



From the rector

Let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

As the stories of the angels and God's promises washed over us
and as carols filled the air like incense last Sunday for Lessons and Carols
I was struck by a resounding theme:

The grass withers, the flower fades,
even heaven and earth will pass away
but God's presence remains ALWAYS
even to the end of the age.

The theme has remained in my consciousness this busy week before Christmas.

No matter what - God is there.

Bidden or not - God is here.

Hearts flung wide open or shut in defense - God's love remains.

This truth delights my soul!

Tuesday was a difficult day for my family as we gathered in the waiting room
to hear about the birth of Luca Paul.

Our hopes and prayers that he would have more time in the womb
changed to prayers of thanksgiving that

the birth had been delayed this long

and my niece and her son were just one hospital floor away

from "some of the best" NICU nurses and doctors in Atlanta.

"He's doing good" the report filters through text messages

and I breathe another prayer for thanksgiving

for this 2 pound 2 ounce child of God.

There's something about a newborn baby that removes all doubt of God's eternal love.

At the birth of a child heaven and earth miraculously kiss.

Frederick Buechner's words seem to fit.

"A miracle is when the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

A miracle is when one plus one equals a thousand."

The glory of God is here. It shines all around. The angels bring us the message of God's presence in a baby on Christmas and every day of our lives.

Let us with care and delight go to Bethlehem and see heaven and earth kiss!

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Our plants (trees & shrubs) NEED YOU!!

We will be having a plant rescue day on Saturday, January 7th to save as many of the plants, trees, shrubs, etc. as possible around the Gable House prior to its demolition in late January. We will mark off the area that will be disturbed later this week so that parishioners can start marking those plants that they would like to rescue. If you mark a plant, please make certain to come on January 7th between 8am and 5pm to rescue the plant. Everything in the area that is marked will be demolished when the Gable House is demolished.

Thank you,
Tony McGaughey

Sunday School Holiday Schedule - There will be no Sunday school December 25th or January 1st.



Hazel's Annual Epiphany Party January 6, 2012

ECW will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 12 noon in the parish hall.

Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursday January 19th at 10.00.a.m.

January 29 - Annual Meeting and election of four new vestry members.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

is underway. If you haven't received a pledge card please let Julie Foreman, 770-832-3931, know and she will mail one to you. Pledge cards are also available at the Coleman Street entrance and in the Narthex.

DEADLINE DECEMBER 31, 2011

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2011

December 24

- 5:00 pm Pageant participants arrive in parish hall.
- 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Christmas pageant
- 10:30 pm Carol singing
- 11:00 pm Christ Mass - Holy Eucharist

December 25 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

December 27 - January 2 Church office closed

December 28 No Mid-Week Service

January 1, 2012 10:00 am Morning Prayer

January 6, 2012 Epiphany party at Hazel's home

EfM
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

EFM (Education for Ministry) class is forming for January. The class will meet on Thursday nights. For more information please contact Julie Williard, 770-214-2822. For registration forms please contact the church office.

PRAYER LIST

Our parish family: Olive, Jan, Nicole, Dave, Barbara, Betsy, Dennie, Kathy, Martha Anne, Kathryn, Faith, Nancy, Charles, Irving, Luca

Family and friends: Sylvia, Katherine, Jim, Paula, Mett, Brennen, Barry, Charlotte, Alexis, Donn, Bob, Tom, Drew, Bill, Betty, Jan, Helen, Gilbert, Larry, Jennifer, Alex, Mac, Jacob, Oliver, Ray, Bob, Cheryl, Geri, Linda, Beverly, Stewart, Tony, Bill, Linda, Sarah, Bette, Jan, Berky, Ruth, Linda

Military: Steven, Drew, Lyle, Doug, Matthew, Jordan, Stacey, William, Justin, Alex, Larry, Joseph, Joshua, Danny

Congratulations to recent college graduates Pam Cooper, Meg Griffin, and Patrick Glover.

Pam received her Master of Education in Early Childhood Education on December 10 from the University of West Georgia.

Meg graduated Summa cum laude from Jacksonville State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and special honors in music on December 16.

Patrick graduated with honors in Marketing from Jacksonville State University on December 16.



Pam Cooper with her parents Jim and Bonnie.



Meg Griffin with her sister Mary Jane Felts, her mom Pam Griffin and aunt Penelope Bradley.



