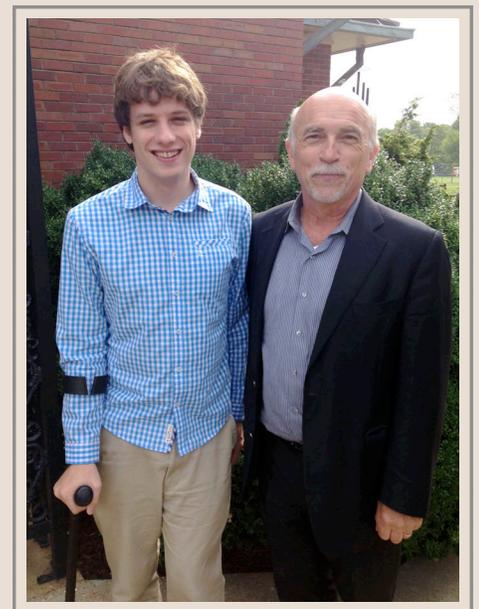
past, the work spoken of in the Scriptures continues today and into the future as God calls us and leads us on. And as a church I think that is really what this talk of new chapters reflects for you. Let me just illustrate how I've observed this story being played out in a few different ways.

It's been emphasized a lot during my time here that at the heart of the Gospel is the welcome of God. Throughout the Scriptures God is interested in drawing people to himself and showing them more of his character, a refuge and strong tower. As I have heard people talk about St. B's, it is clear that the community here provides a safe space for people to rest in the love of God and move forward in their love for and understanding of him, a refuge from places that have definitely not been like that. I pray that this will continue to be foundational to who you are as a community.

Secondly, I've seen St. B's as a Eucharistic community, in which people are sustained in their daily walk with God by his gift in the sacrament as we remember the love Jesus showed in dying and rising again. But I think it goes beyond that. Not only do we celebrate the Eucharist, but we are Eucharistic people. To one degree or another Christians are broken people who are as a body, broken and given to the world. It is a call to a sacrificial life, but one that has a profound impact on the world. After all, if the effects of what we do in Church on a Sunday are not felt in the wider community, in the wider world, what are we really doing? I saw this clearly on my second Sunday here when the

community's joy and grief came together in sending the Kinser family to minister in the wider Church. I'm praying that you will be more and more open to where God is leading you.

There is another side to the story that I've heard from time to time. A history of splits in the Church community, of disputes and people leaving in a lot less positive a way than I've just described. But with God the past is never the main plot point of the story and I've seen that this month. The excitement around the 60th anniversary, around the transitions in people and service times has been really big. I wondered why at first but I think the answer is that there is a greater unity, a greater togetherness in the community than there has ever been before. As well as praying that you would continue to be a safe place and a community that blesses the wider world, above all I pray that you will carry on in this unified energy, fixed on God and where he is leading you by his Holy Spirit. Thank you so much for allowing me to be with you these last weeks. Anytime you're in the UK, come by and say hi. It's a very small country!



Charles with Fr. Jerry



Mission Based Staffing: Over several years, a shift in staffing has been accomplished that reflects continued growth toward our mission: *To bring people to know Jesus Christ, To provide clear and life-changing discipleship training, and To help people discern their life's purpose and provide opportunities for them to fulfill that purpose in ministry and mission.*

Our current staffing model includes a full-time music minister reflecting a primary commitment to enhancing regular worship. Inward and Outward Formation as well as Church Operations are fulfilled by Fr. Jerry, part-time associate priests and other staff. In the coming year, we intend to complete the shift of staffing to focus primarily on pastoring, education, and calling members into active ministry.

Thus, the staff at St. B's is an integral part of our ministry and mission. To continue the work Fr. Dixon was doing at St. B's, the vestry has approved an increased investment of \$70 – \$100,000 to hire a full time associate priest in addition to a full time youth

minister for the coming year. This increase puts our budget on pace for more than \$1.4M annually. To achieve this budget, we are stepping out in faith, but we are doing so because of our collective values in spiritual formation, especially of our youth.

Giving: Recent analysis of giving has persuaded the vestry there is opportunity for increased financial support from our membership:

1. 399 households contributed on record financially to St. B's in 2012-13, up from 277 the previous year.
2. In 2012-13, the average gift at St. B's per household on record is \$2,673, up from \$2,394 the previous year. These numbers exclude large, one-time gifts that skew averages.
3. 53% of households on record as contributing give less than \$1,000 annually.

4. 45% of households listed in our parish directory have no record of financial giving over the past year.

Facilities: Facility improvements are required to support ongoing ministries, especially: (1) a multi-purpose chapel and (2) office space for staff and lay leaders to conduct ministry and programming. We have more work to do to develop our plans in this area. We project these top two items to cost approximately \$1 – \$2M in capital improvements.

