



The Wheel

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The people of St. Catherine's seek to share in the love that Jesus Christ has for us and the world by welcoming, accepting, nurturing, and serving all people through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We Welcome You!

Bishop Alexander's Visit

The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta, will be with us on **Sunday, July 30**. Bishop Alexander will preach and teach in the course of the morning. He will spend time with our clergy and vestry. And, of course, we will mark his visit with hospitality and joy. We will have a lemonade reception after 8:45 service and a full reception after 10:30 service (please consider bringing an cold or hot appetizer).

Habitat Build Begins

Our 2006 Habitat For Humanity house build begins on **August 12** and continues each Saturday through November 4. We are building the house for Mr. Mohammed Bockarie Silla, a single immigrant from the African country of Sierra Leone who works a full time job in Cartersville and a part time job at Bosch Corp. He has had these jobs for a year and for a half year, respectively. He is trying to adopt two nieces and two nephews from Sierra Leone. He is participating in Habitat's Provident Living program and classes to learn about banking and home maintenance.

Your help is needed in this important and fun ministry! Please sign up at the Habitat table in the foyer. We need 40 people each Saturday, to help with construction (you must be at least 16 years old to build). We also need volunteers to bring food for breakfast and lunch on **the first build date** plus two more days.

If you have questions, please contact Tom Snead (building) at 678-795-9508/tom.snead@earthlink.net, or Connie Bergeron (food) at 770-951-1411.



Saturday Evening Service to End



Three years ago as we anticipated the renovation and enlarging of our worship space we made the plans to worship in our Parish Hall. We anticipated that we would be crowded in that space, and it soon was the case. As a way of relieving the crowding we began a 5:30 PM worship service on Saturday evenings. It now seems by all outward appearances that this service has run its course. Therefore, the Liturgy and Music Ministry Team has decided to end the Saturday 5:30 PM service at the end of July. **Our last Saturday service will be July 29th.**

As we make this transition, I want to thank all the various ministries who have faithfully supported this service. Our ushers, altar guild, acolytes, and lay readers have all given their time unselfishly over these past years. In particular I want to thank the Jubilate Choir. During these past three years the Jubilate Choir was formed and has matured in leading the music at this service. Under the leadership of Susan Jablonski and John Schnorf this ministry has faithfully provided music each Saturday evening. And in so doing they have provided the opportunity for many people to share their gifts with this body of Christ. They have also formed a community among themselves that will continue beyond the end of these services. We look forward to finding opportunities throughout the year for this group to bring their blessings to our Sunday morning worship.

Jim †

Elizabeth Inn

**Next Date:
Friday, July 28**

St. Catherine's volunteers staff the Inn and provide dinner for the guests on the 28th of each month. If you would like to help please contact our volunteer coordinators:

Overnight Team: Fred Massey, 404-731-4466, and Carolyn Hilley, 770-973-8636. Dinner Team: Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, and Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609.



Next Baptism

August 6

Please check with the office for more information and to request the customary booklet about Holy Baptism.

A Time to Remember

Amelia's words in the last eWheel newsletter described our trip to Mississippi last week in more profound ways than my words could or will, but I still want to reflect some on the importance of the trip eight individuals made to the storm-ravaged coast of Mississippi.

Sometime during our last night at Camp Coast Care I woke during the night. The kids really didn't want to part from the party atmosphere in the gym as everyone got ready to leave the next morning. It was a bit like the experience of summer camp. Everyone arrives complete strangers on the first day of camp and leaves the last day having made new friendships. And so it took some time to get everyone settled.

When I woke I found myself thinking about the week and the sense of joy I felt in having made the trip. For me it was what the church is really about at its very core: mission. Eight of us had gone to do mission. This mission included sidewalks and ponds, listening to stories, cutting grass, taking out the garbage, and all manner of work. But it was about putting our faith to work. At each day's end our discussion of highs and lows was marked by our sense of doing what God had called us to do.

This is what I like best about St. Catherine's. Over the past years whether inten-

tional or not, we have focused on doing ministry together. We have had a mission focus. The politics of the church swirl around us and, yes, as part of something greater than our own local congregation we engage those politics. But at our heart we have and continue to do ministry together.

I am grateful to be your Rector. This week we begin our ninth year together. It is a time to remember the many things we have accomplished together in the name of God in Jesus Christ. We have each and every one of us been richly blessed. We will hear much about the future of the Anglican Communion over these coming years and I for one will do all in my power to be a force for reconciliation and community. But I will never forget that what we are about is being the hands, feet, eyes, and voice of our Lord in the world. We do it in many ways, but for me last week was what I like to do best: to travel with kids who are willing to engage the world wherever it meets them and in their own way "walk the walk."

