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St. John's Photo Directory

Our last photo directory was long enough ago, that the OTHER people in the old one have aged, so we are aiming toward getting everyone up-to-date AND collecting correct email addresses and new phone numbers. We anticipate that the photos will be taken on a Sunday morning over the next few weeks. Your participation and cooperation are essential to having a directory that is as complete and accurate as possible. We will make copies of the directory available for a nominal offering that will just cover the production costs.

Grapevine Going "Paperless"

This Grapevine publication of St. John's Church hopes to go as paperless as possible in the next couple of months. It is essential that we *collect the email addresses* of those in the parish who have email so that we can send out the newsletter without having to print or mail copies. There would still be an option of having a printed copy (mailed by special agreement or picked up at the church) but by reducing the number we print and mail we can save hundreds of dollars per year. Beginning this Sunday we invite you to check the email address that we have for you and to edit it for us so our information is correct.

Treasurer's Update

Many thanks for your ongoing commitment to St. John's and our many ministries and outreach. Here is a quick summary of where we are. Income and expense wise, as of midyear. As of June 30 our income is **under budget by \$25,366**, while our overall expenses are **under budget \$8,460**. Expenses, I believe, will catch up during the remainder of the year to our budgeted amount, but if income does not improve, we will end the year with a **deficit close to \$100,000** in that the planned budget already had an \$86,000 deficit built into it. So... We hope that we can rely upon you to fulfill your pledge this year. If you think, you will be able to fulfill your pledge, GREAT!!! If not, please let me know so that I may adjust our annual budget accordingly. If you have any questions, you can contact me at 228-872-4041 (home phone) or 228-229-9312 (cell phone) or by email at haroldmanueljr@bellsouth.net. Once again thanks for your support and may God bless you and yours.

Budd Manuel, Treasurer

Be a Saint or Perhaps an Angel and make a visitor welcome...

This fall, many folks who have recently moved to the Gulf Coast area will be visiting St. John's looking for a church home. St. John's may be comfortable old shoe for you, but for someone seeing it for the first time, they need a smile and a word of welcome. You are invited to come out of your comfort zone and extend a kind word and a handshake to make a visitor welcome to our church. If it turns out to be someone who has attended St. John's at another service longer than you have been attending . . . no matter, you needed to meet them ANYWAY! Make a friend and be a friend...make someone welcome to St. John's.

Christian Education Programs for Fall

A key component to a healthy church is a comprehensive education program to support people of all ages in becoming disciples. At St. John's we begin with our little ones in **Godly Play** which is a nationally renowned curriculum that encourages exploration through story telling. Our **Sunday School** and **Children's Chapel** build on the good foundation of Godly Play with our teachers guiding our children in their spiritual quest. **Junior EYC** and **EYC Sunday Classes** (new this year) provide an atmosphere of encouragement to help our youth to own their faith. **Adult Sunday School** and **Adult Forum** continue the lifelong process of Christian education. This year we will offer a Bible Study or Basic Sunday School Class as well as our weekly Adult Forum. **Classes begin on August 22.** There is something for everyone. You can be a teacher, or a learner, or both. Let's all be part of building up the Body of Christ here at St. John's.



Adult Choir will begin Fall Practice on Wednesday, August 25 at 7:00 PM. We welcome any who like to make a joyful noise. Reading music is not a prerequisite.

What's Happening in EYC? Something for everyone in August!

August 8 — **Pool Party** at Rev. Anne's (6200 Shore Drive) 2:00-5:00 PM.

Bring your parents, bring a friend. Food provided.

August 14 – **Dreamfest** at Gulf Islands Water Park. Meet at the park at 10:00. Call the office so we can purchase discount tickets.

August 22 – **OPENING DAY FOR EYC SUNDAY CLASSES** - 10:15 - 11:00 AM

This is a NEW part of our program of education for all the family.

EYC Evening Meeting - 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Come find out who will be

This year's Paper Bag Yoga Champion. Bring a flexible friend!

Youth Advisors needed for our EYC. There is a Diocesan Conference at the Gray Center on August 20-21 entitled, "Adults working with Youth" at which training, ideas, and advice will freely be given to guide the well intended to a successful youth program. Talk to the Assistant Rector, Anne Harris, about going and being a part of the Youth Program this year.

"Cry, The Beloved County" by Alan Patton, dealing with apartheid in South Africa, is being read by the Book Reading Group. A limited number of the books are available in the church office for \$10. Dinner and book discussion is August 19 at 6 PM at the home of the Reverend Anne Harris, 6200 Shore Drive.

Preschool Registration for ages 2-4 for the Fall Session at St. John's School is going on now. Forms are available in the school office or in the church office. Contact School Director Jean Matteson at 424-8365 for more information. There are a few odds and ends that need attention in and around the Preschool....if you can volunteer to nail a board, change the air conditioner filters, etc., please call Jean.

Outreach Opportunities

August 16-20 — Samaritan Ministries Food Pantry, 1058 Thorn Avenue.

To volunteer contact the Reverend Jim Lancaster, 228-380-0775.

Non-perishable and canned foods, including baby foods are always needed.



Seeds of Faith Conference featuring Barbara Brown Taylor is November 5-7, 2010, at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Meridian. An invitation to attend has been extended to St. John's. Registration information is available from our church office or on line at cmediator@comcast.net. Space is limited!

ANNOUNCEMENTS...Confirmation/Inquirers' Classes for Adults and Children Continue. The classes continue on Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM in the Kindness Room on the second floor of the parish hall. The Youth contingent of this class meets during the week at a separate time. The Right Reverend Duncan M. Gray, III, will confirm, receive, and reaffirm members of the class at St. Pierre's Episcopal Church in Gautier on Sunday evening, August 15, at 5:30 PM. Questions? Call the Rector, thanks...**The Daughters of the King** meet on Tuesday, August 3, at 1:30 PM (Note new time) in the Parish Hall. **The Daughters** will join with other Daughters of the Coastal Episcopal Churches for a meeting on Saturday, August 7, at the other St. John's in Pascagoula. The meeting begins at 9:30 AM and concludes with Eucharist at Noon. On Sunday, August 8 at the 9:00 AM service, our DOK will install new members. **Saints & Sinners Men's Group** meets on Thursday, August 12, at 6:30 PM for their monthly meeting which includes a superb meal cooked by one of their many chefs. If you have never attended, please do so. Call Chuck Aldrich (875-2673) or Dane Turner (872-0082) so they will have a count for the meal. **St. Luke's Guild** meets on August 20 at 7 PM at the home of Jackie Charbonnet, 513 Front Beach. Bring your favorite potluck food and money for the preschool.

Parish Notes: Congratulations to Carly Blevens and Dane Rasmussen who were recently married at St. John's. **Congratulations** to John & Chris Poss and Gilbert & Lois Hedges who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversaries in August. **Congratulations** to Laura & Paul Lacoste on the birth of a son, Cole Jace, and to grandparents Foley & Sheree Ranson. Mrs. Irma Hoffman sends thanks from the bottom of her heart to all who helped her celebrate her 100th birthday. **The Sympathy of the Parish** is extended to Marvin & Mary Jo Morgan and families on the death of their son, Philip; to Chris & Ellen Villines on the death of their infant daughter, Grace, and to grandparents Christian & Ellen Fraise; to the Reverend Jim Lancaster and family on the death of his mother, Irma Lancaster and to Mike Hale and family on the death of his mother, Mickey Hale.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday - 7:30 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite One; 9 AM and 11:15 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Child care available at 9 AM and 11:15 AM services

Wednesday - 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM; Wednesday 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM