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All Ages Church School begins THIS Sunday September 11th at 9:30 a.m.

Parents are asked to bring children to their classrooms, then return to 1st floor for registration, coffee, and RECTOR'S FORUM with Fr. Dunbar at 9:45 a.m.

NO Class in the Chapel this Sunday.

Confirmation Class & Parents: *please sit in the reserved pews in front of pulpit.*

St. John's Confirmed Youth: *After Church Bowling 1pm-3pm*

WHOSE PROFIT?

The epistle lesson for the 10th Sunday after Trinity (1 Corinthians 12:1-11) speaks of the diverse gifts which the Spirit has distributed to "every man to profit withal". The phrase raises the question, *whose profit?* The individual, or, as many writers ancient and modern take it, "the common good"? Though the former is not excluded, the context strongly favours the latter. These are gifts of *service*. Just a chapter before, the Apostle had spoken of "not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that many be saved" (10:33). Likewise a chapter later he exhorts those who are "zealous of spiritual gifts, seek ye that ye may excel to the edifying of the church" (14:12) – for building up the congregation. Thus the fourth century Doctor of the Church St. Basil the Great advises his monastic community on the basis of this passage: "Since no one has the capacity to receive all spiritual gifts, but the grace of the Spirit is given proportionately to the faith of each, when one is living in community with others, the grace privately bestowed on each individual becomes the common possession of the others....One who receives any of these gifts does not possess it for his own sake but rather for the sake of others" (*The Long Rules*, 7).

In his *Sermons on the Creed*, St. Thomas Aquinas puts it this way: "as in our natural body the operation of one member works for the good of the entire body, so also is it with a spiritual body, such as is the Church. Because all the

faithful are one body, the good of one member is communicated to another.... Among the various members of the Church, the principal member is Christ, because he is the Head. ...we know that not only the efficacy of Christ's Passion is communicated to us, but also the merits of his life; and, moreover, all that good that all the saints have done is communicated to all who are in the state of grace, because all are one. ...Therefore, he who lives in charity participates in all the good that is done in the entire world.... Thus through this communion we receive two benefits. One is that the merits of Christ are communicated to all; the other is that the good of one is communicated to another."

This doctrine – the Communion of Saints – and its practical implications are concisely spelled out in the 1560 Heidelberg Catechism, one of the great teaching vehicles of the Reformers on the continent and in England: "*Question*. What do you understand by the communion of saints? *Answer*: First, that all and everyone who believes, being members of Christ, are in common partakers of him, and of all his riches and gifts; and secondly, that everyone must know it to be his duty, readily and cheerfully to employ his gifts for the advantage and salvation of other members."

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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.

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

Parish Paper essays and Services may be heard on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. P. Drew Troxler

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Henry D. Stevens, Jr.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Sumner and Virginia Farwell by Rence Smyth.

And in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Herbert Mather, Mr. William P. Thompson, and Mr. Robert M. Thompson by Mrs. William P. Thompson.

And in honor of the life of Col. Lindsey P. Henderson, Jr. by his loving family.

The flowers at the altar in the Chapel are given to the glory of God in honor of Fr. Dunbar's 50th birthday.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Philip F. Kirk, Mrs. Richard C.E. Jennings
Mrs. Thomas Johnson, Mrs. Anne H. Mingledorff,
Mrs. Sanford G. Simmons, Mrs. Marshall F. Campbell
Mrs. Nicholas Farley, Mrs. Wm. Howard Helmken, Jr.

ACOLYTES

8:00 Cord Helmken
10:30 Clayton Compton
Lindsay Pindar, Chris Dixon
Charles Perrie, John Osborne
Hunt Wasden, Mikel Kelly

COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. Joseph R. Ross

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

Men's Bible Study & Discussion Groups
Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast & Study (Mike Chastain), Parish House).

Thursday Rector's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. *Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.*

Thursday Men's Forum—12:00 -1pm.

BAZAAR NOTICE

As you are cleaning your closets this summer, please remember the Holly Days Bazaar—White Elephant, Treasure Room, Books, etc...Storage is available. Instructions for use of the storage facility are available in the church office.