Mission and Outreach: Of the St. B's budget, 18% goes to specific charities and missions supported by our parish. The vision for mission and outreach at St. B's has been to have tangible, meaningful impact on specific ministries that fit within the vision for God's call on our parish. These include our Diocesan and Anglican pledge, global mission support to the Powell family, the Bishop and Wendy Lamarquand and New Life Restoration ministries in East Africa, and of local ministries such as Open Table Nashville and Dovehouse Ministries, among others. The M&O committee is committed to reaching out to the congregation to continue to find ways to engage members more fully in these outreach activities.

A chief strength of St. B's may be our medium to large size, affording us an intimacy in which spiritual growth and knowledge of one another in Christ can grow. While the vision of the church remains to grow in membership, it does not include plans for a significant expansion of our intimate spaces, especially our worship spaces. Instead, consistent with our history of growing disciples in



An assembly of teens at the 60th

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ZACCHEUS'S TREE

Thinking About Biblical Plants

Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for I today I must stay at your house."

Luke 19:3-5 NASB

One of the reasons botanists avoid the use of common names is the confusion such names can bring. In Tennessee, the sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) occurs along streams, rivers, and other moist areas. This stately tree can reach a height of over 100' with few lower lateral branches. Paddlers on our local streams and rivers such as the Harpeth have certainly seen large specimens with their modeled bark, ball-like clusters of seeds, and broad leaves. Along with the American sycamore, the genus *Platanus* includes the oriental plane and the cultivated London plane (hybrid between *P. occidentalis* and *P. orientalis*). As the native range of *P. occidentalis* does not extend beyond eastern North America, Zaccheus did not scramble into this species to obtain a better view of Jesus.



A Tennessee Sycamore

The sycamore mentioned in Luke's gospel is a type of fig sometimes referred to as a fig-mulberry or sycamore-fig, *Ficus sycomorus* (*ficus* is Latin for fig while *syka* is Greek for fig). Ranging over much of Africa and the Middle East, *F. sycomorus* is a large tree with spreading branches suitable for providing shade (or for perching oneself for a better view) and was often planted along roadways to shade travelers. Along with edible fruit, in Africa the species supplies medicinal products from the bark, latex, and leaves. The durable yet easily workable wood has been used for variety of purposes including construction of doors, beehives,

canoes, ornamentation for homes, and coffins for Egyptian mummies.

In addition to Luke's gospel, the Old Testament mentions the Biblical sycamore a number of times.

Some of these references provide insight as to just how common a species it was. In detailing the amount of wealth King Solomon amassed, 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles records that he made silver to be as common as stones and cedars as abundant as sycamores. When Amaziah the priest and King Jeroboam took offense to prophecy that Amos provided, Amos responded noting that he did not seek such a position but "I am no prophet, nor the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs" (Amos 7:14 NASB). Amos' care for sycamore trees likely refers to cutting or puncturing the fruit once thought needed for it to ripen.

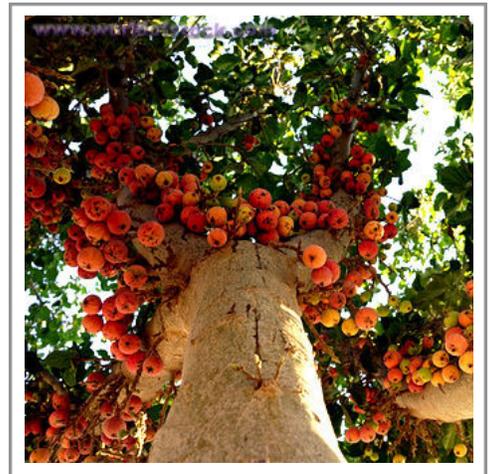
Biblical accounts, especially in the Old Testament, can seem distant to 21st century readers as only remnants of physical structures or locations exist today. Knowing that plants used by kings, prophets, and a small man simply wanting a better view of Jesus continue to grow on the Middle Eastern landscape provides modern Christians with a very real connection to these sacred texts.



DIGGING INTO OUR ROOTS

by Roger McCoy

Verger & Botanist



A Fig Sycamore



What Did You Say?

Hearing Loss And Church Community

Hearing loss is a very real public health issue. In fact, it's considered the third most common condition after arthritis and heart disease! There are many causes for hearing loss—from severe, repeated ear infections, excessive ear wax, injury to the ear drum or exposure to loud noise over time—just to name a few. Since 20% of the population and one in three people over the age of 65 have hearing loss, there's no doubt there are many in our church family who struggle to hear.

