

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!

*The People, Vestry and Clergy of
St. Catherine's Episcopal Church*

invite you to the

Dedication and Consecration of Our New Church

***Sunday, November 21, 2004
at four o'clock in the afternoon***

***The Right Reverend J. Neil Alexander
The Bishop of Atlanta Presiding***

Your Prayers and Presence are Requested

We are fully persuaded that in all things God works for good among those who love him and are called according to his purpose. (ROMANS 8:28)

A RECEPTION FOLLOWS

Vestry Nominations Due

Nominations are open through this **Sunday, Nov. 21**. Please prayerfully consider people who you believe can contribute to the church in a leadership role (including yourself). Contact the individuals and ask for their permission to be nominated for this very important and rewarding service to our parish. Vestry members are elected for three-year terms. Nomination forms and lists of eligible members are available at church, or contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Jim Greene, Ellis Kilgore, Natalie Whitlow and Mel Paris. Vestry elections will be held the weekend of December 11-12.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. Have a safe and blessed holiday!

Communion Wine Needed



We are getting low on our supply of communion wine. If you would like to

help by donating some wine, you may leave it in the church office. We use Taylor Tawny Port, either size bottle. Please leave a note if you are donating in memory of, or in thanksgiving for someone. Thanks so much.

Next Baptism:

JANUARY 9

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

Your first love

I recently revisited my old friend, "The Sacred Journey" by Frederick Buechner and read a passage which made me wonder: I wonder if this is how God feels about us?

Peace,

Sherry+

Buechner writes,

Like all children I had been brought up primarily on the receiving end of love. My parents loved me, my grandparents, a handful of others maybe, and I had accepted their love the way a child does, as part of the givenness of things, and responded to it the way a cat purrs when you pat it. But now for the first time I was myself the source and giver of a love so full to overflowing that I could not possibly have expressed it to that girl whose mouth turned up at the corners even if I had had the courage to try. And let anyone who dismisses such feelings as puppy love, silly love, be set straight because I suspect that rarely if ever again in our lives does Eros touch us in such a distilled and potent form as when we are children and have so little else in our hearts to dilute it. I loved her more than I knew how to say even to myself. Whether in any way she loved me in return, I neither knew nor as far as I can remember, was even especially concerned to find out. Just to love her was all that I asked. Eros itself, even tinged with the sadness of knowing that I could never fully find on earth or sea whatever it was that I longed for, was gift enough.

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Mary Koenig, Arlene Brooks, Tom Snook, James, Dawn Houston, Lisa Arnold, Missi Driussi, Mit FitzSimons, Julie Heath, Barbara Perry, Caleb Hall, Daniel Hournigan, Virginia Tugwell, Jan Iturigga, Carole R., Evan Cocomonoleo, Howard Simmons, Mary Ellen Simmons, Chris Baker, Margaret White, Jean Pitts, Cheryl Biggers, Bob Wilkinson, Stacey Bailey & twins, Travis Rader, Robert Smith, Nancy Stokes, Eileen Motter, Stan Dickson, Suzette Moran, Susan Roberts, Peter Rowland, Scott Brown, Wesley Boutilier,

Lindy Harrison, Lou Cappiello, John Ringo, Mary Lamm, Tefta Karapantso, David Anderson, Aaron Johnson, Jeanette Lawson, Terry Adams

Deceased

Evelyn Alcock, Sharon Parisi's aunt; Alice Williamson, friend of Arlyn Cook; Jan Tunget, friend of Jim Waddell

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 All Saints' Church in Florence, South Carolina.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(11/28/04)

John & Catherine Kenney; Kevin, Christina, Michael & Justin Kerr; Chris, Rebecca, Trevor & Robin Kiefer, Justin Baker; Cary Kilgore; Ellis, Claudia, Catie & Kelley Kilgore

(12/5/04)

Vonda & Elijah Klein; Carl, Vicki, Shannon, Samantha & Jonathan Knill; Richard, Mary, Kurt & Karl Koenig; Steve, Missy, Jennifer & Will Korwan; Hans, Karen, Josh & Monica Kraeger

Thanksgiving Centerpieces

Order pickup:
Tuesday, Nov. 23



Preschool Auction Success

Thank you to everyone who bid on items in the Preschool's Silent Auction. We raised a fantastic \$8,600 which will benefit the playgrounds at St. Catherine's. We hope you got a great deal!

