

avoid bonding. But this young girl was breaking her heart. She decided to break the rules. She watched as the mother tenderly placed her lips on the forehead of the baby, quietly saying, "I'll love you forever." Then before another torrent of tears she handed the child back to Danella. This was a scene, in her nursing career, she'd never forget. Twenty years later Danella had experienced her own worry as a mother. And when her daughter Amanda came home to announce, "This is the man I'm going to marry, Mom", Danella reserved judgment. "What's his name?"

"Chad."

"All right, when do I meet him."

"Tomorrow" said Amanda, gaily.

As Danella came into the living room, her mother's antenna went up. The young man was nervous but also had a chip on his shoulder. Danella asked a few questions about where he grew up. "I was born here in Montgomery, Jackson Hospital. But my mother gave me away the night I was born." Chad nearly spit the words out. *That's it*, thought Danella. This kid is carrying around resentment for his birth mother. The image reentered her mind from years before, when she witnessed the gut-wrenching decision by a young girl to give up her baby, for the sake of the baby.

"Wait just a minute Chad, let me tell you a story. "You should know the love and sacrifice a mother feels when she gives up a baby for adoption." But as she began telling the story, looking deeply into Chad's now attentive, compassionate eyes, she began to wonder, Could this be? No. "Are you sure you were born in Jackson Hospital?" "Yes." She shrugged. After they were married, Amanda started thinking that Chad should try to find out about his birth parents. He was now 21 and could legally request the information from the state. Danella was sitting at the kitchen table the day Chad sat down with Amanda to open the envelope containing his records. Chad read his mother's name and that he was born, not at Jackson but at St Margaret's hospital. He looked up at Danella whose eyes were already filling with tears. "I held you as a baby," she said to Chad, "and I want you to know that nobody ever loved you more than your mother did." Wow, some godwinks can be tearjerkers.

After a long search Chad Brooks was reunited with his birth parents, found living on a military base in Alaska.

When you reconnect with loved ones and friends, godwinks are like the invisible threads that have held you together all along. Suddenly they become visible. And give you feelings of hope.

I'm Squire Rushnell, good wishes and godwinks.



The men of St. Bart's enjoyed a night out together at an Italian Restaurant in Alachua during the summer.

A great time was had by all!

☞☞ Lessons for October ☞☞

- Oct 1st:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4,12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
- 8th:** Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- 15th:** Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6,19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- 22nd:** Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
- 29th:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6,13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

“No story sits by itself. Our lives connect like threads on a loom, interwoven in ways we never realize.”

~Mitch Albom, author



I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery.

~Colossians 2:2



Hostess List for October



Oct 1 – Marje/ Sharon S

Oct 8 – Oktoberfest Potluck

Oct 15 – Bev & Mike/ Cornelia

Oct 22 – Diana C/ Diane S

Oct 29 – Nancy B

Note: If you would like to volunteer to provide a light snack and drink, please contact Nancy Brewer 386-496-3445.



Chalice Bearers - October

10/1 - Stephanie

10/8 - Annette

10/15 - Alex

10/22 - Neil

10/29 - Stephanie

Lay Readers - October



10/1 - Cherie Harris

10/8 - Alex Matisco

10/15 - Debra Wright

10/22 - Sam Tift

10/29 - Alex Matisco



Sunday School Teaching Schedule



Oct. 1st: Pete
Jane

Oct. 8th: Becky
Ruthann

Oct. 15th: Diane
Diana

Oct. 22nd: Cherie
Stephanie

Oct. 29th: Pete
Jane

Fall Blessings !!!

D.O.K. is blessed to have five awesome women joining our order and one transferring! The Service of Admission is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 5th.

Our next meeting is Saturday, October 5th at 9:30.

We will be getting organized for the Thanksgiving Outreach Project.

Details will be coming soon, generous St. Bart's family!

There is a need for Bibles for prison ministry that serves the nearby area counties. A collection box will be on the D.O.K. table in the Parish Hall. They will accept new, used, hardback, and paper back Bibles.

Don't forget to SEE the basket on that same table for eye glasses to be given to the Lions Club.

Let all that you do be done in love.

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do,

I ought to do.

What I ought to do,

By the grace of God,

I will do.

For His Sake

Ruthann





"Our Gift To You"

St Bartholomew's Presents

"The Train Guys"

High Springs Train Club

Operating Toy Train Layout

& Santa - Free Admission

Dec: 8th - 5-8pm

Dec: 14th - 5-8pm

9th - 2-5pm

15th - 5-8pm

10th - 1-4pm

16th - 11am-4pm

St. Bartholomew's - Next To City Hall

18615 NW 238th St, High Springs, FL

www.stbartshighsprings.org