There are a lot of misconceptions surrounding hearing loss and many feel self conscious or even judged for being “hard of hearing.” It has been reported that some have been labeled as “aloof” or “senile.” Others feel like they are misunderstood and judged for being manipulative —“You'll hear what you want to hear!” Some of these fears/anxieties and judgments can be a barrier between the one with hearing loss and help. According to Hearing Loss Association of America, it can take people up to **seven years** from the time they think they might have a hearing loss to the time they seek treatment. **YIKES.**

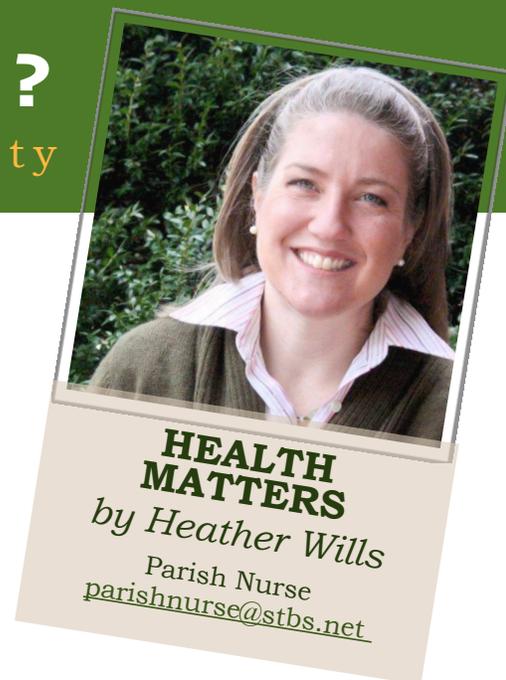
It is important that a person who suspects they are not hearing well be

fully evaluated. The best way to start this process is to admit that there is a problem. Confiding in a trusted friend or loved one is a giant first step. Here are some questions to consider:

- Do I ask people often to repeat what they say?
- Do I have problems hearing in groups?
- Do I think others mumble?
- Do I fail to hear someone talking from behind me?
- Am I turning up the volume on the TV or car radio?
- Do I have difficulty on the phone?
- Do I have trouble hearing the alarm clock?
- Do I have a hard time hearing at the movies?
- Do I dread going to noisy parties and restaurants?

All babies are screened at birth for hearing in Tennessee. After that screening, it's up to parents/pediatricians and teachers to “catch” hearing issues. They can be very subtle thus they can be missed for a long time. Here are some questions to consider:

- Has my baby stopped babbling?
- Does she have frequent ear infections? If “yes” get a hearing test.
- Is my child experiencing speech delay?
- Is my child “acting up” more than usual at home or in the classroom?



After admitting there may be a problem, an appointment with one's primary health care provider is in order. They can refer to the right professionals to thoroughly evaluate the ears. Some other providers that may be encountered on the journey are Otolaryngologists--doctors who specialize in medical and surgical issues related to the ear. Audiologists provide hearing evaluations, determine what type of hearing loss one has and determine if hearing aides will help—and what kind of aide the person needs. Finally, Hearing Instrument Specialists dispense hearing aides.

Yes, it is difficult to admit one's shortcomings. Please remember everyone has *at least one!* Hearing loss is isolating and frankly exhausting to deal with. If you want assistance, please give me a call and we can chat. Also, if you already are being treated for hearing loss but cannot hear the church service, please let me know that too. The church has devices that may prove to be very helpful as you worship.





ST. B'S WOMEN
by Becky Hornsby
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St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Women, a.k.a. *Women of St. B's*: it's a mouthful, but if you attend St. B's and you are a woman, then you belong and are most lovingly welcome!

The leadership board, comprised of seven women, has recently had to make adjustments in leadership along with the church body. Kristin Kinser was our vice-president last year and had been our president since last spring. With the Kinser family's move to North Carolina, we have shifted roles and invited a new member. Becky Hornsby has moved from being fellowship committee chairperson to president; Nancy Coleman will be the fellowship chairperson beginning in October. The five other faithful women on the board are Mary Ann Ruley (Vice-president), Raven O'Rourke (Communications), Tiffany Villager (Treasurer), Ashley MacLachlan (Chaplain), and Mavis Harrop (Outreach).

In July, before Kristin knew she would be moving, the board met for a retreat

to pray about the coming year and pray about God's vision for the women of St. B's. We spent time reading and reflecting alone, asking God to help us know how to best serve him and other women. God put on our hearts many images and words which we then shared. Jeremiah 17: 7-8, "I know the plans I have for you" inspired us to trust God. We had images of the women at St. B's all being different, yet forming a beautiful kaleidoscope. We saw ourselves as a circle of women facing outward and drawing others in. Finally, God encouraged us to till the soil, watch what he grows, and then tend to it.

