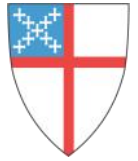


Grow In Faith



WHOOOOSH!

Easter season is soon to come and go once again. *Whoosh!* As the Steve Miller Band sang, "time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin', into the future". The Day of Pentecost is May 11th, and soon we will enter into ordinary time - that long Church season set aside for time to be redeemed again!

Ordinary time is more relaxed and less formal, it is meant to be a season of refreshment and spiritual renewal. We have tried to structure our worship, programs and activities accordingly.

This being said, St. B's will still have many new and exciting things happening during this time! One very exciting blessing



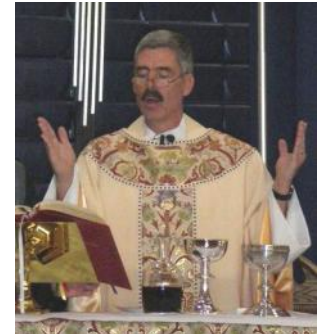
we will all soon experience is the addition of Rev. Stuart Higginbotham to our clergy staff. Stuart will join us on May

15th and serve in the capacity of Transitional Deacon. He received a Master of Divinity with Honors in Spiritual Formation from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2005, and will finish the program in Anglican Studies on May 9th at University of the South, Sewanee. He is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood this summer. He brings with him his wife, Lisa and daughter, Evelyn Clare, 15 months.

This summer we'll launch a new

Grow in Faith series, have several fun youth events and more. We will be relaxed and less formal, but here to help you redeem the time. Whooosh!

In Christ's Service,



The Rev. Lang Lowrey

Coming up on May 18th!

St. B's Welcomes Bishop Frank Allan

Bishop Allan was born in Hammond, Indiana. He graduated from Emory University and received his Master of Divinity from University of the South in Suwannee.

He was ordained Deacon and then Priest in 1959, going on to serve at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Dalton for eight years. From there he became rector of St. Paul's in Macon, where he served from 1967 until 1977, until he was called to St. Anne's in Atlanta, where he also served as rector.

He was consecrated 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta in 1989.

After retiring in 2003, Bishop Allan began teaching at Candler School of Theology at Emory University (he was one of Lang's most memorable professors!). During this time he also began a ministry called "The Work of Our Hands", a non-profit arts and education program which supports inner city art projects among the poor. (He is also a very talented wood working artisan

himself!) All proceeds from the sales of this art benefits Emmaus House and Holy Comforter.

Bishop Allan will be long remembered for his supportive role in the ordination of women in the Diocese of Atlanta.

We look forward hearing Bishop Allan teach and preach on May 18th!



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April 27th Adult Education

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 teach Adult Education at 9:30 and preach at the 10:30 service.



May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 27	28	29	30 5:30 pm Ch. Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	May 1	2 7:00 am Men's Group (Houston's)	3
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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 Group

Our weekly Men's Group meets Fridays from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Houston's Restaurant on Northside Drive @ I-75. This is 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 Keatey (bkeatley@naibg.com).

St. B's Women's Group

Tuesday, May 15th: Coming Soon - mark your calendars!

Watch for your mailer on the upcoming event for this date. Bring a friend!

Note: We are still collecting your favorite recipes for St. B's cookbook *Divine Dinings...from New Vinings*. Please bring them to the Women's gatherings.

St. B's Youth Group

Sunday, May 18th: STONE MOUNTAIN PARK!

Can you believe it? School's almost out and summer is right around the corner! Let's celebrate together with a picnic and a hike up Stone Mountain. We'll leave right after Church as a group and return to Campbell MS by 3:30.



Coming this Summer: We will have get-togethers and service events throughout the summer, such as Lunches for MUST, Movies, etc. More info soon.

Daughters of the King: DOK is a sisterhood of women whose primary purpose is prayer, study & service. If you are interested in helping form a St. B's Chapter please contact Tracy Efaw. (tracyefaw@yahoo.com)

Thank You Patty Jones!



Our first Parish Administrator, Patty Jones, will be leaving us April 30th in search of exciting new horizons.

Patty brought with her many years of administrative and organizational experience and was very instrumental in the initial upstart of St. B's administrative offices. We will miss her smiling face and wish her much success. **Thanks for everything Patty!**

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 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). **We are now taking donations for special flowers for Pentecost/ Baptism/ Mother's Day on May 11th.**

St. B's Happenings

St. B's Paparazzi!

