



Message from the Rector

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” - **Mark 4:26-29**

One summer, a drought threatened the crop in a small town. On a hot and dry Sunday, the village parson told his congregation, “There isn’t anything that will save us except to pray for rain. Go home, pray, believe, and come back next Sunday ready to thank God for sending rain.” The people did as they were told and returned to church the following Sunday. But as soon as the parson saw them, he was furious.

“We can’t worship today. You do not yet believe,” he said.

“But,” they protested, “we prayed, and we do believe.”

“Believe?” he responded. “Then where are your umbrellas?”

“**Where are your umbrellas?**”, he asked again.

The parson was reminding the people that their faith needed to be seen in action.



Mark 4:26-29 refers to that kind of faith and trust in God. **Umbrella faith.** Jesus is speaking about the kingdom of God and how the kingdom grows. It grows with faith, an unwavering faith, a faith that we cannot see or understand. Jesus tells a story about a farmer, any farmer, who goes out to plant his seeds into the ground. Then instead of worrying about the seeds, he let nature take its’ course. And the seeds grow, first the blade, then the ear, then full grain in the ear.

Then the farmer goes out and harvests the fruit of the harvest. The words in the text of sleep and rise, night and day, means the man didn’t do anything to the seed but trusted in the natural order of things for he knew he could do nothing to help the seed grow. We can understand that no matter how much we worry about the crop, pace the floor, lose valuable sleep, and complain about the wet weather or the dry weather, in the end we cannot do anything. We must let the natural order of things be done. Sometimes it is very difficult for us to surrender to the natural order. Sometimes we cannot let go, sometimes we get so caught up in trying to help the natural order that life becomes miserable for us. We become a grouch and others tend to avoid us. If we do our job of planting the seed right, the seed will do its’ job and eventually the harvest will be there.

Jesus is comparing the kingdom of God to this idea of a natural order in the growing of crops and the harvest. He is saying that just as we just need to surrender to the natural order in growing crops, in the kingdom of God we need to surrender to the reign or rule of God in his kingdom. The kingdom of God comes of itself. Just think of the words in the Lord’s Prayer, “Thy Kingdom come.” It is that it may come to us. It is almost blasphemous to ask people to help God to build his kingdom. We must acknowledge “Thine is, the kingdom” and build upon that solid fact. The kingdom of God is not the product of human effort. God brings his plan to fruition in his own way and needs no help from us.

Our activity becomes constructive only when we allow him to take full charge. What you and I are called to have is faith, faith that God is the ruler of his kingdom, faith that God is working even when we cannot see him, even when we feel the harvest isn't coming fast enough, even when we see no answer from him, we must believe that he is still ruling, he is still in charge, and answering our prayers when His will is done. ***Umbrella faith is believing that God is in control.***

Pax tibi, Father Michael Murphy

I'm a pastor and I want to quit church. Now! By Chris Sonksen

(This op-ed is adapted from the book "Quit Church." Chris Sonksen and his wife Laura are lead pastors of South Hills Church.)

At a time when church attendance is shrinking in America, I, a pastor, am encouraging people to quit church. Why?

The answer is birthed out of conversations and research I've been a part of over the last several years. Regularly, I meet and train pastors and church leaders from all over the country through my leadership platform, Church BOOM. The conversations carry a common theme – a lot of people who attend church are passive towards serving, giving, and community outreach.

In most churches, 80% of the work is being carried out by 20% or less of the people. We've become a church of spectators and pastoral staff is getting burned out. According to my own personal research, the problems are even bigger than 80/20 principle. Only 39% of active believers consider the Bible as the literal word of God. Less than 20% of professing believers follow the biblical principle of giving. Only 5% have shared their faith with a non-believer. More than half of all church members attend church one a month or less.

Something has to change.

Casual attendance and the belief that others will serve, give and share the Gospel are tearing down churches across our country brick by brick. As believers, it's time that we are either all in or we get out. The solution is simple: quit!

That's right – **quit!** If we quit the casual way we approach God's principles can you imagine what would happen in our personal walks of faith in our community of believers? What if every believer exercised generosity? What if every Christian fought for loyalty in the local church? What if everyone served in their God-given purpose? What would happen if we stopped simply believing and started belonging? If we would only quit the way we approach our relationship to Christ and our local church, the blessing, the reward, the joy, the fulfillment, the purpose, and the increase would radically transform our lives and the world.

But the only way we can do this is if we quit.

My conversations over the past several years revealed the spiritual habits necessary for personal and church growth and revealed the "why" behind disengagement in the church. The truth is, if we don't feel passionate about something we don't do it. If we don't like something that happens in the church, we find another one. If the spiritual practices don't fit our lifestyle, then we don't do them. This mindset permeates our "I want it now and I want it my way" culture and is only enforced through social media, website choices, TV options, and countless other platforms that have risen in prominence in our lives.

