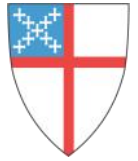


Grow In Faith



Rebirth and Renewal!

Easter is a time of rebirth and renewal. Because Jesus lives we too may find new life in Christ! One of the ways we can find new life is to get involved in outreach and mission - in our work at Holy Comforter, MUST Ministries and Good Samaritan. In doing so our good works transform us as we provide care for those in need.

Another way we can renew our faith and find new life in Christ is to get involved in the many communities at St. B's. Like getting involved in outreach and mission, these communities invite the partici-

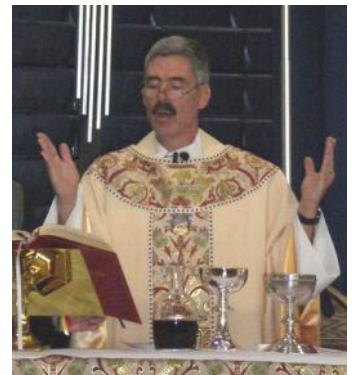
pation, exploration and fellowship that is needed to grow our faith. I hope you will consider joining our communities (see insert) and get involved soon!

And don't forget St. B's organizations and committees. From getting involved in our worship to bringing your gifts and talents to our committees - all are wonderful ways to get involved at St. Benedict's.

The power of faith is rebirth and renewal. Christ overcomes death so that we may live abundantly before and after death. All we have to do

is discover Christ by acting on our faith!

In Christ's Service,



The Rev. Lang Lowrey

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Coming up on April 6th! The Rev. Bill Harkins

The fourth guest preacher/teacher in our Grow in Faith series will be the Rev. Bill Harkins. Rev. Harkins currently serves as Canon at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta. In addition to his duties in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, he is also Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Counseling at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, and he is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. His education includes a B.A. from Rhodes College, M.Div. from Vanderbilt University Divinity School, and M.A. and Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University.



St. B's Welcomes the Rev. Mike Tanner of Holy Comforter Church

Please plan to join us on Sunday, March 30th, for the third of our Grow in Faith series entitled **A New Church on an Old Rock: *Rebirth and Renewal***, presented by the Rev. Mike Tanner, Vicar/Director of the Church of the Holy Comforter in Atlanta.



Rev. Tanner is a native of Mississippi, and his decision to pursue the Episcopal priesthood came after

working for 30 years in law. He is a graduate of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University and has studied at the School of Theology at University of the South as well as Columbia Theological Seminary. In addition, he worked through St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta to receive his clinical pastoral education. Rev. Tanner served for three years as seminarian and deacon to Holy Comforter before becoming Vicar in November 2006.

The Church of the Holy Com-

forter is truly one of the most unique parishes in Atlanta, and Rev. Tanner will offer us a powerful perspective on the transformational power of good works. He will relate how helping others is essential to helping yourself, and how it can lead to a rebirth and renewal of one's own faith.





April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		April 1	2 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4 7:00 am Men's Group (Houston's)	5
6 10:30 am Worship	7	8	9 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 7:00 am Men's Group (Houston's)	12
13 10:30am Worship Youth Event Tree Climbing!	14	15 7:00 pm Women's Group	16 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18 7:00 am Men's Group (Houston's)	19
20 10:30 am Worship Newcomers Party	21	22	23 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25 7:00 am Men's Group (Houston's)	26 10-6 Jonquil Festival
27 10:30 am Worship 12-5 Jonquil Festival	28	29	30 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal			

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

St. Benedict's is now worshipping at:

Campbell Middle School
3295 South Atlanta Rd.
Smyrna, GA, 30080.
(directions on our website)

St. Benedict's has the following Sunday morning schedule:

- 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:30 Rite II Service
- 9:00-12:00 Nursery

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 678-279-4300.

Upcoming Events (come & bring a friend!)

St. B's Men's Groups

Our weekly Men's Group is now meeting each Friday from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Houston's Restaurant on Northside Drive @ I-75. We hope this will be a good central location for those of you working in the Buckhead, Smyrna/Vinings and Metro Atlanta areas. If you are interested in joining this new group, please contact Bo Keatley (bkeatley@naibg.com).

St. B's Women's Group

Tuesday, April 15th:
AFTER-TAX CELEBRATION!

Get your returns in the mail by 5:00 and then join us at The Grape in Vinings at 7:00 for a wine tasting! Details will be published soon on this event. Watch for your card in the mail!

St. B's Youth Group

Sunday, April 13th: TREE CLIMBING EVENT!

We will leave after the Church service as a group and have lunch together, and then go climbing at Tree Climbers International! Bring \$20 and your loin cloth.



Save the Date:

Sunday, May 18th:
STONE MOUNTAIN PARK!

In celebration of warm weather (and school almost being out) we'll leave after church and go for a picnic and a hike.

