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**"If any want to be my followers,
let them deny themselves and
take up their cross and follow me."**

Mark 8.34



Treadwell gives Aleppo update and presents parish with a special print

We had the pleasure of another visit from Jamie Treadwell, artist and Urban Monk, who recently spoke at the weekend services, updating us on the Christian community status in Aleppo, Syria.

He said one can only understand the brothers and sisters in Aleppo if you can understand the power and joy of the Gospel. Their reason for staying in that situation is to witness to the love of Christ.

Knowing that they are not alone brings them encouragement. Not just because they have a bit more food than usual, or are able to get some medicine to treat a child's illness, but because they are now able to reach out to those around them even more.

They know that their witness is also your witness. You understand them and are not saying to them "Run and hide, be safe, forget those people and the power of the Resurrection." Rather you say, "you are our brothers and sisters. Thank you for extending a hand of love for us as well. You give us courage. You quicken our faith. You have opened the eyes of our hearts. Thank you; we're in this together!"

He also presented St. John's with one of his special edition prints of "In This Together," in recognition of our support of Syrian Christians, which began in May of this year. □

Sue Boujoukos, Jr. Warden
(photo by Bob Geroy)



Wear a statement of support

Our parish is kept aware of the persecutions of Christians throughout the Middle East and Africa through the ministry of Jamie Treadwell and, since May, we are contributing significant financial assistance to the Christian community in Aleppo, the capitol city of Syria.

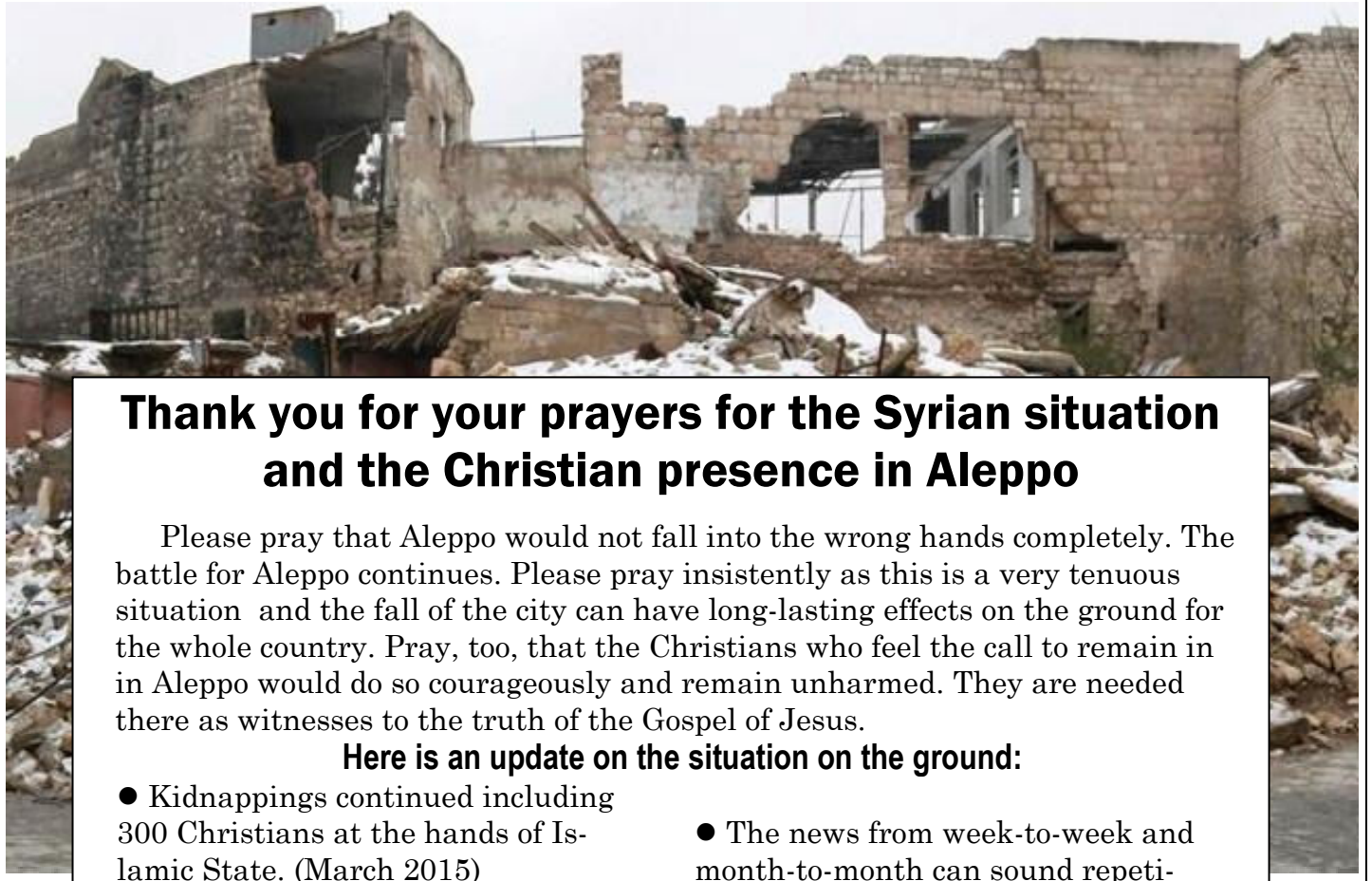
Until recently, Christians in our country have done little to publicly demonstrate our solidarity with these persecuted believers. But now, there is a concrete, specific and public way, for us as individual believers to exhibit our support for these victims.

