

# St. Bartholomew's Newsings

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## -----Vicar's Message-----

*Grace, Peace, and the Love of Our Savior Jesus Christ Be With You.*

Happy New Year! It seems like just yesterday I started my ministry at St. Bart's and in February I will be starting my ninth year with this most wonderful church. Every year we are given opportunities to demonstrate our faith and obedience to God and I look forward to the blessings and challenges we will face together at St. Bart's. Being a member of St. Bart's is not like membership in any other church or organization. At St. Bart's we pull together to keep the light of Christ shining in the oldest continuous worshipping church in the High Springs area. We are blessed with members that give greatly of their time and money so that our ministry moves forward. Christ is our King. It is a new day in a new year for us to shine!

I have come to believe that God's providence has much to do with our church's existence. The dictionary says that providence is the protective or spiritual care of God and timely preparation for eventualities. As I think back over the last eight years I see God's protective hand in our church through hurricanes, financial challenges, and the loss of dear members. I particularly see the importance of our message to be prepared for the second coming of our Lord. As I look forward I know that our Lord's providence will be with us so long as we make every effort to Baptize, to preach the Gospel, to do good, to do no harm, to worship and bring others to worship our God. We have plenty to do.

As we get visitors to our church please make an effort to welcome them and get their contact information. Visitors or holy strangers show up in our church for God's reason and God expects us to make their visit rewarding. It takes a lot of courage to go visit a new church or return to a church after being absent for a long time. Our job is to recognize their effort and offer them a church home.

God's providence is always there for those that accept His Son Jesus Christ. His providence is there to turn our mistakes and tragedies into His salvation plan that will lead us to that place where there is no sadness or pain but joy, family, and love. We have much to celebrate as we work together bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

I look forward to being with you in 2019 and pray for God's providence on all the faithful members of the St. Bart's family.  
Happy New Year and much love to you in Christ, fr lance+

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**Editor's Note**

We hope you are enjoying the Newsletter and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

**Deadline for next issue is January 20, 2019.**

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This month, the first in a new year ahead of us, the newsletter will include some suggestions for ways to enjoy each day a little more this coming year.



**Why not learn to enjoy little things – there are so many of them.**

*Do not put off until tomorrow what can be enjoyed today.*

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**A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

From our Senior Warden... Carol Griffin 386-497-2292

A New Year has arrived and with that, many are making Resolutions. We are in the process of preparing our 2019 Church Budget and I ask you to make a resolution to turn in your Pledge form by the first Sunday in January. This should give us time to prepare the budget for our January Mission Board meeting. As the pledge form states, it is not a contract, but rather a goal. In addition, please consider offering your services to the church in other areas. We all have different gifts according to the grace given us (Romans 12:6) and we welcome any ideas or help you can offer. Father Lance and/or any of the Mission Board members would be happy to discuss this with you.

Someone has written these beautiful words. They are like the Ten Commandments - to follow throughout the New Year and in life.

**Good Thoughts for 2019**

- 1) Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.
- 2) Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.
- 3) Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.



somebody else about your decision with your mouth.

The next thing I ask is the right to change and fix your life so you can learn how to stay close to Me. I will make some major changes and revisions. They are not for you to worry about. I need your permission to execute these changes; My way and in My time. I will change your desires and give you the strength to make the changes. Please keep YOUR hands out of the way. I won't require assistance.

Don't try to help me and don't resist me. I really do need your full Commitment and cooperation. If you give me those, the process can go smoothly, without delays. My resume is included below.

