

THE VOICE

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MARCH 29, 2011

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

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

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6



Join us again this summer, for sand, sea and the Son!

Rising 3 year olds through 6th grade (the Rising 3 year old program is new this year. Must be 3 years old by August 31st, 2011)

For one week, every summer at St. John's the halls are filled with music, creativity, action, love and children: our own parish children, friends and relatives of those children, grandchildren of parishioners, and children whose parents have driven by and seen the fun getting ready from the street. This is a community camp and we love it! This year is no exception! It is one of those years where we know the content is good because it's about Jesus, and the theme has us splashing with delight, it's the SonSurf Beach Bash VBS! We're going to turn this place upside down into the biggest beach party for Jesus ever!

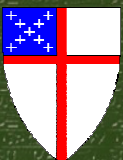
VBS's two lead Lifeguards, Blair Criminger and Rhett Leake have been combing the sand rallying support and organizing their teams to make this not only a great learning experience but a fun environment to come and celebrate God's love together. Want to help? Good! WE NEED YOU! Even if you are new to VBS at St. John's there is no better time to get on board - your surf board! If you have never volunteered before, it's all good. We will give you all the materials you need and all you need to do is spend some time in prayer about the children you will be impacting, some energy to keep up, and a willing heart! We welcome help in all areas.

The fun doesn't end there! Many of our teen helpers at the camp will take VBS down to our sister Diocese in Costa Rica and run the same camp, in Spanish, at two churches, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. It's a win-win! For more information contact Rhett Leake at 704-442-2659.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
through May 16th \$40 per child
(\$30 for full-time Volunteer's children)
Register May 16th-June 12th
Cost is \$50 per child
Register June 13th-June 19th
Cost is \$60 per child
A portion of your registration fee goes to support our Youth Mission
Trips to Costa Rica. Scholarships are available on an as-needed basis.

VBS KICKOFF MEETING

Join us for coffee and to learn more about VBS
Thursday, April 7th
9:30 - 11:30 am
Rhett Leake's home.
117 Lansdowne Road



**ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

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THIS MONTH

- Holy Week and Easter
- Fence Eagle Scout Project underway
- Alan Reed: 30 Years of Music Ministry
- St. George's Eritrean Church - now worshipping at St. John's

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

Personnel Announcement

It is my distinct pleasure to announce that I have called, with the Bishop consenting, The Reverend Deacon Joshua Dan Bowron to the staff of St. John's. Deacon Bowron will serve as Sr. Assistant to the Rector. (Position Description will be posted on our website (www.saintjohns-charlotte.org)). We expect his ministry to begin with St. John's some time in June of this year.

Deacon Bowron is in his senior year at The School of Theology of the University of the South and is expected to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests sometime after he completes his Masters in Divinity in May and before starting at St. John's.

Deacon Bowron is from Marietta, Ga. He received his Bachelors of Arts in History in 1999 from Mercer University. Prior to entering Holy Orders he taught elementary school and is accredited through the American Montessori Society.

Deacon Bowron has distinguished himself while at Sewanee and comes to us having served both as Sacristan and Student Body President and is among the promising preachers of his class.

Deacon Bowron and his wife Brittany have two children, Henry, age 4 and Ava, age 6. I ask you to hold Deacon Bowron, Brittany, Ava and Henry in your prayers as they move into this exciting but stressful time in their lives.

I will announce the date for his ordination to the priesthood and his first Sunday at St. John's once those dates are known.

- the Rev. Father Paul Winton

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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For a pastoral emergency after hours call

704-604-2674

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday:

7:30am Holy Eucharist (Nave)

8:45am Holy Eucharist (Nave)

11:15am Holy Eucharist Contemporary  
(Parish Hall)

11:15am Holy Eucharist (Nave)  
*(Nursery & Childcare provided  
Sundays, 8:30am-12:30pm)*

### Monday:

7am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

### Tuesday:

Noon Holy Eucharist with Anointing  
(Chapel)

### Wednesday:

7am and 6pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

### Thursday:

7am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

### Friday:

7am Holy Eucharist (Children's Chapel)

