



*We feed people — body,
mind, and spirit.
Come as you are.*

St. Giles
Episcopal Church
Northbrook, Illinois

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St. Giles Day is Sunday, September 14! *Liturgy at 10:15 AM, Followed by Picnic*

Something new: we have discovered Propers (that is, scripture readings and a collect) for the feast of our patron, Giles, and will use them on this Sunday. Incense will be used in the liturgy, as well.

Note: The vestry has endorsed the following schedule, effective September 21: 9:00 a.m. Christian Formation, followed by 10:15 liturgy. Our monthly Second Sunday breakfasts resume in October.

Labyrinth Walk Planned for the Autumnal Equinox!

September's Labyrinth Walk will have a different focus, as we observe the Autumnal Equinox on Sunday, September 21. Join us for prayer, singing, and a meditative walk as we contemplate the seasonal changes that God has given us as part of the creation. (These walks are a work in progress – feedback is welcome. Speak with Cynthia or Belinda).

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Our Schedule

Sundays

Adult Forum — 9 AM
Holy Eucharist — 10:15 AM
(Starting Sept. 14th)

3rd Sundays of the Month
Healing & Anointing
at both services

Thursdays
Evening Prayer — 4:30 PM
(prayer room, ed. bldg.)

LOOKING AHEAD....



Pet Blessing scheduled for Saturday,
October 4, at 10:00 a.m.





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Rector’s Reflection:

In my sermon on August 3, I reflected on Matthew’s story of the feeding of the multitudes in light of a book I’d been reading: *Take This Bread* by Sara Miles, the Director of Ministries and founder of the food pantry at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco. (She is also scheduled as the keynote speaker for our diocesan convention on Friday, November 21.) I was so taken with Sara’s story that I have begun to read another of her books, *Jesus Freak: Feeding, Healing, Raising the Dead*. While *Take This Bread* is more of a biography, *Jesus Freak* details Sara’s experiences and relationships with those she has encountered during her ministry at St. Gregory’s. Many of those who come to the food pantry are in need of more than food; they are ill, physically, mentally, and spiritually, and they seek the healing that only community, relationship, and God can bring. As she interacts with these children of God, Sara learns that being righteous does not mean being right, that justice and mercy are two different things, and that you cannot forgive on your own. She struggles with seeing Jesus in all those who come her way, even as she prays to be able to do so: in her words, “God just needed me to recognize Jesus, whenever he showed up and said hi”. She learns the importance of physical touch to sick, bruised, and broken bodies, and that “...when Jesus showed up, even the most painful moments held something I could rest in.”

What comes across most strikingly to me, in both of Miles’ books, is the importance of relationship based on personal interaction. I believe we strive to have loving, supportive relationships with one another in our faith community, and we do a lot of good work at and through our parish. This has me thinking: Can we find a way to form relationships with those who don’t call St. Giles home and likely never will, yet who may be served by what we do here; that is, who are fed – body, mind, and/or spirit – by our ministries? We don’t live in an area where needs seem obvious, but they surely exist. How can we move beyond simple charity, the notion of “helping others”, and begin to see and know those others as brothers and sisters? Where is Jesus showing up, and how can we recognize him?

I invite you to join me for a study of *Jesus Freak*, beginning in October, date/day/time TBA. The book is available in print and electronic formats from the usual sources, including Sara Mile’s website, www.saramiles.net.

-Cynthia+



“Coffee at Starbucks” Has Come to an End...

“Out of Office’ Office Hours” is on hiatus for a time. Eventually, something different may take its place – stay tuned. In the meantime, Cynthia is still always happy to schedule meetings with parishioners for coffee or lunch “out of the office” in and around Northbrook.



September Birthdays/Anniversaries

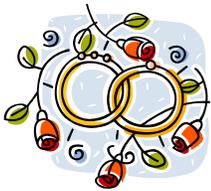
Birthdays:

- 7 Tom Page
- 12 Ellie Bonebrake
- 14 Bonnie Frankel
- 18 Dan Jariabka
- 22 George Miller
Kay Okoli
- 23 Monique Howard
Deborah Page
- 25 Jim Brown
- 28 Carter Howard



Anniversaries:

- 5 Warren & Margaret Pearson
- 7 John & Dorothy Dygos
- 11 Jon & Cynthia Hallas
- 15 Bill & Beverly Baker
- 24 Jim & Meredith Brooks



September Lectionary Readings

September 7 - 13 Pentecost
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 14 - 14 Pentecost
(*St. Giles Day*)
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34: 15-22
Ephesians 6: 10-20
Luke 6: 20-23a

September 21 - 15 Pentecost
Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 28 - 16 Pentecost
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-8
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Sr. Warden's Report:

Fall is here. The choir will be resuming their communal ministry in the choir loft. The St. Giles annual picnic promises fellowship and good food. These things remain the same and I am grateful.

