

PARISH NEWS

Weekly News for the Family and Friends of St. John's Church

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MEMORIALS & PRAYER

ALL MEMORIALS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF ALMIGHTY GOD...

- † **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** – given in thanksgiving for our wedding anniversary by Bob and Lisa Hampton.
- † **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - given to the Glory of God.
- † **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given to the Glory of God.
- † **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring to the Glory of God.
- † **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie...Carol, Jorge, Natallia, Joni & Chelsea, The Baileys, Anne, Fr. Bob, Larry, Sherman
- † **THE MINISTRY OF THE FORT WORTH PREGNANCY CENTER**
- † **THE CHILDREN AND STAFF AT COOK MEDICAL CENTER**
- † **MILITARY SERVICE:** Danushka Fernando
- † **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**
- † **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:** Georgette
- † **FOR PARENTS EXPECTING:** Matthew and Neola Hilliard; Robert and Maris Bosworth.
- † **BIRTHDAYS:** Ben Broadwater, Gerald Gregory, Glenda Ousley (22); Clifford Bronson, Jean Carmena, Harriet McKinney (24); Renee Lavelle (27)
- † **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Bob and Lisa Hampton (23)

Online Giving from Website

STAYING CURRENT WITH YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS NEVER EASIER. Visit our website www.stjohnsfortworth.com and click on the “Give” link on the Front Page and follow a few easy steps. Choose from the calendar the date that you would like your contribution submitted. Select your payment method. Select which fund from the drop-down list. The General Operating Fund is the default. Then, simply tap “Give!” to process your contribution. *Thank you!*

Visitors' Information

Visitor's Card

Help us get to know you! Please fill out a Visitor's Card, located at Pews and place it in the Offering Plate or hand it to one of the clergy.

Hospitality

"Coffee Hour" is after the 9:00 am mass.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are in each pew for your prayer needs. To access the parish prayer chain, email the office@stjohnsfortworth.com or call 817-927-5341.

Counseling Office

Fr. Bob Bosworth, Ph.D. Pastoral Associate is on staff as a licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor for individual, marriage, and family counseling. Hours are Tues and Fri 10am-7pm and Sat 10am-4pm. Appointment required. Call 859-475-4475 or visit: Dr-Bosworth.com

How to Join St. John's?

If you are Anglican or Episcopalian and wish to join St. John's, we will process a letter of transfer. If you are from a denomination, we will let you know when the next Inquirers Class begins. If you are not yet baptized, please see Fr. Klein.

Low-Gluten Hosts

St. John's offers low-gluten (less than 0.01%) communion wafers on request. If you are gluten intolerant, please speak with the clergy.

Our Commitment to Biblical Orthodoxy!

St. John's is a Parish of the Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) and the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. Our Bishop is the Right Reverend Ryan S. Reed, SSC, D.D. St. John's uses the 2019 Book of Common Prayer and the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed for Lunch
12:00—1:30 PM

Worship Times

Sat Vigil: 6:00 pm
Lady Chapel. Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:00, 11:15, Wed Morning: 7:30 am Lady Chapel.

Our Vestry

Sr. Warden - Tom Ward 2025
Jr. Warden - Gerald Gregory 2023
Clerk - Rusty Wood 2023

Vestry Members:

Jacob Belk 2023, Bob Hampton 2024, Don Lange 2024, Jason Merritt 2024, Christina Pavlovsky 2024, Clay Slaughter 2025, Kendall Smith 2025, Patrick Wells 2023, Trish Williamson 2025.

Treasurer

Bob Hampton

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Gerald Gregory
Jason Merritt
Tom Ward

Next Vestry Meeting in Guild Parlor is Tuesday, **AUG 23** at 7:00 PM.

Current Announcements

Receiving the Precious Blood of Christ.

You can receive the Precious Blood of Christ by either intinction or directly from the chalice.

If you want to receive by intinction please keep the sacred host in your open hand and the chalice-bearer will take the host and dip a small portion of it carefully in the Precious Blood and place the host on your tongue.

Of course, you are always invited at anytime to receive just the host.

When at the Altar rail, after receiving the host, cross your arms and the chalice-bearer will move to the next person.

CGS Atriums will open September 11th!

Teen Formation is currently on a break for summer.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin September 21 at 9:30 am.

Choir and Bell Rehearsal:
Rehearsals begin August 18.
Contact Alan Potts for details at 817-675-0346.

Children's Choir Rehearsal:
Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 15, from 5:15—6:00 pm for ages 4-12. Contact Diane Lange for details at 817-908-6010.

GOOD NEWS DAILY

Good News Daily booklets are here! The **AUGUST** edition is available. You may pick up a

copy in the narthex, the chapel entrance, or the office.

ANOINTING IN CHAPEL



We offer the sacrament of healing during the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services. *This is done by one of the*

clergy in the Lady Chapel immediately after you have received Holy Communion. If you desire prayer and anointing, please go into the Chapel.

Listening Groups: AUG 26 - 27.

