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News & Notes

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Giving Thanks for Our History

Sue Cassidy and I recently attended our second year of the Cooperative College of Congregational Development at Gray Center. During our week at the college, we were given the opportunity to visit and interview the lay leadership of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Jackson. St. Mark's is an historically black Episcopal church in downtown Jackson, and they are doing some amazing things to minister to their community including owning and operating two complexes for low cost housing for elderly people. But what struck me most in our time with the leadership of St. Mark's was their strong sense of history and their deep pride in that. A longtime member of their church has published a book on their history, and they have given a copy of this book to our parish library, autographed by their rector, the Rev. Dr. Richard Middleton, who is the nephew of the author (and also the grandson of the priest who founded the church). As I left St. Mark's with their book in hand, I wondered if we would ever even be able to find enough of our history to write a book, or to put pictures up on the walls of our church. And I sensed that this was something that we really need to work on, this reconnecting all of our members with the history of St. Peter's.

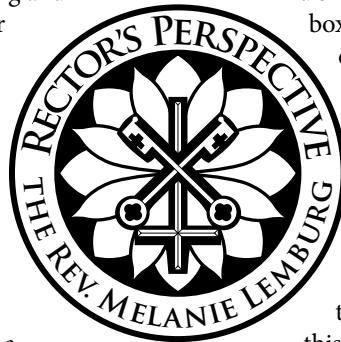
When I returned to church the very next Sunday, I was pleasantly surprised to discover a box of pictures and journals of former rector Robert Emmerson which has been loaned to us by his daughter-in-law, Blanche Emmerson (cousin of Lee Hood). I spent hours that week poring over Emmerson's journal entries about daily life at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea in the 1930's, and it was such a rich and rewarding time for me.

And since the reception of that first box, I continue to receive and encounter pieces of the history of St. Peter's. So I am now talking to some folks about ways to reclaim and share our history and our historic identity, and I hope to have some offerings this fall that will be geared toward this purpose.

In keeping with that purpose, and this abundant offering of historical relics I have received, I share with you a story from a member from the not-so-distant past.

The Day We 'Hanged' St. Peter by the late Bob Daniels

Following the sale of the West Beach Boulevard property of St. Peter's, a major undertaking was to move the sacred contents to the new church. Julius Ward



Eight of our parishioners, Bob Wolford, John Ruble, Jane Glenn, Susan and Richard Pagano, Marie and Lauren Porter and Gordon Stanfield, traveled to Smithville to participate in the Habitat Blitz that was being held for Wade and Jennifer Morris. Wade, who had earlier been laid off from his job, received severe burns to his chest and arms from a grease fire. He had returned home from Memphis for the birth of his daughter, and ten days later the Smithville tornado hit and destroyed their home. Barely escaping with their lives, this young family lost all of their possessions.

Many parishes throughout Mississippi and some as far away as Texas sent volunteers to join with Habitat for Humanity to build a home for Wade and Jennifer. Beginning on July 9th, construction was started and St. Peter's JC Carpenter trailer was relocated on


the property to provide the tools needed for the work. The St. Peters' group was the last of the volunteers to work during the blitz. Our roles were to provide the final detail work in getting the home ready for occupancy. We painted doors and shelving, installed, caulked and

Habitat Blitz

painted trim work, touched up walls and ceilings, cleaned rooms so carpet could be laid, washed windows, cleared debris out of

the yard for final grading and laid sod. The days were long and hot but we left with a feeling of satisfaction of having helped someone in need. We began and ended each day at All Saints where we enjoyed the breakfasts and dinners that Gordon Stanfield prepared and cooked. We all agreed that this was an extraordinary opportunity to serve and give back for all the help that we received during Katrina.





STATUS OF 2011 PLEDGES:

Financial update as of July 24, 2011

Pledge total for 2011:
\$ 265,405.00

Anticipated pledge receipts thru July 24:
\$ 154,810.74

Actual pledge receipts thru July 24:
\$ 130,834.00

Shortfall of pledge receipts to date:
(\$ 23,976.74)

Is your pledge up to date?



