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The Scroll

St. Bede's Episcopal Church

February 2007

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the midst of children eagerly waiting to eat cake, and the hustle and bustle of the commons, I did not get to adequately express my gratitude to you last Sunday at the anniversary celebration for Tamara and me. I don't like to think that ten years have passed, but since they have, I must say thank you for ten rich, wonderful and (sometimes) challenging years in this community of faith. I have been blessed to witness so many acts of love and tenderness, generosity and devotion; to work alongside excellent leaders and teachers; to participate in the adventures of pilgrimages and mission trips; and to pray and celebrate together through many holy seasons. I am especially grateful, in some way, for all the challenges that we have faced, because these have invited us to deepen our discernment and faithfulness, and that is a great joy. I have learned not to be afraid of the challenges, trusting that God's healing and love in our midst will always have the last word.

St. Bede's is a marvelous parish. Thank-you for all the support you have given to me and John and the boys over the years. Thank-you for the lovely reception on Sunday and for all your good words and wishes. I will treasure my new prayerbook; it is a perfect gift, and will, of course, be used often and well.

Peace,

The Reverend Laura Bryant

Important Dates

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| February 4 | Tickets go on sale for the Feb. 20 th Pancake Supper |
| February 9 & 10 | Pilgrimage Workshop |
| February 11 | 2 pm Organ Recital, Timothy Albrecht |
| February 20 | Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
5:30 pm-7:30 pm |
| February 21 | Ash Wednesday
12:15 pm Service
7:00 pm Service |
| February 24 | 9 am-4 pm, Ministry Fair 2007
Cathedral of St. Philip |
| February 25 | First Sunday in Lent
"Fill the Ark"-Heifer Project
& "Burying the Alleluia" |
| March 3 | Rite 13 Celebration dinner |
| March 4 | Rite 13 Ceremony at the 10:30
Holy Eucharist |
| March 17 | Lenten Quiet Day |

**Lectionary Year C
February 2007**

February 4 — Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

First Lesson Judges 5:11-24a
Psalm 85:7-13 BCP 709
Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Luke 5:1-11

February 11 — Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

First Lesson Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1 BCP 585
Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel John 2:1-11

February 18 — Last Sunday after the Epiphany

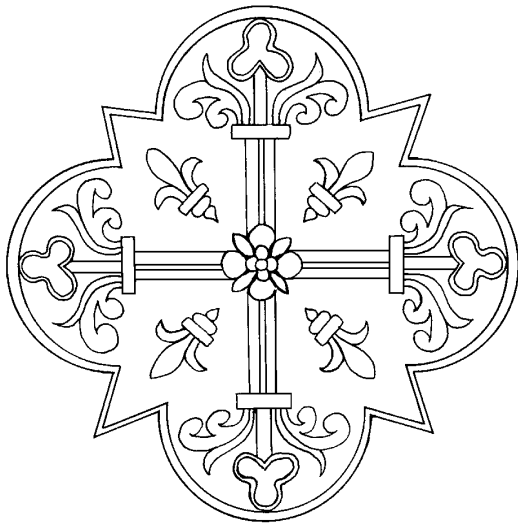
First Lesson Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99 BCP 728
Epistle 1 Corinthians 17:27—13:13
Gospel Luke 9:28-36

February 21 — Ash Wednesday

First Lesson Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 103:8-14 BCP 733
Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 25 — First Sunday in Lent

First Lesson Deuteronomy 26:5-11
Psalm 91:9-15 BCP 720
Epistle Romans 10:8b-13
Gospel Luke 4:1-13



Our Prayers are requested...

For those who are ill or in need:

John Jolley, *father of Dale Jolley*; Louise Cording, *friend of Suzanne Gebhart*; Debbie Pearson, *cousin of Edith Hinchey*; Joan Pettitt, *mother of Barb Pettitt*; Greg & Caroline, *friends of Helena Harrison*; the James Hamner family, *friends of Helena Harrison*; Cindy Gabler, *family member of Lynnsay Buehler*; Bill Craven, *friend of Rob Townes*; Angela Harrison, *cousin of Sarah Jane Ohl*; Patsy Baxley; Peggy Poland; Tony Coursey; Linda Freeze, *cousin of Ray Lampros*; Jason Mather, *friend of Lois Shingler*; Tom Jones, *friend of John Hinchey*; George Bowen; Nick Abraham, *father of Junior Abraham*; Peggy Walker, *friend of Janice Chalaron*; Duncan Curl, *father-in-law of Paula Curl*.

For those who have died:

Jackson Bell, *infant nephew of Alicia Long*; John Farr, *friend of Julie & Steve Teachout*; Craig Ford, *friend of Sue Ellen Lampros*; Christian Anderson, *father of Sylvester Anderson*; Sharon Shaw, *sister-in-law of Barbara Tyler*.