Breakfast Angels Sighted Near St. Cat's!

Angels will begin serving breakfast on Sunday mornings after the 7:30 service until 8:45 **beginning on Sunday, November 28!** For a nominal fee, come to the parish hall and enjoy a hot homemade breakfast and the camaraderie of some good friends. If you're interested in learning more about the Breakfast Angels, contact Margaret Shaw or Jerome Laux.



Stewardship and Financial Update

We thank everyone who offered their commitment of time, talent and treasure on our Stewardship Ingathering Sunday. As of press time (Nov. 18) we have received **61 pledges** totaling \$219,238. In 2004 we had **183 pledges** totaling \$530,831, so you can see we have a way to go.

We count on you to make a written commitment to St. Catherine's in order to prepare a budget for 2005. The Vestry is committed to a balanced budget based on your commitments to give. While all gifts are received with thanksgiving and praise, it is primarily those committed on the pledge card that make up our budget. If you haven't made a written commitment to the church in years past we invite you to consider doing so this year.

The Finance team recently completed a broad-based review of our financial picture as we come to the end of construction. Completed by Jill Mutimer of Strategic Con-

sulting Group, our financial consultant on the project, she said this about St. Catherine's and our financial picture: *Sound fiscal management exists in that timely decisions have been made about expenditures when negative changes have posted on the revenue side. But she also sounded a note of caution to the team as she observed: Operating revenue and operating debt allocations have not grown as projected. The resulting total revenue mix since the start of the campaign is indicative of a congregation whose full focus is on the building campaign. The ministry needs to do a better job of communicating its ongoing needs while in the midst of building pledge campaigns.*

St. Catherine's has been and continues to be responsible in our fiscal management. The next few years will be critical as we both manage our projected debt load and the growth of our ministries. There is no question that we have the leadership to accomplish such work. What we most need now is your support: your time, talent, and your treasure for the work that God has given us to do in the place. Won't you fill out that pledge card now and bring it to worship services this weekend? Thank you.

Faith Builds! Report

Thanks be to God for the success of our renovation project as construction nears completion! We've added more seats, there's one for you, and opportunities to participate in this amazing project are still available. Our original *Faith Builds!* Campaign to fund the renovation of our Church home and office space began in 2001 and will end in April 2006. Since we are a little more than halfway through the campaign and we are now enjoying our truly glorious worship and fellowship spaces, it is a good time for a financial update.

The original amount of pledges received for *Faith Builds!* was \$1,542,773. As of June 30, 2004, we had received \$860,630! This fabulous result is due to the generosity of so many people connected to St. Catherine's! Within our church family, many pledges have been fulfilled, some have been surpassed, and many are making great strides to completion. We have also received contributions from others who did not make pledges. We thankfully accept these gracious gifts which made the project and the Campaign a reality.

Our original *Faith Builds!* Campaign has been a great success so far and the anticipation is for it to continue on this strong path. By April 2006, we need to receive approximately \$682,200 to fulfill the original *Faith Builds!* pledge amount. Some of the original campaign pledges will not be fulfilled because some members have left our Parish since the campaign began.

My hope is that new and current St. Catherine's family members who have not made pledges to *Faith Builds!* will provide new pledges to help us reach our goal. If anyone is interested in establishing a financial pledge or renewing a financial pledge in support of the Campaign, please contact me (678-355-1225) or pick up a brochure at church for information about donation options. We will gladly accept pledges for any amount. Opportunities for donating toward specific items for our new facility are available. A Thanksgiving Gift Program list may be acquired at the Church. Thank you again for your support of St. Catherine's through the *Faith Builds!* Campaign!