So how do we plan to move forward? Our vision remains "To share Christ through building community and serving others." We hope to draw in new and old St. B's members, regardless of age, marital status, stage of life, job, history, faith story, spiritual gifts, or background. We already have in place opportunities for women to build meaningful relationships and develop a deeper faith. If you wish to serve in the community, we have outreach opportunities at St. Luke's Community House and Magdalene house, for example. If you wish to be a part of larger group events, the fellowship committee will be planning an Advent Open house and other activities for the new year. For spiritual growth, you might attend the Thursday morning women's bible study or a study in someone's home. If you prefer a smaller group, you can join a small group of women who meet regularly for prayer. It might be a running, hiking, book discussion or crafting group! There is also "A New Path 50+" group and a Spanish group. The board is also in the

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Save the Date:

**Greens Sales
to benefit
Magdalene House:**
Oct. 5 - Nov. 2

St. Luke's Halloween:
Oct. 30

**Operation Christmas
Child:**
During November

Advent Open House:
A December Evening

**Spring Retreat
at St. Mary's:**
April 17-18, 2015

**Magdalene
Graduation:**
May 29, 2015

For more information
please contact us at
stbswomen@stbs.net.



early stages of getting a women's spiritual formation class up and running for Sunday mornings. Stay tuned!

Christ with one another. Please consider joining us as you are drawn to. You will be loved and welcomed.

Our prayer is that these groups and events will serve as ways for women to make deeper connections and to share



Set Apart

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Christ and sending them into the world in active ministry, our vision is to resource the church, current staff and lay leaders for the facilities and equipment they need for impactful discipleship. In addition to some building space improvements, we are also looking at technology that could impact our ministries.

To those of you who are actively engaged in discussions about the way forward, we are grateful, praises be to our Great God! To those of you who may not have had a chance to contribute to these discussions, we invite you to join in over the coming season and look forward to hearing from each of you. The Lord is very, very good indeed.



The congregation for St. B's 60th



How's Your Heart?

Blood Pressure Screenings
Every Third Sunday
9:45 - 10:30 a.m.



love shouldn't hurt BREAK the SILENCE

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, St. B's health ministries, along with the staff and vestry invite you to come and help break the silence that accompanies domestic violence.

We are all affected and touched by this sad reality. The statistics show no partiality between those who attend church and those who don't.

Be informed. Regardless if you have ever experienced violence yourself, you will more than likely know someone who has or is, if you do not already.

If you are a mother, husband, sister, father or brother of someone who is a victim of domestic violence, this seminar is for you.

Domestic Violence Seminar
October 20th 2014
6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. B's
with Sarah Martin
Director of Advocacy
& Community Outreach YWCA



What's inevitable? Death and Taxes.

If you don't plan, the state will give your loved ones a plan and it won't be pretty. Give a lasting gift to your loved ones in their time of grief.

Please join us for a very informative and practical, two part series at St. B's in November on finishing this life well. All participants will receive a packet of forms and resources.

Mon., Nov. 10, 6:30-8 PM
Kate Payne RN, JD

advance directives & other medical considerations

Mon., Nov. 17, 6:30-8 PM
Blaine Smith, lawyer

& Robert Garth, CPA

will, trusts and other financial considerations.

Joyful Noises in 2014

St. B's Music Ministry Review



**HOW CAN I
KEEP FROM
SINGING**
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Exciting times for the choirs

The Chamber Singers completed its 6th season with a final concert in June, offering a varied selection of choral works on the theme of *Light Everlasting*.

In early August, the choir was contacted by former St. B's music director Eric Wyse to record a selection of hymns for a 2-CD set being produced in England. They gathered at the chapel of Brentwood United Methodist Church and, with Eric playing organ, David Madeira & Sherry Paige conducting, and David Schober on the sound board, recorded 9 hymns over two evenings for the upcoming release.

Not long after that, the Chamber Singers were invited to join **Emmylou Harris** in the historic Sound Emporium studio, recording a background vocal arrangement by David Madeira for her new single on the upcoming record *Mercyland: Prayers for the Rest of Us*. Definitely a highlight of the year!

On completion of that project, the choir began rehearsals for its joint concert with St. B's own **Solveig Leithaug** and the Norwegian gospel choir **Voice of Joy** for the Sept. 7 concert *Summer Nights, Northern Lights*. The concert, benefitting Compassion International, was an evening of Scandinavian-inspired music hosted by St. B's, with several St. B's musicians involved including Bethany Bordeaux, Tim Lauer, Don Cason, Steve Hindalong, and Matt Slocum.

Hard to believe it's already time for the fall choral season to begin! Are you interested in getting involved?

"A time to dance..."