This not the way God intended the church to live. The local church isn't a building – it's a body of believers fulfilling God's purpose in our lives. When these believers approach individual involvement and commitment in a casual manner it weakens the entire body of Christ and the impact we are called to have.

As a result, we lose and so does the local church, God wants us to win, to thrive, to fulfill our potential in him.

We will not experience the abundance he desires for us until we quit our current approach and we are all-in. Once you go all-in on generosity, serving, outreach, discipleship, and the other biblical behaviors laid out in his word then look out, because God will rain on your life with his blessings like you have never experienced. Jesus felt the church was worth dying for- it should be our mission as Christians to value living for it.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. B Diners

The St. B Diners meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at various restaurants in the surrounding area to socialize and have dinner. All church members & friends are invited to come out for a good meal and social time.

Thursday, July 5 - El Molcajete, 1308 N Hillsboro, Manchester. This is arguably the best Mexican restaurant in Manchester.

Thursday, August 2 - Olympic Gyro and Pizza, 401 E Main in Decherd. They serve both Greek and Italian items. Bring your appetite, the servings are huge.

Please contact Sharon Maby for reservations at 715-305-1249 or via email at maby@bellsouth.net by noon on the first Thursday of each excursion.

CELEBRATE Adoption

or franniep10@gmail.com.

The Order of the Daughters of the King(DOK), Mary E. Norton Chapter, invites you to participate in an **Adoption Shower** for the Gallman family's newest member, Shua Li. We will meet at coffee hour on **July 29, 2018**, in the Parish Hall to welcome this precious little girl. Watch for our bulletin inserts on July 15 and 22. If you would like to help or want more info, contact Fran Parrish at 931-581-1145

ATTENTION DOK: NEW MEETING TIME

The DOK will begin meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month starting on Saturday, July 14 at 9 a.m. in the classroom near the kitchen entrance. Please bring your own breakfast. For more information contact Sharon Maby at 715-305-1249 or via email at maby@bellsouth.net.

Men's Breakfast – The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will continue to host a men's breakfast also on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. with their meeting following the breakfast. All men are invited to join them on Saturday, July 14 & August 11. **In July, they will meet at the Downtown Café.**



**Meet
for
Breakfast**

July Staff & Vestry Meetings - We will take a summer break during July. The next meetings will be Thursday, August 16. If there is an emergency matter that requires a vote by the Vestry, Ed LeBlanc, Senior Warden, will call a meeting and notify Vestry members three days in advance of the date.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES –

Volunteers are needed to pick up the donuts for coffee hour and do light cleanup after it's over. Please contact Ed LeBlanc at 409-5700 if you can help one Sunday. Money will be provided to purchase the donuts.

Also, with all this rain, the weeds have been invading the flower beds all around the church grounds. We rely on volunteers to maintain the flower beds. *David Thomas has been volunteering to pull as many weeds as he can, and we thank him for going the extra mile to keep our grounds looking attractive.* We encourage anyone, who is physically able, to pick a spot on the church grounds to pull weeds on a weekly basis. We will help you identify the weeds if you're unsure what needs yanking.



KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

Thank you to those of who are utilizing the Kroger Community Rewards Program. We have 17 households who are participating. We received a check for \$91.95 for rewards earning during Mar-May. Thank you to those who participate in this program. If you would like to register for the program, please visit www.kroger.com and sign up under your account profile or call 1-800-576-4377 to designate St. Barnabas' #89443 for community rewards each time you shop at Kroger.

PASTORAL VISITS IN JULY

We encourage you to contact the church office for a pastoral visit, if you have a serious illness, surgery, or other pastoral emergency. Father Murphy will be away during July at the St. Michael's Youth Conference in Michigan and visiting family. Please notify June, the parish secretary, in his absence if you need a pastoral visit before his return. She will contact another area Episcopal minister to visit you.



Altar Flower donations are still needed for July 29 and August 19. If you would like to donate the flowers for one of these Sundays, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the bell tower entrance. The cost is \$55. You may leave your check to St. Barnabas' in the offering and write on the memo line "flowers." Please contact June in the church office with your dedication for the flowers and choice of colors.



NURSERY NEWS from Samantha Turner:



Use of the nursery has increased greatly, which is wonderful, but the nursery asks for your help in supplying the following needs: fragrance free baby wipes, individualized portion (non-messy) snacks, sippy cups that will stay in the nursey, paper towels, a rack for coats and diaper bags, Bible song and story CDs, educational wall décor, stickers for rewards, and hand sanitizer.