It is a one-inch square pin bearing the Arabic letter "N" and an inscription, "I too am a Nazarene." Terrorists mark Christian homes with the Arabic letter "N" to identify the households as "Nazarenes" or followers of Jesus Christ. This "N" marks them for death.

The pins, which cost \$5, are a project of St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church in North Naples. Proceeds go to The International Orthodox Christian Charities, a global relief agency for Christian World Orthodoxy and provide basic needs, food, blankets to the needy, even Muslims not in standing with the terrorists.

Bonnie Schlichting has the pins for sale after services or you may order directly from St. Katherine's Church, 239-591-3430, or by email at tinyurl.com/mywp6qm. Further information is available at ChristianRelief7100@gmail.com. □

Bonnie Schlichting



Thank you for your prayers for the Syrian situation and the Christian presence in Aleppo

Please pray that Aleppo would not fall into the wrong hands completely. The battle for Aleppo continues. Please pray insistently as this is a very tenuous situation and the fall of the city can have long-lasting effects on the ground for the whole country. Pray, too, that the Christians who feel the call to remain in Aleppo would do so courageously and remain unharmed. They are needed there as witnesses to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus.

Here is an update on the situation on the ground:

- Kidnappings continued including 300 Christians at the hands of Islamic State. (March 2015)
 - Al Nusra front still occupies large areas of Aleppo. They are surrounded by the Syrian Army who, in turn, are encircled by Islamic State. On June 15, 200 rockets fell that day on the western part of Aleppo, where Christians mostly live.
 - One message was sent via WhatsApp: "Please pray, Aleppo is in great danger. Satan is using all the weapons he has at his disposal to destroy whole neighborhoods in Aleppo. Explosive containers are raining down on the city in a vicious way."
 - Although apprehensive about Western nations in general, the population is greatly tempted to just leave the city and the country at all costs, even if they lose everything in the process.
 - The news from week-to-week and month-to-month can sound repetitiously the same. Nevertheless, circumstances are becoming increasingly difficult for those living there.
 - Our brothers and sisters continue to be very cautious about speaking openly on the phone or what they write in emails. Their lives can be endangered if they say the wrong thing. When contacting them, we are very discreet and do not pressure them for "news."
 - The subject of Christian outreach can be easily misunderstood and taken the wrong way and actually a taboo subject when spoken about in public.
 - Since the beginning of the crisis, the country has lost a total of 202 billion US Dollars.
- More news and prayer requests will be forthcoming when available. □***

Sue Boujoukos, Jr. Warden



**AUGUST
SPECIAL!**

Two great incentives to come visit us in our popular new location

We are partnering with our neighbor Fish Crazy Restaurant (just next door) for the month of August. Featuring great seafood, atmosphere, and even a seafood market!!