St. B's welcomed a new liturgical art into its services on August 17, as Anna Truss, Emmaline Weedman, and Clara Weedman danced ballet during an offertory by Katie Gustafson. Anna Hayden choreographed a beautiful routine set to the song's Revelation-inspired text, the placement

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While summer is typically a "down time" for many areas of church life, the Music Ministry at St. B's has been about as busy as ever, with new plans underway for the fall and some great opportunities to make music opening up for choir members.



and movements of the dancers symbolizing the language of praise and adoration in the song's lyrics. A lovely symbol of the Trinity, three distinct persons moved as one, drawing us into their worship before the altar. Thanks to the girls and their choreographer for their gifts and the worshipful spirit in which they were offered.



Tim Lauer offers his musical gifts during worship

Plenty of opportunities for your involvement!

As the music ministry continues to strive to offer its best in assisting the congregation's worship, we can always use your help!

Worship Team Musicians & Singers: We can always use more percussionists, bass players, guitarists, pianists, and singers of all voice types in our normal rotation of Sunday musicians. **You do NOT need to be a pro!** (Most of our musicians aren't). If you can read a chord chart and play confidently, I'd love to hear from you.

Sound Engineers: If you have any experience in running live sound, we need you! Our talented sound engineers, David Schober and Herb Tassin, would greatly benefit from a few more assistants, decreasing the workload on all. If you are at all interested, please let me know. Training will be involved.

Choral opportunities: There are plenty of opportunities for singers of all ages to be involved in choral activities at St. B's.

Adults & Teens:

- *Chamber Singers* - our regularly performing, auditioned group. Meets Wednesday nights from 7-8:30pm and sings in Sunday services every 3-4 weeks, plus a few special services a

year. Only requirements are *basic* music reading and ability to sing in tune on a part.

- *Parish Choir* - Convenes twice a year in advance of Advent and Easter, no audition required. Join our mass choir at Lessons & Carols and Holy Week services!

Ages 4 yrs. and up

- *Choristers* - We are happy to announce the addition of 2 new choirs for children. Rehearsals begin Wednesday evenings in October. Please email me or julia.mcgirt@gmail.com for details.

Other instruments: You may have heard the sounds of the trumpet, violin, flute, and—how could you miss it?—bagpipe coming from the loft in recent months. From traditional instruments to even the most obscure, I love finding new ways to add to our musical colors in worship. So if you play an instrument—seriously, any instrument—from the French horn to the hurdy-gurdy, I want to hear from you!

Hospitality: Got love for St. B's music and want to help in a non-musical way? A great way to support musical activities at St. B's is simply to feed the musicians! On long Sunday mornings and at mass choir dress rehearsals and retreats, some nourishing food and drink for our hard-working musicians truly goes a long way. Please email me if you would like to offer your gifts of hospitality in this way.

As we head into fall, one look at the soon-to-be-bursting array of colors outside reminds us that we serve a wonderful, beautiful, creative God who loves variety. He has given us all diverse and amazing gifts, and we bring him honor when we use them creatively in his Name. What can you bring to the dance?



Anna Hayden with St. B's Liturgical Dancers



Catechesis
of the
Good
SHEPHERD



8:30 a.m.
3 1/2 yrs - 2nd gr.

FORMATION CLASSES sundays

8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

all classes will conclude in time
to receive communion in
the church with the congregation
more info at www.stbs.net



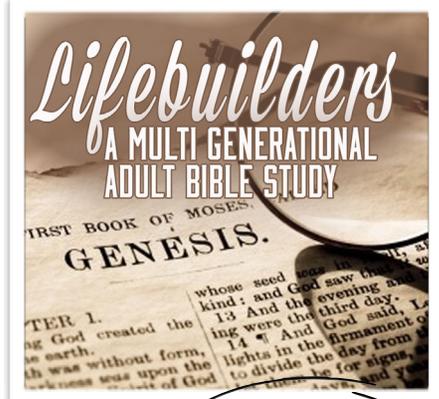
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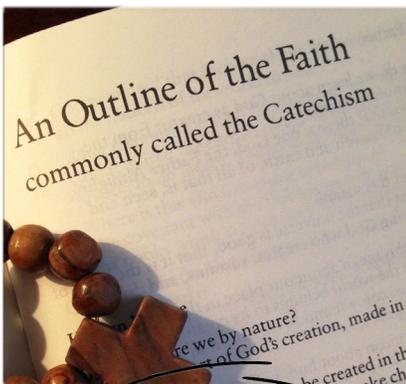
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10:30 a.m.