HONORING OUR SAINTS & HOLY DAYS



MONDAY, JULY 23 – SAINT MARY MAGDALENE EVENING PRAYER AT 6 P.M.

Collect: Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by Your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know You in the power of His unending life; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 – SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE EVENING PRAYER AT 6 P.M.

Collect: O gracious God, we remember before You today, Your servant and Apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that You will pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among Your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



MONDAY, AUGUST 6 – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST HOLY EUCHARIST AT 6 P.M.

Collect: O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 – SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN, MOTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST HOLY EUCHARIST AT 6 P.M.

Collect: God, You have taken to Yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 – SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE EVENING PRAYER AT 6 P.M.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to Your apostle, Bartholomew, grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
GREETER SCHEDULE
July 1 – August 26, 2018

JULY 1	TBA	TBA
JULY 8	Ed LeBlanc	Sheila Rudge
JULY 15	Clare Zisk	Gallman Family
JULY 22	René Cavett	Margaret Henderson
JULY 29	Jim Jolliffe	Liz Jolliffe
AUG 5	Jim Jolliffe	Liz Jolliffe
AUG 12	Rene' Cavett	Margaret Henderson
AUG 19	Ed LeBlanc	Sheila Rudge
AUG 26	Clare Zisk	Gallman Family

Thanks to our Greeters serving at our Church Services. You are greatly appreciated. EVERYONE is encouraged to volunteer as a "GREETER"... including children. Greeter Volunteers are needed at ALL Services to meet and welcome every one, new and old.

If you can sign up as a volunteer and are not already listed, please do so... By calling Marianne (or email MaCavett@aol.com) to volunteer for service time.

For those that cannot serve on your scheduled Sunday date, please help us by trading your date with another Greeter. Then, notify Marianne (phone 931-461-9062 or email < macavett@AOL.com >) AND June, our Church Secretary, by the Tuesday before the Service that you are scheduled for, so that change(s) can be made in the Sunday Church Bulletin's Worship List, that goes to print on Wednesdays... and also for the future calendar change date of the Greeter you traded with.

Thanks be to God for your service (so willingly given) and God blessings on each of you, Lee and Marianne Cavett, Greeter Co-Chairpersons

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St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

July 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 6 TH Sunday After Pentecost 11:30 a. First Sunday Potluck	2	3 6-8a Rotary 2:30 p. Knitting Guild 6 p. Theology Night @ Celtic Cup	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 6 p. St. B Diners, Molcajete Mexican	6	7
8 7 th Sunday After Pentecost	9	10 Every Tuesday	11	12	13	14 8 a. Men's Breakfast & BofSA Meeting @ Downtown Café 9 a. DOK Meeting
Murphy family and youth at St. Michael's Conference -Midwest in Michigan						
15 8 th Sunday After Pentecost Discretionary Offering	16	17	18	19 No Staff or Vestry Meeting	20	21
Father Murphy on family vacation						
22 9 th Sunday After Pentecost	23 St. Mary Magdalene 6 p. Evening Prayer	24	25 St. James The Apostle 6 p. Evening Prayer	26	27	28
29 10 th Sunday After Pentecost	30	31				

Notes

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE: 8 a. Rite I and 10:30 a. Rite II with music (Coffee Hour following the 10:30 a. service). Chancel Choir and Christian Education are on summer break. **Theology Night participants have begun a discussion on the Acts of the Apostles and will continue to meet during the summer.** Feel free to join them at the Celtic Cup every Tues!



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

August 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		6-8a Rotary 2:20 p. Knitting Guild @ NHC 6 p. Theology Night @ Celtic Cup Every Tuesday	1 5:45 p Outreach Meeting	2 6 p. St. B Diners, Olympia Gyro & Pizza	3	4
5 Scholarship Sunday 11 th Sunday After Pentecost Potluck Reception for Recipients	6 Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ 6p. Holy Eucharist	7	8	9	10	11 8 a. Men's Breakfast & BofSA Meeting 9 a. DOK Meeting
12 12 th Sunday After Pentecost	13	14	15 St. Mary the Virgin 6 p. Holy Eucharist	16 10 a. Staff Meeting 6 p. Vestry Meeting	17 Laymen's Conference	18 Registration forms available in office
19 Discretionary Offering 13 th Sunday After Pentecost	20	21	22	23	24 St. Bartholomew 6 p. Evening Prayer	25
26 14 th Sunday After Pentecost	27	28 BEACON DEADLINE	29	30	31	

Lay Ministry Schedule will be emailed next week to those listed on the schedule.