Jesus Christ: Founder of the Church or Teacher of the Way August 14

Jesus Christ: Founder of the Church or Teacher of the Way will be the topic of our August Forum. The Reverend Dr. Harold F. Roberts will lead us in a discussion of some of the many images of the Historical Jesus, and what it means for us to be a community of people on a “Way.”

Dr. Roberts is a graduate of Richmond College in Ontario with majors in Psychology, Sociology and History. He holds a graduate degree in Executive Development from York University in Toronto, and a Master of Divinity from Trinity College in Toronto. His doctorate in Congregational Development is from Seabury-Western Seminary. He recently retired after 14 years as rector of Church of the Redeemer in Biloxi.

The Forum will be held on Sunday, August 14 in the Parish Hall. Meet for coffee and fellowship at 9:00 and the Forum will begin at 9:15 and end at 10:15 in time for the second service. Invite your friends to join us for this informative session.



Guess Who?

This person is:

- ❖ Born in Scooba, Mississippi
- ❖ Active in many areas of service and outreach
- ❖ MS Power Lineman for 17 years
- ❖ Director of Safety for MS Power 20 years

(Answer on page 18.)

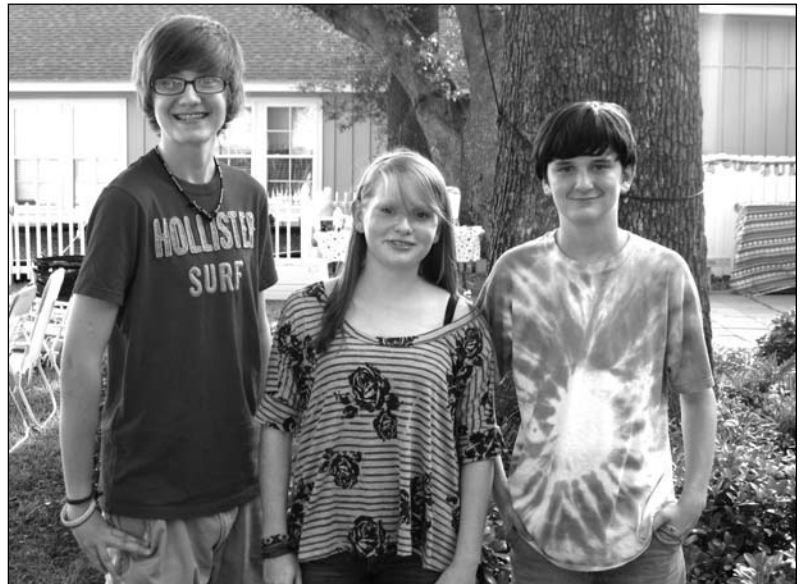


There will be an in-service for all arts academy volunteers on August 8, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the parish hall. Jan Anderson will lead us through three or four of this year's lessons. Please make plans to attend.





4th of July



The question has been raised at St. Peter's by-the-Sea regarding the value to our congregation of our support of the diocese and diocesan office. To be specific, the question was, "What do they do for us and why should we support the diocese?"

The important point is that the diocese does not exist to provide services to the local church. The work of the diocese cannot be quantified in terms of "services rendered." Instead, the diocese, as a whole, and the diocesan staff in particular undertake those ministries and leadership tasks which cannot be assumed by the local congregations. The overall ministry of the diocese is far greater than the sum of the individual parts of their organization and leadership.

The Episcopal Church is a connec-tional Church. We are not individu-al, independent local churches. Much of our strength results from the contributions made by the diocese in connecting us to the

What Does Affiliation with and Support of the Diocese Offer the Local Congregations?

(excerpted from a presentation made at the April Vestry meeting by Dr. Edwin Graham, member of the Diocesan Executive Committee)

Church at large, and in providing, planning and coordination for our ongoing training and ministries.

Having noted the above, though, there are many direct and indirect benefits congregations receive from the diocesan ministries and its leaders.

- A Bishop—the essence of the Episcopal church (the word Episcopal means "bishop"); his regular congregational visits and his pastoral accessibility to parishes and to clergy.

- The discernment, support and formation of new clergy for the future of the church.

- Response and support in times of disaster.

