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Also, St. John's Church School now has a Facebook site: a place for parents, teachers, students, and clergy to share information and ideas.

SUNDAY ADULT & YOUTH CLASSES

Newcomers and Inquirers: Fellowship and Service at St. John's – Margaret Wylly, et al. (New location: Small Drawing Room, Parish House. Enter by side door next to kitchen.)

Young Marrieds and Singles Forum on Christian Faith and Family Life – Mike Chastain (Fellowship Hall)

Christian Foundations III: The Old Testament – Fr O' Brien and Fr. Dunbar (Chapel)

Second Isaiah – Jack Wray (3rd Floor Classroom)

The Wyves Tale of Bath – David Noble (Reading Room, Third Floor)

Upper School Youth Forum– Angela Locke and Youth (Senior High room)

Middle School: Living Faith – Skip Jennings

WEEKDAY STUDY GROUPS

FOR WOMEN –

WEDNESDAY - 10:45 a.m. Bible Study—Reading Room, 3rd Floor.

AND THURSDAY – 9:15 a.m. Book Study—Reading Room, 3rd Floor.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday – Friday

Morning Prayer 8:15 a.m.

Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 29th **Michaelmas**

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

10 a.m. *Litany and Sung Eucharist*

5:30 p.m. *Evensong* (Church)

Supper (6 p.m.) and *Class* (6:35 p.m.)

The Old Testament For Adults:

Exodus Redemption

A DOUBLE FREEDOM

In the canticle *Benedictus* appointed to be said or sung at Morning Prayer throughout the year, the faithful find the means of giving thanks to God for the dawning of a new day of salvation, and of dedicating themselves to his service in it. We give thanks that by his gift, “we, being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear / in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our

WEEKDAY STUDY GROUPS

FOR MEN –

TUESDAY—7 a.m. Breakfast Parish House Dining Room

THURSDAY – 7 a.m. Reading Room (Cranmer Hall 3rd floor)

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

Those who have been baptized and confirmed, or are ready and desirous to be confirmed, are admitted to the Holy Communion. In case of doubt, please consult the clergy.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. R. Kran Riddle

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Henry D. Stevens IV

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John F. Fitzpatrick and loved ones by their family.

And in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney T. Nutting, Sr. and Mr. Sidney T. Nutting, Jr. by their families.

And on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Winnifred Lane Morgan and Mr. Charles Richardson Yates III.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings, Mrs. Marshall F. Campbell
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ACOLYTES

8:00 Andrew Smith
10:30 Will Sadler
John DeBacker, Clayton Compton
Lindsay Pindar, Rion Hilliard
Peter Stein, John Osborne

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Charles Ezelle

BAZAAR HAPPENINGS

- **JANE'S CANNERS** meet Wednesdays in the Cranmer Hall kitchen following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion. Call Jane Pressly 233-6551.
- Please remember as you are cleaning your closets to keep the in mind the **White Elephant, Treasure Room, Books**, etc. **Storage is available.** Contact Leah Brunson 231-8911 or 398-1620. Written instructions for use of storage facility are available in the church office.
- We are also looking for contributions to the **Silent Auction.** (Parties, Vacation Destinations, Trips, Oriental Rugs, China, Gift Certificates, etc.) Contact Sarah Ross 655-6966 or Gennie Leigh Sumner 657-6221.
- Looking for **Waitresses** for the Bazaar Luncheon on Wednesday or Thursday (or both), contact Jessica Osborne 898-0202.
- Caroline Hayes 897-0343 is taking orders for personalized Holly Day's Aprons. Cost \$25 to go to the **Nun's Nook.**
- While cooking **soup and chili** for that football game make a double batch and freeze one for the bazaar. Sherry Holtzclaw 897-3889 or Christiana Turner 898-1810.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

life". Christ gives us a double freedom – a freedom *from*, and a freedom *for*.

