



The Holy Babble July 02 — July 15, 2008



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From the Curate's Desk:

Sunday, 20 July, we'll be doing something a little different. During the Liturgy of the Word, which is the first part of our service, we will have an old fashioned Hymn Sing. This is a one time event that is intended to lift our hearts to God through music as we journey through the summer months. There are many ways that we can reflect upon God's message to us. The wealth of hymns that are a part of our Episcopal tradition often give us just the right words to express our intentions to glorify God. Over the next two Sundays I encourage you to open a hymnal and look up the page numbers of your favorite hymns. There's an index that is sorted by first lines in the back of the hymnal to help you locate them. Then on 20 July, we'll ask you for those numbers. We will stay within the usual time frame for our service, so we won't be able to sing them all, but my guess is that many of you will have similar or the same favorites. To get us started, *Lift High the Cross* will be the processional. We'll end with *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* Come prepared to fill in the middle. In the words of Hymn #420, "When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried, Alleluia!" So dust off your Episcopal top forty and join us in a fun, spirit filled day as Tim and the choir lead us through our most beloved hymns.

The Reverend Marti Dalby



Sunday, August 3, 2008:

Duy Tran, Flutist will be back to play for us. So many of you have commented about his abilities that I am looking forward to his return. Please mark your calendars for that Sunday and don't miss this special blessing in music. Tim



Family Night: Saturday, July 19—5:30-7:00 pm Pool Party at Buddy Lowe's. Children's water activities at the Arnolds' (2 doors down). Please RSVP to the church office, 782-9912 or evite.



First Sunday Breakfast: this Sunday at 9am, join us for breakfast.

Discretionary Fund Sunday: all undesignated offerings will be collected for outreach in our community. Memo on checks : "Discretionary Fund."



Upcoming Events



CASUAL—COME AS YOU ARE:

To the evening worship service in the sanctuary at St. John's.

SECOND SUNDAY"
5:00 p.m. – July 13th:

We encourage everyone who wants to discover the traditional liturgy in a more casual setting to join us for our "Second Sunday" service. Tell your friends, bring your neighbors and open your eyes and ears and heart to a brand new experience.

The altar will be a table at the chancel steps; the music will feature guitars and keyboard; the service will be user friendly. Our hope is to offer a new worship experience in a casual, yet traditional, service.



SAHMs (Stay At Home Moms): Working mom's that will be home with the kids for the summer are welcome to join us at the Ruth Skinner building this Tuesday, July 15 at 10:30 am—12:00pm for a mommy playgroup. Children and babies welcome, with a few toys to help entertain them. Bring your favorite healthy snacks to share. No reservation required, just drop in. Questions? Call Margaret @ 452-4424, Lori @783-5331, or Macon @649-0884.

Upcoming Events

July 02: VBS mtg., 1pm

July 02: VBS set-up, 5-7pm

July 02: 2nd Sunday Planning mtg, 6pm

July 03: Dream Group at St. Bart's, 7pm

July 03: VBS set-up, 5-7pm

July 04: CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

July 05: VBS set-up, 10-2pm

July 06: 1st Sunday Breakfast, 9am

July 06: Discretionary Fund Sunday

July 06-11: Middler I Camp

July 07-11: VBS "Babylonian Blues," 5:30-8:30pm

July 07: Centering Prayer, 5:30pm

July 08: Vestry mtg. in Chambers Hall, 5:30pm

July 13-18: Jr. High II Camp

July 13: Second Sunday Service, 5 pm

July 14: Centering Prayer, 5:30pm

July 15: SAHMs, 10:30 am

July 17: Dream Group at St. Bart's, 7pm

July 19: Family Night, 5:30pm

July 26: Saints Alive at the home of Sally Vick, 6:30 pm



CENTERING PRAYER SUP- PORT GROUP

A Centering Prayer Support Group will begin meeting on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Skinner Building Chapel. The group will begin with 10 minutes of study time followed by 20-25 minutes of centering. Anyone is welcome to join. Questions--call David Sims 474-4215.



Yoga classes: will be offered 7:30 am Friday mornings, beginning July 11 at Trinity Episcopal in Van Buren. For more information call Suzy Smith at 782-3300.