Sincerely,
Meg Ramsay, *Faith Builds!* Treasurer

St. Catherine's Christmas Ornament

On sale this Sunday!

Custom made brass ornaments with a picture of our new church on them will be for sale this Sunday, Nov. 21, after each service and during the dedication reception on Sunday evening. Cost is \$15 each. A fabulous addition to your Christmas tree and a great gift idea for your family members. Any questions, contact Maureen Donoghue, 770-973-9776.

Advent Quiet Day At St. Bede's

Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 AM to 2 PM

Guided by the Rev. Lynnsay Buehler at the Julian of Norwich Center, St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2601 Henderson Mill Rd. in Atlanta. Cost is \$20, childcare and lunch provided. Please call Lynnsay at 770-938-9797 ext. 27 by Dec. 2 to register for the day and to request childcare.

St. Nicholas Celebration



Sunday December 5

<i>St. Nicholas Breakfast</i>	<i>Family Eucharist</i>
<i>Surprises for everyone during the Church School Hour</i>	
<i>Crafts</i>	<i>Story Telling by Mary Felts</i>
<i>A visit from St. Nicholas</i>	<i>Festive Lunch</i>

Mark your calendar for a morning of fun, good works, and fellowship! Activities will take place from 8:15 AM until lunchtime.

In the spirit of St. Nicholas we will be having a one-day ingathering for MUST Ministries right before lunch on the 5th. Please bring **blankets and men's coats, gloves, and hats** to the Parish Hall. MUST has a particular need for these items during the winter months.

WWW Returns!

Dinner 6 PM, Program 7 PM

Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays return weekly **beginning December 1**. Marsha Williams has agreed to return as our principal cook and we will be working with her to plan meals that will serve the entire family including salad bar and special kid's meals. Our programs will focus on children, youth and adults.

The adults will engage our preparation for Advent and Christmas through a program called "Unplug the Christmas Machine." The book answers the questions we most often hear about Christmas, such as: *How can I reduce the stresses of preparing for Christmas? How can I make our celebration more spiritual and less materialistic? How can I help my children see that Christmas is more than just presents?* We will explore realistic and achievable ways of disentangling ourselves from the media and commercial hype of the holidays.

Our children will have the opportunity to work in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atriiums. Invite your children to wonder about the world and the coming of Jesus as they prepare for the celebration of his birth.

Our weekly Youth Meetings will continue under the leadership of our Youth Director, Brian West. Come each week for a little music, a lot of conversation and an opportunity to explore your faith during this season of waiting, watching, and hoping.

The Giving Tree

Coming November 27

Come and select one or more ornaments from the Giving Tree and be a part of bringing joy to the many children St. Catherine's supports each Christmas season.

Some ornaments have a sock attached! This year we have committed to filling 100 socks for the Emmaus House Christmas party. St. Catherine's played a major role in serving 680 children last year. This will be our third year supporting this event.

We will also be providing gifts for children who have a parent in prison, through Angel Tree, a ministry of Prison Fellowship. The Giving Tree will be decorated with ornaments, and we invite you to take one (or more if you'd like!) and follow the easy

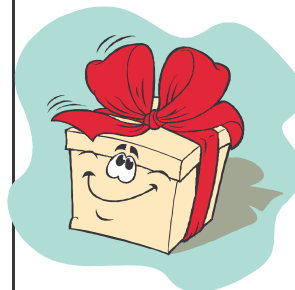
directions provided.

We ask that you **return all socks and gifts by Sunday, December 12** for delivery.

Any questions? Please contact Paige Schlenker

770-993-4507, psaskins AT bellsouth.net or Nadine Pope at 770-973-9057, ronaza AT mindspring.com.

Your Outreach committee thanks you for your support!



GOBBLE JOG!