- Camp Bratton Green, the Division of Youth, Happening, and

other programs for young people.

- Special Session of Camp for those who are mentally and physically disabled.

- The planning, coordination and celebration of Annual Diocesan Council and the gathering as "One Church".

- Support of chaplaincies at Ole Miss, MS State, JSU, USM, and ministries at Millsaps College and Delta State University.

- Gray Center and a wide variety of conferences available to all people.

- The knowledge and availability and access to a professional diocesan staff including answers to any financial, business, employee financial questions in the church and even legal counsel when needed.

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and about ten other faithful members worked carefully and diligently to load the items into a truck. Things went well until we attempted to remove the marble statue of St. Peter, which was located in the narthex of the church.

The expensive and very heavy five-foot solid marble statue of St. Peter, which was made in Italy, was donated by former Mississippi Lieutenant Governor Bidwell Adam, a long-time faithful and generous member of the congregation. Sadly, several members of Mr. Adam's family died in a house fire, and Mr. Adam donated the statue of St. Peter in memory of his family members. Needless to say, it was very important to move the statue of St. Peter to the new church, but none of us were present when the statue was mounted on the church wall and had no idea exactly how it was attached. We pushed and pulled with all our might, but St. Peter would not budge.

Finally, we determined that, with a great deal of effort, the statue could be lifted from the bottom, but we could only lift it a few inches. That allowed me, however, to look behind the statue and see that there was a three-inch pipe of unknown length imbedded in the shoul-

ders, slanting downward toward the feet. While standing on the floor, we were unable to lift the statue high enough to remove the statue and the pipe from the wall, which was about three feet thick and made of brick and cement. Then I had a brilliant idea!

We retrieved a large rope from Julius Ward's truck and placed the rope around St. Peter's neck. Several of us were in the choir loft and others were on the narthex floor. Working together, with the men on the floor pushing upward and the men in the choir loft pulling on the rope, the statue (including the five-foot-long pipe) was successfully and safely removed from the wall and placed on the floor.

After having "hanged" St. Peter, we wrapped the statue in a blanket and it was placed in the truck and transported to the new church on East Beach Boulevard. The statue survived Katrina and is still hanging in the small balcony on the north side of the sanctuary.

Share the Hospitality!

The coffee and fellowship times after the 8:00 and 10:30 services have been well received. Attendance has continued to grow each week. This has become an opportunity to greet visitors and guests, and for our members to become better acquainted.

Kerry Hudson has done a wonderful job in coordinating the coffee, lemonade and snack food service. Several people have assisted her in preparing the food and in cleaning up afterwards. This is also an opportunity to become better acquainted with your co-worker volunteers.

Kerry is currently preparing the schedule for August and September. She needs a volunteer to take responsibility for coordinating everything for a Sunday and others to assist that person in preparing and cleaning up as well as in providing snacks. Call her (931-237-1186) to volunteer for a Sunday and share the hospitality! She will give you a complete explanation of the details. Your assistance can be as simple or elaborate as you choose.



Stewardship

A good definition of stewardship can be found in the Holman Bible Dictionary being,

Utilizing and managing all the resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation.

Notice it says, all the resources, stewardship is all encompassing, and can only be achieved by focusing on the self, and work our way “up the ladder” to a full realization of what God has directed us to do. I want to share with you how that may look.

How about our bodies? (1Cor 6:12-20)

This seems to be a forgotten or, at least, thought of as an unimportant part of stewardship. Have you ever heard the saying “you are what you eat?” If you eat fat greasy foods all the time you will become ... well I think you get the picture. This also applies to what we feed our minds.

What are we feeding our minds and bodies? In 1 Cor 6:19-20 it says that the Holy Spirit lives within us, was given by God and it was given at a price. In other words, we are forcing the Holy Spirit within us to participate in doing what we are doing. We need to remember that God has blessed us with the Holy Spirit, it is only right to be a good steward of this precious gift.

Are you being a good steward of the Spirit that lives within you?