1. **Spend \$100 at St. John's Shoppe and get \$20 off your table's bill** when you dine next door at Fish Crazy. (Volunteer at St. John's Shoppe and receive the same one-time offer!)
2. **Dine at Fish Crazy and receive 20% off any one item at St. John's Shoppe** with our coupon.

NEWS OF SUMMER

from your friends at St. John's Shoppe

The rainy days of summer are here with thunderstorms to cool off those really hot days in Naples. We have another idea on how to stay cool and get a real bargain too! Visit St. John's Shoppe where the air is always cool and friendly volunteers are there to assist you in finding that little something to purchase to make your day!

Call (239) 597-9518 for more information.
Business hours: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday — Saturday

For furniture donations: Ask for Sharon, Shoppe Manager.

To volunteer: Call Jean Morley, Volunteer Coordinator, at (239) 649-8282 to volunteer.

***You will find us at Tamiami Square,
14700 Tamiami Trail, North, in Naples.***

*(Tamiami Square is located 2 ½ miles north of
Immokalee Rd. and US41N on the east side of the Trail.)*

*Myra Tutwiler
Board Vice-Chairman & Secretary*



An encounter with God,
An encounter with Yourself,
An encounter with Others

NEWS

What is Cursillo?

Cursillo (*Cur- See'- yo*): Spanish for "short course in Christian Living."

It is a three-day event for the Laity and is held at DaySpring Conference Center in Ellenton (north of Bradenton). The Cursillo weekend is an opportunity to grow in faith and spirituality. It is an action-oriented time with emphasis on Christian life. The goal of the weekend is transforming environments, along with discovering and living out your personal vocation.

Cursillo attempts to inspire Christians to pursue their mission in the world by hearing and answering God's call.

Upcoming Weekends:

- #131 October 8-11, 2015
- #132 February 4-7, 2016
- #133 *Spanish* May 19-22, 2016

It is an exciting time for the Cursillo movement in our Diocese. During the weekend, you will meet individuals from different parishes in SW Florida. Many friendships and ministries are developed during the weekend.



Dorothy Lowrie

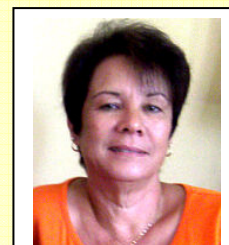
Dorothy Lowrie appointed St. John's Cursillo Representative to the Diocese

Dorothy attended Cursillo #114 at DaySpring in 2008.

Richard & Esther Gonzales and Iris Valazquez attended the second Spanish weekend held in May at DaySpring, and Dorothy attended the closing with the Gonzales family.

"I am blessed and honored to be the Cursillo Representative for St. John's," she said. "

Esther Gonzalez Named to team for October 8 to 11th Cursillo weekend



Esther Gonzales

Esther will be serving with Dorothy on the team for the October Cursillo at the DaySpring Conference Center in Ellenton.

Is the October weekend for you? Sign-ups being accepted now!

At present, we have three applications already in for October. In September, there will be announcements on how everyone can participate in supporting the weekend. Early in the New Year we will have a Deanery Ultreya (a time to worship, listen to individual telling about how they are Living their 4th Day and fellowship). For more information, contact Dorothy Lowrie at Dorothy@mrsreadygolf.com or call 239-821-4907. □

Dorothy Lowrie



Another
**Family Fun
 Night**
 Coming in
September
 Watch your Sunday
 Bulletins for details



Summertime Connections

Midway through Summer 2015. I hope everyone is making time for some relaxing and recreating. If you are away from Naples, I have news for you. St. John's is alive and well.

Fr. Christian and Kate are providing joyful, loving, and enthusiastic leadership. Worship services are glorious — rich in praise and prayer, thanks be to God. Listen to Fr. Christian's sermons on line. You will be glad you did.

The music is heavenly with Glenn and the summer singers, and we are blessed with new lay readers in our midst.

Soon a new service — in Spanish — will begin in God's glory, organized in the vision given to Sub-Deacon Gonzalez by God, and blessed by the Bishop and Fr. Joe.

Now, if you are in town and looking for something to do in the way God has prepared, there is plenty of opportunity. God may give you a new mission or connect you with one on-going. Check in with The Thrift Shoppe, or St. Matthews House through the service work led by our own Paul Escholtz. See one of the ladies in the Altar Guild, or Fr. Christian could lead you to the YMCA, where he and Fr. Joe are serving children.