My favorite bible verse:

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:3-5

Sally Vick

CHURCH NEWS



SAINTS ALIVE

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 26 at 6:30 for Saints Alive at the home of Sally, Bobby & Lee Ann Vick at 9509 Moody Road. We will be having a fish fry so bring a salad or dessert to share. A swimming pool is available for those who want to bring their suits & towels to swim. Call Sally at 478-6477 if you need directions.



Altar Flowers: We have some open days for flowers if anyone would like to have these days please notify Sally Vick at 478-6477. The available days are August 3, September 7, November 23 & 30, December 14, 21 & 28.



From the Senior Warden's Desk:

A few of you have asked me how to get someone's name into nomination for the priest-in-charge position at St. John's. If you know of someone you would like to have considered, please contact Dennis Campbell or Bishop Benfield in Little Rock.

Their contact information is:

Bishop Benfield bishopbenfield@mac.com
Dennis Campbell dcampbell@arkansas.anglican.org
Mary Jane Hodges mjhodges@arkansas.anglican.org
or their toll free number is 1-866-887-1114.

I have no further news for the moment, but will keep you posted. Until then, have a safe and happy 4th!

Louise Watts
Senior Warden

St. Thomas in Springdale is hosting an Ultreya in the St. Thomas Parish Hall from 4:00-6:00 p.m on Saturday, July 12, 2008. All Cursillistas and anyone interested in Cursillo is welcome. They will provide non-alcoholic beverages, plates, cups, etc., but ask that you bring along a light snack or hors d'oeuvre to share.

The 416 Children of San Angelo

Dear Friends,

Our quilters are still going strong. After 2 1/2 months the quilting group reached its goal of 450 quilts for the Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints children today and delivered them to CASA (Court Appointe Special Advocates) for distribution..

Bill told me after he had delivered the quilts today, that the CPS workers call him "Mister Quilt" since they do not know his name. Also, to one lady he is known for being her personal UPS man. He takes quilts to her for hemming on Thursdays when they do Bible Study at church. As you can see, we have made many friends and got approximately 250 people involved. Our next project is quilts for the flood victims of Iowa.

The money from St. John's went to buy batting for the quilts still coming out of our Quilting Guild. Thanks for caring.

Pat and the Quilt Guild

Church News

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM

Mary Ann Arnold – Team Leader – 452-1359
Neighbor to Neighbor Coordinator
Bereavement Committee Food

Cindy Ashley – Eucharistic Visitors – 646-8673

Bettye Fields – Cards and Historian – 452-2637

Barbara Hanna – At Large* - 646-0477

Birnie Harper – At Large* – 452-0301

Kit Hart – At Large* – 629-1505

Susan Horton – At Large* – 484-5883

Molly Schardt – Bread to newcomers – 709-9497

Judy Trowbridge – Comfort Food – 785-5550

Clergy – The Rev. Marti Dalby – 782-9912/cell 221-4031



St. John's Directory Updates:

Chad & Sharon Lowe
3216 S. 35th
Fort Smith, AR 72903

Phone: 479-648-3379

Cell & Email will be the same.

An atheist was walking through the woods. '
'What majestic trees!'
'What powerful rivers!'
'What beautiful animals!'
He said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him.

He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder & saw that the bear was closing in on him.

He looked over his shoulder again, & the bear was even closer. He tripped & fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw & raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant the Atheist cried out, 'Oh my God!'

Time stopped.
The bear froze.
The forest was silent.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky. 'You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?'

The atheist looked directly into the light, 'It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?'

'Very well,' said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head & spoke:

'Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen.'

Upcoming Events

The 2008 Camp Mitchell Summer Camp Schedule

June 29-July 3	Robert R. Brown Camp II	July 20-25	Dick Johnston Camp
July 6-11	Middler I	July 27-Aug 1	Middler II
July 13-18	Jr. High II	Aug 3-8	Jr. High II

The cost for a week at youth camp has increased to \$295.00/camper. For more information, please contact Jeannie McCabe at 782-9912. Scholarships are available. Registration forms will be on the website at Arkansas.anglican.org, then click on Youth, and it's on the bulletin board.



Dream Group

Dream Group, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, July 3 & 17, at 7:00 pm at St. Bart's. For more information contact Suzy Smith 782-3300 or 414-9850.

