



## THE HOLY BABBLE

May 27—June 24

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This past month, I had the opportunity to attend a clergy wellness retreat known as Credo. The National Episcopal Church through the Pension Fund sponsors the program and acceptance into it is by invitation only. Credo is truly a remarkable program that reflects on four aspects of a minister's life – spiritual, health, vocational, and financial. During the week, the retreatants participate in plenaries, workshops, and small groups. Being a part of this is a real gift from God and from the church. It certainly shows the support of the national church for its clergy. (There is also a program for lay persons who are employed by the church). No matter whether we are clergy or in some other field, we often do not take the time to examine key areas of our lives that make an impact on them. Is our spiritual life being cared for? Are we eating and exercising properly? Is our work just a job or is it a vocation? Have we planned for financial security in the present and in the future? It seems that so many of us can live on the edge and just get by. One thing in particular that Credo emphasized was that we look at what is important to us and how we go about achieving that through our life of faith and through the life that we live in the world around us. It was certainly an exercise from which all of us could benefit. I feel so very blessed to have been able to participate in Credo and to have been given the time by St. John's to do just that. Thank you all very much! If you would like to know more about the week, please do not hesitate to call me. I'd love to share some of my experiences with you. The benefits of any retreat that I attend most certainly extend to my congregation. God bless you all!

The Reverend Marti Dalby +

**Saints Alive:** The May Saints Alive will be on a Saturday, May 30th, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Jane Mustard. Bring a side dish and your favorite beverage. Feel free to come in either the front or back door. 301 N. 8th St., on the corner of 8th & C streets.



**Happy Father's Day, June 21**

## Upcoming Events



**Girls Night Out:** All women are invited to attend. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 30th at 6:30 pm. Call Bettye Fields at 452-2637 for reservations. Watch the e-newsletter and the bulletins for the next location and more information. Come and join in the fun.

### Hymnal Sing Along

Sunday, June 14 during the 10:30 service.  
Be picking out your favorite hymns.

### Upcoming Events

- May 27:** Newsletter mailed out
- May 28:** VBS Plg. Mtg. at St. Bart's, 6pm
- May 29:** Laymen's League, noon  
—Episcopal Café to concert in Fayetteville
- May 30:** Saints Alive, 6:30pm  
at the home of Mary Jane Mustard
- May 31:** Pentecost Sunday Picnic, remember to wear red.
- June 5-7:** Women's Institute
- June 7:** 1st Sunday Breakfast, 9am
- June 8:** Vacation Bible School at 2st Pres., 5:30-8:00pm
- June 9:** Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm
- June 14:** Hymnal Sing Along, during 10:30 service
- June 19:** Newsletter article deadline
- June 20:** Saint's Alive at the home of Roney & Karen Rouse
- June 21:** Father's Day  
- Mission Trip to Pass Christian
- June 24:** Newsletter mailed out
- June 26:** Laymen's League, noon
- June 30:** Girls Night Out, 6:30pm



**Pentecost Sunday Picnic:** May 31, after 10:30 service on the Skinner Grounds. Wear red casual to services. Bring a lawn chair. Games provided. Grilled meat and drinks provided. Covered on sides by Last Name:

- A-C Baked Beans (12 servings)
- D-I Buns (1 each of HB & HDog)
- J-O Cole Slaw OR Potato Salad (12 servings)
- P-S 1 Pkg. Chips OR Cookies
- T-Z Deviled Eggs (1 doz.)



**Laymen's League:** The May meeting of the Laymen will be held May 29th at noon. There wasn't any volunteer to prepare the meal for the next meeting, if you're interested in volunteering call Dave Arnold at 452-1359.



**“SECOND SUNDAY” Services**  
Are over for the summer. We will resume after Rally Day.



### Episcopal Café:

- ◆ We will have our regular Thursday meetings, 7-11pm in the Skinner Building through the summer! Come for dinner, fellowship, & Compline!
- ◆ May 29: Ben Folds in Concert at the AR Music Pavilion in Fayetteville \*A fun night in Fayetteville with a great musician! We'll leave from St. John's at 3pm; we'll pick a place for dinner, then head to the concert!

### St. John's Directory Updates:



New Addresses

Liberty Loyd  
21 Vista Blvd.  
Fort Smith, AR 72901  
Ph: 420-4168

Mark & Jonna Dancer  
Her Ph: 479-420-1151  
His Ph: 479-420-1144

# Outreach

## St. Scholastica Retreat Center

On June 12-13, St. Scholastica Retreat Center will present a retreat on the “Letters of St. Paul.” Close the Year of St. Paul with a retreat and learn more about the man Jesus chose to be the Apostle to the Gentiles. This retreat addresses the Epistles of St. Paul, the style he used to bring his message to various Christian communities, the questions concerning which letters he wrote or did not write and what year they may have been written, and his thoughts about women. Most importantly, the retreat focuses on his conversion on how his messages strengthen and deepen our own conversion. Cost is \$100 with a \$35 deposit. For more information, or to register call (479) 783-1135, e-mail [retreats@stscho.org](mailto:retreats@stscho.org), or visit [www.stscho.org](http://www.stscho.org)

## ALS Support Group:

(Lou Gehrig’s Disease) We will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at St. Edwards hospital, in the Ford room from 6:00—8:00 p.m. For support or more information contact Candi Hamill at 782-4882.



**Cards for Others:** As we begin the summer season, don’t forget Cards for Others. We accept new—unused and unsigned cards in the reception areas of the Skinner Building and the Parish Hall.  
Bill Speer, Coordinator



## BACKPACK COORDINATOR NEEDED !

If interested, please call the church (782-9912).

Job description:

1. Reminders in church bulletin.
  2. Check wagon and baskets each Sunday for backpack supplies.
  3. Organize supplies in back of church. Ready them to be taken to the altar.
  4. Find someone to take the basket and/or wagon to the altar.
- Pick up supplies after church and take them to the Community Clearinghouse.

## Newest Volunteer Station — U.S. Marshalls Service

The U.S. Marshalls Service is in need of a volunteer to assist them at their office in the U.S. Federal Courthouse between the hours of 8 a.m.—4 p.m. Volunteers will work in an open office with administrative staff. Duties will include greeting visitors, providing information, assisting in preparation of fugitive case files, and answering the telephone.

Since this position is within a law enforcement agency all volunteers must submit to a criminal history check including fingerprinting. Free parking will be provided to volunteers.



## Free Basketball Tickets

Fort Smith Firefighters Association vs. Razorback Alumni. Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 7 p.m. at Northside High School. Special appearances by Scotty Thurman, Corless Williamson, and others. Call Davis Duty at 785-3889, he has 19 tickets to give away. The church also has 19 tickets to give away, call 782-9912.



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# St. John's Episcopal Church Kid's Korner

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Youth Web site: <http://www.stjohnfs.org/youth/index.html>

Ministry Focus/Symbol: E HWY (eee high-way) E-ducation H-ome W-orship Y-outh Groups



## W-orship — JUNE

SUNDAY	7	14	21	28
Server	Sarah Flippin	AJ Godwin	Drake Gilbreath	Stephanie Duty
Asst. Server	Sara Kincannon	Kayla Godwin	Dylan Gilbreath	Storm Basinger
Crucifer	Kristen Love	Kaersti McLellan	Will Klek	Rush Basinger
Clergy Crucifer	Desirae Love	Chance Hevner	???	Catherine Ward
Torch	Will Robinson	Andy McLellan	???	KC Ward
Torch	Wyatt Robinson	Ryan Davis	???	Moriah Dusenbury

**PLEASE CALL!!! if you are NOT able to serve when scheduled!!!**

Please call Robin Flippin 484-7269, Jeannie McCabe 221-4032, [jmccabe@stjohnfs.org](mailto:jmccabe@stjohnfs.org)

### “CELEBRATE the Good News”

...is the summer *Children's Instruction & Worship* that will occur DURING the first part of the 10:30 Service beginning Sunday, June 7.

Children will process out from their pew and follow behind the banner that will be at the end of the procession and exit through the chapel.

Children will return during the Passing of the Peace to rejoin their parents.

### Camp Mitchell Summer Camp

Forms on Bulletin Board

Website: [stjohnfs.org](http://stjohnfs.org) - Youth Page

Diocesan Website:

<http://www.episcopalarkansas.org/>

### Heifer Project International

Next animal: LLAMA - \$150.00

## Y-outh Groups



**STARS** (S-piritual T-eens A-re R-adical) -

6th-8th gr Meets weekly: Sundays, 3:30-5:30



**FISH** (F-aith I-nspires S-piritual H-ealth)

9th-12th grades—

Weekly: Sundays 5:00-7:00

**NO REGULAR MEETINGS IN SUMMER—  
SPECIAL EVENTS  
WILL BE ANNOUNCED!!!**

### UPCOMING DATES:

June 21-27—MISSION TRIP to Pass Christian, MS

July 6-10—VBS—“The Quest”

- ♦ Next Planning Meeting: Thursday, May 28— 6:00 at St. Bartholomew's
- ♦ **ADULTS** needed to be group leaders, help in kitchen, and work in Arts/Crafts section

## Church News



**Congratulations!** Toby & Ashley Frazier on the birth of their daughter Elliott Ryan. She arrived May 11, weighing 6lb. 14oz and 20 1/2" long. Granddaughter of Kelly & Cindy Cole.

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**Search Committee:** If you have a name you would like to submit for nomination as our priest-in-charge position, please contact one of the committee members; Harold MacDowell, Farrah Fielder, Sandra Kilpatrick, Al Snider, Roney Rouse or one of the following:

Bishop Benfield      [bishopbenfield@mac.com](mailto:bishopbenfield@mac.com)

Or their toll free number is 1-866-887-1114

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**Bookstore News:** Father's Day cards and Graduation cards are now available in the Bookstore.

Get your Episcopal t-shirt in blue or white for \$5.00. Get a hug or give a hug!

The Bookstore has been very slow for the last couple of months. I pray that our members have not forgotten the convenience and ministry that our Bookstore provides. Please shop with the Bookstore and contribute to this giving ministry.

Volunteering to work in the Bookstore is a Ministry. If you are looking for a ministry that is fun, please call Cindy Cole at 648-3043 or call the church and leave a message.

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Contact: Sue Robison (479)782-5074 phone  
sue. [robison@csclearinghouse.org](mailto:robison@csclearinghouse.org) 629-5998

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP**

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES CLEARINGHOUSE OPERATES ONE OF THE OLDEST EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES IN ARKANSAS. WE SERVE APPROXIMATELY 12 FAMILIES A DAY; MANY ARE WORKING FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN IN THE HOME, OTHERS ARE SENIORS LIVING ON FIXED INCOMES.

OUR FOOD BOXES COVER THE BASICS, BUT SELDOM INCLUDE FRESH VEGETABLES OR FRUIT. IF YOUR GARDEN YIELDS MORE THAN YOU CAN USE, PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING WITH THE CLEARINGHOUSE FOOD PANTRY. OUR FAMILIES WOULD ENJOY A FRESH ONION OR A SALAD OF LEAF LETTUCE, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS.

YOU MAY DROP YOUR DONATION BY 4420 WHEELER IN FORT SMITH, OR CALL THE CLEARINGHOUSE AT 782-5074 FOR INFORMATION ON OUR PANTRY AND SHARING THE GIFTS OF YOUR GARDEN.

# Church Business

## May Vestry Meeting, 05/11/09

Opening devotional.

Approval of April 14, 2009 minutes approved.

### **Financial Report:**

Attached. Pledge income is down slightly. Plan needed to raise the remaining \$188,000 on the Capital Fund Project.

### **Sr. Warden's Report:**

The Vestry Retreat was Saturday, May 9 at the Janet Huckabee Nature Center. The vestry set goals for 2009:

1. Address the needs of our children, youth and families.
2. Set membership growth as a goal for "new blood".
3. Nurture our current parishioners.
4. Reach outside of ourselves and our comfort zones.
5. Have intentional conversation about a developing relationship with St. Augustine.
6. Develop a Children's Chapel.
7. Implement a health/wellness/fitness program.
8. Commit to year-round stewardship.

Four of five candidates have been interviewed by the Search Committee. The fifth candidate will be met on Sunday, May 17, 2009. The Search Committee will meet together shortly after May 17 to discuss decisions to be made.

Dr. Steve Thomason will serve at the May 17 services while Marti is at Credo.

### **Parish Report:**

May 10 Graduate Sunday, Mother's Day, and Second Sunday service. Saints Alive hosted by Ed and Vee Chandler. Two parishioners attended Time for Joy at Camp Mitchell.

### **Priest Associate Report:**

Attended various meetings and officiated at services. Completed Monday bible study. Continued work with Michael Brunson preparing for college.

### **Youth Ministries Coordinator's Report:**

Set goals for one year and within five years. Important for the entire congregation begin to consider revitalizing the relationship with St. Augustine's. Vacation Bible School July 6-10 at St. Bart's.

### **Jr. Warden's Report:**

Baptismal font is being repaired. We will discuss the stained glass a future meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

May find out in June the status of the Francis Mayhew estate.

### **Old Business:**

Van Policy is being created.

## Church Business

### May Vestry Meeting, 05/11/09 contd.

#### New Business:

- ◆ Memorial plaques-no more available places on large memorial plaque. Anyone not precluded from paying for his/her own plaque.
- ◆ Dennis Campbell taking four month leave of absence. Dan McKee now acting deployment officer. Trinity Cathedral's new dean that will be coming in July. St. Margaret's looking for a rector.
- ◆ Request for offsite e-mail access. Motion passed \$165 for Instigate Webmail access.
- ◆ The vestry traditionally has not provided an elaborate gift for the departing priest, but the vestry does not oppose any other person or group giving gifts to the departing priest. The vestry intends to give an appropriate gift to the departing priest, as it has in the past.

Motion to adjourn, second, carried at 7:00 p.m.



MISSION TRIP — ADULT VERSION

## BEACH MISSION

### Mission Trip to Gulf Coast

*Pass Christian, MS / Camp Coast Care*

**June 21-26, 2009**

*Have a week to share with those who have lost everything?*

**AGE REQUIREMENTS** – All workers **MUST be 16+ years of age**. A separate YOUTH component is offered for youth who completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

#### **SKILL REQUIREMENTS**

We request that all groups bring experienced construction workers who will be able to effectively perform new construction and renovation work and help direct the efforts of the volunteer crew. Some advanced training in construction for all volunteers is requested. Your local hardware stores and national chains Lowe's, Home Depot, etc. will be glad to provide some basic training.

#### **COSTS**

Camp Coast Care does have a suggested donation of \$25.00 per volunteer per night. This donation allows Camp Coast Care to continue offering full hospitality services. **DO NOT** let the donation prevent you from joining us!

**TRANSPORTATION** Participants will coordinate with the YOUTH trip participants for travel to gulf coast. Groups are responsible to get to project sites.

Complete Info Packets available upon request from Jeannie McCabe

**Camp Coast Care Website:** <http://campcoastcare.com/index.htm>

**VISION STATEMENT FOR ST. JOHN'S**

**Our Mission is, "Sharing God's Love  
Through Church and Community"**

**A Welcoming Church** that is inclusive and accepts people wherever they are on their spiritual journey.

**A Compassionate Church** that provides pastoral care for all and respects the dignity of every person.

**An Outreach Church** that shares God's love through outreach programs and seeks to know God's purpose for the Church and takes decisive actions to carry out His will.

**A Traditional Church** that celebrates God's goodness and love through worship in the Episcopal tradition.

**An Empowering Church** that helps people discover their individual gifts for ministry and then utilize those gifts to follow God's will in their every day lives.

**A Teaching Church** that instructs by word and deed, to follow Jesus Christ as a way of life.

**A Giving Church** that is passionate about stewardship; committed to the tithe as the minimum biblical standard of giving and encourages its members to give a generous portion of their time, talents and financial resources back to God.

**A Church With a Variety of Programs** for all ages, emphasizing a strong youth program, which helps deepen our relationship with Christ, each other and our community.

**Holy Babble Newsletter Schedule**

The newsletter is being sent out on the last Wednesday of the month. Schedule will be as follows:

Article Deadline

June 19

Mailing

June 24

**Vestry Members**

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Christine Davis	648-2817
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**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM**

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 Barbara Hanna – At Large\* - 646-0477  
 Birnie Harper – At Large\*– 452-0301  
 Kit Hart – At Large\* – 629-1505  
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