Work up a good appetite for a great cause on

Thanksgiving morning, with the second annual Gobble Jog at the Marietta Square to benefit MUST Ministries. The event will feature a 5k run (8:45 AM), 1 mile run (8:30 AM), and Tot Trot for kids 5 and under. Members of St. Cat's will be participating as volunteers and walkers/runners. You can even be done in time to get to 10:30 Thanksgiving worship at St. Catherine's! Get full details at www.gobblejog.org.

Advent Reflections Coming

Thank you to everyone who responded so promptly to the request for contributions to our annual Advent Reflections booklet. You may pick up your copy in the narthex beginning with the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 28). And, daily during Advent and Christmas — be sure to **read your Reflection of the Day online** at www.stcatherines.org!

Advent Lessons & Carols



Sunday, Dec. 5 — Come with us to Sewanee!

This is our second annual trip to the University of the South to attend this special choral service of Lessons and Carols by the University Choir in the beautiful All Saints' Chapel. We will depart following the 11:15 service and take a deluxe motorcoach (yes, with bathrooms) to Sewanee, TN, to attend the 5:00 PM service.

Cost for the bus ride is \$20 and the

service itself is free. Please bring a sack lunch for the ride up (we'll provide drinks) and money for dinner. We'll dine at McClurg Dining Hall as we did last year following the service. Approximate return time is 10:00 PM. **Seating is limited so get your reservation in ASAP!** Please sign up on your bulletin and return reservations with payment. It promises to be a trip of wonderful music and fellowship (and of course, food!) to really get you into the Christmas spirit!

Christmas Eve



We have set the Christmas Eve schedule of worship times. *Please note there is some change from past years:*

- **Children's Service at 5:00 PM** (note the change from 4:00 PM). This service, as always, will be oriented towards our children with a Christ Child procession, special prayers and celebration of the Eucharist, and the participation of our Youth Choir.
- **Christ Mass at 10:30 PM** with the Adult Choir beginning with 30 minutes of special music followed at 11:00 by a solemn celebration of the Eucharist.

Letters

*People, Vestry, and Clergy of
St. Catherine's,*

Congratulations and thanks be to God for the "new" building, "rising" from the ashes. We hope that the afternoon of Sunday, November 21st will be glorious for you. I will not be able to attend, as I will be the preacher later that afternoon for the community thanksgiving service in Calhoun. But, let me salute you and give thanks for your perseverance. Prayers will be offered.

*Lous Tonsmier,
St. Timothy's, Calhoun*

Dear St. Catherine's

We wanted to let you know how thankful we are for the prayers and support you showed us through Nathan's surgery. A big thanks to Sue Snape for her delicious meal on behalf of the Sunshine Committee. It was a huge help and relief to have a home cooked meal. We were also very appreciative of Sherry's pre-surgery visit and followups. It was reassuring to see her face and have her presence there just minutes prior to the surgery. The flowers that Fred and Jennifer Massey delivered on Sunday were another wonderful surprise. We also wanted to thank Fr. Jim and the congregation for their prayers and support. Through everyone's prayers, everything went even better than expected. Thank you so much.

*With love and gratitude,
Robin & Kevin Keith*

Seen A Tablecloth?



We are trying to track down a few missing white satin stripe round tablecloths. If you know the whereabouts of any tablecloths which were borrowed or taken home to launder, please contact the church office or Joan Nixon.

Flower/Candle Schedule

The schedule for 2005 Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles will be available for signup at church beginning this weekend. *Reminder*— If you signed up for flowers and/or candles this year, please be sure you have paid for them. Flowers are \$32 and candles are \$10. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Prints Available

Fine quality prints of Jason Snape's pen & ink drawing of our new building will be available for purchase. Look for the display at church for ordering information.

Mentors for Youth

Would you like to connect with young people in a deeper way than you may be currently experiencing? Would you like to be a part of a young person's life as they share with you their experiences? Simply put, would you just like to have a young person as a friend? If so, you should consider participating in one of the following programs offered uniquely at St. Catherine's:

Prayer partnering is you praying for a St. Catherine's teenager daily. This is an easy way for you to get involved with our youth while requiring very little of your time. As you pray daily for this person you may, at some point, want to connect deeper, through phone calls, emails, or just dropping them a card. Our prayer partnering program has been going on for about 9 months, and we currently have approximately 70 St. Catherine's youth being prayed for. We still have openings for about 20 more, so we encourage you to consider this wonderful opportunity.



Mentoring is meeting with a young person regularly in order to become his/her friend. You do this by listening to his/her experiences, being supportive, and respecting him/her by keeping shared information confidential. Once assigned to a young person, you will meet with him/her once every two weeks at a place that the two of you choose (e.g. restaurant, ballpark, library, theatre, even Home Depot, etc.) for about an hour. Even with such a small commitment of your time, the benefits to you and the young person are potentially huge. As the relationship progresses, you are likely to experience satisfaction just knowing that you are impacting someone's life in a positive way, while the young person may find himself or herself growing in stature.

How much more rewarding can anything be? This program has been expanded to include young people referred by our neighboring East Cobb Middle School. You choose which category you want to become involved with. If either of these programs interests you, call Hale Sanders at 770-565-2719 to learn more.

Habitat Underway

Look for signup sheets at church

Folks work hard to fulfill hopes and dreams. With God's help and help from others and their determination they overcome situations to move into their dream of home ownership. Habitat for Humanity is an organization enabling us to help those hopes and dreams and their determination.

Each year St. Catherine's donates money (the last 3 years it was \$15,000 each year) toward a house with Cobb Habitat for Humanity. We are in a group of churches making up the BEEM Team (Zion **B**aptist, St. James **E**piscopal, St. Cat's **E**piscopal, and Hope **B**aptist of Dallas) that donate the funds, labor, and food each year.

This year we are building a house for Erica Valentin and her children, Martinez and Alicia. The project will take 10 weeks and finish in January 2005. The pleasure is in working alongside the homeowner (who must put in 80 hours on their home and 100 hours on other Habitat houses) and watching their excitement grow as the house becomes complete.

Why Not Try Saturdays?

We received the following note from Lyn Zeman and thought it might be of interest if you have never attended one of our 5:30 PM Saturday worship services:



Driving home from church this Saturday, I was wondering how we could introduce more people to this service. I love this service—its spirit of simplicity and holiness, the guitar music (which really sounds awesome in the new space) and Praise hymns. Maybe more advertising? A Saturday service Open House? A special dispensation to suggest it's o.k. to come to church on Saturday? How can I help?

Look forward to some special opportunities during Advent at this service. During Epiphany we will continue our effort to make this worship both distinctive and welcoming. It is a good opportunity to introduce people to the Episcopal Church in a holy, yet more casual and simple, environment. And thanks to the Jubilate Choir, tireless in their effort to bring music to this service. It really makes a difference!

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.

Next Youth Council Meeting

Wed., Dec. 8

Parents:

Brian needs additional adults on Wednesday nights to assist as discussion leaders and/or end-of-evening crowd exit controllers. Please contact him ASAP if you can assist in either capacity.

A Lock-In??

Dec. 29-30 — Stay tuned for details!



Wednesday Nite Live!

- No Meeting Nov. 24—
Happy Thanksgiving!
- “Live” Meetings move to 7 PM beginning Dec. 1 with Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays in Advent. See you there!

Congratulations and Special Thanks

The Rite 13 Leaders wish to extend special blessings and thanks to our recent Rite 13 Celebrants and coordinators.

Congratulations **Shannon Jablonski, Sally Paris, and Julian Seneviratne**, who were recently honored at a dinner and service celebrating their journey to womanhood and manhood. We are especially proud of their accomplishments and contributions; as we are of all Rite 13 Youth.

Additionally, we would like to give special thanks to Mary Lou Shannonhouse and Chris Williams, whose dedication, support, and organization made our dinner, ceremony, and reception a huge success. Ladies, we couldn't have done this without you! Special thanks to David Shannonhouse for his exceptional photography skills, to our St. Catherine's clergy and family, to our Youth Director Brian, and to the support we get from our Youth parents! God Bless you all!

