

Bartholo Newsings

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-----Vicar's Corner-----

Grace, Peace, and the Love of Our Savior Jesus Christ be with you.

Dear Faithful, How good it is that you continue in the faith and commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your reward will be great in the Kingdom that God has created for you. Being loyal, obedient, and maintaining trust in the Lord in spite of all the noise that the unfaithful make to lead us astray is a challenge but let me say it is also the source of great satisfaction. Being morally strong in the teachings of Jesus Christ and overcoming temptations create an inner sense of success. In meeting the challenges and keeping the course we develop character. We also move forward with new strength to meet future challenges.

There seems to be a continual effort to experiment with changes to make things better. It is very difficult to oppose anyone that says if you do this things will become better. We are easily convinced. Who would ever agree to do something that will make conditions worse? But that is what we often do when we buy into changing to make things better. If we look at the data, or facts, or historical evidence we would discover that most proposed changes have been tried many times before resulting in terrible results to the human condition.

People that make the hard sell are professionals trying to make a living by making us think that they are more knowledgeable than what our common sense tells us. As the saying goes, "If it is too good to be true . . ." Holy Scripture documents everything that has tempted and fooled humankind. It also presents a clear picture of the results from being fooled. All things concerning changes that lead to LIFE and HAPPINESS are contained in Holy Scripture. Here enters new challenges by the great liar that hates and wants to destroy all that belongs to God. The new challenges are to rewrite history and to use false facts as truths. If only we would live by the old Wendy's ad, "Show me the beef" we might protect ourselves from the false prophets.

Another truth is that the great liar does not disclose everything when trying to sell you an idea. The real agenda is not presented and our ultimate destruction is certainly omitted. Nothing is said about once the change is made that there is no returning. We give up forever what was good and enter into the unknown with no one to guide us. We definitely need a Savior and Redeemer.

Protect yourself, protect your family by becoming familiar with Holy Scripture and worshipping regularly at St. Bart's. Be skeptical and maintain a healthy doubt for anything that is not consistent with God's Word. Avoid anything that is unproven or too good to be true especially when it involves doing something that is counter to what is morally or scripturally taught. Always check the source of any facts; better yet check multiple sources to see if the proof is consistent. The Truth cannot be disputed by legitimate facts. Choose always what has been tried and tested to work over a theory. **Holy Scripture works and has stood the test of time.**

Have a very blessed and safe summer.

Much love in Christ, fr lance+

Post Script: Beth says I had better verify my facts: It is "Where's the beef?"

Editor's Note

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

Deadline for next issue is August 20th

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This summer while you are enjoying the outdoors and some time to reflect, let "God Enlarge Your Spirit." Your Editor

"Come forth into the light of things, let God be your teacher."



Hostess List for July



July 2 – Special Pot Luck and Farewell to Carla and Curt Tibbitts

July 9 – Marge/ Sharon & Gregg

July 16 – Cornelia

July 23 – Carol G/ Lisa R

July 30 – Betty/ Stephanie

Hostess List for August

Aug 6 -- Pot Luck

Aug 13 – Cornelia

Aug 20– Ruthanne/ Carie

Aug 27 – Camp Weed Retreat

Note: If you would like to volunteer to provide a light snack and drink, please contact Cornelia Swann 386-454-3505.

"There can be no very black misery to him who lives in the midst of God's love and has his senses still."

☪☪ Lessons for July ☪☪

- July 2nd:** Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
9th: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:11-18; Romans 7:15-25a;
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
16th: Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,25-30
23th: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-11,22-23; Romans 8:12-25;
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
30th: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11,45b; Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
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☪☪ Lessons for August ☪☪

- August 6th:** Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:13-21; Luke 9:28-36
13th: Genesis 37:1-4,12-28; Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b; Romans 10:5-10;
Matthew 14:22-33
20th: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a,29-32;
Matthew 15(⊕10-20),21-28
24th: *St. Bartholomew Saint Day*
27th: Exodus 1:8—2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
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Fr. Lance proudly congratulates our newest Acolyte, Trevor Ellis after Trevor performed his task for the first time.

Notice the date of the newspaper...1919... Still timely!

THE PENSACOLA JOURNAL, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 7, 1919.

A Call to the Colors

—T O D A Y—

The Nation-Wide Campaign of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Worship—
Service—Support

T O help this Nation of ours live by the principles for which our men died.	To advance the cause of Missions --hitherto inadequately supported.
To hasten the Americanization of our entire population.	To promote Religious Education.
To increase true Religion as the only effective solution of our problems,--political, industrial, social, personal.	To answer urgent calls for Christian Social Service.
	To enable the church to fulfill her divinely appointed duty.

THE CALL COMES TO US
From our national perils—From the need of humanity—From immortal heroes who gave their all—From CHRIST our Leader *who asks us to enlist under his banner in the fight for righteousness.*

**Answer When Your Name Is Called
We Mobilize Today**

The Episcopal Church

*You Will Be Called on Between 1:00 and 4:00 O'clock this afternoon.
Stay at Home Until Called On.*

“All through your life, may the new sightings of God make you rejoice like a child.”