JULY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

1	Sierra Williamson, Frank Hightower
4	Jennie Duncan, 🇺🇸 Independence Day
6	Roger Clark
9	Tripp Parrish
10	Emily Valine
12	Jan Mesa
14	Jessica Frederick
15	Lee Cavett, Linda Love
19	Charlotte Parrish, Liz Maby
20	Marjorie Collier, Frank Boutin
22	Crawford Parrish, Jr.
23	Devlin Wilson, Deekan Wilson
31	Lillian King
ANNIVERSARIES	
9	Eric & Judy Maby
12	Dick & Barbara Sanders
24	Nathan & Jeni Wilson
31	Dr. Ben & Georgia Mahan

Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore Your blessing upon these Your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

1	Kelly Biles
2	Cassida Leigh Wilson
5	Joan Fellin
8	Jeff Emmett
9	Tisha Fritz, Jamie Collier
11	Vanessa Morris, Samantha Bagsby, T.J. Bagsby
14	Robbie Williamson
15	Jake Lapczynski
16	Jessica Grissom, Steven Duncan
17	Andi Woodfin
20	Jean Emmett
22	Shelby McCain
20	Jean Emmett
23	Sylvia James, Linda Rittenhouse, John Parish, Jr.
26	Edley Ramsey
29	Anne Hightower
ANNIVERSARIES	
2	Fr. Michael & Erica Murphy
5	Ron & Liz Maby
6	Roger & June Debatin, John & Charlotte Parish
10	J.C. & Dot Duncan, David & Kate Lapczynski
12	Fr. Scott & Sylvia James Fr. Murphy's 11th Anniversary at St. Barnabas
27	Jim & Liz Jolliffe

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in Your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Your servants as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in Your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Register Now for the Blessing of Liturgical Ministries

We hope that you will all join us at Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, on

August 25, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

for the annual

Blessing of Liturgical Ministries

Guest Speaker:

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Olver

Assistant Professor of Liturgics and Pastoral Theology, Nashotah House Theological Seminary

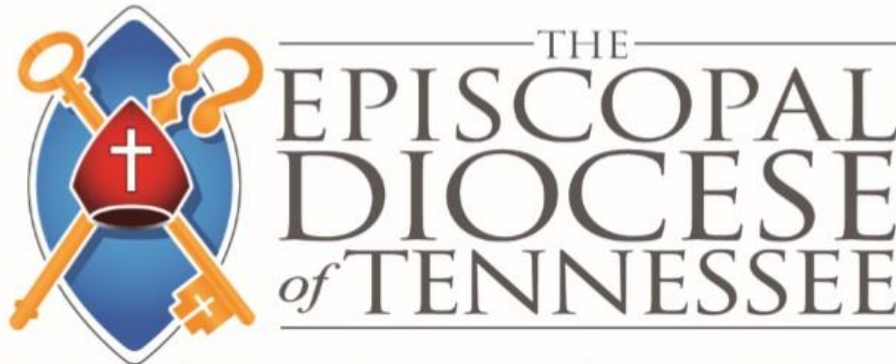
This event celebrates our members across the diocese who participate in the life of each of our churches.

All are welcome! Lunch is provided and there is no charge for the event.
We do ask that you register online to have an accurate headcount for lunch.

This event is sponsored by The Cathedral Chapter.

Register Here

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PARISH INFORMATION



If you have a question about... call...

Acolytes	Fr. Murphy	455-3170
Altar Guild	Anne Hightower	455-5127
Beacon/Website	Fr. Murphy	455-3170
Brotherhood of St. Andrew	Jim Jolliffe	937-545-9135
Chancel Choir	Erica Petersen	273-4234
Christian Education	Fr. Murphy	455-3170
Daughters of the King	Sharon Maby	715-305-1249
Fellowship	Mickey Crutcher	455-9619
Greeters	Lee & Marianne Cavett	461-9062
Knitting Guild	David Thomas	247-6328
Lay Readers/Chalice Bearers	Crawford L. Parrish, Sr	393-3225
Lydia Guild	Button Dale	728-4586
Outreach	Robbie Williamson	393-2502
Recycling	David Thomas	247-6328
The History of St. Barnabas	Marjorie Collier	455-4186
Ushers	Mark Williamson	393-2502

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Linda Love	728-0630
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Mark Williamson	393-2502
David Woodfin	247-1941

Vestry Officers

Senior Warden	Ed LeBlanc
Junior Warden	Mark Williamson
Treasurer	Liz Jolliffe
Assistant treasurer	Clare Zisk
Clerk for the Vestry	Button Dale

The deadline for the September-October Beacon is August 28, 2018.
Please send your submissions in a timely fashion to Kate Lapczynski at
204hogan@gmail.com