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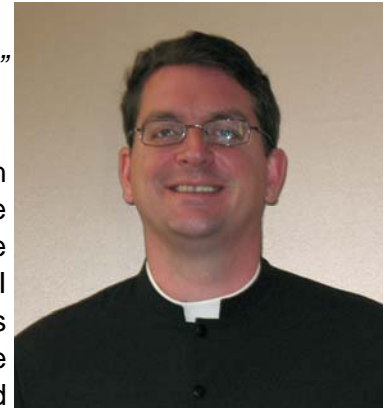
September 2011

## RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."*  
Hebrews 11:1

We must be Sure and Certain of the Unseen, but are we? Do we have faith enough in our God? It is amazing that with only a few clicks on a computer, we can dramatically alter photos. Such capabilities have led us to be a bit more wary. We find ourselves saying, "Unless I see it with my own eyes, how can I believe that it hasn't been touched up? I'll believe it when I see it." Often this cynical attitude can touch our spiritual life. How can I believe that God loves me and knows what is going on in my life considering all troubles and disappointments I have to deal with? It doesn't take much for us to see where one of Jesus' own disciples was coming from when he replied, *"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it"* (John 20:25). I'll believe it when I see it.



That is in stark contrast to what we read in the Bible, *"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."* How can we be sure and certain of things we can't see, can't prove? Think of a father and child playing the game where the father stands behind the child and tells him to fall backwards. The child, unable to see his father, still trusts that he is there and is certain that his father won't let him hit the ground. The child leans back and falls, fully convinced that his father will keep his word and catch him, because his father has always proved trustworthy.

*"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."* Though we did not see the creation or the crucifixion, though we were not present to witness the Savior rising from the Easter tomb, though we have not heard his actual voice forgiving our sins and promising his return, we believe. How can we be so sure and certain? God's word is true and trustworthy. Our forgiveness is certain because Jesus did die and rise from the dead. God's love for us today and every day is sure. Every promise our Father has made about our eternal future, he will keep. Faith is sure and certain of unseen things simply because it takes God at his word. Have faith and no matter what life throws our way, be Sure and Certain we will make it through by the Grace of God.

Yours, in Christ,

Father Murphy, SSC

# CHURCH LIFE

## **RALLY DAY AND MINISTRY FAIR** Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 10:30 a.m. Service

On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 service a commissioning of all teachers and students who plan on participating in any avenue of Christian education will be held. As we begin another year of learning it is my hope that even those who have not been called to teach, will answer the call of continued learning.

Following the commissioning of teachers and students, the **Annual Ministry Fair** will be held in the parish hall for two weeks. The Ministry Fair works to provide a means of communication to the parish family of who we are and how we are answering our call to ministry. We hope you will peruse the different tables and learn more about the service opportunities that are available to you at St. Barnabas. Members of each ministry will be on hand to answer questions you may be contemplating. You will also be given the opportunity to volunteer your gifts and talents.



All Committees are asked to arrange their ministry booth no later than Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in preparation for Sunday Morning. Tables will be set by Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for your convenience. Please be sure to organize volunteers from your ministry to assist those with questions from both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services for the weeks of Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a grand prize drawing for both youth and adults who successfully visit and meet with each ministry!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!**

After a nice hot summer break, we are ready to get back to the books! On **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** ALL Sunday school classes will begin again for the 2012 year. The Sunday school hour runs from 9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.\*

Those children in the **Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grades** will be taught this year by Samantha Bagsby. They will be using the *Episcopal Church Curriculum* which uses both the catechism from the Book of Common Prayer as well as the Bible. Exciting hands-on activities have been planned and will go far to reinforce what they have learned.

Youth in the **6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades** will be taught by Erica Murphy and Ginni Bagsby in the Youth Room. They will continue their instruction on the Catechism and the Mass. Other interested persons may join in this class as room allows.

**Adult Sunday school** led by Crawford Parrish, will be held in the Outreach Room next to the kitchen area. They will use a video series as the basis of the class.

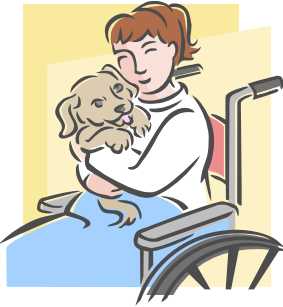
For those unable to attend classes on Sunday's due to other commitments are encouraged to attend **Theology Night** held from **6 - 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings – please note the change in day!** Due to Fr. Murphy's schedule, this class will not begin until Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and will meet in the parish hall.