How is your mind? (Eph 4:22-24) Col 2:18 Do you have an unspiritual mind? Ro 12:1-2 Are you renewing your mind? Are you reading, watching TV, going to movies, reading romance novels or watching soaps? (2 Cor 10:4-5) These are just a few examples of things that can bring us down instead of build us up. Are we able to take captive every thought-if not- why not? Who controls your mind? (Eph 6:10-18) Could it be a negative spirit, lying spirit, lustful spirit, greed, fear, anger, pride, complacency, the list goes on and on. It is

up to us to receive whichever spirit— the Spirit of Christ or of the flesh.

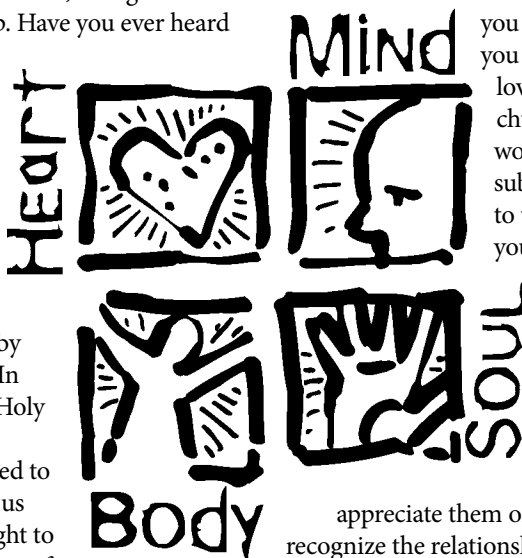
How are my Relationships? Are we good stewards of the relationships that God has given us? As a parent, our first and most important responsibility to our children is to teach them about Christ (Prov 22:6; Deut 6:7-9; Isa 38:19, Eph 6:4; 1Ti3:4) and raise them in the ways of the Lord. Once the child knows the will of God in their lives all the rest falls into place.

How about your spouse, are you being a good steward of that relationship? (Eph 5:21-33) Do you submit to one another because you love Christ: Husbands, do you love your wife as Christ loved the church? Do you wash over her with words of kindness? Wives, do you submit to your husbands as you do to the Lord: Do you truly respect your husband and honor him in all your words and deeds? If God has blessed you with a spouse, then honor God by being a good steward to that relationship.

What about the other relationships in our lives? Do we appreciate them or take them for granted? Do we recognize the relationship that God has given us verses the ones we’ve created? Do we hang onto to the ones that feed our selfish desires and let go of the ones the force us to grow? (Deut 13:6-10; Psalms 119:57-64; Prov 12:26; Prov 18:24).

In applying these questions to our lives and reading the lessons that guide our thoughts and actions, we should be able to start the process of becoming a good steward of what God has granted us.

Gods Peace
Marvin



Mission & Outreach

OPPORTUNITIES AND REPORTS

FEED MY SHEEP

The Ozerden Family was responsible for June's Second Sunday Feed My Sheep lunch. They were assisted by Phil Parker, Paul Krass, Marvin Koury, Kerry, Derrick and Jonah Hudson, Pat Barnes and others. Patti and Jay Golden will be responsible for our August 14th Second Sunday Feed My Sheep. Please consider joining us in the kitchen to assist in making the 50 lunches.

Members continue to provide their designated help on Monday's at Feed My Sheep thanks to the able organization of Mary Alice Bailey.

IHN

August 28-Sept 3 will be our next week to provide meals for IHN. As this falls on Labor Day Weekend, please consider helping with a supper if you will be in town. Some of our regulars may not be able to help out due to family plans. The sign-up list will be in the Narthex on Sundays.

Just as a brief update on a few recent residents of the Rebekah's House:

Tori has graduated from culinary operations workforce training and has been hired by two restaurants.

Douglas, husband of Jessica and father of Joy, has been employed with Geiger Heating and Air to work both local and out-of-town areas.

Jacque, whose daughter is Andrea, has begun work at one of the Pascagoula shipyards.

Patti Nicholas continues to coordinate this volunteer food delivery mission for St. Peter's.

FOOD PANTRY

Please remember to bring in a canned or boxed food item for the Food Pantry.

