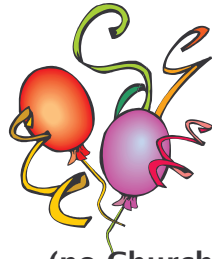




The Wheel

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MINISTRY FAIR!

Sunday, October 1
10 AM

(no Church School this day)

Our Fair is your opportunity to become familiar with all of our many ministries. It's your chance talk to some members of our Ministry Teams, sign up, and just have a good time browsing the many tables. We'll have special treats for kids and youth including INFLATABLES. There will be a flyer in this week's bulletin to ask for a table or to offer your help in set up/clean up.

Calling All People Who Know Good Food...

At the Ministry Fair we'll taste and vote for the two best recipes to represent our parish at the Clergy Cook-off on Oct. 16. Be sure to **bring quarters** to use for voting — no limit on number of votes! Want to submit your favorite recipe for the competition? Whip up a batch and bring it this day... **See details on page 5 inside!**

Perfecting Our Faith Through Giving

Fall Stewardship Program

The theme for this year's Stewardship Program is *Perfecting Our Faith Through Giving*. Christ calls us to serve both by the use of our time and talent and by financial donations to the church. Your prayerful reflection about this is requested.

This fall the annual stewardship giving campaign will involve **Cottage Meetings**. These meetings will occur in parishioner's homes and two will be held at the Church. You should have received an invitation recently. The meetings will be held in parishioner's homes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings from September 29 through November 10. November 13 is Ingathering Sunday. If you did not receive an invitation, or if you need to attend a meeting at a different time, please contact by email Al Jones, 4a1ATbell-south.net or Tom Hunter, thunterATlithonia.com.

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!

WWW Every Week!

Dinner 6-6:45 PM, programs for everyone at 7:00. Please remember to make your dinner reservation by Monday each week. Reservations are held until 6:20, or call to tell us if you'll arrive later (extension 208). If you weren't able to reserve, call to check food availability or come in at 6:20pm.

Faces and Places of Renewal

Our adult program in October will be a reflection of our experiences together and apart during Father Jim's sabbatical. Don't miss the **Post-Sabbatical Dinner**, for all adults on October 15 — see back page!

Nursery Now Open



The nursery is now open for WWW, from 6:45 PM until after the programs end, staffed by Marilyn Whitlow. We encourage parents with young children use the nursery and join the programs. Before the end of the year, we will evaluate usage to determine if we continue having it in 2006. As always we are open for parent volunteers.

Cooking Help Needed

We need your help until we hire a new cook for WWW meals. If you can help Tuesday evenings for initial preparation or come Wednesday afternoons to help cook and set-up please contact the church office.

Perfecting Our Faith through Giving

Just a note of caution

We have had occasional problems over the years with money being taken from the church building, and just want to remind you not to leave purses, wallets or other valuables unattended when you are attending a service or a meeting at the church. It does happen but not often, thankfully.

Faith is a personal response in genuine gratitude to the grace of God. It is a relationship of trust, loyalty, gratitude, and affection. And the more Joan and I intentionally look at the abundance in our life the more our faith is perfected. Each year as we receive our pledge card we do two things. First, we take stock of our life. How is God a part of our lives and for what are we grateful? We believe that all that we are and all that we have comes from God, but that belief requires us to look at our lives, individually and together, with intentionality. Second, we decide how we will give sacrificially to God's work through this community of faith. Neither of us will ever achieve a perfect faith! We do know, however, that we can continue to perfect our faith through a genuine gratitude to God embodied in giving to the church.

This community of faith shares in a life of abundance. Our staff and their work, our educational programs, our liturgy and music, our fellowship opportunities, and our generous outreach programs each represent abundance given by God. However, this abundance does not exempt

us from very real challenges in 2006. If we fail to face these challenges with a significantly increased level of giving then we will be faced with decisions that will change our community in ways that none of us will appreciate. These challenges are outlined in the Stewardship brochure that you will be given along with your pledge card at our Cottage Meetings. When you receive your invitation to the Cottage Meeting in the next few days I pray that you will respond with the kind of commitment that characterizes the ministries of this congregation. I ask that you take the time to attend the meeting, engage the conversation, read and discuss the case statement with one another.

