

# THE VOICE

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

APRIL 26, 2011

## Come and See!

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY!

As you know, Father Paul continually reminds us to invite, invite, invite. We have a wonderful church where we can worship, share ministry opportunities, enjoy Christian fellowship, and experience all the blessings of what it means to be part of a church family! Aren't we blessed?

Do you know someone who could use the kind of Christian community that we are so blessed to enjoy? Do you know someone who might be curious about Jesus who could *Come and See* what we experience in worship here at St. John's? Do you know anyone who is lonely and could *Come and See* the opportunities for fellowship we enjoy? How about someone who may be hurting or grieving? Would you be willing to bring that person to *Come and See* how Jesus might minister to them here? Is there someone you know who is suffering from unemployment, an illness in the family or some other heavy burden and might appreciate the chance to *Come and See* that the Lord is good? Could someone you know be craving for an opportunity to serve Jesus in ministry? Could you invite them to *Come and See* how that might happen through the outreach of our church?

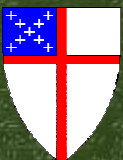
Think back to the first times you visited St. John's. How did you experience the love of Jesus here? What drew you? Who drew you? Is it your turn to invite someone to *Come and See*?

In the Gospel of John, Chapter 2, John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, and is indeed the Son of God. Jesus begins to gather His disciples. He invites the first two disciples, Andrew and John, to *Come and See* where He is staying. They followed and stayed with Jesus that day. After their time with Jesus, they were convinced that they had found the Messiah. Andrew found his own brother, Simon Peter, and brought him to Jesus. Jesus declared him to be Peter, the Rock. Soon afterward, Jesus saw Phillip and told him "Follow me!" Phillip was convinced that Jesus was the Messiah, and told his friend, Nathanael. Nathanael was skeptical, but Phillip insists that Nathanael "Come and See." As you read further in the story, as Jesus ministers to Nathanael, he becomes convinced that Jesus is indeed the Messiah.

Our first *Come and See* Sunday will be Pentecost, June 12th. Invite someone to *Come and See* our church family in action as we worship (in our red tee-shirts!), have a family picnic, welcome some new families, and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit! What a day to rejoice!

There will be special invitations you can pick up to invite a friend, suitable for giving or mailing. Start praying now about who you know that might need to *Come and See*!

Kathy Arthur  
Assistant to the Rector, Parish Life



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# WORSHIP

## PREPARE FOR SUNDAY



## THIS MONTH

- New Members Welcomed
- Knight's Baseball Game
- Kanuga Kids
- Eagle Scout Completes Fence
- Vestry Vacancy
- Hand Bell Concert 5/15

Sunday, May 1, 2011  
 Second Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 2:14a,22-32  
 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 John 20:19-31  
 Psalm 16

Sunday, May 22, 2011  
 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 7:55-60  
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
 1 Peter 2:2-10  
 John 14:1-14

Sunday May 8, 2011  
 Third Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 2:14a,36-41  
 1 Peter 1:17-23  
 Luke 24:13-35  
 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Sunday, May 29, 2011  
 Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 17:22-31  
 Psalm 66:7-18  
 1 Peter 3:13-22  
 John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 15, 2011  
 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 2:42-47  
 1 Peter 2:19-25  
 John 10:1-10  
 Psalm 23