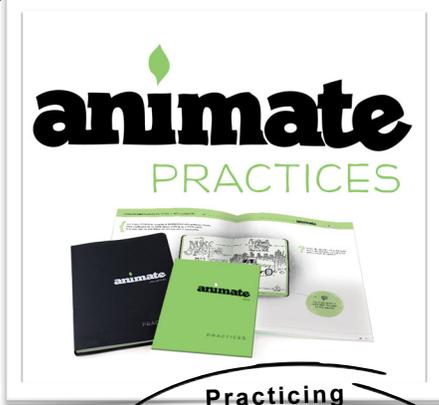
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What Do We
Believe?
8:30 a.m.
Oct. 5 - Nov. 16



Why does Hip Hop
matter to the
church?
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Oct. 5 - 26

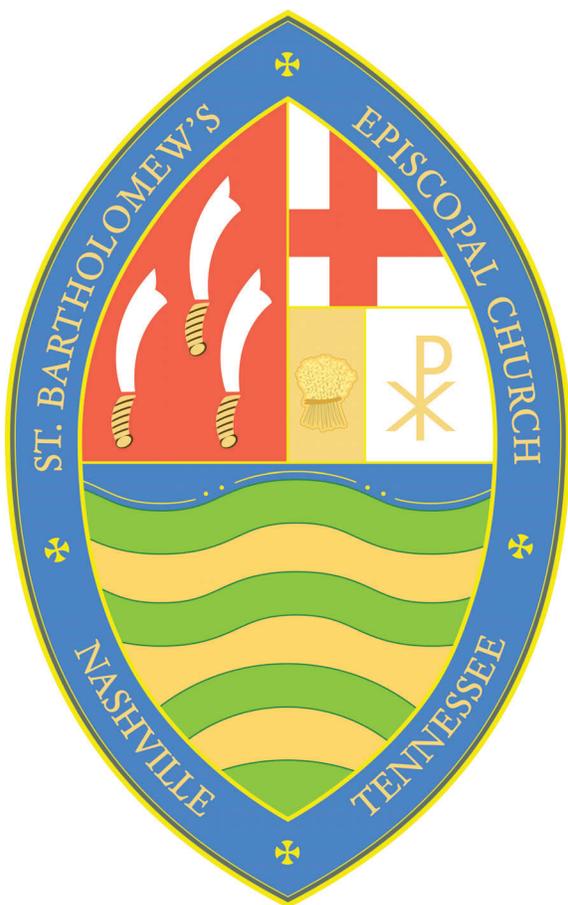


Practicing
Spiritual
Disciplines
10:30 a.m.
Oct. 30 - Nov. 16

GROW THIS FALL AT ST. B's

About Our New Banner

Commissioned for St. B's 60th



The banner, commissioned for the 60th anniversary of St. Bartholomew's, tells a story about who this church is, where she came from, and where she is going.

The Three Knives: Knives are the historic symbol of the apostle Bartholomew for whom we are named. The blades represent the manner of his martyrdom, which was death by flaying.

St. George's Cross: The red cross on white is known as St. George's Cross. It has been a symbol of the British nation and kingdom dating back to the middle ages, and therefore points to our Anglican heritage and communion membership. E.P. Dandridge, the rector of Christ Church Nashville (before it was the Cathedral) had the first vision for a church in this part of Nashville. When he became bishop of the Diocese, he called upon members of St. George's parish for help. From them he acquired both the land for the parish and her first families. St. Bartholomew's was birthed through the efforts of St. George's, Christ Church, and the Diocese.

Chi Rho: Underneath the cross to the right is the Chi Rho. These are the first two letters of the Greek word Christos (Christ), and they proclaim our allegiance to Jesus above all else. So the Chi Rho is a symbol for Christ, or Christ Church. It actually matches the Chi Rho at the center of the Cathedral's current banner.

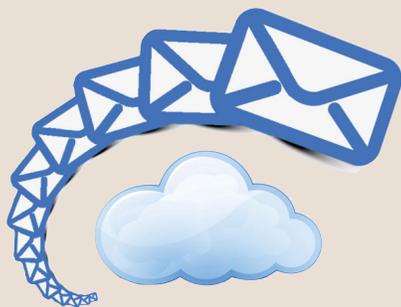
Bushel of Wheat: This is the classical symbol of the harvest, and biblically always relates to evangelism. It is a historic symbol for the feast of Pentecost, and provides a nod to St. Bartholomew's rich charismatic heritage. It also represents the Diocese of TN (and Bishop Dandridge who led it) because the same image adorns the old Diocesan crest (an image that can still be seen in needlepoint, on the back of the bishop's chair in our chancel).

Seven Hills: The seven alternating green and gold stripes represent the Seven Hills neighborhood in which our church is located.

Tulip Poplar: Inside the blue borders that frame the crest are Tulip Poplar blossoms, representing the state tree.

The Colors: The colors of the banner were selected to match and complement the magnificent jewel tones in our current stained glass windows. The Chi Rho and Bushel of Wheat symbols can also be found in our windows.