### Saturday:

8:10am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

# WORSHIP

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### **Monday, April 18th**

7am Holy Eucharist (Nave)  
6pm Holy Eucharist (Nave)

### **Tuesday, April 19th**

7am Holy Eucharist (Nave)  
Noon Holy Eucharist with Anointing (Chapel)  
6pm Holy Eucharist (Nave)

### **Wednesday, April 20th**

7am Holy Eucharist (Nave)  
6pm Seder Meal (Parish Hall)  
7:30pm Tenebrae Service (Parish Hall)

### **Maundy Thursday, April 21st**

7am Holy Eucharist (Nave)  
6:30pm Agape Meal and Foot Washing (Parish Hall)  
7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service (Nave)

### **Good Friday, April 22nd**

7am Good Friday Liturgy (Nave)  
10am Stations of the Cross (Nave)  
12—3pm Seven Last Words of Christ (Nave)  
7:30pm Good Friday Liturgy (Nave)

### **Holy Saturday, April 23rd**

10am Children's Easter Service (Nave)  
with Egg Hunt to follow  
8pm Easter Vigil with Baptism (Nave)  
Champagne reception to follow (Parish Hall)

### **Easter Day, April 24th**

6:15am Sunrise Service (Memorial Garden)  
7:30am Holy Eucharist (Nave)  
8:45am Holy Eucharist (Nave)  
11:15am Holy Eucharist Contemporary (Parish Hall)  
11:15am Holy Eucharist (Nave)

## PREPARE FOR SUNDAY

April 3, Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41  
Psalm 23

April 24, Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-18  
or Matthew 28:1-10  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

April 10, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45  
Psalm 130

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The lectionary for Holy Week can be found on the reverse side of April in the liturgical calendars, found in the church offices.
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April 17, Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
The Liturgy of the Word  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14- 27:66 or  
Matthew 27:11-54  
Psalm 31:9-16

# MUSIC

## EASTER LILIES AND EASTER BRASS

Contributions for Easter lilies and Easter brass players, along with the names to be remembered in the Easter bulletins, should be received by Susan Mason in the church office by Friday, April 15. Easter Day is April 24 this year.

## PICTURES FROM EVENSONG, MARCH 27, 2011



## ALAN REED CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF MUSIC MINISTRY



**Special Resolution of the Vestry and Rector of Saint John's Episcopal Church On the Occasion of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Church Musicianship of Mr. Alan Reed, Organist and Master of Choirs.**

Be it resolved on this, the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of March, A.D. 2011, that the Vestry and Rector of Saint John's Episcopal Church, Charlotte North Carolina, on behalf of its good people, and indeed on behalf of the people of God in many places, who through these thirty years last have been blessed by the music ministry of Mr. Alan Reed, do resolve and make known our profound gratitude for the music ministry of this Christian gentleman.

Be it further resolved that the choirs currently in his charge give warm and heartfelt thanks to Almighty God our heavenly Father for the musicianship, leadership, generosity, care and friendship of Alan Reed, in his every working with, and living within the Christian faith and lives of his parish family.

Be it further resolved that through our worshiping community are scores of parishioners who benefit from the great care and concern Alan has for the lives of all of God's people in this place and his personal acts of Christian charity, generosity and kindness toward all within our parish in need of Christian fellowship, charity and grace.

Be it further resolved that we do give thanks to Almighty God not only for Alan's considerable gifts of musicianship, but also his mastery of the liturgies and language of the Church and his generosity in so sharing with others and his good humor with those who understandeth not.

And finally, we pray that the first thirty years of music ministry of this kind and gentle soul be followed by another thirty years and that we might be blessed with that time together.

Under the hand of the Rector and Sr. Warden on behalf of God's people and the Vestry on this Sabbath Day.

## RSCM FESTIVAL

Eight youths from St. John's attended The Royal School of Church Music Festival February 19th-20th in Columbia, South Carolina. The newly renovated Trinity Cathedral was the backdrop to two glorious days of music under the direction of Walden Moore from Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Moore is an adjunct with the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale. Sunday morning the children sang for services at nearby St. Michael's church, where their newly acquired organ (originally from Trinity Cathedral) was dedicated. Evensong Sunday at Trinity also included an organ recital by Mr. Moore on a spanking new organ installed during the renovations at Trinity.