For our service men and women:

Maxwell Ammons, Lt. Gretchen Bundy-Ladowicz, Jeffrey Chandler, William Cooper, John Lansdale Creson II, Ryan Donohoe, Gary Ducote, Patrick Dunn, David Hutson, Christopher Hutton, Nicholas Hussey, Rebecca Johnson, Steven Love, Matt Matthews, David Powell, Shaun Witt, Christopher Kemper, Patrick Manneh, and Christopher Watson.

You may add names to the Parish Prayer List by placing a prayer slip in the request box in the Commons; by calling the church office (770-938-9797); or by going to our website at www.stbedes.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Epiphany 2007 January 7-February 18

Servant Leadership: Grace and Challenge

Led by Dixie Snider and Martha Eschew

“Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant” (Mark 10:43)

In this passage, Christ calls on all of us to be servants. But what does that mean in “real life”? What does it mean to be a servant in our work life, family life, social life and personal life? At the same time we are all called to lead and influence others, at home, at work, at school and elsewhere. So, how can we both serve and lead? The answer is to be a servant leader.

Come learn what a servant leader is. What practices and changes do we need to adopt to follow Christ’s command to be a servant? What are the obstacles to becoming a servant leader? We will explore all these questions and more.

Martha Eschew is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church. She has over 24 years of leadership development experience and has worked with many companies and organizations, both nationally and internationally. She has attended several leadership training workshops and conferences and has taught a workshop at All Saints.

Dixie Snider has been a member of St. Bede’s for more than 30 years and has served the parish in a variety of roles and positions. He has worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for 33 years. He has attended several leadership workshops and conferences since Bishop Sims introduced him to the topic nearly 20 years ago and has applied servant leadership in his work at CDC.

Companions in Christ: The Way of Blessedness

The Way of Blessedness is a nine week study using the Beatitudes from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. Each week we will explore one of the Beatitudes to discover Jesus’ vision of the kingdom of God on earth and explore the path to a truly joyful and blessed life. *The Way of Blessedness* also helps participants to develop a personal “rule of life”.

The class will start on February 7 and will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30am.

Please contact Laura Bryant lbryant@stbedes.org or 770-938-9797 if you are interested.

Disciple Bible Study

The Disciple Bible Study class will continue, beginning in January. This eight-week module, *Invitation to the New Testament*, will again be co-led by Janice Chalaron and Bruce Hunn, and will be offered from 7:00-8:30 pm on Tuesday evenings. The purpose of this class is to develop Christian growth through regular in-depth study of scripture. We will explore the major themes and stories of the New Testament with an emphasis on how they nurture our faith and discipleship. This study explores how the New Testament writers and the early Christian community wrestled with the coming of Jesus – his life, actions, missions, death, and resurrection – and the implications of his arrival for their lives and their communities of faith.

Participants in *Invitation to the New Testament* need not have attended the Old Testament class, however, they are certainly invited to continue with this module. Please contact Janice (jchalaron@stbedes.org) or Bruce (bjhunn@earthlink.net) if you are possibly interested. We will probably begin on January 16. Be on the lookout for further information in the service bulletin.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Men Of Bede

Dear MOBsters:

Please accept my apologies for a certain lack of organization for this winter! I will try to atone for this by laying out this proposed schedule for Saturday Men Of Bede Breakfasts from now through June.

February 24, March 24, April 21,
May 19, June 23

It is likely that at least one of these will be a breakfast at the church, followed by a cleanup or work day, but I haven't consulted yet with Robert, Taylor or Jeff as to which dates would be best. The default time is still 9:00 a.m., and the default location is the Hickory House on Northlake Parkway (2202 Northlake Parkway, near the intersection of Northlake and LaVista). However, I have been approached by a couple of volunteers who would like to follow on the noble examples of Ray Callaway and Victor Caceres by hosting the MOB Breakfast at their homes! This is a true example of servant leadership!

Stay tuned to your email and to further announcements for more details. If you are not on the MOB email list and would like to be, I can always be reached at (770) 457-6983, and at meiburg@bellsouth.net. The MOB is for all men of St. Bede and friends, and as always all are welcome!

Stan Meiburg

Club Mex

Sunday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Frontera
4771 Britt Road, Norcross

Everyone is welcome to attend!
To RSVP, please call or e-mail
Lisa & Eric Main, 678-528-9675
emain@comcast.net

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 20th
5:30-7:30 pm

Join us Tuesday, February 20th from 5:30-7:30 as we clear the cupboards in preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent. Our Youth Group will be preparing an all-you-can eat pancake supper. Either make your reservation on Sunday morning or call the church office. Cost is only \$4 per adult, \$2 per child or \$10 per family. Proceeds will go to benefit the J2A Pilgrimage this summer to Borderlands, SD.