I look forward to more late night experiences of celebration as I chase kids to bed and give thanks to God that he has given me such a rich and exciting ministry with you. I hope you feel the same.

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, James, Natalie May, Missy Greene, Curtis Bagby, Betty Boyce, Kristin Blackstock, Joe Hannigan, Ann Fuchs, George Schnorf, Lisa Arnold, Mary Ann Harwell, Betty Thomas, Stephen Lee, Miss Iva, Mary Gober, Darin Richards, Katherine Rader, Sylvia Franks, Jamie Harding, Severine Konkell, Judy Harrison, Logan Parisi, Jim & Olivia Perkins, Marilyn May, Steve Kareken, Carrie LaMorte, Margareta Vranicar, Sallie Sompayrac, Doug Ferguson, Robin Snider, Marie DeLong, Lula, Susan Hall Nix, Ethel Jane Blaske, Sandy, Jennie Costa, for the family of Andres Cardenas, Larry Phillips, Ann Frensley,

MargaretWhite, Anne, Arelene Soper, the Bramlett Family, Norma Alexander, Dick Kareken, Sheri Barletta

Before Surgery

David Shannonhouse, 7/25/06

For the Deceased

Doris Barron, Bill Bowden's godmother; Tommy Overman, Steve & Kitty Diffley's nephew; Andres Cardenas, friend of Bette Hamilton

Special Prayers

Defend all the men and women of our armed forces at home or abroad especially in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait that they will have a sense of

your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Your prayers area asked for those on Rite 13 Beach Trip July 21-23.

Parish Cycle of Prayer (7/30/06)

Jennifer, Michael, Caitlyn & Connor Buckalew; Rick, Tracy, Kate & Clay Buckalew; Susan, Stephanie & Scott Burkholder; Paul & Valerie Buxton; George & Marilyn Cain

(8/6/06)

Jana Caldwell, John Behunin; Lou Cappiello; Doug, Katie, Nicholas, Elizabeth & Timothy Carswell; Joyce Carter; Richard & Linda Carter

Men's Retreat Set

Reserve your space now for this fall, October 13-15 at St. George Island, Florida. A \$100 deposit makes your reservation. Cost per person will be around \$280.00, including lodging in two rented beach homes, 8 meals, transportation and recreational activities. Please sign up on the Volunteer Opportunities in your bulletin, or contact John Barrington or Ellis Kilgore for details.

Outreach collection

This summer we are collecting staple foods, household supplies and new or gently used children's books in support of several local charities/ministries. For a list of items needed, please visit the Outreach table in the church lobby. Please bring your donations to the collection baskets there.

Item List: Flour, Sugar, Corn Meal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cake Mixes, Jello, Juices, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Paper towels, Toilet tissue, Laundry detergent, Dish-washing liquid, General disinfectant, gently used or new children's and youth books

Stewardship and Faithful Mission come together



The Stewardship Committee and *Faithful Mission* team met together for the first time on July 10. We are all excited about the opportunity we have to significantly impact the future of this congregation. Rob Towns spoke to us about the theological underpinning of our work together. All of us are made in God's image and given many gifts for which we are thankful. Rob reminded us that how we give back to God is a measure of our journey towards the God who made us.

Both teams are hard at work planning the fall campaigns. As we experienced during the *Faith Builds!* campaign in fall 2002, this will be a double-ask campaign. Our Stewardship and *Faithful Mission* callers will visit each family in the congregation to give everyone the opportunity to give both to our operating budget and to *Faithful Mission*. These giving opportunities are critical to the continued flourishing of our wonderful ministries such as Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, music ministry, Stephen Ministry, fellowship, Journey to Adulthood youth ministry and so many others. We have a strong case for support of both the operating budget and the *Faithful Mission* campaign which will directly impact our ability to fund our ministries at the level they need and deserve.

We will celebrate a **kick-off of our campaigns on September 16**. Watch for information in the coming weeks about this fun event and sign up early since there will be limited seating. And then come to hear the good news of the powerful ministry we share together in this congregation.

Volunteers Needed

We are recruiting people to help us make the calls on our fellow parishioners. Training will be August 14 and 28 at 6:30 PM (you will need to attend both sessions). Please contact Jennifer Massey at 405-375-8327 or Nelson Gale at 770-953-3407.

