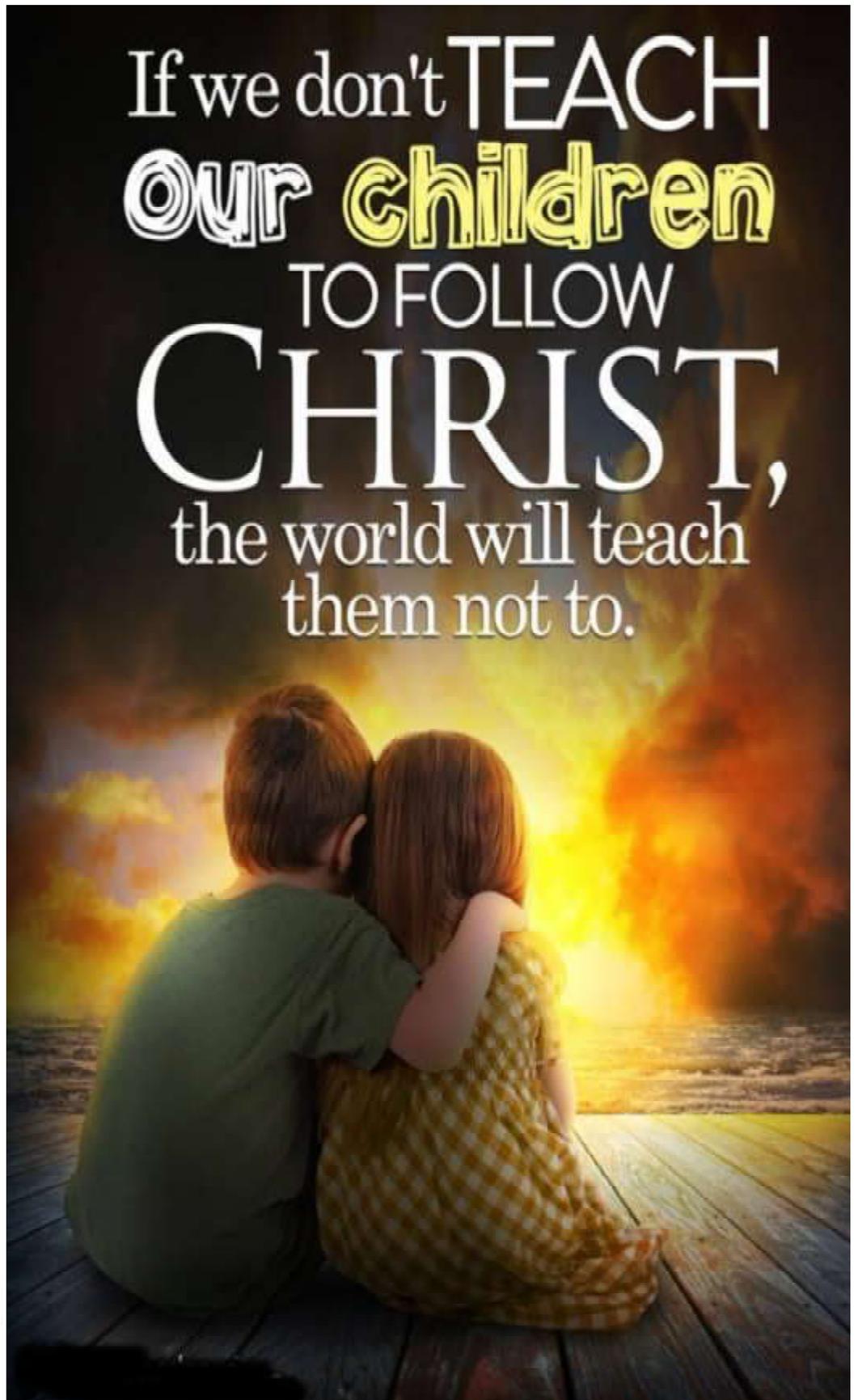


PARISHLIFE

The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church, Naples, Florida



If we don't **TEACH**
our children
TO FOLLOW
CHRIST,
the world will teach
them not to.