Our landscaping will change. The Austrian Pines are infected with an airborne fungal disease. The Vestry has voted to have them removed. While the trees have been a beautiful addition to our property, the ideas and purposes of landscaping have changed since the trees were planted. Therefore, no plans have been made for any immediate replacements as the vestry thinks that a period of reflection is appropriate as we discern our larger landscaping needs. Cynthia plans to have a liturgical recognition of the loss of the trees.

Congratulations to Emma Trausch and Andrew Perley on their August 9th wedding.

—Yours in Christ, *Meredith Brooks*



Books Gone Astray and Books by the Numbers:

In July, Tracey Solano and I did an inventory of our St. Bede's Library. We discovered that nine books had walked out on their own and 10 books had been checked out but were several years overdue. A number of books were shelved in the wrong places (a good sign, since that indicates that people had been actually looking at the books) and several were hiding in the back of the shelves behind the other volumes. We also found a plastic spoon (which had no Dewey Decimal number) and a volume belonging to a Presbyterian church in Ohio. The un-checked-out missing volumes are:

Women of the Bible, by Frances Velde Vander (call number 220.09/VAN)

The Living Bible (220.5/LIV)

The Jesus of the Parables, by Charles Smith (226.8/SMI)

The Life Everlasting, by Cyril Alington (230/ALIL)

The God Who Fell from Heaven, by John Shea (242/SHEG)

The Dream of God: A Call To Return, by Verna Dozier (262/DOZ)

Caesars and Saints: The Evolution of the Christian State, by Steward Perowne (270.1/PER)

Church and the City: A Social History of 150 Years at Saint James, Chicago, by Rima Lunin Shultz (283/SCH)

Power of Now: A Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment, by Eckhart Tolle (291.4/TOL)

If you find any of these books somewhere in your house (or, perhaps, under the front seat of your car), please place them on the library desk in the Undercroft. No questions will be asked and no fines will be levied.

Our library contains 1,500 titles. As you would expect, most of them are in the Dewey 200's – the numbers devoted to Religion. But other subjects are also included. In the 100s (Philosophy and Psychology) we find such topics as fear, self-esteem, child development, death, grief, ethics, marriage, and maturity. Residents of the 300s (Social Sciences) include *Like Father, Like Son – Like Hell!* (about teenagers), *The Status Seekers*, *The Hospice Movement*, *Why Me?* (about disabled children), and ***God's Lost Children*** (about homelessness). We have no books in the 400 category (Language) and a grand total of three in the 500s (Natural Sciences and Mathematics). The 600s are devoted to Technology and Applied Sciences. There are two books there that I absolutely refuse to read (*On Growing Old and Aging*) and one that I edited (**Barbara Polland's** *The Parenting Challenge*). And did I mention the cook books? There are two: *Loaves and Fishes* and ***Saint Giles' Cookbook***.

Moving into the 700s (The Arts), we find books on such topics as religious paintings, church architecture, stained glass, pipe organs, and embroidery. Some examples from the 800s (Literature and Rhetoric) are **Madeleine L'Engle's** *Walking on Water*, **Cal and Rose Samra's** *Holy Humor*, **Robert Alter's** *Art of Biblical Poetry*, and **T. S. Eliot's** play *The Cocktail Party*. Most of our books in the 900s (Geography and History) are biographies, devoted mostly (but by not entirely) to saints. Finally, there is the Fiction section with its 54 titles.

You can find all of these books – except for those AWOL ones mentioned earlier – down in our Undercroft. The books are eagerly awaiting you. Give them a visit!

—Doug Downey, St. Bede's Obedient Servant

St. Bede himself, hard at work on *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People*.





RESPONSES TO THE BIBLE CHALLENGE QUESTIONNAIRE:

Key to Who said What:

1-Jim Brooks	5-Ronnie Seiler
2-Meredith Brooks	6-Tracey Solano
3-Cynthia Hallas	7-Nancy Stoddard
4-George Miller	8-Jocelyn Turner

A. What Bible have you been using for The Bible Challenge?

1-The Jerusalem Bible, The New Oxford Annotated Bible and The New Adventure Bible. I have also used the following reference books while reading the Bible: Gospel Parallels, The Illustrated Dictionary and Concordance of the Bible.