"Cats on Wheels"

New name, new activities! The group formerly known as "Seniors on the Go" has been inactive, and we are ready to rev it up. We've decided to go with a new name - just call us "Cats on Wheels"! We want all who qualify for AARP to join us on August 13, 5:30 pm for a covered dish dinner and evening of fun, including playing Bingo with "Master Caller" Dick Kareken in charge. We will talk about what you would like to do, and form a cooperative so that many can be involved in the planning and execution of trips, outings, dinners, movies, etc. Please come and bring your favorite dish, and ideas for future get-togethers.

Call Lucy Hilley, 770/591-3329, or Steve Diffley, 770/977-9482, and let us know that you will be there!

Young Families' Events

**Sunday,
July 30
at East Cobb
Park**



Our ministry for families with young children is having a fun afternoon for the whole family at East Cobb Park on Roswell Road beginning at noon. Everyone is invited! **Please RSVP by July 26 with how many will attend** so we can order enough food. Also, if your last name begins with A-M please bring a side dish to share, and if your last name begins with N-Z please bring a dessert. To RSVP or just for information please contact Lisa Spessard (lspessard@ATyahoo.com) or Jennifer Gale (jennifer-gale@AThotmail.com; 770-579-0657).

Next Adult Gathering

On Sunday, August 27, the adults (only) of the Young Families ministry will be going to MadMad Whirled (on Delk Rd.) to play whirly ball, 7-9 PM. Cost is \$15. Mark your calendar now!

Rally Day/ Ministry Fair



It's coming on August 27! If you lead a committee, ministry team, or other group we encourage you to have a display to share with others about your ministry and recruit new volunteers. The theme for the day is "Spirit Gives Life." Please contact Nancy Denton by August 13 at 770-428-6058 or ndenton3@ataol.com to reserve your space.

Stephen Ministry class forming

Stephen Ministry is now in the process of identifying those who will join the new class of trainees in the fall. Stephen Ministers undertake 50 hours of training to equip them to provide on-on-one, medium to long-term care for people who are dealing with crisis or otherwise difficult time in their lives. If you would like to learn more, check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin, or contact David Moore, Fr. Jim or Sherry.

Spring Pilgrimage to Israel

Our Lenten Pilgrimage: *Seeking Jesus with Heart, Soul, and Mind* is scheduled for March 4 -15, 2007. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$2,699 per person, double occupancy. This cost DOES NOT include airline taxes and fuel surcharges that due to the volatility of the airline business and fuel costs cannot be determined until the time of final ticketing, approximately 30 days before departure. This cost does include all of your air and ground transportation, hotels and all your breakfasts and dinners and some lunches. We have some very nice accommodations booked for the trip and you will eat well.

Israel is a beautiful country that blends the ancient with the modern in often indescribable ways. You cannot go to Israel without encountering the politics of the country in often surprising ways. This is one reason I have insisted on a guide with whom I have experience. He will not be a guide that forces his own political views on the pilgrim nor will he miss an opportunity for you to be aware of what is happening in his beloved country. A Palestinian Christian, I watched George one morning be the only person searched by the guards out of countless people entering our hotel in Jerusalem. When asked about it later, he was both wise and fair in understanding the concerns that come with living together in this fascinating country. Given a perfect opportunity to sermonize, he didn't. He both understood the many dimensions of a complex political situation and was eager for us to understand as well. He will be an excellent guide.

The recent events remind us of the complexities of living together as Israeli and Palestinian. As I said when I returned in December, 2005, I met many people who

all seemed to have the same hopes and desires we have here in East Cobb. They, like us, have a desire to make a living, to educate their children, to leave the world a better place because they were here, and to live peaceably with one another. Like with most world events and through no fault of the press who has to report those events, we hear mostly of the radical. When you go to Israel you leave the country with a completely different view of the complexities that are too often reduced to simple stereotypes.

Jesus, no doubt, lived with those same complexities. Just think of his story of the Good Samaritan. One might imagine that same story told today in the holy land and hear asked the ancient question: *is there such a thing as a good Palestinian?* Traveling in this land gives you new eyes and ears for what Jesus proclaimed by saying that we are called to love God and love our neighbor. Such a learning has much to commend itself to us in the world in which we live today.