Enjoy Wednesday Prayer and Praise. Bring a friend or neighbor to church to see what God is doing in St. John's time of relaxing and recreating. The opportunities are endless. Have fun! ☐

Mike Johnson, Senior Warden

Good food, fun and fellowship filled SJ's Annual Beach Party!

Songs, games, chatter and sunset walks occupied the sixty-some attendees of St. John's Annual Beach Party on Saturday, July 18.

Held once again at the Moorings Beach Park, the venue was perfect and the weather cooperative.

Thanks to all the planners and workers for another wonderful eve! ☐





Dog days of Summer

Have you been feeling edgy of late? Are you exhausted from the relentless summer heat? Spread too thin? Have your canine friends been acting peculiarly? We have been feeling it, not only at home but also in the office. The Dog Days are

surely upon us. If you are not familiar with the history of the phrase, Wikipedia states that in ancient Rome “Dog Days” was the time from July 24-August 24. Many European countries still adhere to this date. Dog Days was even mentioned in the Book of Common Prayer, 1552, although they dated them a little earlier as July 6-August 17. There is no reference to Dog Days in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer or later.

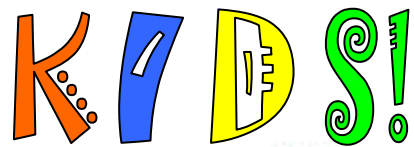
Traditionally, Dog Days coincided with the rising of the star Sirius, also known as the Dog Star, the brightest in the night sky and the most prominent star in the constellation Canis Major. These hottest days of the year were known to be a time when “the sea boiled, the wine turned sour, dogs grew mad, and all other creatures became languid; causing to man, among other diseases, burning fevers, hysterics, and phrensies (Clavis Calendaria, 1813).

We are reminded in the Holy Scriptures not to lose our cool even during Dog Days when we feel exhausted, the A/C is on the fritz, our kids (or the neighbor kids) are driving us crazy, or we find ourselves with unanticipated medical issues (and the bills that come with them) but instead, “in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6b-7

Friends, the Dog Days may be throwing you for a loop, and if they are, come and lay your burdens before the Lord Jesus Christ. He will not abandon us. He loves us and wants His very best for each one of us. Let us look to Him for help and, in faith, believe that in Him all things are possible and that He will give us the strength to make it through each day and every situation.

Peace and blessings to you,

Fr. Christian+



**One
Day
Only!**

- Bible lesson
- Songs
- Crafts
- Games
- Lunch

Vacation

Bible School

Saturday, August 8

9 am – 2 pm

For children of all ages

(nursery available upon request)

THEME:

**“Wonderfully Made –
Dinosaurs & Us”**

Based on Psalm 139:14a, “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” We will use dinosaurs as a connecting point of talking about all that God has wonderfully created, and celebrate and give thanks to Him.

**To register, call the church office
261-2355 ext. 4**

St. John's Episcopal Church - Vestry Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2015

The meeting began at 6:04 pm in Brewster Hall. Fr. Christian opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Fr. Christian, Asst. Rector; Sue Boujoukos, Jr. Warden; Peter Zimmermann, Treasurer; Fran Disselhorst; Bob Matthews; Linda Smith; Jack Wert; Ann Witmer, Clerk of the Vestry. Absent: Fr. Joe Maiocco, Rector; Deacon Bill Moyers; Mike Johnson, Sr. Warden; Richard Clapp; Gary Jarrell.

Fr. Christian asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the April Vestry meeting. Sue moved to accept the minutes with corrected changes. The corrected April minutes were unanimously approved.

Rector's Report

No report.

Assistant Rector's Report

Fr. Christian highlighted the upcoming schedule and activities:

- The First Communion of Yasmin Boulter Sunday (6/14).
- The Study on John begins on Sunday (6/7) at 8:45am led by Skip.
- There will be a family gathering at the Brownlee's house.
- Wednesday Fellowship is the 1st & 3rd Wed of the month at 7pm.
- The Sunset Beach Picnic will be held Saturday (7/18) at 6:30pm.
- Jamie Treadwell will be preaching Saturday (6/6) and Sunday (6/7).