2, 4, & 5-NRSV

3-NRSV (Discipleship Study Bible)

6-The New Oxford Annotated Bible, NRSV (with the Apocrypha), 4th Edition. **I call it “the red Oxford”** – it is a prized possession! I first used it with the old Virtual Bible Study Group and now for The Bible Challenge. The covers have broken away from the spine, and notes and clippings are stuffed within the pages. I may tie it up with a big red ribbon and place it high on a shelf come December – let it gather some dust for a while.

7-The King James version

8-King James with English and Spanish side by side

B. What has been your favorite book of the Bible so far? Why?

1-I have several favorites: Ruth, Esther, Job, Song of Solomon, in no particular order. Ruth is a wonderfully uplifting tale about a strong woman and a fair and noble king. Esther is a story that **Shakespeare could have written (and he should’ve adapted it for his stage!). Job is like the crown jewel of poetic expression in the Bible, especially expression for suffering and hopelessness.** Song of Solomon is so beautiful and sensuous it left me breathless!

2-Genesis – **A journey of a thousand miles begins with single step....**

3-This is tough! I like Genesis because of the wonderful and very human stories it contains about our spiritual ancestors from the earliest days. And I like Luke because of the way that writer conveys the truth about Jesus. But pick a favorite? Impossible!

4-**Mark’s Gospel, because I think he tries to tell us Jesus wants to heal us immediately** – now – because of the way Mark tells the story.

5-The Psalms are my favorite because they lift me out of myself and have many a tiny nugget of wisdom tucked away. I also really enjoy Corinthians 13 very much because it offers a wise blueprint for life.

6-I had never read Exodus completely from start to finish. **I love those “stiff-necked people” (Ex. 34:9),** in all their strengths and weaknesses, working it out with God, trying to find peace on Earth.

7-**Genesis in Old Testament because it’s the beginning of the Story and starts the journey. In New Testament, it’s the 4 gospels which focus on Jesus’ earthly life.**

8-I think I’ll pick Ruth or Psalms. I like the story of the first and there are many very beautiful psalms.

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C. Name a person/character in The Bible you find especially interesting. Why?

1-There are so many interesting characters in this amazing collection. One that stands out for me is Jonathan, son of Saul, king of Israelites when David was growing up. Despite his love for his father, Jon was almost unbelievably loyal to and supportive of his friend David. Jon put his own life at risk a number of times in order to **save David and, ultimately, Jon was killed in battle at his father's side. The richness and depth of Jon's love for David is extremely moving, especially given the context, a time when family loyalty was paramount. Even though Saul was losing his marbles, and he was extremely jealous and paranoid of David, he still expected and deserved Jon's love and loyalty as well.**

2-Joseph (of the coat of many colors). He forgave his brothers for selling him, understanding that what they had meant for evil, God had meant for good.

3-Mary of Magdala. She gets a bad rap, conflated with prostitutes and adulteresses and confused with Mary of Bethany. Her witness is amazing - she truly is first among the apostles.

4-Whoever wrote the first chapter of Genesis. I would love to be able to ask that person how they happened to write the creation story that way.

5-I especially appreciate the person Ruth because of her loyalty to Naomi, her mother-in-law, through thick and thin.

6-I continue to be fascinated by the prophet/preacher, John, and his relationship to Jesus. I wish there were more in the Bible about their childhoods. Maybe John pushed the bullies away from Jesus and gave him piggy-back rides home. I love art depicting them as babies and look-alikes later in life. From womb to wilderness to waters of the Jordan, John had a specific, life-long mission. I admire his super-hero strength and humility.