\* The nursery is available for those in need.



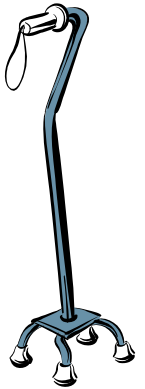
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## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET

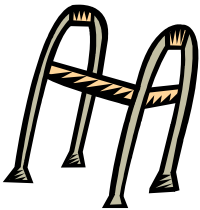


Last summer after receiving donations of medical equipment, The Outreach Committee decided to start a Medical Equipment Loan Closet. We became the recipients of a few pieces of equipment from the late Col. Henry Sherborne's household. On occasion we would receive a request for a wheelchair or a walker. Seeing the need we decided that we could help others by loaning out this equipment.

We then had committee members with crutches they wanted to donate, or knew someone that had a shower chair they wanted to give to someone in need. Committee member Barbara Sanders mentioned that her husband Dick may be able to help out as he had done at their former parish. Dick Sanders inspects, repairs, and replaces whatever is needed so that every piece in our inventory is in working condition and ready for loan. Barbara Sanders then cleans and places a St. Barnabas name and address sticker on each piece.



To check out a piece of equipment simply notify one of the committee members of what you need, and when. If we have it, it is yours for as long as needed. We put your name and the date on an index card. We offer this to whoever should need it, Good Samaritan, Partners for Healing, your friend or neighbor. The closet is located in the old Parish Hall, where the old kitchen used to be.



If you have equipment to donate or are in need, please let one of the Committee members know. The following is a list of our current inventory: 1 motorized wheelchair, 1 folding wheelchair, 2 walker canes, 1 adjustable metal cane, 3 folding walkers without wheels, 4 folding walkers with wheels, 1 folding 4 wheeled walker with seat and basket, 2 wooden canes, 3 pairs metal crutches, 1 pair wooden crutches, 2 bedside commodes, 1 raised toilet seat, 2 shower benches, 1 wheeled oxygen canister holder, and 2 folder grabbers.

## EYC RESUMES!

Hello! Summer is coming to a close and school is back on track. With that train a'runn'in means one thing....YOUTH GROUP is resuming!! Whoo hoo!!

Our first meeting is set for Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8 pm. Youth Group is open to all youth in the 6 -12 grades. We meet on Wednesdays bi-monthly in the Youth Room for an evening of friendship, food (dinner is provided) and a bit of entertainment along the way! So come out one and all, fun is sure to be had and as always – bring a friend to share in the evening's adventures!

## CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS...

Your help is needed to be a Greeter, won't you consider joining us? Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of this richly rewarding Sunday ministry, please give your information to the Parish office.



Thanks and God Bless, Marianne and Lee Cavett, Co-Chairpersons

# CHURCH LIFE

## **AN UPDATE FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Using the funds made available from an Outreach Endowment made to St. Barnabas, the Outreach Committee members interviewed several non-profit programs in the Tullahoma area and narrowed their choices to the needs of **Shepherd's House**, for a bedroom renovation.

Upon review, the Outreach Committee members decided to use the "hands on" approach, to make the funds available to St. Barnabas' Outreach Program stretch further and to make renovations to the bedroom more like the quality we each would wish to have in our own home.

Tina Holman, Shepherd's House Director, met with St. Barnabas' Outreach Committee members and a color theme was selected. Photos of the room and measurements were taken and committee members donated their time and efforts to bring together a delightful arrangement.

Shopping was coordinated and painting was done. After the new paint dried, Shepherd's House residents helped move the heavy furniture back in, the weekend before the "big reveal." Then, the furniture and floors were cleaned and polished, window coverings, shelves and a mirror were installed. Pictures were hung and three beds were refurbished with the new linens, pillows and under-bed storage containers that were brought in.

After months of planning, the Outreach Committee members were able to complete the renovations of a bedroom for the **Shepherd's House**, a home for temporary homeless/jobless people in the Tullahoma area.

Fr. Murphy dedicated the room during an Open House on Sunday afternoon, July 31st. Refreshments were provided by St. Barnabas' Outreach Committee Members attending.