Mostly Mysteries Book Club

The book club will meet:

February 26, 2007 at 7 pm

At the home of Anne Murff
1812 Morris Landers Drive
Atlanta, GA 30345
404-321-6004

The Book selection is
The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid
A memoir by Bill Bryson

N.E.T. Pantry **We need your donations of** **Jelly Jars!**

February is the month that St. Bede's staffs the N.E.T. pantry. We have one new couple signed up! Please call Frankie Pearce if you have never done this and would like to help. Frankie will be contacting volunteers who have staffed the pantry in past years. 770-934-1474

The N.E.T. pantry served 88 families, (308 people) during the months of July, August, September and October. Of those served 509 were children and 58 were senior citizens.

February Youth Events

February 4 Pancake Supper Ticket Pre-selling begins between services. R13 will cover the table from 9:15-9:45 and again after the 10:45 service for 20 minutes
Youth Group-12-2 pm J2A is in charge of the Youth Group Bowl!

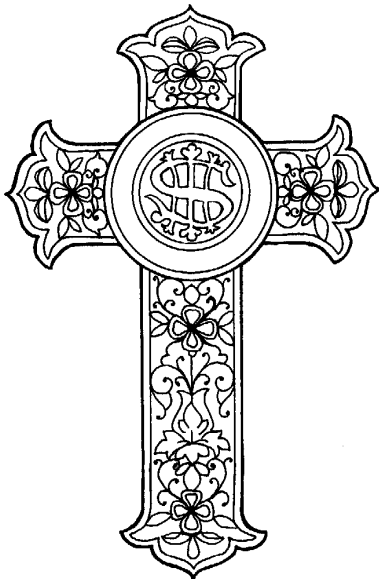
February 9th & 10th-Pilgrimage Workshop at All Saint's Episcopal at 634 W. Peachtree Street.
Friday 7-8:30 pm

Finance Update

Thank you St. Bede's parishioners for your generous support during the 2006 fiscal year! We began the year with a large deficit and ended the year with a \$23,000.00 surplus, reducing our current deficit to about \$2,300.00.

It is never too late to pledge your support. We are still awaiting pledges for 2007-your commitment to St. Bede's is greatly appreciated and valued

The new **Yellow** offering envelopes for 2007 will be available for pick up in the Commons from December 10 through January. Envelopes will be assigned for all pledging families. Beginning in January 2007, please use only the **Yellow** 2007 envelopes.



February Birthdays

1	Vicki Ledet
1	Anna Paige Teachout
2	Barb Pettitt
2	Drew Teachout
3	Clevlyn Anderson
3	Randy Burnett
3	Thurman Cary
5	Tony Coursey
6	Tom Moody
9	Susan Anderson
9	Annette Davis
9	Cindy Huston
9	Kelly Webster
11	Tom Todd
12	Melissa Williams
15	Jean Donohoe
16	Sean Hutton
17	Lucy Pettitt-Schieber
17	Hollis Pickett
18	Richard Holloway
19	Molly Fortune
19	Gloria Wreh
20	Buck Andrews
20	Cate Faulkner
20	R.J. Holloway
20	Christopher Moe
20	Grace Wreh
21	Jan Swoope
22	Jennifer Kepesh
22	Matthew Knowlton
23	George Bowen
23	Carol Bowers
23	Jerre Lutz
24	Loretta Vail
25	Issa Ackall
25	Anne Callaway
25	Mike Maguigan
26	Martin Halbert
27	Oswin Deally
27	Bill Hayn
27	Rebecca Solomon
28	Rick Burris
28	Andy Hadjian
28	Frankie Pearce
28	Kellie Terwilliger

“Fill the Ark” Annual Heifer Project

Please join us on **Sunday, February 25th**, as we kick of our annual support for Heifer International. This organization provides assistance to millions of impoverished families by helping them become increasingly self-reliant through gifts of livestock and training in animal husbandry, farming and community development. A corral will be set up on the lawn by the front entrance and the children may pet the goats, lambs, rabbits and other animals.

Also **February 25th**, the children will be celebrating the beginning of the Lenten Season with the traditional **“Burying of the Alleluia.”** The animals will be present from 9:30-10:45 and the Burying of the Alleluia will take place during the beginning of the Sunday School hour. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lenten Quiet Day

Saturday, March 17, 2007
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

A Day of Contemplative Prayer
with Visual Expression
on the Feast Day of St. Patrick
praying with St. Patrick’s Breastplate
and Thessalonians’ letter of love

Guided by The Rev. Mary Callaway Logan,
pastoral counselor, spiritual director and artist,
with The Rev. Lynnsay A. Buehler

The Julian of Norwich Center
St. Bede’s Episcopal Church
2601 Henderson Mill Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

\$25
Art supplies and lunch provided

Please call Lynnsay Buehler
at 770-938-9797 Ext. 27
by Thursday, March 15
to register for the day

Pilgrimage Workshop & Update

On Friday and Saturday, February 9th & 10th respectively, Phil Cousineau, author of The Art of Pilgrimage, is presenting a two part workshop on pilgrimage.