The RSCM fosters education, training, publication, and encouragement to students across the country to learn, support, and glorify church music. Alan Reed offers ribbon training to the youth of St. John's as they advance through five levels of study within the RSCM program.



## PARISH LIFE

### MENUS

|              |          |                                                          |
|--------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday PM | April 6  | 13th Century Meal: Turkey & Chicken legs, no silverware! |
|              | April 13 | Camp Night: Burgers & Hot-dogs                           |
|              | April 20 | Holy Week: No meal                                       |
|              | April 27 | Alleluia Meal: Dessert first! Spaghetti dinner           |
| Sunday AM    | April 3  | Waffles                                                  |
|              | April 10 | Biscuits to Go (Kanuga weekend)                          |
|              | April 17 | Pancakes                                                 |
|              | April 24 | Easter Sunday: No church breakfast                       |

## ARTISTS IN THE BREEZEWAY

We currently have a new artist exhibiting in the breezeway, Sue Elrod, whose bold canvases have sold well at fundraisers for charities here and in Atlanta. Thirty percent of her sales will go to St. John's Outreach. Still being displayed are four paintings by Terry Henriksen, all of which are for sale. (10% to Outreach) The purpose of the breezeway display of artists is to share our talents with the parishioners of our church. When pieces are sold, a portion goes to St John's outreach, but the purpose is not so much marketing as decoration of these empty walls, prompting conversation among parishioners, and therefore friendships.

We are blessed with many talented people. Perhaps some of you will volunteer to present your talents for a month or two. All sorts of work is welcomed, as long as it can be hung on a wall: paintings, drawings, photographs, origami, textiles (quilts, banners, needlework, christening gowns, weavings, etc.) Whatever your talent! If you are interested in more information, please contact Terry Henriksen at 704-264-0620.

## NEWCOMERS

**Newcomer event:** Our next newcomer coffee is scheduled for April 3rd during Sunday School hour. This is your chance to meet some clergy, staff, vestry and other newcomers!

**New Member event:** If you've become a member since October of 2010, there will be a New Member reception on April 17th at Fr. Paul's home. Look forward! If you want to transfer to St. John's from your former parish, get on board soon! This is an event you won't want to miss.

If you're considering membership at St. John's, join the party! Call Kathy Arthur at 704-366-3034, x 225 (email [karthur@saintjohns-charlotte.org](mailto:karthur@saintjohns-charlotte.org)) if you are ready to join. A member of St. John's is a regular attendee, and contributes to the Church by pledging and by being involved in a meaningful way in the life of the parish. There are many ways to become involved. If you're ready to make this commitment, we're ready to receive you as a member.

## SIGMA

Sigma has been canceled for April

## SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PRESCHOOL

The Preschool is excited to announce that very shortly a new security system will be in place on the first floor. Let us first say that no event has happened that has caused this decision; rather, we are trying to be proactive rather than reactive. The church has grown considerably over the last year and we anticipate more and more events happening here at St. John's in the coming years. After much discussion, it was agreed to make the first floor more secure so that gatherings can happen upstairs without being a concern for the Preschool.

We are looking into installing a key card entry system and an alarm system on doors leading to the Preschool. Teachers, St. John's Staff and key persons will be given cards specifically assigned to them as well as the Preschool Teachers will wear picture I.D. cards. These individuals will be the only people allowed on the first floor during Preschool hours. Entry into the Preschool will be restricted from 8:30 to 1:30. We ask that if you are coming to the church between 8:30 and 1:30,

## Preschool Security cont.

please use the main church entrance with the blue awning. The children are precious to us all and we want to make sure that we provide them not only a loving environment but a safe one as well. Thank you so much for your understanding and patience.

Jennifer Taylor  
Assistant to the Rector for Preschool Ministries

## ST. JOHN'S BASKETBALL



St. John's youth participate in the YMCA's U-18 Basketball league every winter. This year we had two teams representing our parish, more simply known as the Green and the White teams. Each team is composed of boys from Saint John's as well as a few friends from outside the church. The

YMCA league has a total of 8 teams that play from January through March. The teams were coached by EYC Youth Advisor Jeff Cummins.