What we are delivered *from* is the objectively grievous reality of guilt, condemnation, cursedness – the predicament of man who by his misdeeds has made God his enemy, and Satan gleeful. The subjective consequences "grievous unto us" of this objectively "grievous" condition are heavy: the tormenting demons of anger, depression, anxiety, remorse, hopelessness, anger, and guilt. Deliverance from the oppression of these enemies is what the theologians call "justification", the amnesty of the guilty, their being delivered from all accusations and being accounted righteous by the judge. Justification brings an exhilarating sense of deliverance, the relief of the soul from the burden that oppresses the spirit and sucks the energy and joy out of it. But its basis is not emotion or experience – indeed emotion and experience will often continue to testify against our being justified: it is grounded in the word of Christ's gracious promise, sealed by the efficacious sign of baptism, a promise which we grasp by faith, and to which we must cling in the face of all counter-testimonies.

What we are delivered *for*, is the service of him whose service is perfect freedom, "in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life". This deliverance is called regeneration, the grace efficaciously signified by baptism: our rebirth as the children of God, our endowment with a new nature, a new heart and soul, a new capacity to respond to the godly motions of the Spirit, and to grow up to spiritual maturity, in holiness and righteousness of life. Without this gift, our efforts to

serve the Lord would be futile: indeed, as works-righteousness, they would only increase our condemnation.

In contemporary revivalism, "being born again" is associated with the emotional intensity of a dramatic conversion experience: but in classical theology, both catholic and reformed, regeneration is an objective change, which is not immediately accessible to empirical verification, but is known by the gracious promise set forth in Word and Sacrament and grasped in faith. This is the very opposite of self-generated certainty: it is the soul's finding a stability and strength outside itself, a stability and strength declared and mediated to it by the Word, and the faith which that Word elicits. Nonetheless regeneration does produce perceptible change: a desire to learn more of Christ, the disquiet of a conscience no longer at ease with its self-justifying ways, are signs of regenerating grace at work in us. Yes the power of concupiscence, the inclination to sin, remains powerful, "yea, in them that are regenerated": sanctification is not an easy ride, but spiritual combat.

In Word and Sacrament the Church declares the double freedom that belongs to the faithful, freedom from sin, freedom for holiness. In them do we find the testimony of God concerning us, piercing through the tumult of emotions, and refuting the counter-testimony of the world, the flesh, and the devil. To cling to this testimony in faith, to know ourselves as God knows us, through his love and mercy, as those who are justified from all our sins and regenerate for holiness: this is where we begin to experience newness of life in him. GGD

8:00—HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel 213
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 —ADULT, YOUTH and CHILDREN’S CLASSES
 (*Cranmer Hall and Parish House*)

10:30—Pre-School program continues—3 year olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)
Jr. Choir—grades 1 through 4

10:30—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON

HYMN #300 *Before the Lord Jehovah’s Throne* Winchester New
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book 3-7
 Versicles and Responses 7-8
 VENITE (Hymnal #609)..... 9
 Psalm #33 378
 First Lesson: Ephesians 4:1 213
 TE DEUM (Hymnal #615, 619)..... 10
 Second Lesson: St. Luke 14:1..... 213
 BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #638)..... 11
 Apostles’ Creed 15
 Versicles and Responses 16
 Collect for the Day 213
 Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace 17-20

THE WHITENING OF CHORISTERS

Phillip Inglesby, Henry Osborne and Nathaniel Smith

HYMN #302 *O That I had a Thousand Voices*Mentzer
1st through 4th grade children enrolled in Junior Choir exit following the Cross
 THE SERMONFr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Most High, Omnipotent, Good Lord* Alfred M. Smith
 (The words are found in the Hymnal, no. 307)

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #396 *The Church’s One Foundation* Aurelia
 ORGAN: *Prelude and Fugue in Eb (BWV 552)*..... Johann Sebastian Bach

Everyone is invited to attend a Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) same as 8:00