I ask you to give sacrificially to St. Catherine's out of a deep gratitude for this community of faith and its impact on its people, the community, the nation and the world. Rather than asking you to give until it hurts, I ask that you give out of a genuine gratitude to the grace of God as manifested through the people of this congregation.

Faithfully,



Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, James, Lisa Arnold, Natalie May, Elaine York, Julius, Scott Buxton, Alex Parisi, Lori Matteson, Curtis Bagby, Ruby Haney, Cecil Selby, Kathy Dove, Charlie Thompson, Lori Gaddy & her family, Ron Davidson, Bob Bibbings, Herb, Cynthia Saper, Elaine Krupp, Velma Kutzbach, Shirley Childs, Karen Ann Mosso, Jean Hampton, Martha Lam, Beth Knight, Carroll Mitchell, Chuck Ivey, Jewel Johnson, & Mike Boyd.

For the Deceased

Ethyl Blow, Mikel Parker's great aunt.

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.

For the birth of James Reed Williams to Lydia & Russ Williams on September 16, 2005.

For the birth of Victoria Elizabeth Frank, new sister to Paige & Brinson. Parents are David & Natalie Frank and grandparents are Tom & Marilyn Hunter.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY KRISTINA: God of mercy and compassion, be in our midst

and bind us together in your Spirit as a community of love and service to bear one another's burdens in these days as we face the ravages of storm and sea. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord from whom alone comes our hope. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(10/2/05) Steven, Valerie & Gabriella Gosnell; Donna Green, Angela Giles; Jim & Bobby Greene; Ron, Susan & Joe Greger; Deborah Guy

(10/9/05) Bette Hamilton; Jamie & Bill Harding; Greg, Julie, Kate & Jennifer Hardage; Bettye Harris; Judy Harrison

Next Baptisms

September 25
November 6

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

Habitat Build

Our Habitat for Humanity home building project this year will continue each Saturday through Dec. 10 (not including the Saturday after Thanksgiving). We need a total of 40 people on each Saturday, rain or shine, to help with construction. We also need volunteers to bring food to the site on four Saturdays for breakfast and lunch. Please sign up at the Habitat table in the foyer. If you have questions, please contact Tom Snead (building) at 678-795-9508 or Connie Bergeron (food) at 770-951-1411.



Position Open

To feed friendly, appreciative families at a community church... great hours and great people! We are hiring a **part-time cook** to prepare our WWW meals (Wednesday evening) each week. This person must have their own transportation and provide references. If someone you know is interested please contact Ginney Linstrom in the church office, 770-971-2839.

What are Ministry Teams?

If you are not already involved in a Ministry Team you may not really know what it is, how it functions or the teams' responsibilities. At St. Catherine's we have six Ministry teams. Each team has a mission statement and a leader that is known as the Convener. The activities of each Ministry team have a different focus such as fellowship within the church or outreach activities, as two examples. Together the six teams serve to oversee the existing ministries of our parish and explore new ministry opportunities. Each team is made up of many parishioners with a variety of interests. Most teams meet monthly or bi-monthly and also attend a quarterly Ministry Team meeting.

Why join a Ministry Team? This is a way to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ, share in fellowship with other parishioners, be a good steward of your time and meet a lot of wonderful people. We hope that you will consider joining us and sharing your talents. For more information please call Barbara Perry, Senior Warden, 770-565-3514.

The Rt. Rev. Mokiwa visits St. Catherine's

The Rt. Rev. Valentine Mokiwa, the Bishop of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, is the youngest bishop in the Anglican Communion and a member of the Pan-African Anglican Conference. Bishop Mokiwa is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and has spoken in several dioceses throughout the U.S.