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

– **THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**

In Cranmer Hall at 6 p.m.. Dinner will be served at 6:45 and a short program will follow. Annual Meeting, Election of officers, and a presentation by our own Dr. Brian Taylor on the choir trip to Wells Cathedral this summer. Cost is \$30. Tickets will be sold in advance. at coffee hour Sept. 18th & 25th. The attire is coat and tie.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Alexander Nowell, the Dean of St. Paul's, is commonly remembered as the preacher whose sermon touching on matters of public policy was interrupted by Queen Elizabeth, "To your text, Mr. Dean, to your text!". He is also notable as the author of a Longer Catechism in which he has this comment on "the communion of saints": "... though they be severed and sundered by divers and far distant times and places, in what nation soever, or in what land so ever they be, [Christians] are yet members most nearly conjoined and knit together, of one and of the selfsame body, whereof Christ is the head.... For they are most nearly knit together in community of spirit, of faith, of sacraments, of prayers, of forgiveness of sins, of eternal felicity, and, finally, of all the benefits which God giveth his Church through Christ. Yea, they are so joined together with most strait bonds of concord and love, they have so all one mind, that the profit of any one and of them all is all one; and to this endeavour they do most bend themselves, how they may with interchange of beneficial doings, with counsel and help, further each other in all things, and specially to attaining of that blessed and eternal life."

The supreme truth and the highest good can be possessed only in the diversity of gifts within the shared life of a community, in the commerce and exchange that unites individuals in one body. In the unity of the Spirit what is given to one becomes the common possession of all; and what is done by one benefits and profits all, through the charity that "seeketh not her own" (1 Corinthians 13:5). This is the core of the doctrine confessed in the Apostles' Creed as an Article of Faith, the "communion of saints". We are, as St. Paul says, "called to be saints". As we are called, so may we follow. GGD

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins September 14, after 10a.m. Holy Communion Service. "Respectable Sins—Confronting the sins we tolerate" by Jerry Bridges. Books are available in the office for \$15.00.

PARISH KALENDAR

Monday- Friday (Chapel)

8:15am & 5:30pm

Morning or Evening Prayer

Wednesday (Chapel) HOLY CROSS

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

Thursday

NOON **MEN'S FORUM**

"Religious Truth and Falsehood"

(Mike Chastain).

Lunch and Talk: Guests welcome.

PICTORIAL PARISH DIRECTORY

APPOINTMENTS

New photographs are needed.

sign up for photographs taken in two ways:

1. Sundays in the Green Meldrim House
2. Sign up on-line and choose a sitting time. The web link is:

<https://signup.olanmills.com/familyinfo.aspx?chcontract=60979>

Sign-up participation has been slow. In order to make this a useful and successful directory we need EVERYONE to be in it, so please sign-up.

The shooting dates are:

- ✚ Wednesday, September 14th through Saturday, September 17th;
- ✚ Thursday, September 22nd through September 24th.

MILITARY SECTION OF DIRECTORY

Pictures must be in before Sept. 10th to Leroy Suddath or the Church Office.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH—GO BOWLING!

After Church this Sunday at the Victory Bowling Lanes (corner of Victory and Skidaway). We will gather in the Church Parking lot departing at 1:00. Parents please pick up at 3:00 from the Bowling Alley.

ST. JOHN'S AT A GLANCE

St. John's swings into high gear this month, and you can find out what opportunities there are for worship, education, and service in our trifold pamphlet available in the Church office, the Church door, Cranmer Hall and the Parish House.

8:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel..... Prayer Book, page 206
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30-10:15—Classes for Adults & Confirmed Youth (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30-10:15—Pre-School through 6th Grade (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30—Pre-School Worship Hour—3 years old through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)
Jr. Choir—grades 1—4

10:30 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #272 <i>Thou Whose Almighty Word</i>	Moscow
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses	7-8
VENITE (Hymnal #609)	9
Psalm #34	380
First Lesson: I Corinthians 3:4	206
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS (Hymnal #615, 619)	10
Second Lesson: St. Mark 7:31	206
BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #634)	14
Apostles' Creed	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collect for the Day	206
Other Collects and Prayers	17-20
The Grace	20
HYMN #151 & 152 <i>Awake My Soul</i>	Morning Hymn
<i>Jr. Choir children will exit following the crucifer.</i>	
THE SERMON	Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *All People that on Earth do Dwell*..... Thomas Tallis

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #776 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Azmon

ORGAN: *Prelude and Fugue in Bb (BWV 559)* attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

*Everyone is invited to attend the **Special Coffee Hour** in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service honoring Fr. Dunbar on his 50th Birthday.*

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