Inverted Reredos: Finally, the shape of the whole banner mirrors an inverted version of our sanctuary's reredos. A reredos is the decoration behind the altar. At St. B's, the reredos is the large section of wooden panels. Our banner shape is a mirror image of this focal point, and hints at the bow shaped roof that is so prominent in our nave.



IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE SPECIAL EMAILS THAT WERE SENT THIS SUMMER REGARDING SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES, FR. DIXON'S DEPARTURE OR THE KINSER GIFT, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW SO THAT WE CAN TROUBLE SHOOT THE MATTER. HELP US KEEP YOU IN THE LOOP.
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Celebrating the glory that grows within us and among our community

Anniversaries

Kendra & John Allen	11/21
Anna & Josh Hayden	10/23
Heather & Stephen James	12/17
Melody & Jerry Krogman	10/13
Natalie & Brian Langlinais	12/1
Lindsay & Josh Lee	11/18
Kathy & John Leo	11/16
Elizabeth & David Madeira	12/30
Tara & Chad Moore	10/15
Mindy & Gary Mumme	12/17
Nancy & David Pollitt	12/27
Jill & Robert Pullen	11/26
Lori & Walt Quinn	10/17
Gail & Chuck Richey	10/4
Taylor & Stephen Ryan	11/1
Andrea & Matthew Sullivan	11/28
Nyla & Tim Villager	10/18
Evelyn & Marshall Weems	12/28
Laura & Jamie Wilhoite	10/20
Amy & Adam Wirdzek	10/24
Mary & Peter Woods	10/21
Suzanne & Jon Zadick	10/7

October Birthdays

Andrews, Brent	10/25
Bowby, Katy	10/23
Burgess, Mary Beth	10/13
Chaffee, James	10/12
Clinton, Rankin	10/07
Daniel, Rachel	10/07
Deane, Alexandra	10/31
Deane, Natasha	10/10
Dowell, Abigail	10/03
Ewubare, Tega	10/21
Freeman, David	10/01
Garth, Shirley	10/09
Gollapudi, Blair	10/21
Granbery, Lois	10/02
Holt, Spencer	10/02
Hornsby, Ben	10/16
Hyer, Julianne	10/25
Insani, John	10/26
James, Elijah	10/30
Johnson, Rebecca	10/28
Kipp, Aaron	10/16
Kipp, Eleanor	10/19
Larsen, Ivy Leigh	10/24
Lauer, Sophia	10/08
Letterman, Katherine Hawkins	10/24
Locorriere, Denton Turner	10/24
Lowell, Charlie	10/21
Michelson, Simeon	10/11
Petillo, Katherine	10/22
Pichert, Carolyn	10/07

Pollitt, David	10/14
Pollitt, Hunter	10/16
Pregont, Eva	10/21
Prichard, Chris	10/02
Pullen, Alex	10/14
Russell, Tyler	10/28
Sale, Andrew	10/23
Schober, Justin	10/14
Simpson, Marshal Loizeaux	10/04
Smith, Julian D.	10/14
Smith, Kirk	10/10
Sullivan, Maggie	10/01
Sullivan, Matthew	10/30
Swihart, Eliza Joy Netherland	10/13
Villager, Tiffany	10/21
Villager, Tim	10/02
Waters, Linda	10/20
Weedman, Margaret Anne	10/18
Wills Jr, Morgan	10/10
Wilson, Rev. David	10/25
Wood, David	10/04
Woolwine, Suzie	10/21
Zadick, Matthew	10/27

November Birthdays

Abernathy, Gretchen	11/10
Allen, John	11/02
Andrade, Michelle	11/28
Burgess, Janie	11/23
Cade, Claire	11/19
Cade, Owen	11/26
Chapman, Taylor	11/06
Clinton, Cynthia	11/16
Corlew, Donald	11/18
Daniel, Damien	11/04
Deal, Katherine	11/30
Deal, Lynn H.	11/07
Dunaway, Tommy	11/06
Gollapudi, Kellie Barber	11/16
Hardwick, Allison	11/13
Hayden, Collier	11/20
Hindalong, Steve	11/29
Jones, Hannah Perryman	11/27
Kelly, Maleah	11/07
Kelly, William	11/04
Kinzig, Emily	11/22
Kinzig, Wilder Elliott Stanton	11/09
Mahan, Beverly	11/02
McDowell, Jennifer	11/20
McFadden, Belle	11/09
McGown, Knox	11/30
McLellan, Garrison	11/13
Merkh, Jonathan	11/17
Michelson, Bethany	11/27
Michelson, Elisabeth	11/30
Miller, Drew	11/10
Moreno, Jackson Aurelio	11/18
Norem, Patty	11/13
Pullen, Will	11/30
Rhea, Robert	11/06
Robinson, Teresa	11/19