Transitions Group

Our Transitions Group is now meeting. Life's seasons bring many changes. Transitions is for people wanting to give and/or receive pastoral care in life situations involving grief, loss of job, or just "growing pains". This group is being lead by the Rev. Dr. Bill Harkins (see front cover). The Spring group is full, but a second group will be forming in September. For more information please contact Jody McGrew (jodymcgrew@bellsouth.net).

Memorial/Thanksgiving Gifts

Thanks to our members, friends and family who have donated gifts of sacred vessels, furnishings, etc. to St. Benedict's. We have begin dedicating, blessing and putting these items into service. If you are interested in making a gift please visit our guest table or our website for details.



Sanctuary Flowers in Memorial and Thanksgiving

Each week flowers are given in thanksgiving for or in memorial to the Glory of God for a loved one. If you are interested in making a gift of flowers to St. Benedict's to be used in a Sunday morning service please contact Cheryl Waybright (cwaybright@bellsouth.net)



Office Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to work in the office folding bulletins, filing, helping with mailings or helping with general office work. If you can spare an hour a week or a few hours per month, we need you (and it's fun)! Contact Patty Jones (patty@mysaintb.org).

St. B's Happenings

Calling all Lectors!

If you are interested in helping with the readings for St. Benedict's Sunday morning services, we would like to have you serve as a Lector! For more information or to sign up contact Gail Sickling. (sickling@mac.com)

Baptisms

Our first public Baptisms will be on Sunday, March 30th at the 10:30 service. If you are interested or need more information regarding Baptism please contact Patty Jones (patty@mysaintb.org) or call our office.



Let's hear it for the team that makes it all happen! Many thanks to our **St. B's Set-Up Crew**, who rise with the roosters *every Sunday morning* to build our "sanctuary" from the floor up, then take it all down and store it away when the service is over! Ron Regan (Chair) and all of our hardworking volunteers - you guys are the greatest! Please take a moment to thank these people who serve St. Benedict's with this hands-on ministry.



Jonquil Festival!

Sat. April 26 10am - 6pm

Sun. April 27 12pm - 5pm
Smyrna Market Village

This is an event for the entire family! We need volunteers in 2 hour shifts throughout both days, plus set-up and clean-up help before and after. Youth will receive service hours for participation. Our focus this year will again be on Outreach to assist MUST Ministries.



The Kitchen Crew Wants You!



The Kitchen Crew welcomes any family, individual, or group who would like to prepare breakfast one Sunday morning before services. We can work with you ahead of time to let you know what facilities we have and make suggestions as to quantities and such. A Breakfast Committee member will be there with you on Sunday morning to help set up and show you around. You will be reimbursed for expenses. Interested? Contact Lynn Strickland at 770-778-4438 or (lynn@strickland.com). It's easier than it looks, and it's fun!

Directories Published Soon

Our directory of members and other active parties will be available in early April. It will be distributed internally at St. B's only. It may not be used for business or other commercial purposes. We understand that contact information is personal, and you may chose to have as much or as little of your info published. No contact info for minor children will be published. You will have the opportunity to view your family info each Sunday in March and can make any corrections through March 30th. Questions? Please contact our Registrar, Heather Werner registrar@mysaintb.org



Newcomers' Get Together

Thanks so much to Betsy and Randy Shuford for opening their home to St. B's for our first Newcomers get-together. It was a big success and parishioners enjoyed greeting our newest attendees and getting to know each other a little better.

Our next Newcomer's gathering will be held on Sunday evening, April 20th at the home of Katie and Dave Demer. More details to follow soon.

Spaghetti Fund Raiser



On Sunday, March 30th we will gather at the Smyrna Welcome Center as our Youth joins forces to prepare and serve an incredible **spaghetti dinner** to raise \$\$\$\$\$ for their January 2009 ski trip (*attsalottaspaggetti!*) We'll have a **silent auction**, so please bring a **big** appetite and help them out! To help supply food items contact Courtney Vaughn. (courtney@mysaintb.org).

April 27th
Adult Education

A New Church on an Old Rock

The fifth of our Grow in Faith series features the Rev. Canon Rick Calloway



Canon to the Ordinary of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta (and St. B's Parishioner!)

Rev. Canon Calloway will speak to us on our continuing Grow in Faith series and preach at the 10:30 service.

Choir Rehearsal

Every Wednesday evening from 7:00 until 8:30 at St. Benedict's offices.



We could still use more voices! Come and be a part of this special musical ministry and help us build this outstanding choir. We're off to a terrific start! Please contact our office or email lesliedboyette@hotmail.com.

Children's Choir now forming!