In Christ,

Rachel Bagby, Bill Bowden, Jennifer Massey, Keith Muckerman

Junior DYC

December 3-5!

Valentine Dance & Auction

The Valentine Dinner Dance and Silent Auction will be back, in our wonderful new Parish Hall! Mark your calendar now for **Saturday, February 5, 2005!**

Youth Ski Trip!

Feb. 18-21 —

Valle Crucis in west NC!

Cost includes everything for a three-day adventure including food, transportation, lodging, lift tickets, and ski rental: just \$280! **Space is limited so register fast!** Just \$100 deposit (nonrefundable) saves your space. If you're in YA or J2A you'll have an early signup since you can do it today, others have to wait until Dec. 1. Look for the ski trip brochure at church or ask Brian for details!



NEW BEGINNINGS #13

February 25-27 at Camp Mikell for Grades 6-9

Registration Deadlines: Participants and Sponsors... Feb. 14; Team... Feb. 1.

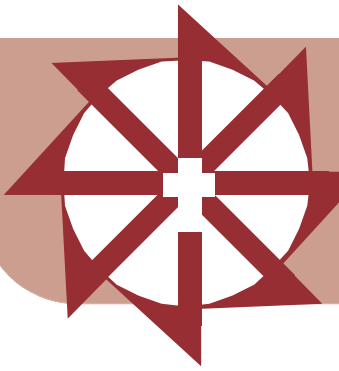
J2A Pilgrimage— DESTINATION 2005



It looks like Northern England/Scotland will be our itinerary for the trip, with a focus on Iona. The current expected dates for the trip are June 15-25. Pilgrimage is a spiritual exercise; something we undertake to deepen and enrich our experience of faith. We travel where there are footprints in

the sand, so to speak, to a destination where other pilgrims have gone before us. Our pilgrimage will include frequent times of reflection, prayer, and worship. It may even be hard work at times.

To prepare ourselves we'll spend the months from now until then in a process of Christian formation. This preparation for Pilgrimage is as important as the Pilgrimage itself. We'll learn some about our destinations, we'll prepare in Church School, and we'll develop teamwork as we work side-by-side to raise money for the trip.



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- 11/21Dedication, 4PM
- 11/23....Centerpiece pickup
- 11/25Thanksgiving Day,
10:30 Worship
- 11/25-26... Office Closed
- 11/27Habitat every Sat.
- 11/28Breakfast begins;
Elizabeth Inn
- 12/1WWW begins
- 12/4.....Christmas tree
pickup
- 12/5.....St. Nicholas Party;
Sewanee Lessons &
Carols trip

The Wheel

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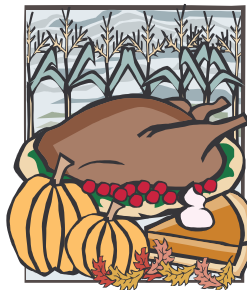
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Thanksgiving Worship Moves to Morning

Holy Eucharist service
will be
at 10:30 AM
Thursday,
November 25

(Nursery will not be
available for this
service)



ELIZABETH INN

Sunday, Nov. 28

Saint Catherine's staffs the Inn on **the 28th of each month**. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner and/or spend the night. Join in this important service to our neighbors in need. For questions, please call Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609, or Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411.

Christmas Trees!

Order now and support our Youth Program

The Youth of St. Catherine's are selling Fraser Fir trees from Yellow Mountain Farms again this year since we received such good feedback last year: "So fresh!" "Beautiful!" "The best tree we've ever had!" Please support us this year by purchasing your tree from us. We'll be taking orders **though this weekend only** after each of the regular services! A variety of sizes are available, ranging in size from 6 up to 10 feet. The trees will be available for pickup at St. Catherine's on Saturday, December 4. All proceeds benefit the youth program.