This year our teams played each other for an exciting match on March 8th. While it was an excellent game played by all, Ben Burkhart led the Green team with 15 and Trey Howie led the White team with 25. The Green team was victorious in the end with a score of 91-88. That win for the Green team meant they made it to the championship game played on March 15th against one of the Harris Y teams. It was a closely matched game, with the score bouncing back and forth between the two teams until the bitter end. In the last minute the opposing Harris Y team won by one point on a last second shot. We had a good showing of parishioners there to root on our team during this exciting game, including Matt Williams and Father Paul, who nervously cheered from the sidelines.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: FENCE REPLACEMENT

Mason Goodman's Eagle Scout Project will be to construct a new fence on our North side on April 2nd. We will be putting up the fence on this day and can use some more



help.

We will be working all day so whatever time you can spare is great. Email Mason at [kristinegoodman4@gmail.com](mailto:kristinegoodman4@gmail.com) to let him know what time you can

come. Parishioners middle school-age and up are welcome.

## 30 HOUR FAMINE FUNDRAISING TOTAL \$71,418.86

The youth of St. John's offer an enormous THANK YOU to the people of St. John's for your support of the 30 Hour Famine. Whether it was through your generous donations toward hunger relief, or through your hard work as a volunteer, or through your prayers of encouragement, you helped to make the 2011 Famine a smashing success. Not only did the youth raise over \$71,000 to fight hunger, but they also performed service work right here in Charlotte. Youth teams split up to do roadside trash cleanup, to do yard work and painting for seniors, and to work in the Samaritan's Feet warehouse. Not too bad for a group of teens that were fasting and slept outside in cardboard boxes! Again, thank you for helping to make this wonderful outreach effort possible.

*Submitted by Matt Williams*

## WELCOME ST. GEORGE'S ERITREAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

St. John's is once again serving as host to a young church in our community. St. George's Eritrean Orthodox Church came to us a couple of months ago asking if we had any room to spare so they could worship as a church. They were looking for a place where they could meet consistently, week to week, so that they might grow their numbers and raise the necessary funds to buy land for a building of their own. This type of ministry is not new to St. John's and, in remembering the words of Luke "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked" (Luke 12:48b). We found that the old youth room and a classroom across the hall from it would do nicely in helping this young church. The Eritrean Orthodox Church is closely related to the early Coptic Church and has been part of the Christian faith for thousands of years. They were part of the Ethiopian Church prior to Eritrea gaining their independence, at which time they successfully petitioned to have their own church identity.

With this type of ministry comes some adjustment. It's much like when one has company visit for an extended period of time - routines are modified, expectations need to be articulated and each party needs to work together to make the 'living arrangements' work. Add to this the great news that the membership at St. John's has increased since January by 20-30 families and the issue that tops the list is parking! St. George's currently has about 40 - 50 members attending their worship service and, like many of us at St. John's, not all families travel in the same car. It's easy to see how quickly the parking lot can fill, with this many new people coming each Sunday. And, we want to continue growing!

What is the solution? Charlotte Country Day School!

St. John's has had the use of the parking lots at Charlotte Country Day School for many years and the lots are open every Sunday. In discussing this fact with several members, it was found that lots of folks aren't sure where these lots are or how to access them. So, to help folks identify the lots easier, we are working on signage for our parking lot to communicate that the overflow lots are available as well as placement of identifying signs across the street for each of the two lots. As hosts to those we have invited to worship with us or worship in our space, the polite thing to do is save the easy parking spaces for guests.

So, we ask that if you are able, consider parking in these lots so that new members and guests may park in the main parking lot of the church. Think of it as doing your part to make others feel welcome. Or, perhaps it's a nice way to enjoy the signs of spring as you walk across the street and remind you to thank God for all the earthy splendor he has given us. And, if you noticed the signage in the breezeway announcing the landscaping renovations, it will give you a weekly view of the progress on this much needed project.

If you have questions about St. George's or suggestions for our logistical issues, please contact Cathy Harrison at [charri-son@saintjohns-charlotte.org](mailto:charri-son@saintjohns-charlotte.org) or 704-366-3034.