I invite you to set aside 11 days in March, 2007 to join your fellow pilgrims as we go in search, not of the historical Jesus although we'll find much about him, but the Jesus who lives among us today and calls us to seek peace and justice among all people and respect the dignity of every human being. I assure you, you will return from the Holy Land changed by the sights and sounds of a land bruised and scarred by battles in the past and, no doubt as recent events prove, for years to come. Nonetheless it is the place where God chose to come in flesh to call us to live together as one people in his name. In what other place could the scandal of the incarnation be any more clear?

You will find registration forms on the information table in the foyer, or call the office and we'll be glad to get one to you. If you have any questions about the trip please contact Father Jim.



Summer Church School

Our class for adults continues each Sunday at 9:40-10:20 AM in the Board Room with our study of the Book of Common Prayer. Please join us, even if you cannot attend every week.

Is EFM for you?

A new EFM class begins in the fall. EFM (Education for Ministry) is a four-year extension course from the University of the South. The class meets one evening a week to study the Bible, church history, and church philosophy. A cost associated with this course. For information please contact Chris or Jan Potter, 770-587-3512 or jcpotter@bellsouth.net.

Water Summer Flowers

We need help this summer watering our flower beds. Please check Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Gail McGill, 770-971-8890/gailmcgill@taol.com.

Dear Saint Catherine's Parish Family:

When our daughter, Catherine, was 10 years old, she was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease, which attacked her kidneys. Catherine has spent the last 9 years trying to save her kidneys through various medical treatments and protocols, doctor visits, and surgeries. She was unsuccessful in gaining any remission from this disease for which there is no cure and is now being treated for End Stage Renal Disease by being on dialysis and has been placed on the transplant waiting list at Emory University Hospital.

Catherine is a sophomore at the University of South Carolina and is trying to keep up with her schoolwork despite her medical restrictions and dialysis treatments. Instead of being able to take advantage of all that a college education can offer, Catherine is sitting in a chair while her blood gets cleaned 3 hours a day, three times a week. She knows how fortunate she is just to be in college and is thankful that dialysis is a treatment that will keep her alive until a kidney is found.

Even so, sometimes Catherine doesn't see her future as all that bright. Being a prisoner to a dialysis chair three times a week while waiting a minimum of three years for a kidney (estimated waiting period while on the deceased donor (UNOS) transplant list), can make even this most optimistic and strong willed of persons want to give up. Therefore Catherine's doctors have recommended and encouraged her to seek a living donor. Living donation is the preferred treatment for Catherine. Organs from a living donor last longer, work quicker, and this type of transplant prevents lengthy dialysis treatments Catherine's immediate family has unfortunately been eliminated as potential donors due to existing medical conditions or incompatible blood type.

We are writing this therefore to educate and inform family, friends, and even perfect strangers about the gift of living organ donation. As a result, we hope to find that special someone who is waiting to be called by God to make this gift of life!

We are asking the Parish to share this information with those you know at your work and schools, or in your neighborhoods and civic clubs. If anyone you know may be interested in becoming a donor for Catherine please have him or her call the Emory donor line at (404) 712-4857 (long distance # is 1-866-727-3250). To be eligible for living donation to Catherine you must have **O TYPE BLOOD**, be **eighteen (18) years or older and have no family history of diabetes**.

Living organ donation is a big decision and this letter is meant to educate and make you aware of this option for our daughter, Catherine. For more information on living organ donation and kidney transplantation please go to the following web sites: www.donatelife.net; www.livingorgandonor.org; www.nkfg.org.

We know you care for our daughter, Catherine, and we ask for your prayers that she will receive a kidney in the shortest possible time.

David and Mary Moore

Diocesan Softball & Family Fun Day

Come cheer for St. Cat's softball team on **Saturday, Aug. 26, at Heritage Park in McDonough.** The Softball Tournament and Family Fun Day will benefit The Grant Park Family Health Center and The Alleluia Fund for Mission. The park has four adult fields, two playgrounds, ample parking, a walking track and a historic village. St. Cat's team will ROCK!

Diocesan Centennial

Corporate sponsorship opportunity — The Centennial Celebration Committee offers promotional/advertisement opportunities for businesses to the Diocese's 55,000 members during the Centennial Celebration year. Multiple events will be held throughout the Diocese, beginning Nov. 2006. Corporate sponsorships are available at several levels and can receive recognition on website, T-shirts, brochures, and/or at events. For complete details visit the Diocese website, episcopalatlanta.org.

Letters

Dear St. Catherine's Family,

Thank you for your loving support during this difficult time. This is such a warm and caring parish. The beautiful flowers are deeply appreciated. My father lived a long and productive life. God showed mercy by relieving him of his great pain and suffering.