## CLERGY AND PARISH STAFF

**Rector**  
 The Rev'd Fr. P.S. Winton

**Senior Asst. to the Rector**  
 The Rev'd Amy J. Huacani

**Executive Assistant to the Rector**  
 Ms. Kerry Johnson

**Assistants to the Rector**  
 The Rev'd Terry Harris  
*Senior Care*

The Rev'd Deacon Russ Settles  
*Pastoral Care*

Mr. Matt Williams  
*Youth Ministries*

Canon Cindy Winslow  
*Children's Ministries*

Ms. Jenny Taylor  
*Preschool Ministries*

Ms. Cathy Harrison  
*Special Projects*

Ms. Kathy Arthur  
*Parish Life*

Theologian in Residence  
 The Rev'd Dr. Robert Cooley

Affiliated Cleric  
 & Psychotherapist  
 The Rev'd Dr. Ralph Milligan

**Pastoral Assistants to the Rector**  
 Ms. Jo Brock  
*Hospitality*

Ms. Mary Catherine Coon  
*Cancer Care*

Parish Steward  
 Ms. Susan Mason

Property Steward  
 Ms. Leslie Davis

Organist and Master of Choirs  
 Mr. Alan Reed

Master of Choirs of Bell and Chime  
 Mr. Chip Carter

Assistant for Music Ministries  
 Ms. Jane Orrell

Music Scholar in Residence  
 Mr. Justin Rhymer

Sextons  
 Mr. Vernon Young

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 704-604-2674

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday:**

|         |                                                |
|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| 7:30am  | Holy Eucharist (Nave)                          |
| 8:45am  | Holy Eucharist (Nave)                          |
| 11:15am | Holy Eucharist<br>Contemporary<br>(ParishHall) |
| 11:15am | Holy Eucharist (Nave)                          |

*(Nursery & Childcare provided  
 Sundays, 8:30am-12:30pm)*

**Monday:**  
 7am Morning Prayer (Chapel)

**Tuesday:**  
 Noon Holy Eucharist with Anointing  
 (Chapel)

**Wednesday:**  
 6pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)

**Friday:**  
 7am Morning Prayer (Children's  
 Chapel)

**Saturday:**  
 8:10am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

# PARISH LIFE

## MENUS

|              |             |                                                     |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday PM | May 11      | Build your own Grilled Chicken Salad                |
|              | May 18      | Chinese Dinner                                      |
|              | May 25      | Patriotic Meal: Hot dogs, Watermelon and Apple Pie! |
| Sunday AM    | May 1       | Regular breakfast                                   |
|              | May 8       | Waffles                                             |
|              | May 15      | Eggs to Order                                       |
|              | May 22 & 29 | Biscuits To Go                                      |

## ECW LUNCHEON

All women of the church are invited to the ECW Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 3rd from 11:00 - 1:00 in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker, Rabbi Judy Schindler, will share "The Trial of Our Lives", a thought-provoking look at Judgment Day and how we might inventory events and actions in our own lives. Tickets are \$15. Good food, great company! Register and pay at the Reception Desk. Contact Murray Walker with questions 704-553-9363.

## SIGMA

Sigma will be held at the home of Chip & Kathy Carter on Saturday, May 14th @ 6:30 pm. 8453 Windsor Ridge Drive, Charlotte 28277. Please RSVP 704-542-3729.

## PARISH FAMILY KNIGHT'S GAME

Date: Sunday, May 15, 2011

Time: 2:15pm (tailgating begins at 1 pm in lot 6)

Place: Knight's Castle in Fort Mill

Cost: \$10 per person (reserved seating-children 3 and younger are free)

Plan to bring the family and a potluck lunch (bring enough to share!) and spend the afternoon cheering on the Charlotte Knight's baseball team. We will be seated together and recognized during the ballgame. Children will be invited to come down to the ball field and run the bases after the game. Registration forms are available online and will also be available at the receptionist's desk. Please fill out a form, attach your check (you can make it out to St. John's) and turn it into Kerry Johnson no later than May 5.

Grab your St. John's ball cap and join us!



## PRIMETIMERS ANNUAL BAR-B-Q

To All Primetimers: Come to our annual Bar-B-Q on May 15, 1:00-5:00 at Pat Morgan's house on the lake. Bar-B-Q and slaw are provided. Bring a dish or dessert to share. Directions to Pat's house are at the receptionist's desk. Need a ride? Call Carolyn Morris 704-541-6591.

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED TO THE SAINT JOHN'S FAMILY!

by Kathy Arthur, Assistant to the Rector, Parish Life

A wonderful time was had by all at the New Members Reception at Father Paul Winton's home on a lovely Sunday afternoon, April 17th. Eighteen new members joined some of our vestry and staff at the event, which was beautifully hosted by Cabel Cummins, Gaye Fricke, Louise Baucom, and Sandy Fussell. Thanks to Sarah Morgan for filling our Saint John's mugs with delicious goodies to hand out to all of our New Members. Thanks to Jo Brock for making sure we had beverages available! And thanks to Father Paul for opening his home for the celebration.