7-**Mary and Martha. I have trouble understanding why Mary couldn't also serve and honor Jesus by helping make him welcome as her sister was doing.**

8-**I like the story of Ruth and Naomi. It's just a good story of loyalty. The back story with Boaz offering Ruth to a nearer relative adds to the historical interest.**

D. Has your perception of The Bible changed as a result of your participation in The Bible Challenge and, if so, how?

1-My perception of the entire Bible has changed over the course of the **250-plus days I've been reading! On one level, I've been struck by the vast scope of this collection of writings. In addition, I've been overwhelmed** by the sheer number of names recorded in the first nine sections of 1 Chronicles. The entire book has presented such a diverse wealth of information: history, legend, biography, law, ethics, morals, genealogies, proverbs, songs, poems, sermons, prophesies, theology and more. Before reading the book in its entirety, I had the sense that the Old Testament was much, much more interesting and colorful than the New Testament. While **it does contain many pages of human drama, I've come to realize and appreciate the New Testament for the wisdom and wonderful writing it contains.** This guy Paul was an incredible zealot, as many Christians know, and **his tireless evangelism and proselytizing is unparalleled. I don't know how he did what he did, traveled where he traveled, suffered physical and emotional torment the way he did, and still managed to write powerful letters to encourage others in their missions.** My perception of the apostles who recorded the crucifixion and **resurrection has also undergone a dramatic change because I hadn't realized that this pivotal chapter in western history had been recorded by more than one person.** Each writer/observer has an agenda and style distinctive from the others. I thoroughly enjoyed reading these different versions of the same episode in our history. **I should add that my perception of The Bible has also changed because of ancillary materials I've examined. I saw an old film called, *The Bible*, which featured George C. Scott as Abraham. I also watched a film called, *Walking the Bible*, which featured Bruce Feiler retracing events and journeys recorded in the Old Testament. Both of these films helped me understand how influential The Bible continues to be, even 2,000 years later.**

2-Yes. The Bible is both simpler and more layered than I had realized.

3-I continue to be amazed and inspired by the breadth and depth of the Story it tells - how the truth of God's love and mercy transcend place, time, and culture.

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4-I am overwhelmed when I consider the simple fact that people like you and me wrote the books, preserved them, translated them (which cost some people their lives), and interpreted their meaning. You have to be **optimistic about God's intentions for us when you consider we created the Bible.**

5-I do not take the Bible so literally now especially the Old Testament. I have noticed more anger or negative events interspersed throughout the Bible than I ever did before although there still are many passages of joy.

6-I do better viewing it now as a work of art. It is inspirational. I am okay with the negative critics, too. The Bible is not a perfect creation but, to me, it is wholly loveable.

7-I never imagined the Old Testament was so violent and unforgiving.

8-I have been reminded of the eye for an eye character of the Old Testament. The harshness of those early times comes through in Old Testament readings.

E. What has been difficult about The Bible Challenge? What has been rewarding?

1-The primary difficulty for me has been keeping up with the reading at times. During the school year I **struggled with reading every day, and I usually read a week's worth of chapters on Friday or Saturday. During the summer vacation I've been able to read almost every day, and I have to confess this has been a very pleasant part of my daily routine.** What has been rewarding? The rewards have been many, and some that I can share here include reading such a variety of prose and poetry in one volume. This has been a wonderful discovery **and very satisfying for me. I've enjoyed discussing the readings with my fellow Bible Challengers, either at arranged meetings, or informally after church on Sundays. I've also been rewarded by the simple pleasure of reading The Bible on a regular basis. I hadn't really understood that when a person attends church routinely they will hear the entire Bible read over the course of three years. I reckon this means I should pay closer attention to the readings, and now that I've read them on my own I'll feel like more of a participant than just an observer.** Ultimately, though, for this former English major (and English teacher), the rewards of reading such an incredibly rich treasury of our history/culture/theology have made this journey very, very satisfying.

2-Having the discipline to read Scripture every day has been challenging. The entire project has been rewarding.

3-Keeping up with the readings! What has been rewarding? Increased familiarity with our sacred story, the very human people who populate it, and the perspectives of the various writers across many centuries.

4-**Haven't had enough time to read the commentaries as well as the passages** – will have to go back and do that. I have missed not having anyone to talk to about the readings.

5-Keeping up with the reading has been difficult; I always seem to be behind. Listening to the biblical interpretations of others has been interesting though.

6-It is hard to close the books and move on some days it is so thought-provoking. I look forward to Friday afternoon discussions to see how the others are doing. We take turns reading aloud, which I love, and just see where the questions take us as a group. It is unpredictable, but I feel God is with us and we have shared many sweet, unforgettable moments together.

7-Difficult: Trying to carve out time each day for reading.

Rewarding: Sharing this "journey" with our group. Each has brought a fresh perspective and more ideas for thought.

8-I am always behind on the reading. I really need to start this from scratch because I have missed so much. **It's rewarding to be reading the Bible sometimes anyway. I have not read it for a very long time. It's interesting to funnel what I am reading through these much older adult eyes.**





MUSIC NOTES *NEW CHOIR SEASON BEGINS!!*

A new choir season begins on Thursday, September 11
with a rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

The choir sings for the first time on Sunday, September 14 - St. Giles Day.