Canterbury Events:

- ◆ Sunday, July 6th at 7:30 pm in Skinner for dinner and "Seekers" study.
- ◆ Saturday, July 12 at 2:00 pm at Scoops/Hue & Me on Rogers Ave. Come paint a piece of pottery & cool off with some great ice cream!
- ◆ Sunday, July 13th at 7:30 pm in Skinner for dinner, "Seekers" study, & to work on a service project for the Dick Johnston Children's Camp.
- ◆ Mark your calendar! Canterbury will be hosting a bake sale before and after both services on Sunday, July 20th. All proceeds will benefit Heifer Project, so stop by our table and get some yummy baked goods and give to a good cause!
- ◆ **The Dick Johnston Children's Camp** is being held at Camp Mitchell July 20-25. This is a camp for 9,10, and 11-year-olds who have a parent who is currently in prison or is on parole. The week, filled with games, art projects, worship, swimming, & special activities, such as horseback riding and a baseball clinic, provides these children with a special time for themselves. It's a chance to get away from whatever may be going on in their lives, and a chance to just be a kid. This is the 3rd year for this camp, and we are excited to announce that there are double the number of campers this year! (54 kids!) If you'd like more information, would like to volunteer, or would like to make a monetary contribution, please call Jim Stitsworth, director, at (479) 462-8970.



Summer Reading Program

Do you have a child or grandchild going into first grade next year? Would you be interested in having your child learn the three brain skills used in successful reading? An eight week program, "Early Readers," is being offered free of charge at Trinity Episcopal Church on Wednesday mornings (9:00 - 10:00 a.m.) from June 25th to August 13th. One parent, grandparent, or interested adult must accompany the child and learn the brain skills along with the student. Because of this simple training, the skills will become a valuable resource to the child when school starts. Spaces are limited, so contact now. Please call Rosie Holland at 719-5671 with questions and for registration forms.



NEWS & UPDATES:

Get those volunteer forms and youth registration forms to your church contacts/offices!!! THANKS.

VBS is right around the corner and we need food (or cash) donations.

Please call Macon Hossley 649-0884 or Margaret McLellan at 452-4424 if you can help.

Monday (St. John's)

Tortilla wraps

100 flour tortillas
Sam's Club packages of cream cheese
SLICED Cheeses
50 cheddar cheese slices
50 swiss cheese,
100 american cheese
Mustard, Mayo
2 bags baby carrots
2 bags broccoli
2 x 52 oz. squeeze bottles Ranch dip
8 boxes of Kraft mac n cheese with butter & milk
4 chocolate giant cans of pudding
3 vanilla giant cans of pudding

TRAIL MIX

100 ziploc bags,
2 x 56 oz. of M & Ms,
1 package of white raisins,
one Sam's club size Walnuts, pecans, almonds,
1 box Cheerios,
a few packages of dates or apricots

Friday's celebration is a potluck dinner and everyone is invited. The meat will be provided and the rest is potluck. Please help us out by bringing a family serving of 12.

Last names A-F please bring baked beans, G-L please bring slaw, M-R please bring potato salad, S-Z please bring rolls or cornbread.



ChristCare Groups Forming

◆ **Living With The Bible**

We were given the Bible not only to read but to use in our everyday lives. Please contact Ann Ward if interested, at 629-4511 or nanna1ann@cox.net

◆ **Volunteers for Christ**

Is a new ChristCare group for young adults that will focus upon providing services to various organizations in our community and building relationships with the church and each other. We If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Randall: 452-2200 days, and 478-6775 evenings.

◆ **Christ Cares about People**

Want to make a day trip, but not by yourself? We've made our first trip to Queen Wilhelmina Park and had a wonderful time. If you are interested or have an idea for a fun trip call Cecil at 1-800-500-6759 or email cdengles@aol.com.

◆ **The Young at Heart:** Our ChristCare group will be for men and women 50-100 who are looking for fellowship and a good time. Our outreach will be for our service men and women within our church family and outside the church, too. We will meet once a month. Contact Mary L. Wise at 709-9555 or debbie5c@cox.net.

Bookstore News



SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE

50% OFF RETAIL PRICE

COME AND SHOP WHILE THE SHOPPING IS GOOD!

Items on the left wall are not included in this summer sale - a list of these items is in the Bookstore.

Remember, the Bookstore @ St. John's is a ministry of St. John's and gives back to this community in many ways through outreach.

So give twice! A double thanks to all of you that shop at the Bookstore!



HOME

By Molly Schardt

On April 4, 2006

I moved to Arkansas.

I left my home of thirty years
My friends were struck with awe.

I said goodbye to the Florida sun
And my church and choir, of course.
But my son, Bob, lives here in Ft. Smith
And this was the driving force.

My apartment was ready when I arrived
Easter was days away.
I checked the phone book for an Episcopal Church,
My Baptist neighbor showed me the way.

When I entered St. John's on Easter morn
It just took my breath away.
I was back in time some seventy years,
To my church in Pittsburgh, PA.

The service and music were beautiful.
Not one bit of tradition was gone.
I knew when the service had come to an end,
That St. John's would be my new HOME.

I was greeted by Danny and many of you
At the wonderful coffee hour.
It was there I met Tim and cautiously hinted
That I would love to sing in the choir.

So that Easter Day two years ago
Was the beginning of a new life for me.
Could fate have guided me to St. John's
Or the MIRACLE called Christianity?

July 2008

Holidays =

Sunday Schedule

8:00 Holy Eucharist
 10:30 Choral Holy Euc.
 10:30 Children's Chpl
 9:15 Christian Ed.
 7:30 YAMs

Mondays

8:15 Morning Prayer
 5:30 Centering Prayer

Tuesdays

8:15 Morning Prayer
 12:15 Healing Euc.

Wednesdays

8:15 Morning Prayer
 11:45 Bible Study
 5:00 Wed. Night Fun
 6:30 Choir

Thursdays

8:15 Morning Prayer
 8:00 AA

Fridays

8:15 Morning Prayer

Saturdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 9 am 1st Sunday Breakfast Discretionary Fund Sunday Middler I Camp	7 5:30 Centering Prayer 5:30-8:30 VBS- "Babylonian Blues" Middler I Camp	8 10:30 SAHMs 5-7 pm VBS set-up Rbt R Brown Camp II 8 5:30 Vestry Mtg In Chambers Hall 5:30-8:30 VBS- "Babylonian Blues" Middler I Camp	9 2 1 pm VBS mtg 6 pm 2nd Sunday Plng mtg 5-7 pm VBS set-up Rbt R Brown Camp II	10 3 7:00 Dream Group at St. Bart's 5-7 pm VBS set-up Rbt R Brown Camp II	11 7:30 am Yoga Classes at Trinity, VB 5:30-8:30 VBS- "Babylonian Blues" Middler I Camp	12 4-6 pm Ultraya at St. Thomas
13 5 pm 2nd Sunday Service Jr. High II Camp	14 5:30 Centering Prayer Jr. High II Camp NOON-GSC EX Mtg	15 10:30 SAHMs Jr. High II Camp	16 Jr. High II Camp	17 7 pm Dream Group at St. Bart's Jr. High II Camp NOON-GSC	18 7:30 am Yoga Classes at Trinity, VB Jr. High II Camp	19 5:30 Family Fun Night: Adults at Buddy Lowe's/ Kids at the Arnolds
20 Youth Mission Trip Dick Johnston Camp	21 5:30 Centering Prayer Youth Mission Trip Dick Johnston Camp	22 Youth Mission Trip Dick Johnston Camp	23 Youth Mission Trip Dick Johnston Camp	24 Youth Mission Trip Dick Johnston Camp	25 7:30 am Yoga Classes at Trinity, VB Youth Mission Trip NOON—Laymen's League	26 6:30 Saints Alive at Sally Vicks
27 Middler II Camp	28 5:30 Centering Prayer Middler II Camp	29 10:30 SAHMs 6:30 Girl's Night Out	30 4:30 Next Step Mtg Jones Center Day Trip	31 Middler II Camp		



St. John's Episcopal Church

Kid's Korner

First of Month Edition

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

WEDNESDAY Summer Fun

5:00-8:00 pm

Rising 6th Grade—12th grade

Meet at the church at 5:00 / Dinner included

Cost: \$5/event; \$20/program/Max. \$35/family

July 2—Outdoor Games & Arts/Crafts

July 9— VBS at St. John's

July 16—Kids Cook w/ Suzy

July 23—Trolley Tour & Sundae Fest

July 30—CANCELLED -Jones Center /No

Ice Skating until after Aug. 8. Families can make individual plans. ALL activities are FREE. A GREAT family outing. Call Jones Center at (479) 756-8090 for info and reservations.