A Parish Wide letter has been mailed with information about the upcoming **listening groups**. These group meetings are part of the parish process in the calling of a new rector. **The groups will meet on Friday, Aug. 26 and Sat. 27th. Save the date and participate!**

Please note, the **Friday, Aug. 26 10-10:45** time slot is now full.

OPEN DATES AND TIMES:

Friday, Aug 26, 11-11:45 am, (seven slots) 12-12:45 pm, 1-1:45 pm (three slots), 2-2:45 pm (five slots).

Sat, Aug 27, 10-10:45 am (3 slots), 11-11:45 am, 12-12:45 pm (six slots), 1-1:45 pm (four slots), 2-2:45 pm (five slots).

Choir Rehearsal! You for you.

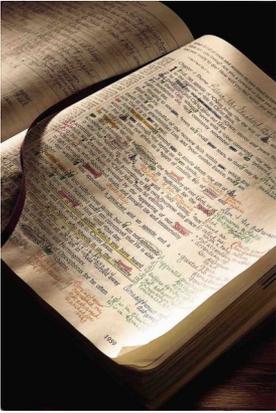
The Bell Choir rehearsals have returned on Thursday, Aug 18th. Bells at 6:00 and choirs at 7:00 pm. *There is always room for you in the choir!* Contact Alan Potts 817-675-0346.

Fall Adult Formation:

First Corinthians, Sept 11-Nov 13

Instructor: Jason Merritt, Ph.D

In the chaos and confusion of our modern world, Christians can find



themselves wishing for the "good old days" of the early church. *But when we read St. Paul's letters, we find that the early church wrestled with the same*

kinds of problems we encounter in the church today: disunity, sexual ethics, rightly ordered worship, and confusion about basic Christian theology.

In this series, we'll work through St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians and see how the Apostle-to-the-world addressed these issues in the ancient church, and we'll learn how we can apply those lessons to our own lives and modern world. Bring your Bible and join us! **Sept 11-Nov 13.**

Outreach Opportunity



**Kairos Prison Ministry
International**

Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos is an ecumenical,

worldwide ministry that brings the love of God in Christ into prisons. This is a hugely important ministry to provide a Christian presence as so many prisons have only Muslim spiritual visitors. If you are interested in this ministry please speak with Fr. Klein.

Fort Worth Pregnancy Center

The Fort Worth Pregnancy Center is currently in need of the following items:

- † Diapers Size 1-6
- † Pull Ups
- † Wipes
- † Nail Clippers
- † Baby Lotion
- † Baby Shampoo/Wash
- † Diaper Cream
- † Gender Neutral bibs, burp cloths, socks infant mittens
- † New Baby Clothes for Baby Gifts (Size Newborn 0-9 months)
- † Gently used maternity and baby/toddler clothes & shoes size NB – 4T (Size 2T-4T most needed)
- † Baby accessories (carriers, bouncers, swings, etc.)

You may deliver your donated items directly to the Fort Worth Pregnancy Center (3221 Cleburne Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76110) or you can bring them here to St. John's, and we will deliver them for you.

How do Anglicans Grow?

As we look to the future of St. John's with God's help several things come to mind. One is maintaining and growing Christ's mission here in Fort Worth. We can't slow down. Tarrant County is growing by leaps and bounds. So many people are moving into our area and many of them do not know Jesus Christ. Many of these folks wonder why it's necessary to be baptized or to receive Holy Communion. Christian fellowship for many today is more like a share time at a local coffee house or restaurant. The very notion of everlasting salvation, that every person needs a savior in God who will intervene in their life, this is strange to so many today. There are many who see Christianity only as a problem or an old fashion interference that is no longer relative. For many, Christian doctrine threatens one's freedom of choice and the freedom to construct a personal "reality." Clearly, our work is cut out for us. But, with God's help nothing is impossible. We need only the courage to apply ourselves.

In these Sunday morning reflections we have been looking at ways our Anglican Christian faith helps us grow deeper in our life with Christ.

Today, we often see churches advertising that they are a "Bible Church." These often are churches that don't have a liturgical history. Today, most Christians do not

receive the Anglican Church as being a "Bible Church." Yet, that's exactly who we are!!

Putting the Bible into the language of the people, and making the Bible accessible to all runs through our ecclesiastical DNA. Today, people who are hungry to learn, mark, and inwardly digest the true Word of God need to look no further than an Anglican Church like St. John's.

Let's consider the Holy Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. The Prayer Book is composed of mostly Bible passages. The Book of Common Prayer is properly referred to "the Bible arranged for worship." As we worship the Holy and Undivided Trinity the language and worldview of the Bible is brought close to our heart to instruct us and inspire us to live the Gospel life. This is one of the main purposes of Prayer Book worship: to hear the Word of God.

Consider the Ordinal in the Prayer Book. (*The Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. BCP 472ff*). In this lovely and ancient service we discover how it describes Anglican pastoral ministry in terms of the Bible. The person being ordained to Holy Orders swears before God and his Bishop that he believes the "*Word of God to contain all things necessary to salvation, and consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto.*"

It further says that *inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit clergy are to diligently read, mark, study and pray the Holy Scriptures. They are to diligently frame and fashion their lives and the lives of their families according to the Doctrine of Christ as delivered in the Holy Scriptures.* Clergy are to be a godly example to the flock of Christ. As they hear and receive the Word of God their words and deeds are to labor for the increase of the Kingdom of God.