Bishop Mokiwa has graciously agreed to come to St. Catherine's on **Sunday, Oct. 16** as part of his trip to the US, to share his experiences and his ministries with African Christianity. Bishop Mokiwa will preach at both services, teach, and spend time educating us on God's work in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. We hope he will be able to share fellowship with us at the congregational dinner Saturday night and visit with our Preschool, Vestry and our Wednesday Night Live youth. This will be a great opportunity to experience the diversity of culture that exists within our Anglican community. Watch for details in upcoming

Fall Planting Party & Picnic



**Saturday, October 22
9:00 AM 'til Noon**

Y'all come! Put on your jeans, bring your gardening tools and come play in the dirt as we decorate the church gardens for autumn and winter. We'll then enjoy a well-deserved picnic lunch.

Things we need: For a kaleidoscope of color, **flats** of "Colossus Pansy Mix" (the mixture of deep yellows, purples, reds, etc.) and ornamental kale are needed, as well as **bags** of gardening soil. We also need **tools** like clippers, bushwhackers and electric hedgers to trim the bushes along the visitors' parking and wooded areas. **Wheel barrows** are needed to mulch the slope around the playground. Contact Gail McGill (770) 971-8890 if you have questions.

parish emails and editions of *The Wheel*.

Bishop Mokiwa is coming to the States to begin setting up a formal diocesan companion relationship with the Diocese of Arizona. This is a followup to a visit in early 2005, when he met with officials at the national office of the Episcopal Church, along with Bishops and church members in various dioceses. Our own Bishop Alexander visited with Bishop Mokiwa this summer on his way to the Diocese of Central Tanganyika.

The Diocese of Dar es Salaam is a diocese in the Anglican Church of Tanzania. The Universities Mission to Central Africa and the Church Missionary Society began work in 1864 and 1878 at Mpwapwa. The Province was inaugurated in 1970 following the division of the Province of East Africa. The nineteen dioceses represent both evangelical and Anglo-Catholic Churches.



Mystery Dinner Theater At St. James'

St. James' ECW with the Polk Street Players presents a Mystery Dinner Theatre "Celebrity Celebrations" October 28-29 at 7:00 PM in the St. James' Parish Hall, 161 Church Street, Marietta. This exciting event replaces the Tour of Homes as the St. James' ECW's major fundraiser of the year, benefiting Outreach projects. Tickets are \$50 per person, reservations are required. Contact the church or go to www.stjamesmarietta.com.

Faith's Craft Shoppe

November 12-13 at Faith Lutheran Church — Free parking and admission, on Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. Annual Holiday Craft Sale on Saturday, Nov. 12, 9-5, and Sunday, Nov. 13, 1-5. Over 25 vendors will sell a wide variety of hand-crafted items in a spacious indoor facility. Details and a map on the Web at faithcraftshoppe.ATtripod.com.

Children's Solemn Communion



This fall many of our children prepared for Solemn Communion. Episcopalians are welcome to receive communion from the moment of Baptism and many of these children have long been taking communion, so the logical question is: why would we prepare them for it now?

Now, between first and fifth grade, something is happening in their moral development. When they come to the rail as little ones, they come with the understanding that Jesus is feeding them in a special way. This is enough and it is appropriate. Little children are invited into relationship with God at the level of joy, protection, and unconditional love. Communion is part of that. As adults, we approach the rail differently. We are aware of the actions that we have done throughout the week that have separated us from God and our neighbor and before we go to the rail we make our confession of sin and are given forgiveness. We approach the table with things made right and we take comfort in the fact that we are forgiven and we are fed.

Between those two stages, early childhood and adulthood, something happens: the conscience is born. The Holy Spirit begins to speak to the child about right and wrong, internally, in a language not of words, but of feelings. And when the child does something wrong, even if no one witnesses it, even if they will never be found out, they know that they have turned away from God. The Holy Spirit tells them so. Before the age of six this does not happen without external assistance. But soon after this age the child becomes spontaneously aware of what we call sin. They feel a new thing: guilt. And, even if it is never given a name, they are aware of it. It is uncomfortable and it makes the child feel apart from God for the first time.