Summer YOUTH Mission Trip Memphis, TN

July 20—25 (Sun.-Fri.)

Rising 6th-12th Graders

DEADLINE to Sign UP—June 13

St. John's will team with St. Mark's/Little Rock to travel to Memphis in July. Participants will rotate through several outreach projects. Woven through the work time will be small group sharing and fun activities.

Cost of \$50.00 covers meals, transportation, lodging, and activities.

Registration forms in this issue and on website:
www.stjohnfs.org/youth.index/html

Summer YOUTH Christian Education:
Children's Chapel will occur DURING the 10:30 service. Children will exit after Opening Hymn and Children's Sermon to return at Offertory. Chapel will be held in classroom at Hallway/Parish Hall.

VBS—July 7-11 Babylonia Blues

3 Episcopal Churches AT St. John's—5:30-8:00 pm

Volunteers Needed— Contact Macon Hossley or Jeannie McCabe
HELP Needed with Food Provision!! Any single item(s) or combinations will be MOST APPRECIATED. Bring. to church on Sunday

FOR Monday (St. John's)

Tortilla wraps

100 flour tortillas

Sam's Club packages of cream cheese

SLICED Cheeses

50 cheddar cheese slices

50 swiss cheese,

100 american cheese

Mustard, Mayo

2 bags baby carrots

2 bags broccoli

2 x 52 oz. squeeze bottles Ranch dip

8 boxes of Kraft mac n cheese with butter & milk

4 chocolate giant cans of pudding

3 vanilla giant cans of pudding

TRAIL MIX

100 ziploc bags,

2 x 56 oz. of M & Ms,

1 package of white raisins,

one Sam's club size Walnuts, pecans, almonds,

1 box Cheerios,

a few packages of dates or apricots

Friday's celebration is BLUES FEST with live music and a potluck dinner: everyone is invited. Hamburgers/Hot Dogs will be provided. Please help us out by bringing a family serving of 8-10. *Last names A-F please bring baked beans, G-L please bring slaw, M-R please bring potato salad, S-Z please bring dessert.*

Family Night Next Quarterly Gatherings:

SAT. July 20—5:30-7:00 pm Poolside Mexican

Fiesta at home of Buddy Lowe. Children will have water fun (wear swimsuits) at the Arnolds just two houses away. RSVP to church office or on E-vite sent out via email.

Planning Team: Mike & Suzy Smith, Mark & Jonna Dancer

4th Qtr—SAT. Oct. 19—5:30-7:00 pm

Planning Team: Brent & Dao Ward, Nathan & Rebecca Billy

More info to come!!!



W-orship

JULY	6	13	20	27
Server	Drake Gilbreath	Ashley Flippin	Karen Kincannon	Joe Lawson
Asst. Server	Storm Basinger	Sarah Flippin	Sara Kincannon	Matt McCullough
Crucifer	Rush Basinger	?/	?	Megan McCullough
Clgy. Crucifer	Dylan Gilbreath	?	?	?
Torches	? ?	? ?	? ?	Will Robinson Wyatt Robinson

Please call Robin Flippin 484-7269, Jeannie McCabe, Or Church Office
 If you are NOT able to serve when scheduled!!! OR can fill an empty slot
THANK YOU!!
 Our worship life is each of our responsibility.



VBS 2008

Babylonian Blues

St. John's Skinner Building—July 7-11—5:30-8:30
 Dinner Included
*Detach and Place Form in Offering Plate THIS SUNDAY
 or submit to Church Office by NOON July 7*

Going Into:

Youth's Name _____ Gr _____
 Youth's Name _____ Gr _____
 Youth's Name _____ Gr _____
 Adult Participant Name: _____ (parents welcome!!)

Allergies: (list with youth's name):

Note: Offered for 4-years to 5th Grade. Older youth can serve on VBS staff.

Permission Slip:

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the activities for the 2008 Episcopal Vacation Bible School Program and to be transported for medical emergencies by leaders of that program as becomes necessary.

_____ Ph No _____
 Print parent's Name

_____ Cell No _____
 Signature

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.

Vestry Members

Louise Watts, Sr. Warden	782-9290
David Arnold	452-1359
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Sally Vick	478-6477
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There's an "Angel" in EvANGELism
If you know of someone who doesn't have
a church home, invite them to St. John's.

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