*Thank you's* go to all of the "hands on" workers, including; Chairman, Robbie Williamson; Barbara K. Sanders, Marianne Cavett, Linda Love, Elaine Doxey, Edith Love, Mark Williamson, Dick Sanders and Lee Cavett. Special thanks go to other helpers, including Rene' Cavett and Laura Kuntz for the photography used in the framed pictures that were hung on the wall. Also assisting with our purchases and preparations, were *Linens and More, for Less, in Murfreesboro* and Tullahoma Lowe's employee, Darren Aiken.

## **ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE ~ MIDWEST 2011**

*In hoc signo vinces*

St. Michael's Conference 2011 has come and gone. We can say nothing other than it was again an amazing and spiritually rewarding week! We are so grateful for the opportunity to attend Mass daily, recite the Daily Offices with those looking passionately to further His kingdom and rejoice and relax with one another. This year we had the largest attendance in Conference history (33% increase) which only goes to show the importance and need it fills.



So much time and energy goes into getting the youth (5 attended from St. Barnabas this year) and staff members (3) and yet it never is a burden. We wish to thank all of you for your continued support of us as well as the St. Michael's Conference. You have helped to train the future leaders of the Church and we owe you a debt of gratitude!

*St. Michael Archangel, defend us in battle.*

# CHURCH LIFE

## **4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL *ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS* SOLEMN HIGH EVEN SONG—SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 6 P.M.**

In honor of the feast day of *St. Michael & All Angels* on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have Solemn High Even song (complete with smells & bells!) on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** Fr. Murphy will be assisted by members of the youth who attended the St. Michael's Conference and we will be led in music by our very own Chancel Choir.

**The Daily Offices** of Morning and Evening Prayer are part of the glory of Anglican worship. The Eucharist is the jewel. Every jewel has a setting, which for the Eucharist is the Daily Office. Eucharist, Offices and Litany together comprise our Liturgy. At Evening Prayer the climax is the Song of Mary, the *Magnificat*, which, together with the *Benedictus*, sets the theme for weekday worship, the Incarnation of our Lord.

If you have never participated in Solemn Evensong, here is your opportunity to see Anglican worship at its very best. We hope you will join us!

## **ST. BARNABAS YOUTH TO HOST 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MID-YEAR REUNION AND EVEN SONG**

On **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.** the youth of St. Barnabas will host a reunion for those youth in the Southern region that attended the St. Michael's Conference this past summer.

We will gather prior to Solemn Even song in the parish hall. Families, friends and prospective students are encouraged to join us for games, slideshow, fellowship and dinner. We will meet on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in the Youth Room at 6pm to finalize plans for this event.

## **FIRST FRIDAY DINNERS RESUME IN OCTOBER**

After taking some time off for Summer Vacations, our "First Friday Dinner"(s) will start back on October 7th, 2011, due to the first Friday in September being the start of Labor Day weekend.

Suggestions are open for a place everyone can enjoy meeting and eating... Please send your ideas to [macavett@aol.com](mailto:macavett@aol.com) or call (931) 461-9062.



Thanks and God Bless,

Marianne

St Mike's Youth Conference



Shepherd's House



Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Animals - October 2nd 10-11 a.m.

Pig Roast - date TBD

5th Sunday - October 30th

# CHURCH LIFE

## CONSTANCE AND HER COMPANIONS, MARTYRS OF MEMPHIS SEPTEMBER 9TH

In August, 1878, Yellow Fever invaded the city of Memphis for the third time in ten years. By the month's end the disease had become epidemic and a quarantine was ordered. While 30,000 citizens had fled in terror, 20,000 more remained to face the pestilence. As cases multiplied, death tolls averaged 200 daily. When the worst was over ninety percent of the population had contracted the Fever; more than 5,000 people had died.



In that time of panic and flight, many brave men and women, both lay and cleric, remained at their posts of duty or came as volunteers to assist despite the terrible risk. Notable among these heroes were Constance, Superior of the work of the Sisters of St. Mary in Memphis, and her Companions. The Sisters had come to Memphis in 1873, at Bishop Quintard's request, to found a Girls School adjacent to St. Mary's Cathedral. When the 1878 epidemic began, George C. Harris, the Cathedral Dean, and Sister Constance immediately organized relief work among the stricken. Helping were six of Constance's fellow Sisters of St. Mary; Sister Clare from St. Margaret's House, Boston; the Reverend Charles C. Parsons, Rector of Grace and St. Lazarus Church, Memphis; and the Reverend Louis S. Schuyler, assistant at Holy Innocents, Hoboken. The Cathedral group also included three physicians, two of whom were ordained Episcopal priests, the Sisters' two matrons, and several volunteer nurses from New York. They have ever since been known as "The Martyrs of Memphis," as have those of other Communion who ministered in Christ's name during this time of desolation.