Yours Sincerely,  
God

~~~~~RESUME~~~~~

NAME : GOD  
ADDRESS : Everywhere (Omnipresent)  
PHONE : 1 (800) 4U2 - PRAY

EXPERIENCE: From the beginning of time. Before the beginning of time. From everlasting to everlasting. I made time.

ABILITY: All Powerful (Omnipotent)

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT: Created the universe, put the galaxies in place, formed man. Established heaven and earth by My spoken Word and am currently holding the world and universe together by My sole power.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING: I AM - I AM all Knowledge - I AM Truth - I AM Light - I AM Understanding - I AM Life - I AM Love - I AM The Way - I AM The Good Shepherd - I and the Father 'AM' One. (Omniscient)

CHARACTER REFERENCE: Love, light, and life (1 John 4:16, 1 John 1:5, John14:6). A representative, but by no means conclusive, list of other Character traits follows:

Wisdom - James 1:5  
Comfort - 2 Corinthians 1:3  
Truth - John 8:32



# ☞☞ Lessons for January ☞☞

**January 6th:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12;  
Matthew 2:1-12

**13th:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29 ; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17,21-22

**20th :** Isaiah 62:1-3; Psalm 36:5-10; 1Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

**27th:** Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19; 1Corinthians 12:12-31a;  
Luke 4:14-21

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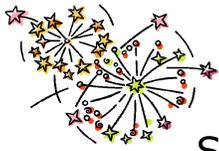
If we all got done what we thought we would get done, there wouldn't be enough Nobel prizes to go around,

If you share your friend's burden, both of you will walk a little straighter.

A little drop of the oil of courtesy will save a lot of friction.



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S FLOAT  
HIGH SPRINGS CHRISTMAS PARADE  
December 9, 2018**



## Childrens Activities and Family Fellowship

### Sunday School Teaching Schedule Services for 10am

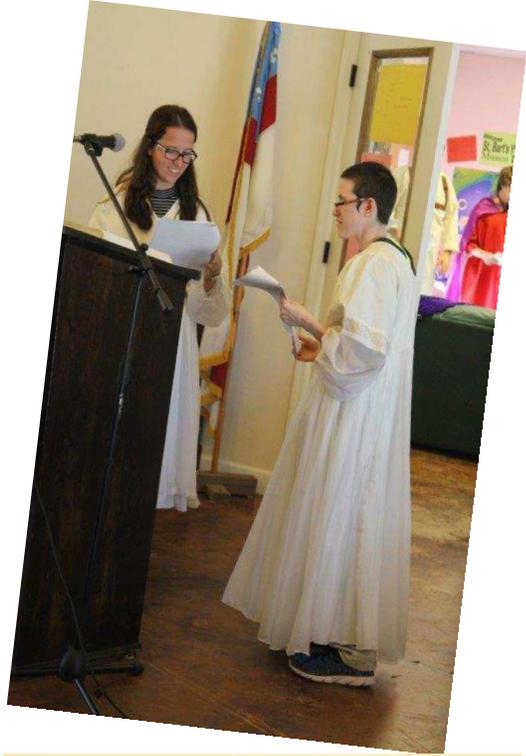
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| Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup> :  | Betty<br>Sheryl | Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup> : | Betty<br>Cherie    |
| Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup> : | Ben<br>Cherie   | Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup> : | Sheryl<br>Cornelia |

### Upcoming Children & Youth Events

- ~ Wed. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>: No Youth Group – Christmas Break
- ~ Wed. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Youth Group
- ~ Wed. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Youth Group
- ~ Wed. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm: Youth Group
- ~ Wed. Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: Leadership Meeting for Sr. Youth  
7pm: Youth Group



The 2018 Christmas  
Pagaent





## Greening the Church



The greatest reward for serving others is the satisfaction found in your own heart.

*The greatest waste of natural resources are unused talents and untried ideas.*

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Chalice Bearers  
January

1/6 - Annette

1/13 - Gregg

1/20 - Wes

1/27 - Margaret



Lay Readers  
January

1/6 - Beth Treese

1/13 - Annette Jones

1/20 - Margaret Palmer

1/27 - Samantha Shiver

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January Birthdays

Jan 2 - Bob Barnas

4 - John Fifer

5 - Betty Anne Ayers

10 - Cornelia Swann

14 - Stacy Marston

22 - Carla Tibbits

26 - Zach Horne

26 - Stefanie Sauble

26 - Mike Wright

28 - Tina Rodis

Anniversaries in January



22 - Chris & Samantha Ellison

*Congratulations to Each of YOU! If your name does not appear here, please contact your editor.*

Your editor has found a series of short articles on the twelve apostles which she will share in this year's issues of the BartholoMewsings. I hope you enjoy them as she has.

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*Then James and John...came to Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "there is something we want you to do for us." -- Mark 10:35 (GNB)*

## THE TWELVE IN EACH OF US JAMES AND JOHN, BROTHERS OF AMBITION

By Terry Helwig

Many scholars think James and John were Jesus's cousins. Perhaps that is why their ambition led them to ask Him if they could sit beside Him in heaven. In response, Jesus gathered all the disciples and said that if any of them wanted to be great, he would have to be a servant.

In high school, I dreamed of being a prom queen and was nominated for Snow Queen. I was thrilled! I could ride on a float in the parade. Then something terrible happened: we had to move.

"Can't we stay until after the parade?" I begged. Mom explained that staying was a financial impossibility.

After our move, it wasn't until after I started volunteering that things began to change. A deaf boy pulled me to a corner to look at a spider web. When he smiled, I knew it was "our" secret. At lunch, several children struggled to feed themselves, and I felt privileged to butter their bread and cut up their food. Instead of becoming a queen, I became their friend.

When my priorities get mixed-up, Jesus reminds the ambitious part of me, woven in the likeness of James and John, that there is no greater honor than sharing a secret spider web or buttering another's slice of bread.

*Happy  
New Year*