If you are considering joining the choir,
please see me after church or give me a call.

The Ministry of Music is an important aspect of our life together,
whether in the choir loft or in the congregation.

Blessings to all!
Jim



Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago Present the 2014 Fall Forum—

Saturday, October 18, 2014, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
203 South Kensington Avenue
LaGrange, IL

Being hungry in Illinois is a fact of life for far too many families.

Our forum will begin with a panel discussion on the issues of hunger in Illinois as it affects our rural and urban families, children and the elderly. During our afternoon sessions, we will exchange ideas about the solutions and learn ways that we can help feed our neighbors. Additional information and the registration form can be found on the ECW website: www.ecwchicago.org



ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • SEPTEMBER

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><i>CAMPANELLA CHOIR USES THE CHURCH ON SUNDAYS FROM 5:30-8:00 PM</i></p>	<p>1 OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day NO Coffee@ Starbucks</p>	<p>2 Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:15 - 7:15 PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Yoga, 9:00 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Campanella Choir, 5:30-7:00 PM</p>	<p>5 Office Closed Bible Challenge 1:30 PM (Prayer Rm)</p>	<p>6 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM – 12:15 PM</p>	
	<p>7 13 Pentecost 9 AM: Bible Study 9:30 AM - Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>8 Office Hours by Appointment</p>	<p>9 Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:30-8:00 PM</p>	<p>10 Campanella Choir, 5:30-8:00 PM</p>	<p>11 Yoga, 9:00 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Campanella Choir, 5:30-7:00 PM St. Giles Choir, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12 Office Closed Bible Challenge 1:30 PM (Prayer Rm)</p>	<p>13 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM – 12:15 PM</p>
	<p>14 <i>ST. GILES DAY</i> 14 Pentecost 10:15 AM - Holy Eucharist Potluck Picnic</p>	<p>15 Office Hours by Appointment <i>October Bells submissions due</i></p>	<p>16 Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:30-8:00 PM Vestry meeting, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>17 Campanella Choir, 5:30-8:00 PM</p>	<p>18 <i>Cathedral Shelter (Revive) pick-up</i> Yoga, 9:00 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Campanella Choir, 5:30-7:00 PM St. Giles Choir, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19 Office Closed Bible Challenge 1:30 PM (Prayer Rm)</p>	<p>20 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM – 12:15 PM</p>
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Baptism of Nina & Nicole Necek
on August 17th



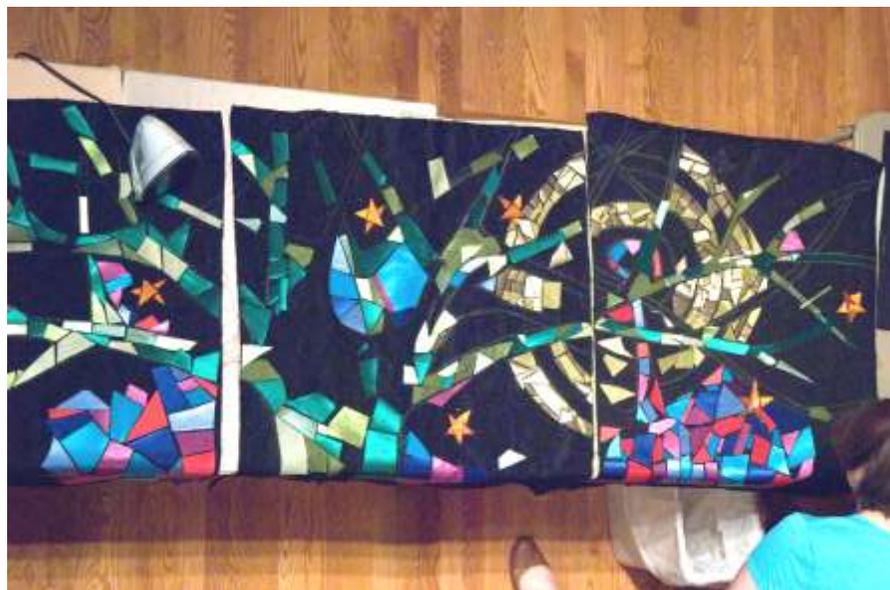
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Labor Day Service



The Altar Frontal (so far)





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