Although not every new member was unable to attend, we had a wonderful turnout.

The following people have become members of St. John's since November of last year. We are blessed to have you in our midst.

Mike and Josey Waleski and daughter Porter from Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte

Jeff, and Amy Boyer and son Austin from Christ Episcopal, Charlottesville, VA and St. George's Episcopal, Fredericksburg, VA

Taylor and Charlotte Shackelford and sons Walker and Hudson. Charlotte is the daughter of the Mike Walker family of St. John's.

Beth Pendleton and sons Jackson and Thomas from St. Martin's, Charlotte

David and Gray Donohoe, son Daniel and daughter Margaret from Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Harry Nimmergut from St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Essex Falls, NJ

Mary Dula from Meyers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte

Larry Rogers from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte

Kathy Petrie from First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC

David and Tracy Miller and daughter Courtney

Alan and Brooke Moore and daughter Lilly

Harry and Pam Waller from St. Martin's, Charlotte

John Patton from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New Orleans, LA

David and Tyler Michael and son Fletcher from Northminster Presbyterian Church, Charlotte

Mary Martha Melancon and daughter Isobella from Church of the Holy Comforter, Charlotte

Nell Fraser from St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Charlotte

David Cash from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Williamsville, NY

# PARISH LIFE

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS CONT.

Eleanor Barber from Christ Episcopal, Lancaster, SC  
Mary Wright from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church,  
Winston-Salem, NC

Marshall and Beth Collins and daughter Mary and son  
Andrew from St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Charlotte  
Marilyn Cole from Christ Episcopal Church, Ponte Vedra, FL  
Anna-Louise Fitzgerald from St. Paul's Episcopal Church,  
Fort Mill, SC  
Jenny Taylor from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Jackson, MI

## KANUGA PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND

The return of the Kanuga Parish Family weekend was a roaring success! From the program with a Mayberry twist to the lake side receptions, gorgeous weather and even a renewal of wedding vows; a good time was had by all! We'll let the pictures do the talking!



## SEND THE KIDS BACK TO KANUGA FOR SUMMER CAMP!

Camp Kanuga is a traditional coed overnight summer camping program sponsored by Kanuga Conferences, an Episcopal center in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Camp Kanuga offers young people ages 7-15 an enjoyable and stimulating experience in a Christian outdoor setting. The program enables campers to grow emotionally and spiritually while at the same time developing new interests, skills and friendships. Programs include archery, sports, climbing/adventure, camping, arts and crafts, performing arts, Christian exploration, music, and aquatics.

For more information, please visit [www.campkanuga.org](http://www.campkanuga.org)

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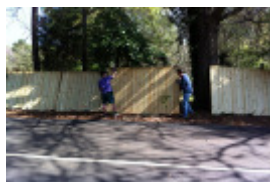
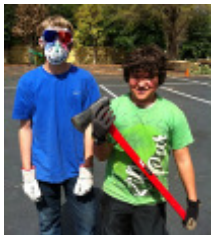
## EAGLE SCOUT COMPLETES FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

I am pleased to announce the completion of the new fence on the north side of the church. It took 4 days of work and I would like to thank all of those who helped build the fence and those who helped rain and shine.

I would also like to send a special thanks to those who went above and beyond with donations and/or volunteering: Jim Riddle, Hal Davis, Chris Smith, Bruce Brock, Cliff Brown, Ken Brown, Peter DiGregorio, Jim Fisher, Merrill Gowdy, Jeff Maness, Pat Morgan, Dave Purdy, Judie Ratcliffe, Alan Reed, and Fr. Paul Winton.

I really appreciate the support of my Eagle Project from the St. John's Church family. I could never have done it without you. I know I can never repay each of you directly for all your help, but I will find ways to serve God and others to "pay it forward" in your honor. Mason Goodman

BEFORE and AFTER



Mason (in green) organized volunteers, raised funds and was hands on throughout the project.