All of this occurs without the prompting of an adult. Even in a family where sin and guilt have never been mentioned, the conscience is very much awake and functioning and the child feels the weight of things done and things left undone. And this is where the preparation for Solemn Communion comes in. It is as much a preparation for reconciling with God as it is anything. It is a means to maintain the relationship between God and the child as one of love. And now new elements are added, those of reconciliation, forgiveness, and celebration of that return to God.

The children have heard parables that reassured them of Jesus' desire to be in relationship with them—abide in me—they have heard about blocks that make it difficult for us to abide in Him, and they have talked about searching them out and asking God to take these blocks away. They have heard the parable of the Prodigal Son (what we call the Forgiving Father in Catechesis) and quickly understood that it is God's welcoming them back with open arms. And last, they heard about the faith of the Centurion who said that if Jesus said the servant was healed, then he was healed indeed. These words that Jesus spoke guide the child through the process of returning to the Father without fear or lingering doubt. They know that they are forgiven and that they can continue in relationship with the Father just as before.

In preparing for Solemn Communion the children have reaffirmed their baptismal covenant, they have gotten to know Father Jim and Sherry, they have had the Rite of Reconciliation, and in celebration of all of this they will make a Solemn Communion with a new understanding of God's love for them.

Flu shots this year

Flu shots will again be given at church this fall to persons 18 and over who would like one. Price and dates will be announced soon. Medicare will be accepted. This is a easy way to get your shot, so watch for signups at church.

Blood Drive

Monday, Oct. 24

Watch for signup sheets at church.



Stewardship Humor

"Is this Rev. Schmitt?" the voice on the telephone asked.

"It is."

"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"

"I'll try."

"Do you know a David Anderson?"

"I do."

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is."

"Did he donate \$10,000?"

"He will."

Calling all Gourmets, Chefs, and People who know good food...



Dust off your favorite recipe, whip up a batch, and win an opportunity to have it be *your* specialty that Fr. Jim or Sherry takes to the Church Cook-off (on Sunday, October 16, at St. James' Episcopal to benefit The Extension)! Here's how it works:

1. Sign up in your bulletin to participate, or e-mail Nadine Pope at ronaza@mindspring.com.
2. On Sunday, October 2, bring your prepared recipe to church, to be served at the Ministry Fair (between the 8:45

and 11:15 services).

3. The congregation will vote for their favorite recipes using quarters (there is no limit as to how many times you can vote!).
4. The two recipes with the most "votes" win and those recipes will become Fr. Jim's and Sherry's entries in the Church Cook-off on October 16. Members of the Outreach Committee will prepare the winning recipes to take to the cook-off.

Some important tidbits to note while deciding what recipe(s) you'll prepare:

- You may prepare an entrée, salad or dessert
- Prepare food that is easily served in tablespoon-size servings. A chafing dish is the only permissible source for heating.

Hurricane relief Our involvement continues

Many thanks to everyone who has brought and continues to bring food, toiletries, boxes and other items for distribution to Katrina victims, who have assisted in transporting those items, and who have donated through Episcopal Relief and Development. Our plan is to provide long-term support to those who have come to our community, knowing that this will be a long term commitment.