The Cathedral buildings were located in the most infected region of Memphis. Here, amid sweltering heat and scenes of indescribable horror, these men and women of God gave relief to the sick, comfort to the dying, and homes to the many orphaned children. Only two of the workers escaped the Fever. Among those who died were Constance, Thecla, Ruth and Frances, the Reverend Charles Parsons and the Reverend Louis Schuyler. The six martyred Sisters and priests are buried at Elmwood Cemetery. The monument marking the joint grave of Fathers Parsons and Schuyler bears the inscription: "Greater Love Hath No Man." The beautiful High Altar in St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis, is a memorial to the four Sisters.

- Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music of TEC

### *Take Note!*

For better service we have changed our internet provider and therefore have a change of address. Please update your address book and use the following address for all email correspondence for the Parish Office. Thank you!

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# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## BIRTHDAYS

John R. Stubbs	September 2	Vicki Young	September 15	Rosalyn Bennett	September 25
Jacob Vincent	September 3	Al Henningan	September 16	Courtney McLean	September 25
Tom Bagsby, Sr.	September 4	Paul Killingsworth	September 16	Sean Cole Huskey	September 25
Elizabeth Grace Robinson	September 5	Olivia Hiers	September 17	Missy Wenger	September 25
Thomas Frederick	September 6	Tina Keller	September 18	Edith Love	September 26
Becky Harris	September 6	Joe Shapard	September 18	Spencer Yoder	September 26
Travis McCall	September 8	Marc Gonzales	September 19	Allison Barnes	September 27
Ian Thomas Huskey	September 9	Mary Parker	September 21	Stacie Woo	September 27
Kate Lapszynski	September 12	Ginny Duncan	September 25	Nancy Eagan	September 28
John Greeter	September 14	Melissa Bennett	September 25	Jennifer Parrish Wilson	September 30
J. D. Mahan	September 14				

*Watch over thy children O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Jan Mesa	September 8	Greg and Perian Bennett	September 10
Cliff and Maxine Phillips	September 9	Simon and Tina Allen	September 14

*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.*

## This Month in Church History

**September 2** - On this day in 1752, Great Britain replaced the inaccurate calendar created by Julius Caesar in 46 BC with the Gregorian calendar.

**September 7** - On this day in 1783, Evangelical Anglican Robert Raikes formed the Sunday School Society to raise money for weekly Christian schools, which met each Sunday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm—the original Sunday schools.

**September 8** - On this day in 1795, William White was consecrated the fourth Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

**September 9** - On this day in 1087, William I, "The Conqueror" of England in 1066 and founder of several monasteries, died.

**September 14** - On this day in 1847, Holy Eucharist was celebrated by an Anglican priest for the first time in Mexico.

**September 22** - On this day in 1991, The Dead Sea Scrolls were made available to the public for the first time, by the Huntington Library.

**September 26** - On this day in 1863, Frederick William Faber, priest and and hymnist, died. Faber is known for the hymns "Faith of Our Fathers" and "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy."



# THOSE WHO SERVE

## VESTRY

Evans Baird	728-3818
Virginia Boyd, Clerk	455-0804
Rick Crutcher, Sr. Warden	455-9619
Elaine Doxey	952-0798
Dot Duncan	455-3087
Maurice Hale	455-9288
Jim Jolliffe	393-2552
Crawford Lee Parrish Jr., Ass't. Treasurer	581-4217
Mark Williamson, Jr. Warden	393-2502
J. C. Duncan, Treasurer	455-3087