## GROUNDS WORK DAY AND FENCE REBUILD

### THANK YOU

Jim Riddle, our faithful Jr. Warden would like to extend a thank you to the following people who showed up for the Grounds Work Day and to assist Mason Goodman in the Fence Project. Jeff Maness, Leslie Davis, Glyndon Bruhl, Stewart McGough, Jenny Taylor, Cathy Harrison, Hallie Walker, Jo Brock, Peter DiGregorio, Joan Brennan, Bruce Brock, Ray Malarkey, Janet Malarkey, Cliff Brown, Dave Purdy, Rick Williams, Jane Williams, Ann Hudson Williams, Chauncey Williams, Merrill Gowdy, Hal Davis, John Chittick, James Chittick, Ray Maloney, Dave Watson, Mary Ellen Watson, Reid Joyner, Nancy Joyner, Jim Fisher, Sandy Fussell, Alice Thrasher, Ken Brown, David Dwyer, Kate Hindin, Gracie Hindin, Mason Goodman, Kristine Goodman, Michael Goodman and Fr. Paul Winton.

## SAVE THE DATE: PARTY WITH A PURPOSE: JUNE 4, 2011

Mark your calendars now for an evening you won't want to miss! The annual Party With A Purpose will be on June 4th and it's sure to be an exciting evening! There will be a fabulous silent auction with lots of great items to bid on with proceeds to benefit the 2011 Youth Group Mission Trip to Costa Rica. There will also be great food and drinks to enjoy as you preview the items in the auction.

As in prior years, youth and adult volunteers will travel to Costa Rica in July and will teach Vacation Bible School to children at two different churches in the Diocese of Costa Rica. Please come out and support them!

### Deadline for next *Voice*

**Tuesday, May 17, 2011**

If you have questions, articles or comments about the newsletter, please contact Kate Hindin

[katehindin@gmail.com](mailto:katehindin@gmail.com)

## A NOTE FROM THE VOICE EDITOR

I want to give a special thank you for the kind words I have been receiving concerning the Voice newsletter. I love being a part of the volunteer communications team at St. John's and it gives me great joy to spread the church news, everything from outreach work to youth activities and education opportunities. There is someone else I would like to thank. I have one special roving reporter, Mrs. Jane Golz, who faithfully submits articles and follows up with members of the parish on particular stories. If you would like to become another "Jane", I would love to hear from you! Keep an eye out for a special edition of the Voice newsletter coming out next week!

- Kate Hindin, Voice Editor

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## EASTER EGG HUNT A HOPPING SUCCESS!



The Easter Bunny hop-knobbing with parishioners.



Annmarie Leake and Stephen Thrasher with their baskets full!



Jo, Janie and Lisa made handmade lollipops, Cindy helped the Easter Bunny hide his 1,960 eggs and the Muckler family, Jill, Mark and children Caleb, Graceson and Lily all enjoyed the service and hunt.



## OUTREACH

### KANUGA KIDS

A gift to Kanuga Kids share's God's love many times over. Disadvantaged children (ages 8 to 12) from Charlotte will have the enriching experience of traditional summer camp at Kanuga's Camp Bob. A friend may be honored, a loved one memorialized, or the giver heartened through this gift giving opportunity. Suitable for Christmas, birthday, and anniversary gifts, school projects, stewardship teaching, and saying "thank you" for blessings received. It costs \$300 to send one child to camp. Gifts of all sizes welcomed and greatly appreciated. Also consider giving the greatest gift: your time as a Kanuga Kid's volunteer counselor.

### GUILD OF ST. MARGARET BOOK DRIVE

The Guild of St. Margaret's is having a book drive to benefit A Child's Place and Billingsville Elementary School. We will be collecting new and gently used children's books and workbooks for grades 1 through 5. Collection bins will be available at the church entrances between May 9th and May 22nd. We truly appreciate your support and more importantly the children really appreciate the love they feel through this important Outreach. The books we collect may be the only reading material these children will see over the summer.