## KANUGA PACKING LIST

On Friday, April 8, St. John's is heading to Kanuga for our parish family weekend. It will be a fun and spirit-filled family weekend, so come ready to participate, form new friendships and strengthen old ones. Check in time at Kanuga is 4:00 p.m. (although you can usually check in earlier in the afternoon). Please be our guest at a welcome reception, hosted by St. John's, in the Fireplace Lounge from 5:30-6:30pm. Dinner on Friday night is served at 6:00 p.m. and parish activities begin at 7:30 p.m.

### Items to Bring:

Casual clothing/jackets or sweatshirts, sneakers/hiking boots, flashlights, Bibles, journal/notebook and pen, snacks and refreshments for the Saturday afternoon reception by the lake (St. John's is hosting Friday's reception). Any instruments, music or props for Saturday night's talent show. Tennis racquets, fishing poles, any sports equipment you would like for free time (football, Frisbee, baseball/glove, kickball). Strollers for little ones, raincoats/umbrellas (just in case!) We'll see you by the lake!

# COMMUNICATION

## SUMMER CALENDAR NEEDS MINISTRY INPUT

The summer calendar is now in production. Please send information about all events to Cathy Harrison [charri-son@saintjohns-charlotte.org](mailto:charri-son@saintjohns-charlotte.org) by May 2. Leaders of all parish ministries and groups should contact Cathy to be sure your events are included.

## FACEBOOK

There appears to be some confusion about the church Facebook page, so we are going to attempt to clear it up. There are two pages associated with the church, one is the "friend" Profile page and is named St Johns Church. If you search for it and request to be a friend of St. Johns, you will be responded to by the Profile manager, just as though you were 'friending' a person on Facebook. (There is a strict policy in place to become a friend of this page for the protection of our members, especially our youth.) Once your friendship is accepted, you will be able to see posts on the page from other friends, just like a regular Facebook member page. The other is the "fan" page and is named the St. John's Episcopal Church. You can find this page by searching for St. John's Episcopal Church

and clicking on the "like" button to become a fan. This page is for public viewing and is open to anyone who would like to be a 'fan' of St. John's. This is where you will find information about upcoming events, comments from people who enjoyed something at St. John's as well as pictures shared by fans. Please know that both pages are monitored and anything inappropriate will be taken down immediately.

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

A new pictorial directory will be available by summer. We are asking all parishioners to have their picture taken by the professional photographer at the church. Appointments can be made by calling Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263.

The scheduled dates for photography and portrait viewing at St. John's are: March 31-April 2, April 5 & 6, April 13-16 and April 23. The photographer will be at Plantation Estates on April 4.

Weekday appointment times are 2:00-9:30 pm and Saturday appointments are 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Please sign up as soon as possible to get an appointment that best fits your schedule.

# OUTREACH

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On March 26th the St. John's Church Habitat group worked and successfully completed installation of windows on one of their homes. They also worked on installing gutter board, blue insulation board and baffles. The home owners, a Vietnamese family with two children, who have been in the USA only five years were also at the work site working on their future home. Our thanks to Judie Ratcliffe, David Cash, Justine McAbee, Peter DiGregorio, Stewart McGough, John Chittick, and Tony Broomfield for representing St. John's at the work site. St. John's Habitat group works one Saturday a quarter in a rotation with other groups. For information on volunteering on future dates contact Christ Koconis, St John's Church Habitat coordinator (Phone: 704 366-7600 or Cell: 704 502-8614).

## CANCER CARE DATE CHANGE

The Cancer Care Ministry meeting has been changed in April from the third Wednesday, April 20, Holy Week, to April 13 - the second Wednesday. Please change the date on your calendars.

## FAMILY PROMISE - MAY 1ST TO MAY 8TH

Up to four times per year, St. John's is home to four families as part of Family Promise, a temporary housing and financial rehabilitation program. Our guests move into our church building for a week, and are provided rooms, washing facilities, meals and fellowship. We ask our church family to provide time and talent by volunteering to provide a lunch or dinner, stay overnight as a host, or spend a few hours with our guests as a weekend host. To sign up or if you have any questions please contact Chris Smith at 704-363-1332 or at [chris.r.smith@transamerica.com](mailto:chris.r.smith@transamerica.com).