- St. Catherine's is a drop-off site for food for M.U.S.T.
- We will collect food and other items every week on the following schedule:
 - 1st Sundays (Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5): Non-perishable food items
 - 2nd Sundays (Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec 11): Baby supplies
 - 3rd Sunday (Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18): Toiletries
 - 4th & 5th Sundays (Sept. 25, Oct. 23 & 30, Nov. 27, Dec. 25) Linens & pillows, new and gently used.
- There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Catherine's on Monday, October 24.
- We are investigating the possibility of joining with other churches in our convocation to "adopt" a family, assisting and providing them with all they need to re-settle here in Cobb County.
- We are interested in partnering with a parish in the Katrina affected area and assisting in whatever ways we can, which may include rebuilding.
- A very comprehensive booklet of service providers and resources as well as needs can be found at <http://cobbcollaborative.org/hurricane%20resources.asp>

There are and will continue to be many opportunities to help, and the Outreach Committee is in the process of forming a task force to coordinate our activities and involvement. If you are interested in participating in any way with Katrina relief and assistance efforts, please let us know by noting it in the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or by contacting Nadine Pope at ronazaATmindspring.com

Lists of baby supplies and toiletries are at the Outreach table in the narthex and will be in your bulletin each week.

- Monday morning at 9:30 AM is when the delivery of ingathered items begins

Memorial Service

Saturday, Nov. 6
6 PM

Our semi-annual Memorial Service will be held to celebrate the lives of those we have lost since our spring observance. We welcome everyone to join us. Forms will be sent soon— if you have someone you would like to add to this remembrance please contact the church office. Forms are due back to Karen Manno by Oct. 21.



Talent Show Returns

January 28, 2006

Brush up on your acting, singing, instrument, poetry, etc. and be prepared to let your light shine for the benefit of MUST Ministries. We're bringing back this St. Catherine's tradition.

We need a team of organizers to make it all happen. If you're interested in helping please contact Father Jim.

Vestry receives Capital Gifts Feasibility Study

The Vestry has received the report from Sinclair Townes and Co. on the feasibility study for the capital gifts campaign. We thank you for your participation and heard what you said.

We have decided to delay the capital gifts campaign until next year. Many of you stated that starting a new campaign this year was too soon because you had not finished paying your pledge for *Faith Builds!* We also heard from our Finance Committee Chairman, Mikel Parker, and our Treasurer, Chuck Zimmerman, that the outstanding contributions to *Faith Builds!* along with money budgeted in our

Operating Budget in 2006 should cover our annual debt obligations next year. Our construction loan will convert on May 1, 2006 to a mortgage.

There will be a Capital Gifts Campaign in 2006. The money is needed to meet our debt obligations during fiscal year 2007 and beyond. It is needed as well to free up Operating Budget funds for mission and ministry. You will be hearing more about this in the first quarter of 2006. As a Vestry, we invite your questions and comments as we proceed to finalize plans for this important campaign.

Letters

From: zach hurley
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2005
To: fatherjim@stcatherines.org
Subject: straight up kiwi

Kiora Padre! Well, I made it to New Zealand, and am having a great time. The group I am with is called Youth With A Mission (YWAM) and is an amazing organization, the more that I find out about, the more it amazes me. Anyways, my DTS (Discipleship Training School), consists of thirteen people from all over the world, we have kids from Germany, New Zealand, the US, New Caledonia, Samoa, and Canada. The spiritual journey I have begun is without question the most intense, yet satisfying trip I have ever taken. I have never been this close to the Lord, or focused so intently on hearing Him speak. I can't even begin to describe the changes that have taken place within me and this group, if I could compare it to something, it would be a 6 month Happening. It has the same effect, and same element of surprise as anything from Camp Mikell, just on an international level! crazy stuff...We're coming to the end of our first week of lectures tomorrow, and I am exhausted! Our days run something like this: 7-7:30AM breaky breakfast 8-9:00 AM offerings 9-12:30PM lectures 12:30-1:30 yum yums 1:30-2:00 work duties (cleaning chores around base) 2:00-5:30 journal time/ work around base/laundry/

Has Squeezing the Toothpaste from the middle doused the flames of romance in your marriage?



An Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the sparks you felt on your wedding day! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones - and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference an Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The next weekend is October 21-23, at Amberly Suites, in NE Atlanta . Registration is limited so a quick response is encouraged. For more information or to register, please contact: Ron & Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, atlantaeme@earthlink.net or go to: www.stcatherines.org/atlantaeme.

hw/freetime 5:30-6:30 din din! 7-9:30 evening lectures then we're done for the day lol...it's overall an awesome experience! Hope you're holdin down the fort at St. Cats! Tell everyone I said hey!