For more information, please contact Jeanne Tappy at [jeannetappy@bellsouth.net](mailto:jeannetappy@bellsouth.net)

## HELP WANTED

The Recording Ministry currently records most services on Sunday mornings and uploads the sermons to the website each Sunday evening. We also provide the live feed to the website for shut-ins and record Dr. Cooley's class, Father Paul's Rector's Forums and various special services in between. This takes man power! We are currently looking for 10 good people to learn the ropes and help build this ministry. If you are interested in learning how we do it all and also learn some marketable skills in the process, please contact Kate Hindin at [katehindin@gmail.com](mailto:katehindin@gmail.com) or 704-607-9423 for more information. Time commitments can range anywhere from 1 hour a month to as many hours a week as you'd like.

## MUSIC

### BELL CONCERT AND THE DEBUT OF SPECIAL MUSIC

We are pleased to announce the date of the Annual Hand Bell Concert: Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 4pm.

We are expecting some very special guests and we will be debuting a particularly special piece of music especially for those guests.

Bishop O'Kelley Whitaker is the first rector that I, and my siblings, can ever remember at St. Andrew's here in Charlotte. He is that person who imprinted me spiritually and headed me down the path that I have traveled for the last 50 plus years of my 66 years. Also, Kathy's mom and dad introduced him and his wife Betty, Kathy's dad played the organ for their wedding, and that was the first time that Kathy and I were in the same place together. He later left St. Andrew's and went to St. Luke's in Salisbury, where Jim and Brenda Monteith got to know him. I am sure that there are others in the congregation that might know him.

In 1972, when Kelley was rector of Emmanuel in Orlando, Percival Price wrote a hand bell piece, based on Bishop Whitaker's favorite hymn, DIADEMATA (Crown Him With Many Crowns). Mr. Price dedicated it "This arrangement was made for Rev. and Mrs. O'Kelley Whitaker of Orlando, Florida, U.S.A.", and gave it to them.

The now retired, Bishop Whitaker, came to our spring concert last year, and heard us play. He then sent me his copy of DIADEMATA and asked if there were any way that we could play this for him. The music needed to be reprinted into an edition that could be played by a hand bell choir. The Church purchased music writing software, and Justin Rhymer spent a few months preparing what we have been working from for the last few months. We will play this piece for them as a part of our spring concert, on Sunday, 5/15, at 4:00 pm in the parish hall. After we have played it, we will present a copy to Bishop and Mrs. Whitaker, which will have been signed by all the members of the St. John's Ringers.

All are welcome!

Chip Carter  
Master of Choirs of Bell and Chime



## WORLD MALARIA DAY

Did you know that April 25, 2011 was World Malaria Day? And did you know that:

250 million is the annual number of cases of malaria infection around the world

90 percent of all malaria deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa

Every 60 seconds a child dies from malaria

Of the eight Millennium Development Goals established in 2000, the NetsforLife program partnership directly addresses three of them (#4, #5 and #6)

There are many legitimate demands on our checkbooks these days. Each has its merits but consider that by making a \$12 contribution to NetsforLife you will be making possible the purchase of one insecticide-treated net. But not only will the net you donate potentially save three lives from suffering and death, the net will also serve to change behavior and instill in families and their communities a "net culture" to help end this terrible disease.

The Diocese of North Carolina has established an aggressive goal of 40,000 nets. Checks may be made payable to St. John's with 'ERD' in the comment section.

## VESTRY

### VESTRY VACANCY

Kurt Kottkamp's resignation from the vestry was announced recently, and his leadership and involvement will be missed. His replacement will serve the last six months of this year, and because that term will be less than a full year, the person filling Kurt's vacancy will be eligible to run as a candidate for a full 3-year vestry term in November.

As with other recent vestry vacancies, a new vestry member will be elected at the May 16 vestry meeting. Parishioners are invited to join the vestry in nominating candidates for the vacancy. If you wish to nominate someone, either yourself or another parishioner (with his/her permission, of course), please complete the Vestry Nomination form available on the parish website or at the reception desk and return it to Kerry Johnson in the church office. So all nomination forms can be fully vetted and shared with Vestry members timely, forms must be received by noon on Wednesday, May 11.

## STEWARDSHIP

### JEAN'S STORY

Consider this scenario: With food and fuel prices signaling new cost increases across the economy, my friend, Jean, decided to look for part-time work to supplement Social Security and help retain her limited retirement savings for as long as possible. Luck was with her as she found work at agreed-upon hours and wages, and she looked forward to breathing easier about meeting her monthly expenses.