HABITAT BUILDING BLITZ: SMITHVILLE

A big thanks to the wonderful volunteers from St. Peter's who donated an entire weekend to do serious sweat work to assist in building a home for a Smithville family: Bob Wolford (who organized the group), Marie and Lauren Porter, Jane Glenn, Gordon Stanfield, John Ruble, Richard and Susan Pagano and Harry Yoste. All Saints' in Tupelo is providing hospitality for the weekend. As you will remember, our trailer was delivered several weeks ago by Bob W. to assist in the rebuilding efforts. *(See report on page 2.)*

CLOTHING FOR HARRISON COUNTY CHILDREN'S SHELTER

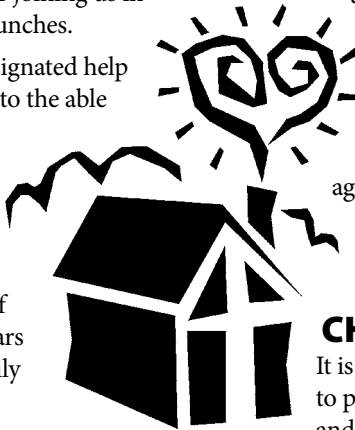
It is time to begin our Back-to-School efforts to provide clothing for girls' sizes 6-6X (pants and tops) to the Harrison County Children's Shelter. As our outreach commitment to the Children's Shelter, we have tried to supply new clothing for girls (size 6-6X). This provides the young girls with at least a fresh, new outfit to wear while undergoing the tough transitions of suddenly being at the Shelter.

Please bring your donations in to the Church over the next few weeks. Leslie Stanfield, our coordinator of this outreach effort, will be taking our donations to the Shelter on September 12th .

DONATED BY PARISHIONERS:

Twenty-five Pints of Blood=Assisted Twenty-five lives!!

Respectfully submitted,
Candace B. Ozerden



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Training Session: August 13th



Acolytes

For all those who are starting second grade this year and older, you are invited to join our acolyte ministry at St. Peter's. We will have a training session on Saturday morning, August 13 at 10:00 am in the church. **For all current acolytes you need to be at this training as well, so Mom or Dad please help us out and mark your calendar for this training.** This should take an hour not any longer. Thanks for being a part of this ministry of St. Peter's. Everyone appreciates the kids' participation.

Deacon Scott

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



The Children's Choir will resume this fall with a meeting for parents on Wednesday evening August 17 at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Please plan to attend if you have any interests in this ministry. Our goal is the crafting of this group's mission together, so please come with an idea of what you want to see happening with this group and share your thoughts and desires with us! We look forward to seeing you there!

Barbara Blanchard
Christian Formation

We will be offering child care at the church for September Ladies' Night Out and Men's Grillin' Group. Watch your bulletin and September *Key* for more information.



We're here!

Finally! after many hours of car riding, several stops and dinner at Panera Bread we have arrived at the Amerson House. It was easy driving until we hit traffic in Atlanta and then Erin got us lost! (oops!), but thanks to Ginny's iphone we were shown the way and are comfortably settled in our lodging.

I'll keep this brief because we still need breakfast, but we are excited for our first day and look back late tonight to see what adventures we have had at the camp and then SIX FLAGS (of course complete with photos!!!!

Here's to a great day!

—Erin

Day one = lots of sun.

Ok, so we all were lucky that the day camp is spent in air conditioning because the heat is terrible! We kicked things off with 7th Heaven at St. Martin's pretty solidly. Unfortunately some of the young ones didn't show up Monday, which we found out later is pretty typical, and so we have high hopes that all 35 will be here today. What we did see of the kids were awesome though and everyone has the opportunity to have one-on-one time during activities.

Of course as you know the afternoon was our big trip to Six Flags. I don't think it could have been hotter and I'm sure Six Flags is counting on that because we certainly purchased our weight in water yesterday. Of course hours on roller coasters, concession food, and not enough sleep is sure to make us all a little worse for wear and a few of us including myself left the park feeling less than 100%. Nothing that a good shower and night of sleep couldn't handle.

We did make sure to purchase two things. Ibuprofen and pepto bismol — oh sweet pink remedy!