“Stay Here and Keep Watch with Me”

The title of my article is Jesus’ entreaty to his disciples as he began an agonizing time of prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his Crucifixion. Begging his father to “let this cup pass from his lips” and sweating drops of blood, our Lord was in pain and looking for spiritual support. Going back to his sleeping disciples he exclaimed “Couldn’t you keep watch with me for one hour?”

I believe in this hour Jesus is asking his church to keep watch with him in worship, prayer, fasting and serving. This watch is to spiritually prepare believers for times of trial and blessing to come, that we would drink fully of the cup of sacrifice our Lord desires to give us now. Our persecuted brothers and sisters already drink from this cup in their persecution, suffering and martyrdom. They are also experiencing the light and love of our Lord, with many healings, conversions and revival breaking out.

St. John’s is blessed to be entering its 3rd season in 2016 of 40 days dedicated to repentance and revival. We will be joining national leaders Dick Eastman and Franklin Graham from September 30-November 8 in “As One: A National Appeal to Heaven.” Through Election Day 2016, millions of Christians will be fasting, repenting and praying for our Nation in this critical time.



Will You Join Us in this Hour?

Participants in our earlier events have experienced a deeper conversion to Jesus, fullness of the Holy Spirit, deliverance, healing and increased spiritual power. Lifetime struggles and burdens are being healed, a fresh experience of God’s

anointing is upon them and excitement for what lies ahead. I’ve personally seen this flow out to other parishioners on multiple occasions, bringing transforming miracles in the Holy Spirits’ wake.

*Sign up: www.openheavenrevival.org.

*Read: At Open Heaven Revival about Worship, Prayer, Fasting & Serving.

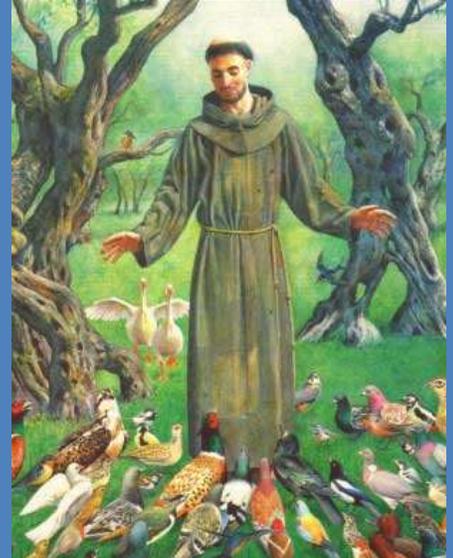
*Inspirational: Music videos, Starter Packet for download, Activity Calendar.

*Participate: In our worship, prayer walk, fasting and serving opportunities.

“Stay Here and Keep Watch with Me”

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Pet Blessing
Saturday, October 1st
9:30 - 10:30 am



Join us as we give thanks for our pet friends in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

Please bring your pet(s) on a leash or in a cage or pet carrier. After a short liturgy, we will have a social time with treats for all.

Pet blessing will take place in the lanai on the south side of the church.

All are welcome and please pass along this invitation to a friend.

St John's Episcopal Church
500 Park Shore Dr.
Naples, 34103
For more info call Fr. Christian



St. John's will move to the seasonal worship service times beginning Sunday, November 6th:

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 9am

Sunday 11:15am

Are we living in the end times?

Is it possible that what is depicted in the book of Revelation is our reality today? And if so, what part as Christ followers do we play?

Join Sisters Bible Study Monday evenings at 7-8:30pm in the prayer room beginning October 10th to seek answers to these questions and more using Dr. David Jeremiah's book entitled Agents of the Apocalypse.

For purchase of book please contact Connie Pinckney at: 239-580-7081

The Diocese of Southwest Florida 2016 48th Annual Convention

The convention will be held Friday (10/14) and Saturday (10/15) this year. Our Lay Delegates are: Ruth Adams, Dallas Adams, Gary Jarrell and alternate Peter Zimmerman. Prayer for safe travels for our delegates.