Patrick Glover with his brother Eiland,

Final Christmas pageant practice.



DECEMBER 24, 2011**6:00 PM****Crucifer** Mary Kathryn Denmon**11:00 PM**

Zachary Gordon

Bookbearer Maggie DenmonEllen Brady-
McGaughey
Melanie Hollenstein
Andrew Hollenstein**Taperers****Layreaders** Judith King
Randy DenmonTaylor Gordon
Tony McGaughey**Ushers** Fred Bernhardt
Steve MinorChris Lindahl
Bill Lindahl**Altar Guild** Liz Key, Jeanette Bernhardt, Fred Bernhardt,
Rose Dufour, Cindy Hull, Susan Lenaeus**Thrift Shop - CLOSED Dec 23 - Jan 5****December Paper Pantry** Gail Manley, Elaine Holmes**December Hostesses** Marcy Alexander, Cyle Bohannon,
Nancy Disinger, Martha Goodson, Catherine Gordon,
Mimsie Lanier, Missy Sullivan**Vestry Person of the Month** Craig Williard /
Dan Cain**ATTENTION****ALTAR GUILD TEAMS:**

On December 23 at 10:00 am the church will be decorated for Christmas. If you are available please come help out. (Many hands make light work.)

December 25, 2011 10:00 am**Layreader** Tony McGaughey**Altar Guild** Liz Key, Jeanette Bernhardt, Fred Bernhardt, Rose Dufour, Cindy Hull**Thrift Shop - CLOSED Dec 23 - Jan 5****December Paper Pantry** Gail Manley, Elaine Holmes**December Hostesses** Marcy Alexander, Cyle Bohannon,
Nancy Disinger, Martha Goodson, Catherine Gordon, Mimsie Lanier, Missy Sullivan**Vestry Person of the Month** Craig Williard /
Dan Cain**January 1, 2011 (Morning Prayer) 10:00 am****Layreaders** Mike and Rose Coker**Altar Guild** Judy Reed, Debbie Pyles, Karen Adams, Marsha Daniel**Thrift Shop - CLOSED Dec 23 - Jan 5****January Paper Pantry** Jo Fortner, Stephanie Turner**January Hostesses** Karen Adams, Sally Bobick, Nancy Elder,
Linda Parmer, Teresa Perdue, Susan Rowan, Susan Stephens**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

22-Dec Rose Coker
24-Dec David Lovvorn, Sidney Powers
25-Dec Meredith Austin, Turner Markwalter,
Henry Garrett
26-Dec Bob Uglum
28-Dec Anna Rash, Lynne Mengel
30-Dec Chris Brown, Harris Holmes
31-Dec Amberly Brown, Pam Castleberry

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

21-Dec Harris & Elaine Holmes
22-Dec Jim & Bonnie Cooper
Greg & Carolyn Cary
Lorene Flanders & Paul Campbell
27-Dec Jay & Margaret Louttit
28-Dec James & Marlene Uglum
Eric & Laura Lenaeus
29-Dec Ryan & Julie Weber
31-Dec Dennie & Pam McClure

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03-Jan Emma Engel
05-Jan Carol Mitchell
06-Jan Taylor Gordon
08-Jan Angie Hall

09-Jan Elizabeth Crafton, Gail Lumpkin, Sandy Stephens,
Troy Baker
10-Jan Taylor Foreman
11-Jan Liz Key, Mavis Watts
12-Jan Meg Popwell
14-Jan Julie Williard
15-Jan Linwood Reed, Dede Chase, Mathew Basil
17-Jan Trey Fleck
18-Jan Gittle Sciolis, Levi Campbell
19-Jan Tim Jones
20-Jan Mary Katheryn Denmon, Bill Doxey,
Ronnie Hitchcock, Bonnie Cooper
21-Jan Inman Hébert
22-Jan Hue Maierhofer
23-Jan Van Wilks, Benjamin Doxey, Ron Harrell, Julie
Weber
24-Jan Will Denney
27-Jan Ron Berard, Kathryn Coe, Bunchie Engel
28-Jan John Gerber, Sally Bobick, Lindsey Langford
29-Jan Martha Goodson
31-Jan Olive Godwin

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

11-Jan Blake & Bonnie Adams
16-Jan Bob & Debris Covel
30-Jan Max & Sandy Stephens