

Bartholomew's ings

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

Grace, peace, and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ always be with you.

Our church enjoys some beautiful members and prospers because of their love and service and generosity. Their spirit comes from the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. How easy it is to detect those that put Christ first in their lives. They work tirelessly to make sure that Christ's work, His church St. Bartholomew's, represents His Kingship and Kingdom on earth. Glory to God for His inspirational work in those that make St. Bartholomew's a church for everyone.

I pray that each of our members receive the power that only the Father can give that sets hearts on fire for their church.

A while back I had set a goal for our church. The goal was to raise the funds needed to give a well to provide clean water to a community in much need of clean water. The cost of this well is \$5000.00. We have raised about \$2000. This is a test of our resolve to make a difference beyond our immediate needs. It is particularly important to me because I believe that just because a church is small doesn't mean that it can't do big deeds of charity. The achievement of this goal requires effort, sacrifice, and dedication . . .and its gift is love. We need the Holy Spirit to help us reach this goal. We need the Holy Spirit to set hearts on fire to meet this goal. Please pray often with me for the help of the Holy Spirit to meet this goal. Please pray.

In case you have not noticed we have been blessed with several new families that have been considering St. Bart's to be their church home. I love our visiting families and I need each of our regular members to take time to welcome our visitors. Make sure that we sit with them during coffee hour to answer their questions about the church. There is no such thing as a stranger at St. Bart's. Please make an effort to seek out members that you don't know. Who knows, they could

bring something special into your life. Let's not be a church of strangers to each other. Our strength has to be our genuine love and care for every one of God's people in our church.

You have probably noticed that we have received several items from the closure of St. Michael's in Gainesville. We grieve the closure of a church in our region. We will honor the items we received and ask the Lord to bless them for our use. A special thank you to the several workers that have moved the items from St. Michael's to St. Bart's. I know you made several trips, carried some very heavy loads, and did an outstanding job. Thank you.

Finally, at the recent visit of our Bishop to St. Bart's he asked my wife Beth if she would organize the historical records of the Diocese and thought that St. Bart's could well be the historical center of the Diocese. We are still figuring out just what this means and the resources we will need. If you have a love for history and would like to assist in this work please contact Beth or myself.

Happy New Year to everyone and many blessings be on each of you for a glorious year with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Much love in Christ, fr lance



Editor's Note

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

Deadline for next issue is January 22, 2018.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR *From our Senior Warden... CHARLES JONES 386-454-8585*

Well, it is that time again, when we make New Year's Resolutions. We (mostly all of us) make them and most all of us do not keep them, but our intentions are good.

One of the most popular resolutions many have made is to quit smoking, and most of us have kept that one. Resolve to lose weight? Forget it! With all the good cooks in the St. Bart's family, this is not likely.

How about a resolution not to miss church? That is an easy one for most of us.

My wife and I are planning to get back to our morning walks and would not be surprised to see Marge D. out on the High Springs Via Course too. Come join us and stretch your legs.

I hope some of you will resolve to help Cornelia with snacks after church, and our Junior Warden, Richard, would not refuse anyone who resolves to help with the cleaning of the

Cornelia

Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

Pageant participants, Dec. 18, 2017

~ Wed. Jan. 4th – Youth Group at 7pm

~ Wed. Jan. 11th – Youth Group at 7pm

~ Wed. Jan. 18th – Youth Group at 7pm

~ Wed. Jan. 25th – Club 326

~ Sun. Jan. 29th – Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser at 3pm

Make the most of the best and the least of the worst.

~Robert Louis Stevenson



January Birthdays

Anniversaries in January



Jan 5 – Betty Anne Ayers 26 – Mike Wright
10 – Cornelia Swann 26 – Zach Horne
12 – Ken Hornby
22 – Carla Tibbitts

None known

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

Mission Board Notes

Your Mission Board met on December 11th . Following are points of interest:

- St. Bartholomew’s will hold their Annual Meeting on February 19, 2017, following the 10am service. At this meeting Wes Marston and Joe Scianimanco will be rotating off the Mission Board and 2 new members will be elected for a 3 year term. If you have someone you wish to nominate, here are the criteria: the person must be confirmed

After Christmas

Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house

Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste

At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!

When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber.)

I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;

The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,

The wine and rum balls, the bread and the cheese

And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed my self in my husband's old shirt

And prepared once again to do battle with dirt

I said to myself, as only I can

"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So away with the last of the sour cream dip,

Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip

Every last bit of food that I like must be banished

"Till all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie - not even a lick.

I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is bore
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!