Amber's Home Services

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

We all need a little help now and then. Someone you can trust and rely on. Why not call upon the trusting hands of Amber's Home Services? From light house work to errand running and all the in-betweens. We offer service with a smile and caring heart.

For more information, please contact us at: Amber Ferreira
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- *Residential Cleaning
- *In Town Errands and Transport
- *Airport Drop off & Pick up
- *Home Watch



AND THE NOMINEES ARE.....



The title of this article is something one hears when they watch the Academy Awards, and soon afterwards, the winner comes forward to receive their award. Let me be the first to share with you that nominations are open for St. John's Vestry, and the slate isn't picked by any Academy, but by St. John's members.

Vestry nominee qualifications include:

- *St. John's Communicant in good standing.
- *Be 18 Years or older.
- *Demonstrates commitment to Christian tenets through regular worship attendance, Bible study, bears witness of God's love to family and friends, makes recorded contributions to St. John's and affirms Bylaws, Mission Statement and Core beliefs.
- *Will commit to completing their 3 year term, consistently attend Vestry meetings and special gatherings, provide parish leadership as needed and strive toward tithe of time, talent and treasure.

Vestry members are important lay leaders for any church, exercising a holy calling that powerfully touches the lives of many people. It's important to get someone's permission before you nominate them for Vestry. We have 3 openings this year.

IF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME WILL

humble themselves AND pray AND seek My face,

AND turn from their wicked ways,

THEN I WILL *hear from Heaven,*

AND I WILL *forgive their sin AND WILL*

heal their land.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

The Nominating Committee plays a critical role in the Vestry nomination process:

- *Shall be comprised of 2 Vestry members and 3 Congregational members.
- *They shall nominate members of the Congregation for the Vestry.
- *They shall deliver their report to the Vestry in sufficient time for inclusion in the Notice of election.

We need St. John's members who are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee as well as stand for election to the Vestry. God may be calling you to step forward and serve at this time. I ask you to prayerfully consider these opportunities, and if the Holy Spirit is stirring your heart, please talk to Fr. Joe or call the Church Office at 261.2355.

It's an exciting time to be in leadership at St. John's as we continue to experience numerical, spiritual and relational growth. Please keep this important process in your prayers over the coming days and God Bless You!

St. John's says a heartfelt farewell to our beloved Betty Kirtley



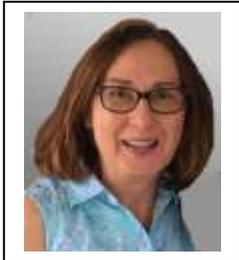
With great affection and gratitude, St. John's Altar Guild says goodbye to Betty Kirtley who is retiring as our Directress after serving the Lord and our church for more than 20 years.

Betty performed her many, many duties with grace and reverence as she patiently taught our Altar Guild members how to set the Lord's table and care for God's house.

We have all been blessed to have had her loving contribution for so long. God Bless You, Betty!! We will be looking for you in the front pew!

Many Blessings,

Barbara Johnson
Directress



Mary Zimmermann
Assistant

Order of St. Luke

OSL Healing & Meeting begins Wednesday (10/19) at 10:00am
in Brewster Hall.

Anyone interested in becoming an OSL member, you must register with the National OSL. Forms are in Brewster Hall; you will receive your workbook from there. Classes also begin 10/19 at 12:30pm in the Vestry Room and are approximately 6 weeks long.

Why do we do what we do? – great question right?? Generally we do what we know, other times we do what has been modeled for us. Still other times we do what we have been asked to do or what we think is right. And we can also simply be doing what we have been taught (right or wrong). In the life of the church many people at one time or another (happened in my life) go to church and are part of a faith community without knowing why they are doing what they are doing, or are just going through the motions for some other reason; sometimes that reason is based on someone else's influence from our family, friends or culture, and sometimes that influence is God Himself tugging on us in His direction.