God's peace,
Zach Hurley

Youth

Check the Youth page of the church website often for news!

Send materials, photos, ideas or suggestions for the youth newsletter via email to stcatsyouths@bellsouth.net.

RITE-13 Parent Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 2

There will be an important meeting for all parents of Rite 13 youth on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 4 PM.

➤ For all Youth —

WNL Every Wednesday!! See you then!!

Here are some of our topics & movies coming soon —

- "Have you ever regretted doing the right thing?" *Brokedown Palace*
- "Do you use your words to help or hurt?" *As Good as It Gets*
- "Are you achieving your goals in life?" *Girl, Interrupted*
- Visit with Bishop Mokiwa
- "Do you see dead people?" *Sixth Sense*

➤ **DON'T FORGET**— If you want to eat dinner, take advantage now of our pay-ahead discount plan and take care of your whole semester's WNL meals. Bring your completed forms with the check to church ASAP!



Pilgrimage Dinner & Slide Show

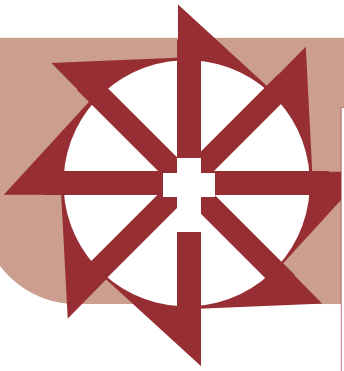
Sat., October 1, 7 to 9 PM

Come one, come all — Everyone is invited!

The J2A Pilgrims and leaders who traveled to Scotland this past summer will present a slide show and their reflections on the Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 1, at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

We ask everyone to bring a dish to share.





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Mark Your Calendars

- 9/25.... Newcomer Coffee;
Acolyte Bake Sale;
Stewardship Team
dinner
- 9/28.... Elizabeth Inn; WWW
- 9/29-10/2... Cursillo weekend
- 10/1.... Blessing of the
Animals, Pilgrimage
Banquet
- 10/2.... Ministry Fair, Rite 13
Parent meeting
- 10/3.... Men's book study
- 10/8.... Catechesis Kids'
Retreat
- 10/9.... Children's Solemn
Communion

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**Blessing of
the Animals
Service**



**Saturday, Oct. 2
10:00 AM**

Bring your pet for a service under the Big Oak Tree. This day commemorates St. Francis of Assisi, who renounced his place in a wealthy family and dedicated his life to peace, caring for the poor, and teaching respect for all God's creatures. St. Francis had a special affinity for animals. He reminds us of the importance of our relationships with all of God's creation.

Please join us for a blessing and refreshments. Remember to bring your pet leashed or caged as appropriate.



**Pilgrimage Dinner
& Slide Show**

Sat., October 1, 7 to 9 PM

**Everyone is invited!
See page 7!**

**Post Sabbatical
Dinner**

***Where in the World WAS Father Jim,
And What Do We Do Now?***

Saturday, Oct. 15, is the date for a post-sabbatical dinner where the parish will get a briefing from Father Jim (and others) about the sabbatical's significance and what may lie ahead for St. Catherine's. This is an adult evening and no nursery will be provided

There is no charge for the event; however, you must have a ticket to be admitted. Sign-ups have begun and will continue for the next two weeks or *until the 104 spots are taken*. The evening promises delicious food—with a hint of France and Costa Rica—great fellowship, photography and interesting tales, as well as a look at how we as parish can use the lessons learned from the sabbatical in our ongoing ministries.

When: Saturday, October 15, 7:00 PM

Where: Parish Hall

Who: Adults

Cost: No charge, ticket required. Seating limited. Sign up at church services.