St. Benedict's is excited to announce that we are forming a **Children's choir!** Any child ages 6-12, regardless of experience, is welcome. We will use the Royal School of Church Music's training program, known as "Voice for Life", which is popular among Episcopal and Anglican churches worldwide due to its unparalleled choral training

guide which helps singers develop vocal skills, musical understanding, knowledge of repertoire and a better understanding of the Liturgy. (For more information on RSCM check out rscma-america.org) If you are interested, please contact Leslie Boyette at 678/358-8597 or email at lesliedboyette@hotmail.com. You can also discuss the children's program with him at Sunday services.



We will hold a "Meet and Greet" for interested children and their parents on Wednesday, March 26th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at St. Benedict's offices. Light snacks and goodies will be served.

John DeBeer: Fri. & Sat. April 18 & 19 at the Cathedral of St. Philip. "A Biblical Framework for Vocation and Call". \$65 per person includes materials and meals. Please contact Nancy Armstrong (narmstrong@episcopalatlanta.org) or Linda Scott (lscott@episcopalatlanta.org) if interested in attending.

Episcopal Marriage Encounter: April 18-20. Contact Ron or Connie Bergeron at 770/951-1411 or go to www.stcatherines.org/atlantaeme.

Transitions:

Births:

(Let's try this one again!)

Robert Allen Hanahan was born to the Hanahan family on Thursday, February 7th. Mother (**Leigh**) and baby are both doing great! (Proud grandparents are **Cindy and Allen Hanahan.**)

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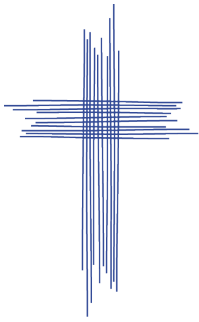
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COMMUNITIES AT ST. B'S

We've Got Something for Everyone!

Young Adults Community (YACs)

If you are between the ages of 25 and 35 and interested in joining St. B's **Young Adults Group**. Our first event will be a get-together on Sun. May 4th from 5:00-7:00 pm at Lang and Julie's house. Please contact Courtney Vaughn for information (courtney@mysaintb.org).

YAC" (not to be confused with Bennie, our Holy Goat...)



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St. B's is Going Green!

St. B's wants to be an eco-friendly Church! Come join Kermit (or Austin in a frog suit...) March 30th after the service to strategize and help formulate our **Green Team**. We will start simple (recycling, bring-your-own-coffee-mug, etc.) and go from there. We hope to eventually offer service events for our youth (for school credit) and educate ourselves in the process! All ages are welcome. Please contact Courtney Vaughn (courtney@mysaintb.org) for information.



****Don't forget to bring your own coffee mug to church next Sunday!!!!***

Genesis Group - Let's Get It Started!



Calling all St. B's youngsters ages 66 and up! A group is forming especially for you! Couples, singles, any and all are welcome for luncheons, outings of all kinds, you name it - sky's the limit (maybe a sky-diving adventure or a bi-plane ride?) Anyone interested in joining this group or wanting to be **The Genesis Group's** chairperson please contact Courtney Vaughn (courtney@mysaintb.org).

Fellows of St. B's Unite!

Please join the Sunday Fellows as we gather for the next 6 weeks at the home of Betsy and Chris DiGiorgio for evenings of fellowship and small group discussion starting Sunday, April 6th at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy light refreshments as we attempt to apply the lessons of Jesus' parables to our lives in the 21st century. (cdigiorgio@taylor-busch.com)

Our Men's, Women's and Youth Groups are already up and running! Ask us about them, or find a group that's right for you and join with your fellow parishioners in fun and fellowship!

ST. B'S YOUTH CALENDAR SPRING 2008

Bring
A
Friend!!

MARCH

Remember to RSVP to Courtney@mysaintb.org if you will be joining us for any or all of these events!



30TH YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER: SPAGHETTI SUPPER & SILENT AUCTION

(Location: Smyrna Welcome Center (aka Aunt Fanny's Cabin) Youth arrive at 4:00 pm for setup, supper begins being served at 5:30 pm, clean up complete by 7:30 pm)

APRIL

13TH TREE CLIMBING EVENT

(Location: Tree Climbers International)

We will leave as a group after church, stopping for lunch on the way. Cost of this event is \$20.00 per youth)



27TH JONQUIL FESTIVAL

(Location: Smyrna Market Village)

This is a family event; we need volunteers in 2 hour (or longer) shifts throughout both days. Saturday 10am - 6pm & Sunday 12pm - 5pm. We also need setup and clean up help each day prior to opening and following closing. Youth receive service hours. for participation in this event. Again this year we will be focusing on Outreach by providing an activity area in our booth where people can decorate lunch bags for MUST's Summer Lunch Program.)

MAY

18TH STONE MOUNTAIN

(Location: Stone Mountain Park)

We will leave as a group after church, have a picnic lunch at the base of the mountain, and then hike to the top.)



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SUMMER 2008**

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