Well, whether you need a faith refresher, or you have some questions about the Bible, History of the Church, or specifically about what it means to be part of the Episcopal Church, or if you would like to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church when the Bishop next makes his Episcopal visitation at St. John's (1/15/2017), then please join me

Confirmation and Faith Refresher, Sunday mornings beginning October 2nd at 8:45 am in Brewster Hall for a 7 week class learning together why we believe, what we believe? Topics that will be covered are: (topics and schedule are subject to change)

Fr. Christian Maxfield+

- Oct 2 – Being Confirmed an Episcopalian
- Oct 9 – The Holy Scriptures
- Oct 16 – Christian Theology: Why do we believe what we believe?
- Oct 23 - Church History: Where did we come from?
- Oct 30 – The Episcopal Church
- Nov 6 – Liturgy: Why we do what we do?
- Nov 13 – Mission: living out our faith.

Christian Healing Center of Naples, Inc.

With a vision cast for healing that brings people to God, to wholeness, and into right relationships with each other (see Isaiah 58), and with a where people are delivered from their distress and nourished eternally by the Living Water offered by God, a new outreach into the community, is being formed.



A safe place where people from all walks of life can come. An outreach supported by St. John's Community and inspired in part by the Lord's growth of St. John's Chapter of The International Order of St. Luke the Physician, CHC will offer healing prayer to anyone seeking and asking for prayer.

Ready for opening November 1st, CHC is under the direction of Fr. Joe, Fr. Paul Feider, Mike Johnson, Tim Fox and Katy Esterline. The founders of CHC also include Patty Fox, Vickie Bauch, and Barbara Johnson.

The depth of God's blessing on the growth of the Order of St. Luke and the healing Jesus is doing through St. Johns is the fountain for this new ministry.

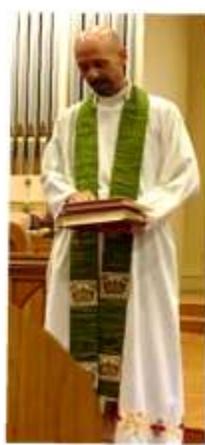
Located at 680 2nd Avenue North, Suite 100, CHC is well situated next door to Naples Community Hospital. With a large meeting room, two prayer rooms and office/library, CHC is a house of prayer offering healing prayer and a safe place for people to gather to meet Jesus.

In the vision cast, is a bold number of 100,000 people accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior through this ministry and Naples being known worldwide as a Kingdom Community (2nd Chronicles 7:14).

CHC is grateful for your sustaining prayers, for God's promise to heal our land, and for the healing of God's people to reach more people as lights of God's endearing love
- Jesus Christ!

In Jesus name,
Mike Johnson

***Please join us in the Sanctuary for Prayer beginning Oct. 12th.
Morning Prayer will be Wednesdays 7-7:30am and
Noon day Prayer will be Wednesdays 12-12:30pm.***



Photos by Bob Geroy



Mark your calendars now for our biggest St. John's event of the year —

**Annual
CHRISTMAS OPEN
HOUSE
Saturday,
November 19**

Please Join us for Bible Study



Women's Bible Study Begins

Mon. Oct 24th at 10am-11am
in Brewster Hall

We will be studying 1st & 2nd Peter

Men's Bible Study Begins

Wed. Oct 12th at 7:30am-8:30am
in Sugden Hall

We will be studying the Book of
John

The Trick and the Treat of St. John's Shoppe



Do you know the origin of Trick or Treat, the practice of wearing a costume and asking for treats around your neighborhood, dates back to the middle ages? During this medieval practice, poor adults and children would dress up in costumes and go around door to door during Hallowmas begging for food or money in exchange for songs and prayers for the dead on All Souls Day.

At St. John's Shoppe, we won't sing you a song, but we will offer you a "Trick" and a "Treat" this month of October.

The "Trick" is to help us by volunteering or by bringing your donations to the Shoppe and the "Treat" is that you will be helping others at the same time by benefitting our Collier County Charities!

We are excitedly looking forward to a new season and the return of our many winter volunteers and customers. Our St. John's family is our lifeline for donations and volunteers. We appreciate all that you have contributed in the past and we are depending on you to donate those no longer needed "nearly new" items to the Shoppe this fall. Men's and women's apparel, home goods, linens, books, antiques, artwork, etc. are needed to kick off and boost sales this fall. Home furnishings are our biggest sellers. Call Sharon at the Shoppe for furniture inspection and pick up. Donate....don't consign. Ask your friends and neighbors, too. Remind them that our proceeds go to fund outreach and the many Collier County charities our church supports.