Deacon's Report

No report.

Sr. Warden's Report

No report.

Jr. Warden's Report

The annual fire department inspection reported a few minor infractions, some of which were:

- Exit signs need batteries
- Additional horn/strobe is required in Library because of potential for dividing room into two separate spaces.

We are meeting Wednesday (5/27) with a competitor to get a price for air conditioner and handler.

Finance Report

- Peter presented the April Financial report (see Attachment.)
- Fran made a motion to move that the April Financials be approved. The motion was seconded and the Financials were approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Thrift Shoppe is operating well financially. Peter stated the store made \$17k profit for April.

Outreach Committee

Sue read Dick Clapp's "Report from The Shoppe" aloud to the Vestry (see attachment.)

Peter then added that expenses went up for the Thrift Shoppe. They are receiving donations of furniture. They need to build reserves up \$1-2K a month. The Thrift Shoppe needs volunteers.

Ministry Commission

No report.

Unfinished Business

The draft of the Outreach Bylaws were presented and discussed. Peter made a motion to approve the Outreach Bylaws. The motion was seconded and the Outreach Bylaws were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

Bob Matthews shared pictures of memorial walls from two churches in the area. The photos will be kept on file in the Parish Office for further viewing.

The next Vestry meeting will be held Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 6pm.

Fran moved that we adjourn and the meeting closed at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Witmer
Clerk of Vestry

TREASURER'S REPORT

Below is a summary financial statement of the Church's operations for the second quarter of 2015 compared to the annual budget for 2015. The financial success of 2015 to date is due to two principal factors: the continued generosity of our parishioners and management control over expenses. The combination of these two factors enabled St. John's to post a positive operating result of \$93,102.

As we head into the summer months, our expenses run as per usual, but revenues decrease sharply with the departure of our northern-based parishioners. We encourage everyone to keep their pledges current so that we do not have to dip into our investments to support operations.

St. John's - 2nd Quarter Financial Report (Unaudited)

	6-Mo. Ended June 30, 2015	Budget 2015
REVENUES :		
Pledges	\$256,523	\$420,000
Non-pledged	161,433	252,548
Other	1,215	2,000
TOTAL REVENUES	419,171	674,548
EXPENSES:		
Salaries and benefits	162,998	342,780
Church facilities	38,629	89,700
Utilities	9,810	24,800
Administration	70,147	122,628
Ministries & Committees	44,485	94,640
TOTAL EXPENSES	326,069	674,548
NET OPERATING TOTAL	\$93,102	\$0

In addition, St. John's has "non-operating" revenues (earnings from investments, gifts, etc.) of \$21,365 during the six months ended June 30, 2015. □

Peter Zimmerman, Treasurer



Baptisms:

Daniel William Dupuis - June 13, 2015

Deaths:

Lorelei Kley - June 26, 2015

Tom Bailey - July 13, 2015

Burials:

John Cooper - June 26, 2015



Attention Ladies!

Mark your calendars!

Women's Monday Morning

Bible Study

reconvenes after summer break

October 12, 10 - 11 a.m.

in Brewster Hall

Study: Ezekiel

All are welcome! Questions ?
Contact Jan Eveleigh 239-682-5339 or
jmeveleigh@msn.com.

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Jr. Warden: Sue Boujoukos

Treasurer: Peter Zimmermann

Clerk to the Vestry: Ann Witmer

Members: Richard Clapp, Fran Disselhorst,
Gary Jarrell, Robert Matthews, Linda Smith,
Jack Wert

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Discipleship, Outreach

St. John's Shoppe for Upscale Thrift

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Hrs: Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Parishlife (in black and white only) is still being mailed out to parishioners, but you must request it from the Parish Secretary. Call Ann at 261-2355, extension 4 to put your name on the list.

The color edition is online only, at www.stjohnsnaples.com and may be downloaded.

**Deadline for October
issue of Parishlife is
Noon, Friday
September 25**

**Leave articles in Parishlife
Mailbox in the office or email
to: kay-geroy@mindspring.com
Word limit: 300 words. Photos
should be JPEG extension.**