Simpson, Kim	11/19
Stone, Dmitri	11/26
Swihart, Miriam	11/06
Thorpe, Kendall James	11/11
Walker, Carolyn	11/13
Wilhoite, Jamie	11/23
Wright, Katherine	11/16
Xanthopoulos, Phyllis	11/24
Zadick, Jon	11/20
Zadick, Sarah	11/05

December Birthdays

Andrade, Camden	12/08
Anthony, Dane	12/18
Berry, Dennis	12/29
Berry, Mi Ru	12/03
Brown, Paul Kent	12/01
Brown, Seth Walker	12/14
Burns, Emma Grace	12/01
Carruthers-Thorne, Sam	12/26
Castellon, Marti	12/19
Corlew, Tommye	12/21
Deane, Nicole	12/13
Droman, Greg	12/03
Edwards, Kathy	12/16
Edwards, Polly Anne	12/29
Flynn, Meredith	12/01
Frank, Sandra Sue	12/26
Garth, Stephen	12/11
Granbery, Will	12/28
Greenberg, Kenny	12/09
Gustafson, Himmie	12/06
Hampton, Brian	12/28
Harrop, Mavis	12/16
Houston, Susan	12/03
Lauer, Angela	12/27
MacLachlan, Hannah	12/09
MacMillan, Charlotte	12/16
MacMillan, Duncan	12/04
MacMillan, Linley	12/02
McLellan, Caroline	12/17
Mennen, Nathan	12/28
Miller, Lauren Day	12/28
Muckala, Liam	12/29
Olson, Michelle	12/09
Petillo, Thomas	12/15
Price, Hudson Golden	12/18
Prichard, Conner Thomas	12/24
Richey, Gail	12/11
Scholes, Peggy	12/09
Simpson, Dan	12/08
Stranch, Ethan	12/08
Thorne, Steve	12/02
Tomlin, Carol	12/10
Villager, Cora Claire	12/27
Ward, Lena	12/20
West, Anna Bonner	12/14
West, Pamela Doxsey	12/09
Xanthopoulos, Harry	12/11
Zaher, Ben	12/08
Zaher, Holly	12/17

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



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Births

Mirrenn Star 7/29
parents Gabe & Debbie Martinez

Baptisms

Aiden Erik 6/8
parents Nathaniel & Abigail Tylor

Alice Louisa Kay 6/8
parents Shaun & Erin Shankel

Analee Elizabeth 7/13
parents Samuel & Jessica Smith

Samuel David Ludwig 8/3
parents Adam & Amy Wirdzek

Miriam Kathleen 8/24
parents Brent & Corrie Morris

Weddings

Raymond & Heidi Pettit 6/13

Jordan & Madelyne See 8/1

Brett & Caroline McReynolds-Adams 8/30

Ryan & Brandi Leach 8/30

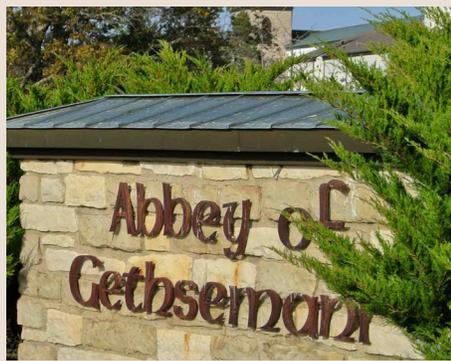
Youth Formation Happenings

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SCGN
supercommando game night
fri, oct 3
7-9 p.m.
for all 6-8 graders

Our high octane game night is back in October for all 6 - 8th graders! Friends welcome. Please bring a healthy snack to share, and we'll provide a sweet treat.

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE YOUTH MINISTRY EMAILS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON. PLEASE LET SALLY KNOW.
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Pilgrimage to Gethsemani
Fall Retreat
Oct 24 - 25
Grades 7 - 12

Every semester we take time to step out of the traffic of our regular routines and retreat together. In the fall we

pilgrimage to Kentucky and the Abbey of Gethsemani. Our retreat begins on Friday with dinner and an overnight at the church. Saturday morning we will drive to the Abbey and finish up early that evening with dinner. Should be home by 7 p.m. ish. Look for more information and registration forms in early October. Questions?

Email Sally at schambers@stbs.net.



Last year's pilgrims to Gethsemani



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FR. JERRY'S BOOK OF THE MONTH
for september/october

THE JESUS STYLE by Gayle Erwin

Gayle Erwin gives an exhaustive study on the nature of Jesus. The book boldly discusses problems Jesus would have had with many modern day institutions and cultural norms, and what he would have done differently.

TOYS

gifts for children

BIBLES



TOOTSIE ROLLS

*for children who
ask politely*