We will need to increase our work force to handle the additional donations and customer traffic for winter season. Share your time and have fun with us for a few hours each week. Call Sharon Marceau, Shoppe Manager (239) 597-9518 to volunteer. Come see us at Tamiami Square, 14700 Tamiami Trail N. from Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ☐

St. John's Shoppe Board of Directors



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“All of us are asked to prayerfully consider how we will contribute our *“Time, Talent, and Treasure”*”

STEWARDSHIP 2017

As Fall arrives, we begin to see new and familiar faces around the Church. We will soon expand Sunday worship to two services. We welcome back so many members and guests for the “season” in our community.

It is also the time when the Clergy, Vestry, Treasurer, and committee members begin to plan activities for our church membership and guests, and for outreach possibilities in the coming year.

All of us are asked to prayerfully consider how we will contribute our *“Time, Talent, and Treasure,”* channeling these valuable resources through St. John’s Church to maximize the potential benefits for our members and guests, those in need of spiritual or financial help within our own Congregation, and outreach needs and opportunities in our community and around the world.

Our financial condition is strong. Still, it remains a reality that each year we must balance the financial pledges and gifts we receive with:

- the costs of operating a substantial physical facility;
- the operating expenses to provide compensation for our pastors and church staff,
- insurance, accounting and audit
- and numerous operating expenses that we do not think about as we worship and participate in the social activities we enjoy so much.

Only then can we consider the possibilities in helping important outreach agencies who have come to rely upon us each year.

We sincerely thank all who have contributed so generously in past years. Now, we ask that you thoughtfully consider the potential for your financial gifts in support of St. John’s and its mission in the coming year. If you already give, consider a pledge...if you pledge, consider increasing your gift or tithing.

Thanks to each of you in advance for your *“time, talent, and treasure”* contributions in the coming year. □

Bob Matthews / Clay Jones
Stewardship Co-Chairs

Missionaries Ned and Skye making disciples in Egypt



Is it possible to make new disciples? We must answer "yes," since Jesus Himself gave us the commandment. It is not difficult for us to talk about Jesus with people anymore and we even see frequent healings, but we need lots of earnest prayers on raising up true disciples.

Evangelizing a thousand people a day, it would take over nineteen thousand years to share the gospel with seventy billion people. However if you make one disciple a year and your disciples make one disciple a year as well, seventy billion people become disciples after only thirty-five years!

We believe Jesus gave us the best strategy to expand His kingdom: seeking and finding the lost. Please pray with us that we will be able to raise up a minimum of ten reproducing disciples. We want to see church planting movements started throughout Egypt! Many here want to remain as secret believers but some are willing to risk their lives for His glory.

Please pray for this work. We need your prayers desperately. Your prayers are being credited to your account for an eternal weight of glory. (*"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. Rev.22:12*) We thank you and God for this.

□

Ned & Skye

From our North African Chronicles – August 2016



Seven parishioners attend Global Awakening event in Orlando

In August, St. John's members Barbara Buzzanca, Mike Johnson, Jeanne Price, Skip Ruch, Leo Velazquez, Fr. Joe, and I attended "Cultivate Revival," a Global Awakening event in Orlando.

We received an impartation of God's power thru praise and worship and, throughout, we witnessed many healings with our God of Miracles.

As an attendee, I found the experience joyful, emotional and so very moving. Upon leaving and returning to my life, I felt as if I had been wrapped in cotton batting, surrounded by love. Yes, it was a "game changer" for me.

Fr. Joe has posted many great videos for you to peruse on our web site, stjohnsnaples.com. □

Sue Boujoukos, Senior Warden

ALEPPO As this issue of Parish Life goes to print, we are in the midst of a Prayer Vigil for our Christian brothers and sisters in Aleppo. In the face of tremendous challenges, we ask for peace and safety for all.

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Yvonne Lynch
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