The ACNA Catechism, To Be a Christian, has an important section on the Bible. It outlines the basics of how Anglicans are to approach the Bible. Because the Bible is given by God to the Church, and in doing so made the Church the custodian of the treasury of Holy Scripture, the Church must always take the lead in showing ways that are faithful approaches to God and his Word written.

Three important points are true:

1. Seek for the plain meaning. We do this by making use of the best tools and scholarship available that helps us get at the text. Part of this is approaching the Bible as it is: ONE Book. The Old and New Testaments are a unified whole that point to God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ.
2. We must embrace the Bible's entire teaching, and not dissemble it into parts or segregate the "Old" from the "New." Nor are we at liberty to disregard portions that

make no sense to us or that challenge us.

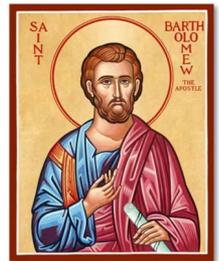
3. The Bible doesn't live in a vacuum. We acknowledge the *timeless character and voice* that comes through the Holy Scriptures. Anglicans have always emphasized the importance of the Church's historic tradition when reading and teaching the Bible. We place great importance on the consensus found in the early *patristic* period. This period of history stretches from around 100 AD (the end of the Apostolic Age) to either 451 AD (with the Council of Chalcedon) or as late as the eighth century (Second Council of Nicaea in 787 AD).

Anglicanism is historic biblical Christianity! AMEN

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle. Wed. Aug 24.

St. Bartholomew is one of the 12 apostles. His name appears in the four lists of the twelve apostles (Matt. 10:2–4, Mk. 3:16–19, Lk. 6:14–16, Acts 1:1–13).

"Apostle" is Greek for "to be sent." The apostles were "sent" by Jesus bearing his mission and sacramental character. God "*desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*" (1 Tim 2:3-4) The Church is apostolic



because she too has been “sent” by God to proclaim to every person his divine revelation and reconciliation in Christ.

This proclamation is perpetuated and advanced in many ways with eucharistic worship as the weekly return to Easter morning!

Anglicanism teaches that the Gospel was handed on in two primary ways:

1. Oral Tradition. This is the apostles handing down, by the spoken word of their preaching, by the examples they lived, by the missions they established, all that they themselves had received, whether it was from the lips of Christ, or from his way of life and his works, or whether they had learned it at the prompting of the Holy Spirit. (Matt 28:20, Jn 15:4 and 17:23)

2. In Writing. This is the New Testament writings. The apostles and other men associated with the apostolic mission who, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, committed the message of salvation to writing.

St. Bartholomew was one such witness of Jesus. This makes him one of the most important and authoritative leaders of the early church.

Though he is not mentioned in the Gospel of John there is a man named Nathanael (who doesn't appear in the synoptic gospels) but appears to be an apostle (Jn 21:1–2), and some traditions

believe Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person. Other scholars disagree on this.

Bartholomew was martyred and there are several traditions surrounding how exactly he died. None of them are good. The most prolific tradition (and this is portrayed in our stained glass window dedicated to St. Bartholomew), is that he was flayed alive and then beheaded, which is why most art portraying him shows him holding or wearing his skin in some way and associates him with a flaying knife.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Holy Land Trip: January 9th-18th, 2023

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus?

To see the world He saw, to be in the

country that Christ was in while he was here among us? Fr. Richard and Margaret will be



leading a tour to the holy land in January and you are invited to be a part of this once in a lifetime experience. You will be amazed at what you will learn and how this trip can grow and change your relationship with Christ.

For more information call Fr. Richard Moseley @ 817-988-1460.

DHC Regional Gathering

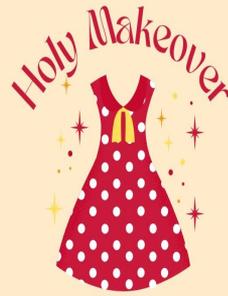
A common theme for all those who stood for Provincial Council this year was the desire to have regional gatherings that would enable women from states in the same area to gather together. The first regional gathering is being held in Dallas, Texas, hosted by the Daughter's chapter at Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral. Anyone is welcome to attend, regardless whether or not you live in Texas! This event is open to all women - we encourage you to invite a friend.

Registration for the Gathering may be done on the Daughters' website. Additionally, we have reserved a block of hotel rooms at The Hyatt Place at a discounted rate. We are looking forward to seeing you in September!

DHC Regional Gathering in Dallas Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral

Friday, September 23, 2022 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Saturday, September 24, 2022 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Registration \$30
www.daughtershc.org



...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12

Text-Giving

Text-giving is extremely easy. Dial the number assigned to St. John's. 1-817-477-6437. Put this number in your address book in your phone. The first time you text this number you will be prompted to visit a secure web address. Once you are registered you will not need to repeat this step with future text-giving. After completing the registration you can make your donation. You will immediately receive a confirmation text showing your donation was successful.