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September 2011

## Rector's News and Notes

Beloved of St. John's,

This month begins the traditional start of our 2011-2012 Church Program Year.

We are distributing with this edition of the Journal parish calendars that run through the end of this year. It is our hope to similarly issue the January Journal with calendars that run through the end of the in program year in May 2012.

We are blessed with a very active parish and I encourage everyone to look ahead at the events and activities coming up for the remainder of this year.

Earlier this year the Vestry committed to living out their life as faithful members of St. John's in 12 specific areas of our common life together.

For everyone who has asked the question what does faithful participation in the life of St. John's these are:

- **ATTEND WEEKLY SERVICES and observe holy days**
- **DAILY READ and MEDITATE on the BIBLE**
- **PRAY DAILY at home and work**
- **ATTEND and SUPPORT OUR SUNDAY PROGRAMS**
- **SUPPORT our young adults' EYC PROGRAM**
- **PRACTICE FAMILY PRAYER**
- **SERVE the NEEDY in our HOMETOWN**
- **Seek out PERSON-TO-PERSON focused MINISTRY**
- **Strive to be COMFORTABLE with SHARING OUR FAITH by answering the question – WHY I AM A CHRISTIAN**

- **Make a SACRIFICIAL FINANCIAL PLEDGE to St. John's**
- **Offer our TIME AND TALENTS with our financial support,**
- **Serve on a PARISH MINISTRY that our talents best support**

Two Sundays ago, August 24, St Paul in his letter to the Romans commended them and us to "...not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect."

The most important part of fulfilling this commitment is our Sunday School Program. It is here that our understanding of God's nature, will, priorities, intention, and saving love grows. Here we can best "renew our minds" and lay a strong foundation for trusting, faithful, and committed Christian living.

So please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 11. This "Welcome Back" Sunday we will welcome everyone to the Sunday School with a breakfast at 9:15am in the Rectory followed by an introduction to the Children's, Young Adult, and Adult Christian formation programs.

Your brother in Christ,

**Jim+**

## Making Disciples

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Rev. Tommy Tipton, our diocesan Canon to the Ordinary, will be with us on Sunday, September 18 while Fr. Jim is away at a Credo Conference in Richmond, Va.



Fr. Tipton may be familiar to some of our congregation who have visited his parish during vacations on Pawley's Island. He will lead this year's first Adult Sunday School gathering at 9:45am prior to the 11:00am celebration of Holy Eucharist.



Please give Tommy a warm St. John's welcome!

### ☐ MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – 9/11/2011

The St. John's Men's Prayer Breakfast may be the longest running continuous event of its kind in the diocese. Join in and continue the tradition. All men and boys are welcome for good food and fellowship. Times: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel; Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please see Ernest Ferguson to sign up to help with this great event.

### ☐ ECW

All women are automatically members of the Episcopal Churchwomen. Please come to the September 11<sup>th</sup> Fall meeting and attend the chapter meeting that is most convenient for you.

Mark your calendar!

† The Fall ECW meeting will be on Sept. 11, 2011 at 3:00 pm in the St. John's Parish Hall. There will be a business meeting, election of officers followed by the annual program.

† We are happy to report that we have only 56 cookbooks left. Be sure to get your copies now! We don't expect these to last very long and we do not plan to reorder. Thanks for your support. We have a total profit of \$2,383.46 at this time. Betty Ann and Nancy

† Bishop Gravatt ECW Chapter will meet on September 12, 2011 at 10:00 am with Gloria Bullard, 209 W. High Street. 803.635.1055

† Bishop Pinckney ECW Chapter will meet on Tuesday September 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the St. John's library. Katie Nicholson is the hostess. For information: 803.337.3231.

### ☐ AROUND THE DIOCESE - CLICK ON THE DATE FOR INFORMATION

**09/10/2011 9:00am - 4:00pm** Daughters of the King Fall Assembly

**09/10/2011 11:30am - 2:00pm** High Tea for York Place

Tea-rrific Event at St. Peter's, Great Falls!

High Tea will be served at St. Peter's, Great Falls, on Saturday, September 10, 11:30 AM for a \$15 donation. All proceeds will go to Taylor Cottage at York Place, The Episcopal Home for Children. St. Peter's is sponsoring the children who live in Taylor Cottage.

**09/18/2011 3:00pm - 4:00pm** Midlands Convocation meeting

**09/24/2011** ECW Regional meeting

**09/26/2011 - 09/28/2011** Fall Clergy Conference

**09/24/2011** ECW Regional meeting

**10/02/2011** UTO Fall Ingathering

**10/08/2011** ECW Regional meeting

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