I believe God showers us with his love in many ways. By far, it is through the loving gestures His children share with each other that His love is most clearly shown.

*Yours in Christ,
Susan and David Spence*

Dear People of St. Catherine's,

I am once again awed and humbled by the outpouring of love and support you've given me during my most recent illness. Though there aren't words to describe how I feel about my church family, I'll simply say thank you. Thank you Jim and John, Joyce and Jay, Jamie and Sherry, Nancy and Sue, Shelby and Carla, Barb, Bettye, Susan and Bella, and David and Lisa, and all the rest of you who've prayed and cooked and given.

*Love,
Natalie*

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to

April McGill and Alan Studley
married at St. Catherine's on July 21.

Images from the Whiterocks Companion Parish Trip...

Look for more photos in the next eWheel newsletter!



Youth

Send materials, photos, ideas or suggestions for the youth newsletter via email to amelia@stcatherines.org

➤ **August 16**
WNL Back to School Pool Party and Cookout
6:30-9 PM
Location TBA

➤ **August 27**
Rally Day!!!
Come out to the St. Cat's Carnival!

➤ **J2A Leader Training** —
Saturday, August 19, 9 am to 4 pm at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Atlanta. This training is for anyone who is interested in becoming a J2A leader. Contact Amelia for information.

Nantahala River Raft Trip

On July 15, 13 souls tired of the Hotlanta summer ventured up to the Nantahala River gorge in search of a cooling-off experience. And we did get that as we rafted down the Nantahala (the Cherokees called it "Land of the Noon Day Sun"), splashing each other with cold river water, and some of us actually falling into the cold river. We camped out in a beautiful, grassy campground with a mountain stream near the river on Saturday evening and rafted the next morning. Saturday evening at the campground, we had a moving Eucharist service that was put together by Jyll Foy with communion administered by Ray Foy, an ordained minister. Although the next day was hot, we didn't notice because we remained cool via the previously mentioned splashing and unplanned swimming. Participating were Matthew Shannonhouse, Joe Greger, Daniel Sykes, Alex Dillson, Ansley Forsberg, Kyle Lynn, Tom Hunter, the Foy's, the Jablonskis (Susan, Allen, and Austin) and myself. I'll have to admit I was a little sore the next day, but it was definitely worth it, just to see Alex, Kyle, and Tom laughing joyfully as we bounced through the falls at the end, and best of all—still in our boat. We are already planning to do this again next summer and hope others will join us.

Hale Sanders



National Acolyte Festival

Washington DC, October 5-8
For information contact Susan Burkholder.

Pics from July Mission Trip to Camp Coast Care!





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Mark Your Calendars

- 7/21-23 Rite13 Beach trip
- 7/28 Elizabeth Inn
- 7/30 Bishop's visit
- 7/30 Young Families group at East Cobb Park
- 8/1 Ministry Teams mtg.
- 8/2-5 ... New Orleans trip
- 8/6 College freshmen recognized
- 8/7 Golf Tournament w/ Christ Church
- 8/12 Habitat build start
- 8/13 Cats on Wheels dinner

The Wheel

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St. Cat's Carnival is coming!

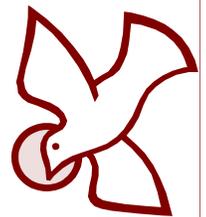
"Spirit Gives Life"

**Sunday August 27
10am - 1pm**

- Rally Day
- Ministry Fair
- Picnic Lunch
- Games, Moon Bounce, Dunk Tank
- Popcorn & Cotton Candy

Bring friends & family! We combine for **one principal worship service this day at 8:45 AM** with a special liturgy to celebrate our life together at St. Catherine's.

Immediately following will be fun, food, and fellowship! The Ministry Fair will be held in the Parish Hall and Men's Ministry will be cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers. The dunk tank will take your contributions for our new partner parish in New Orleans. (Note—7:30 service will be held this day, however no 10:30 service). See you there!



Ministry Teams Meeting

**Tuesday, August 1,
7:00 in the Parish Hall**

This meeting is for all members of Ministry Teams and everyone who is interested to find out more about Ministry Teams. Please join us!



**2006-07
Ministry Directory**

Important! All Ministry Teams and Committees, please send your updates to the Ministry Directory **by August 18** to Karen Manno, karen@stcatherines.org. Please contact her if you would like a copy of last year's entries for your team.