The first part is Friday night from 7-8:30. We are inviting the parents of the current J2A class and the current Rite 13 to join us at All Saint’s Church at 634 W. Peachtree Street.

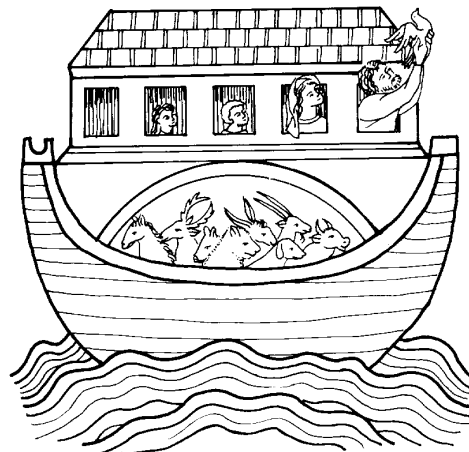
The second part is Saturday from 10 am -3 pm. All J2A class members and their teachers will attend this integral workshop in preparation for our travels together. Current Rite-13 class members are invited and encouraged to attend as well.

Please email Beth Cannon to reserve your spot.
youth@stbedes.org

We are pleased to announce that our J2A class will be visiting Borderlands Ranch in South Dakota for our 2007 pilgrimage. The group is departing on June 12. Please continue to keep all of our young people and their leaders in your prayers.

Nursery Worker Needed

Our nursery staff person, Nikki Kendrick, has resigned from her position. February 4th is her last Sunday. If anyone knows of a loving, capable person who would enjoy working in our nursery on Sunday mornings please contact:
Robbie Stadter at 404-634-7671 or
Laura Bryant at lbryant@stbedes.org



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Timothy Albrecht Organ Recital

Come and Enjoy!
February 11, 2007
2 pm
Organ Recital at St. Bede's
Featuring:

Timothy Albrecht, organ
David Fairchild, trombone
Ester Albrecht, soprano
\$5.00 suggested donation

Proceeds benefit the Lakeside High School
Band Program

Join us for a reception following the concert
In the Commons

Naming and Trusting Our Desires: Pathway to the Holy

How can we live into the wholeness and health we seek, a life of authenticity and integrity, grounded in Spirit? Wendy Farley, associate professor of Religion and Ethics at Emory University, will address this basic spiritual question at the annual Mary & Martha's Place Conference, Saturday, February 17, 2007, 9:00 to 3:30. Musicians Liz McGeachy and Tim Marema will join her in the presentation. Cost is \$75 including lunch, \$25 for current students, working scholarships available. For more information see www.maryandmarthasplace.com or call us at 404-239-9382.

John Michael Talbot Concert

The Atlanta Episcopal Cursillo Community is hosting an evening with John Michael Talbot, a prolific Christian singer/songwriter known throughout the world for his spiritually meditative compositions. The concert is at 7:00 PM on Friday, March 23rd, 2007 at St. Philip's Cathedral. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the Cathedral Bookstore or on-line at www.itickets.com/events/169926.html

Absalom Jones Festival Eucharist

Everyone is warmly invited to participate in the festival Eucharist commemorating the first African American priest of the Episcopal Church, Absalom Jones (1746-1818). This annual diocesan celebration will be held at the Cathedral of St. Philip at 4 pm on Sunday, February 11.

This year's service will feature as guest preacher, The Right Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of North Carolina. The Right Reverend Neil Alexander, will serve as celebrant. The music will be provided by the choirs of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Atlanta. All are welcome to conclude the festivities at a reception in the Great Hall with music performed by the Fort Valley State University Jazz Ensemble.

For more details please call the cathedral receptionist at 404-365-1000.

The Training and Counseling Center at St. Luke's Announces Two Important Opportunities:

Pre-Marital Workshops for couples contemplating or planning marriage.
Led by Rev. Martha Mercure
Saturdays in 2007: February 3, May 5, August 11, and November 10.
The Training and Counseling Center at St. Luke's

Brochures available upon request-please contact Page Cardner at 404-876-6266
pgardner@taccatstlikes.com

Prime for Life Series for parents and young adolescents
An alcohol and drug education project led by Dianne Hiltman
March 15, 22 and 29 for parents
April 15, 22 and 29 of adolescents
Held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church Please call The Training and Counseling Center for more information at 404-876-6266