## QUESTIONS ABOUT . . .

Acolytes	Fr. Murphy	455-3170
Altar Guild	Anne Hightower	455-5127
Beacon/Website	Fr. Murphy	455-3170
Chancel Choir	Evans Baird	728-3818
Christian Education	Fr. Murphy	455-3170
Daughters of the King	Fran Parrish	393-3225
	Marianne Cavett	461-9062
Evangelism	Rick Crutcher	455-9619
	Erica Murphy	461-9566
ECW	Linda Rittenhouse	695-5494
	Georgia Mahan	455-2913
EYC	Ginni Bagsby	637-2252
Fellowship	Mickey Crutcher	455-9619
	Erica Murphy	461-9566
Greeters	Lee/Marianne Cavett	461-9062
Knitting Guild	Pat Rhudy	434-2369
History of St. Barnabas	Marjorie Collier	455-4186
Lay Readers/ Chalice Bearers	Crawford Parrish	393-3225
Lydia Guild	Mickey Crutcher	455-9619
Outreach	Robbie Williamson	393-2502
Recycling	Elaine Doxey	952-0798
Ushers	Jim Enos	455-5080
Use of the Church	Fr. Murphy	455-3170

## STAFF

Verger	Crawford Parrish, Sr.
Organist	Nelda Lowrance/Marjorie Collier
Choir Director	Evans Baird
Youth Director	Ginni Bagsby
Nursery	Yvonne Gilliam
Parish Secretary	Tricia Blowers
Sexton	Thomas Bagsby

# LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Position	September 4 12th Pentecost	September 11 13th Pentecost	September 15 14th Pentecost	September 22 15th Pentecost
Service Time	8:00 A.M.	Noon	8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
Lector/Chalice	Richard Doxey	Max Lamont	Richard Doxey	Max Lamont
Service Time	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector 1	Denis Root	Ed LeBlanc	Lee Cavett	Virginia Boyd
Lector 2	James Jolliffe	Ann Young	Kate Lapczynski	Marianne Cavett
Prayers of the People	Marianne Cavett	Fran Parrish	June Debatin	Denis Root
Chalice 1	Marianne Cavett	Crawford Parrish	Marge Henderson	Crawford Parrish
Chalice 2	Lee Cavett	Marge Henderson	Tom Bagsby Sr	Marianne Cavett
Usher 1				
Usher 2				
Greeter 1	Sandra Johnson	Tom Bagsby Sr	Ann Young	Sheila Rudge
Greeter 2	John Greeter	Ginni Bagsby	Robbie Williamson	Jim Enos
Fellowship Hour				

SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
4 12th Pentecost 8:00 a H. E. Rite I 10:30 a H. E. Rite II 11:30 a Fellowship Hour	5 Labor Day PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	6 5:00 p Cub Scouts Troop 360	7 5:45 p Outreach Mtg 6:00-8:00 p EYC Mtg 7:00 p Chancel Choir Rehearsal Resumes	8 6:00 p Knitting Guild	9 Constance and Her Companions, Martyrs of Memphis	10 10:00 a ECW Mtg @ Church	
11 13th Pentecost 8:00 a H. E. Rite I 10:30 a H. E. Rite II Rally Day & Ministry Fair Chancel Choir Resumes 11:30 a Fellowship Hour 12:00 n Daughters of the King	12 7:00 p BS Troop 303	13 5:00 p Cub Scouts Troop 360	14 Holy Cross Day 7:00 p Chancel Choir	15 6:00 p Knitting Guild	16	17	
18 14th Pentecost 8:00 a H. E. Rite I 9:30 a Christian Education Resumes, Adult & Youth 10:30 a H. E. Rite II 11:30 a Fellowship Hour Ministry Fair	19 4:30 p Evangelism Committee Mtg 7:00 p BS Troop 303 BEACON Deadline	20 12:00 n Staff Meeting 5:00 p Cub Scouts Troop 360	21 St Matthew, Evangelist & Apostle 6:00 p EYC Mtg 7:00 p Chancel Choir	<b>Father Murphy on Retreat.</b>			23 Ember Day
25 15th Pentecost 8:00 a H. E. Rite I 9:30 a Christian Education 10:30 a H. E. Rite II 11:30 a Fellowship Hour 4:00-7:00 p SIMC Youth Event 6:00 p Solemn High Evensong	26 7:00 p BS Troop 303	27 5:00 p Cub Scouts Troop 360 6:00 p Theology Night Resumes	28 7:00 p Chancel Choir	29 St Michael and All Angels 6:00 p Knitting Guild	30	24 Ember Day	

## SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education\*  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist\*  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

\*Child care is provided on Sundays for ages five and under

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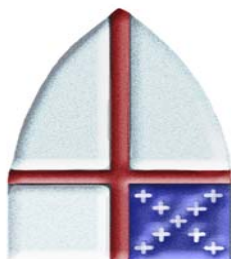
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