Today should prove to be a little cooler and a more laid back afternoon with the coca-cola museum and then dinner. Everyone is excited to see the campers this morning and really get into the program with the kids!

More to come later and we'll be checking in to keep y'all posted!

Tuesday and the adventure continues...

So with out Six Flags extravaganza ended and Tuesday beginning we had high hopes that the day would bring more kids from Emmaus house, A/C, and a low-key

afternoon, and of course we crossed our finger that our little pink tablets wouldn't be necessary. We should know by now that those hopes are short-lived. Our day at St. Martin's was great — though still not as many kids as we had hoped, but again that allowed our youth to have more one-on-one time with them and it was great!! Not only did youth work with the kids, but they also had an opportunity to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Poverty Rights Center at Emmaus House — an important fixture in this community.

Gulf Coast EYC: Mission to Atlanta!

Summer of 2011 has led the Gulf Coast EYC to Atlanta Georgia! What follows below are the posts made to the group's blog during the time they were away.

Of course after face painting, dancing and singing, pandas, photos, and plenty of gym time we headed for the coca-cola museum. I think it's safe to say we all appreciated an afternoon in the air-conditioning and an opportunity to see a movie in 4-D, photo-ops with Coca-Cola mascots, history, and then the cherry on top — the tasting room, where we sampled what seemed like an endless stream of soda. The flavor of the day? Beverly. What did it taste like? Bad. It's flavor is terrible enough to warrant videoing each other tasting it for the first time.

From a world of Coke, we sped over to dinner at Everybody's Pizza, a staple in Atlanta, and pigged out. Then came the Pepto Bismol. Will this be a nightly

ritual? Let's cross our fingers and hope real hard, shall we? The next morning always means stomachs are settled and this morning we got to sleep in!! what?! On a mission trip?! Unheard of! Another great thing — pancakes, eggs, and bacon. Mmmmmmmmm.

Today should prove to be a good opportunity to gather our strength before tomorrow's Midnight premier of *Harry Potter* with a late morning at the camp, and then afternoon at the pool. What adventures are ahead? We'll have to wait and see!

Wednesday — Games and Thoughts

We are at the halfway point! A late morning meant pancakes, eggs, and bacon before we headed over to a short day at the camp and then a special treat — swimming at a parishioner's pool! It was certainly a needed relief with the heat we've been stewing in. And of course we couldn't end the night without a preview to our *Harry Potter* adventure watching *Part One* of the final *Harry Potter* series before bedtime. Amongst all the fun and games we had some reflections from our youth about our trip so far and you can see for yourselves what they've been thinking...

This mission trip has been an experience. Usually I never wake up really early in the morning, but going to this camp is really fun. My favorite part would be seeing all the smiling faces of every little kid. Giving them a special day everyday they come is the best gift I could get out of this trip. After each day is gone they all cry and whine about how they really want to stay and spend time with all of us counselors. Even after they board their bus and say goodbye for the day, I would cry on the inside seeing all of these happy faces go away. Thinking about where these kids come from I feel so much better about my life and what I have. Knowing also that the kids get to escape from that place to come

and celebrate the beauty of God makes me feel good on why I come down here in the first place. You can never find a more happy face than the kids when they come and see us every day.

—Robert

This trip has been totally opposite from my first expectations. I thought firstly that the kids at the camp would be a little different because of the very mature situations that they may have endured. However, the very first day I was welcomed to smiles that were

encouraging, curious, and kind from every kid, who proudly met us with hugs and introductions that were far from shy. I went in expecting the worst and found that it was actually more than fun. It somehow reminds me that God made me (THANK YOU GOD!) and will always mold my path for the better. After the day- camp ended, we went to Six Flags, an experience familiar but a little hotter than expected.