If you enjoy photography and would like to help build St. B's ongoing "photo album", please let us know. We need volunteers to take photos at various events and services, which will be posted electronically for the Parish to view online. Please contact Courtney Vaughn for info.

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)

We're Moving!

We will be relocating St. B's offices from the Borland Building to Vinings Square on Tues. and Wed., April 29th & 30th. The new address is 2900 Paces Ferry Rd., Bldg D, Ste 200, Atl, GA 30339. Phone numbers will stay the same, but may be interrupted during those days.

SPOTLight

This month our spotlight is on **Betsy Shuford**, as we welcome her to our staff!



Betsy did not have enough to do with Altar Guild, Choir and being an all around terrific volunteer/ parishioner, so we asked her to come work in St. B's offices as Parish Administrator as well. Believe it or not, she said yes! Betsy is married to Randy (St. B's "sound man") and is mom to Todd. She will handle the day to day administrative duties and oversee all office operations for our parish. We are excited (and grateful!) to have her on board.

May 11th: A Very Special Sunday!

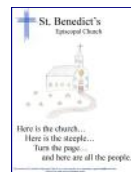
Sunday, May 11th we will have much to celebrate! It will be the **Day of Pentecost, Mother's Day** and our second public **Baptism**.

A very special Mother's Day breakfast will be served at 9:00 am by the Dads and kids of St. B's. It will be delicious as well as entertaining! Please contact Lynn Strickland to help out with this special event (770/778-4438 or lynn@strickland.com). Kids are also asked to volunteer to distribute flowers after the service to all of our Moms who attend that morning. (Doing any or all of the above will get you big brownie points with Mom - go for it!)

See below for flower donation info

Directories Now Available!

Our **People Directory** is ready



and available for pick-up. They can be found on the Guest Table in the Narthex. This directory will be distributed to St. B's membership

only. It may not be used for business or other commercial purposes. No contact info for minor children has been published, so please contact parents for specific information regarding their children. One per household please.

Please contact our Registrar, Heather Werner (registrar@mysaintb.org) if you have any questions or suggestions.

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. A Kitchen Committee will be available to you for information and assistance. 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!

Newcomers' Get Together

Thanks to Katie & Dave Demer for opening their home to St. B's for our April Newcomers get-together. These events offer a chance to meet our newest attendees, and get to know each other a little better.

Our next Newcomer's gathering will be held on Sun., May 18th from 5:30-7:30 pm at the home of B. and Pete DeBuys. More details soon. Please contact Michael Kirshner (mkirsh@bellsouth.net) for information or to host a future party!

Office Volunteers Needed!

We really need volunteers to work in the office folding bulletins, mailings, filing, or helping with general office work. If you have an hour a week or a few hours per month, we need you (and it's fun)! Contact Betsy Shuford (betsy@mysaintb.org) to get on the list.

We would also appreciate any volunteer assistance the week before and during our office move to help with packing, moving or just moral support!

Adult Education

New Church on an Old Rock

Thank You!

Special thanks to Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster-Weltner, Rev. Ben Anthony, Rev. Canon Skip Scheuddig, Rev. Dr. Bill Harkins, Rev. Canon Rick Callaway and Rev. Mike Tanner for making our first Grow in Faith series: New Church on an Old Rock a big success. This series will come to a conclusion with Bishop Allan's visit on May 18th.

Our next Grow in Faith series will begin in June. Details will be forthcoming soon.

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday evenings from
7:00-8:30 at St. B'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 Rehearsing!

St. Benedict's new **Children's Choir** is now rehearsing every Wednesday at 5:30 pm at the St. B's offices. 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". If you are interested, please contact Leslie Boyette at 678/358-8597 or email at lesliedboyette@hotmail.com.

Commissioning of St. Benedict's Choir and Hymnals



On Sunday, May 4th during the 10:30 service we will commission the charter members of our **St. Benedict's Choir**. Following this we will have the blessing of our new hymnals, which were donated to us by the Rev. Eddie Ard and St. Anne's Episcopal Church.



Transitions:

Vera McCabe's sister, **Sylvia**, was reunited with the Lord last week after a long illness. Please keep Vera and her family in your prayers.



"Founding a [church] is a continuous process of sawing to build your design and trying to dispose of the sawdust, while you're always being forced to reconstruct. You have to give it your all and it's never done."

St. Benedict

Thank-you to each of you who give it your all every week to help build St. Benedict's Episcopal Church.


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