At the end of her first two weeks when Jean asked her boss for

a paycheck, he told her she would receive all the pay he had promised her in one check during the last week of December. Her salary would be his safety net in the event sales were slow through the year.

So much for easy breathing and luck. Monthly obligations would continue to be paid, but Jean's savings account would suffer. If she could make it through the year drawing on Social Security and savings, she would receive the promised money in December, and it could be used to offset next year's monthly bills. But the savings she'd withdrawn would be gone. Talk about being thrown a curve ball!

St. John's receives similar curve balls when Operating account pledge payments are delayed from one month to another, paid at the end of a quarter rather than the beginning, or withheld until the end of the year. Monthly bills have to be paid all year long, and the breathing is not easy. But because of the modified cash accounting rules churches must follow, St. John's cannot apply Operating pledge payments received at the end of the year to monthly Operating expenses in the next year. Rather, those pledge payments go to the vestry's discretionary fund to be used later for special, one-time needs. Timely pledge payments let St. John's meet its monthly obligations less like Jean is having to and more like you and I meet ours.

Consider: Jean's scenario is fictitious; St. John's is not.

### MARCH 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

*Submitted by Janet Brown, Treasurer*

**General:** Total income exceeded expenses by \$6,548 for the month of March. Year to date income exceeded expenses by \$26,795; however this is \$18,903 below the year to date budget.

At the end of March, the Operating Fund checking account balance was \$28,605. Thank you to all who are keeping their pledges current, and especially to those who have paid their annual pledge in full.

#### **Income:**

March pledge income was \$530 above budget while non-pledge income was \$94 less than budget.

#### **Expenses:**

For the month of March, compensation, staff expense, building and grounds, office support, worship, and education were under budget; parish support, and activities were over budget.

*Please see the full Treasurer's report on the website.*

### OPERATING FUND

#### March 2011

|                      | CURRENT<br>MONTH<br>ACTUAL | YEAR<br>TO DATE<br>ACTUAL | ANNUAL<br>BUDGET |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL INCOME         | 106,503                    | 345,552                   | 1,282,396        |
| TOTAL EXPENSES       | 99,955                     | 318,757                   | 1,394,268        |
| EXCESS/<br>(DEFICIT) | <u>6,548</u>               | <u>26,795</u>             | <u>(111,872)</u> |



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"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

**June 20 - 24, 2011  
9:00am - 12:30pm**

Summer, summer, summer – it's almost time to hit the beach!!!

This summer over 200 children will hit the beach during SonSurf Beach Blast Vacation Bible School. More than 90 adult volunteers and 75 youth volunteers will teach our youngest members about Jesus. We will answer their Big Questions about Jesus: Who is Jesus? Why can I trust Jesus? Why do I need Jesus? How can Jesus help me when I mess up? What does Jesus want me to do? Each day children will participate in music, recreation, and arts and crafts as well as classroom teaching and snack time. It is a jam-packed day and so much fun!!

This year we are excited to be adding a class for our rising 3 year olds. This is open to all children who are 3 by August 31, 2011.

In addition to learning about Jesus, we will collect

backpacks for the children at a Childs Place (this organization serves homeless children in Charlotte). During arts and crafts, our children will make a tag with a Bible verse for each backpack. We will also send arts and crafts for VBS to Costa Rica for 200 children.

Whether you have a few hours or many days, there are tons of ways to get involved with VBS. Volunteer during the week as a teacher, a recreation or kitchen helper or in arts and crafts. Come to our craft cutting events to help us prepare for VBS. Let us know and we will find the perfect spot for you.

Teens who are rising 7th grade and up can assist in all areas of VBS.

Cost is \$40 and Early Bird Registration ends May 16th. Forms are available at the front desk or online.

So, come on! Let's go! Let's MEET UP with, LOOK UP to, JOIN UP with, OPEN UP to, and FIRE UP for .... JESUS!!!

It's fun in the SON for everyone at SonSurf Beach Blast Vacation Bible School! It's the most rewarding week you'll ever spend at the beach!

Questions – contact the Head Lifeguards

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