The next day I went in waiting in anticipation to see the kids again. I learned that God listened to me (THANK YOU GOD!) when I prayed that I wouldn't be sick when we went to the World of Coke later that

*day. Today, I got to sleep in, kind of..... However, I found that I would rather wake up early to see the kids. When I was finally rewarded with the sight of their smiling faces, I felt centered again. When the camp day retired, I felt sad when a particularly fond friend of mine was sad to leave. Her frowning face reminded me that good things come and go but with God watching me (THANK YOU GOD!) everything will be OK. I am now about to start watching *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1* in anticipation for the midnight premiere of the generational defining movie tomorrow.*

—Ian



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*“The word can’t is not in my vocabulary
because when I put my mind to it*

I CAN DO ANYTHING

I AM SPECIAL

I AM POSITIVE

I AM BEAUTIFUL

I AM RESPONSIBLE

I AM LOVED

I AM CAPABLE OF LOVING

I AM A CHAMPION

I WILL SUCCEED!”

This is what we start out every day with at 7th Heaven Camp. Seeing this little kids say this, with such vigor and certainty is possibly one of the most powerful and moving things I have ever seen. These children, who even at their young ages have seen and dealt with more mature situations than even some of us have dealt with, are so sweet and lovely. Each child is excited each morning to see us, welcoming us with kind smiles and leaving us with enthusiastic hugs. We have experienced more needy children, too, and although it sometimes requires us to put a change in our attitudes, its just one more lesson in being patient and kind and one more reason to be thankful for what we take for granted every day.

And of course, our work is balanced out with play. Six flags was absolutely amazing, and even there I learned that you can’t ONLY have fun: sometimes you need to be sensible and sit down to eat, drink, and take care of yourself. Also, we had some minor meltdowns, partly based on not being reliable and accessible. I have had so much fun bonding with the other youth in EYC Crew as well as the children and I’m looking forward to continuing the week.

—Beatrice

Thursday = Harry Potter!

Thursday was many things, but boring it was not. A rambunctious group of Emmaus House kids, and preparations for *Harry Potter* meant a long and exciting Thursday, but we made it. *Harry Potter* was as we expected – anticipated and enjoyed greatly by all in our group. This meant lots of movie popcorn, caffeine and

of course lack of much needed shut-eye – but it’s Friday and we are up and going! – maybe a little slower than most mornings, but we’re here and ready for this last leg of our trip. What does that include? A Braves game! Right now we’re hoping that the rain holds off for us and the clouds are looking particularly ominous and though we are thankful that the cloud cover has cooled things off tremendously, being rained out was not in our itinerary.

A week with the kids at Emmaus House makes up for any circumstances that should foil our careful planning and that seems the opinion of most if not all of our group. Read ahead for a look into what one of the youth has been reflecting on....

STUPEFY!!! I am STUNNED at how much fun this mission trip has been so far... And for those of you who aren’t Harry Potter fanatics, stupefy (from above) is the stun charm... Haha?!?!?!?

But all jokes aside, it has been a great week so far here in Atlanta. Not only are our afternoon activities a blast, but working with the kids is also a blast. At first I was really afraid that they might be all down in the dumps and negative, but all of those worries went away when I saw them get off the bus with immense excitement. With the exception of a couple of kids who are very insecure about themselves and their capabilities, who are constantly putting themselves down. All we can really do about that is to deny all of their negative comments about themselves and try to build them up with compliments.

After we got in our small groups, they called a group of little kids up to the front to say the Emmaus house pledge. This is possibly the most positive filled pledge that I have ever heard. My favorite two lines are “I am loved.” and “I am capable of loving.”

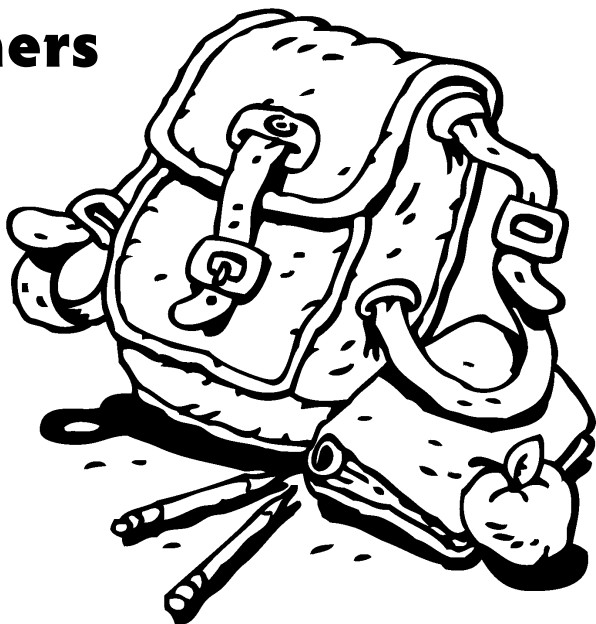
Then we went to our classes in our small groups. The classes are also full of positivity, and teaches them about the love of God. Each day we have a different saying, which the kids respond to with “Thank you God!” Today our saying is “God loves you no matter what!”