# OUTREACH

## LOAVES AND FISHES

Loaves and Fishes is desperate for volunteers. Volunteers come to the center located at St. Andrews on Central Avenue and stay from 9:00 am until 1pm at the very latest. The job involves filling food orders for the families, sorting and restocking. There is no minimum or maximum number of times a month you can volunteer. Some of our regulars from St. John's find a partner to job share a time slot and go once every other month. For more information contact Ms. Debby Stoudenmire at 704-553-2612

# DIOCESE

## EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT: LENT AND NETSFORLIFE

In 2009, the Episcopal Church officially designated Lent as a time to encourage dioceses, parishes and individuals to remember and support Episcopal Relief and Development and its work to assist people in poverty.

As we consider Jesus' life of healing and sacrifice during this Lenten season, we should take this opportunity to reflect on our faith and how we might take action in responding to a hurting world. The traditional Lenten practice of almsgiving provides an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to people in need by supporting the work of ERD.

Each of us can support ERD in a very tangible way by making a \$12. contribution to NetsforLife for the purchase of one insecticide-treated net. Remember that just one long-lasting, life-saving net can save three lives from suffering and death. Given that every single minute in sub-Saharan Africa a child dies from malaria, what better season of the church year is there for us to reach out and help "the least of these."

To date the St. John's family has purchased a total of 775 nets potentially saving 2325 lives. Checks may be made payable to St. John's with 'ERD' in the comment section.

# STEWARDSHIP

## GUARDIANS OF EDEN

"Cradle to Cradle" is a term coined by many ecologists to describe manufacturing that supports a closed life-cycle. Instead of systems that "take, make, and waste," many elements of manufacturing can be tweaked so that nothing is useless. Thinking back to earlier times, Native Americans did not leave anything behind after hunting or gathering. Nineteenth century farming promoted self-sufficient use of land; your natural resources dictated your production, rather than your income predicting your consumption. We often find ourselves disconnected from our food chain, from our farmers, from realization of what the real cost is of every piece of merchandise that we purchase. Our society is so very blessed with an abundance of resources both natural and financial, let us not forget from Whom all of our resources came. The glory of God is found in all things; He has given us bounty that is worth our reverence and respect.

## DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

Dear Friends: our mini-campaign to retire our debt continues through Lent, and we hope you understand that in accord with this season we are staying relatively quiet as we go about the task of reaching out to our congregation for support. Even so, many folks have dedicated themselves to the process of contacting their fellow church members, dozens of whom have responded with generous hearts for St. John's and its many ministries.

This effort has benefited greatly from the Vestry's leadership and that of the campaign committee, all of whom are invested in this effort.

Please be on the lookout for an announcement immediately after Easter of our total to date, when we "go public" with the campaign. More information about activities and events will be found in the April Voice, including our plans for Pentecost Sunday. In the meantime, we hope that this Lenten season finds you as captivated by The Mystery of the Messiah as we are.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact one of us. Background information on the cash flow problem is available on the church website, [www.saintjohns-charlotte.org](http://www.saintjohns-charlotte.org).

On behalf of Jim Fussell and Reid Joyner, respectfully submitted by Tim Rogers

## FEBRUARY 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

*Submitted by Janet Brown, Treasurer*

**General:** Total income exceeded expenses by \$4,621 for the month of February. Year to date income exceeded expenses by \$20,247; however this is \$19,857 below the year to date budget.

At the end of February, the Operating Fund checking account balance was \$22,929.

### **Income:**

February pledge income was \$8,034 above budget while non-pledge income was \$2,655 better than budget.

### **Expenses:**

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

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

## OPERATING FUND

### February 2011

|                      | CURRENT<br>MONTH<br>ACTUAL | YEAR<br>TO DATE<br>ACTUAL | ANNUAL<br>BUDGET |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL INCOME         | 106,160                    | 239,049                   | 1,282,396        |
| TOTAL EXPENSES       | 101,540                    | 218,802                   | 1,394,268        |
| EXCESS/<br>(DEFICIT) | <u>4,621</u>               | <u>20,247</u>             | <u>(111,872)</u> |



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