It’s been a really great week, with the promise of lots more fun to come!

Thank you God!!!

—Ginny M.

August 7th Backpack Blessing: Students and Teachers



Bring your backpack or bag to church on Sunday, August 7th (at either service) for a blessing for this new school year.

Ladies' Night Out

Our next Ladies' Night Out will be Tuesday, August 30th. Please join us for a fun night of Fellowship and good food.

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- Ecumenical connections to and cooperation with the United Methodists, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Roman Catholics.
- International mission partnerships including the Honduras Medical Mission, the Bishop Mazareeka Christian Foundation, and ministries in Panama and the Sudan.
- Special offerings such as the MS Conference on Music and Liturgy, efforts in racial reconciliation, Safe Church Training, Congregational Development training, Lay leadership Training, Annual Vestry retreat, Education for Ministry, Stewardship consultations and TENS members.
- Assistance with clergy transitions, search committees, letters of agreement, guidance for norms and compensation, and providing post-ordination consultation for newly ordained clergy and *Fresh Start* for clergy in their first two years in a new church.

Follow St. Peter's by-the-Sea on Facebook, blogspot

If you use Facebook, look for the St. Peter's by-the-Sea fan page.

The Rev. Melanie Lemburg now has a blog:

There's spiritual insight and the texts of her sermons, in case you didn't hear all of it the first time!

<http://lemburgordinarytime.blogspot.com/>

There's a link to it at the top of the St. Peter's website, too.



August is an “All request hymn” month... please turn in your favorite hymn and we will try to get it scheduled during the month of August at the 10:30 service. Hymn forms are available in the narthex, just drop them in the offering plate.



BELL CHOIR will kick off with a get together at the home of Donna & Fred Hutchings (901 39th Avenue, Gulfport) on Wednesday, August 3rd at 6:30 PM. Members, spouses, and those interested in joining are welcome! Bell Choir normally rehearses from 6-7 PM on Wednesday evenings

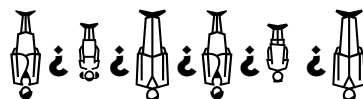


ADULT CHOIR will have a kick-off party at Koi Sushi Restaurant (located at the Ramada Inn on HWY 49) on Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00 PM. All members and those interested in joining are invited to attend. Dinner is “dutch” treat. The Adult choir normally rehearses at 7PM on Wednesday evenings.



August Angels:

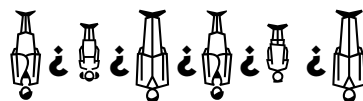
Christie Yoste, Dawn Ruble, Susan Pagano, Margaret McCrary



David Milstead



Here's Who



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And he said to them,
"Follow me and I
will make you fishers
of men."

Matthew 4:19



MARK YOUR AUGUST CALENDAR

3rd

Bell Choir kick-off

8th

*Arts Academy volunteers
workshop*

13th

Acolyte Training

14th

Second Sunday Forum

16th

Choir kick-off party

17th

Children's Choir Meeting

30th

Ladies' Night Out

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Births

Congratulations to John & Meggan Stolarski as they welcome their daughter, Avery Grace, to the family. Avery was born Tuesday, July 19th weighing in at 8lbs 3 oz. Please keep their family in your prayers!

Grandparents Kay and David Andre' welcomed the son of Benjamin and

Danielle Andre' of Baton Rouge, Noah Rush Andre' born July 20th, weighing 6 pounds 11oz. Mother and Noah Rush are doing well. This is the first grandchild for David who has had good practice with Kays four grandson's. David Andre'