“After you have exhausted what there is in business, politics, conviviality and so on—what remains?
God remains.”



Children’s Activities and Family Fellowship



Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

- ~ Sun. July 2nd at 10am – VBS Celebration!!!
- ~ Wed. July 19th at 7pm – Parents meeting for Mission Week
- ~ Sun. July 23rd – Fri. July 28th: Mission Week
- ~ Sun. Aug. 13th – Blessing of the Backpacks
- ~ Sun. Sept. 10th – Sunday School Kick-off!!

Maker Fun Factory happened because of YOU!! A BIG HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated items, time, and money to make this program a huge success.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall. Sunday school will start back on September 10th. Our teachers will get a well-deserved vacation. Thank you to all who give love & support to our program throughout the year!

“God will never betray the heart that loves Him.”



St Bart's Annual Retreat at Camp Weed August 26-27, 2017



The schedule is slightly different from last year. We will have pool and lake access on Saturday and Sunday from **1:30 to 4 PM**. Church service on Sunday at Mandi's Chapel, **11:00 AM**. (see **change of time**)**

If you plan to stay overnight at the LODGE or CAMPGROUND, please call the Camp Weed office at 386-364-5250 to make your reservation.

Saturday

1:30 – 4 PM pool and lake activities

4:30 - ??? Dinner and campfire at the campsites

Sunday

8:00 AM Breakfast at the campsites

11:00 AM church service at Mandi's Chapel (NOTE change of time)**

About 12:15– Potluck Set Up/ Lunch

1:30 – 4 PM Pool and lake activities.

Our Sunday church service will be at **11:00 AM in Mandi's Chapel – INSTEAD OF 10:00 AM – due to the new camp rules and pool access time. We cannot access the pool until 1:30 PM, but Fr. Lance says we can plan on the potluck set up after church (about 12:15ish.)

To Members of the Mission Board: At the last Bishop's committee meeting we agreed that on the Friday of the retreat we would have a special retreat for the Board to discuss the coming events, hear ideas, get organized, and get to know each other better. Details will be forthcoming.

Amazing Methuselah Palm Submitted by Ben Hill



A tree grown from a 2,000-year-old seed may bring its sub-species back to Israel, where it once flourished, after a millennium-long absence

The seed was one of six discovered in 1963, in a jar in Herod the Great's palace at the Masada fortress in Israel. Radiocarbon dating found that the seeds, preserved by the arid climate, were from some time between 155 B.C. and A.D. 64.

In 2005, Elaine Solowey, from the Center for Sustainable Agriculture at the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, decided to try planting three of them. She was skeptical, and supposed that the seeds' endosperm, which fuels its early growth, would no longer be viable. The seed was treated with a hormone-rich solution and fertilizer, and then planted on the grounds of the institute in Ketura.

One soon sprouted into a sapling. Twelve years later, it is more than 10 feet tall. A male of its sub-species, it was nicknamed Methuselah after the longest-lived person in the Bible. It is the oldest known germination of a seed in the world.

At first, the leaves were plagued with white blotches, suggesting insufficient nutrients, but

eventually the plant thrived. It first flowered in 2011 and it produces pollen, which enables it to reproduce with modern date palms, as it did in 2015. It is predicted it will generate fruit by 2022.

The Judean date palm has deep cultural meaning in the region. In the Bible, King David names his daughter Tamar, which is the Hebrew word for the plant. In the Quran, Maryam (the Arabic name for the Virgin Mary) was advised to eat what was probably a Judean palm date to ease her labor pains. Date palms feature on both ancient Hebrew and modern Israeli currency. Despite this long regional history, the sub-species was wiped out by years of devastation from wars and foreign rule. Solowey has grown more Judean date palms from the other ancient seeds since the success of Methuselah, and is working on growing a grove of the resurrected variety. Others are investigating the medicinal properties it is reported to have, which modern date palms don't appear to share.

“ Love all God’s Creation, both the whole and every grain of sand. Love every leaf, every ray of light. Love the animals, love the plants, love each separate thing. If thou love each thing thou wilt perceive the mystery of God in all....”



July Birthdays

Anniversaries in July



July 7 – Audrey Halbrook	25 – Jimmy Addington	7 – Sharon & Gregg Pelfrey
16 – Nancy Brewer	26 – Joe Scianimanico	14 – Nancy & Daryl Brewer
20 – Sheryl Shiver	29 – Gussie Scianimanico	17 – Beth & Patrick Treese

August Birthdays

Anniversaries in August

3 – Margaret Palmer	21 – Carol Griffin	
6 – Candace Dean	25 – Maynard Swanson	18 – Charles & Annette Jones
11 – Bill Rhan	31 – Peggy Addington	19 – Lance & Beth Horne
13 – Mark Moomaw	31 – Hugh Griffin	22 – JR & Marsha Bancroft
15 – Art Moegenberg	31—Susan Hansen	
18 – Rudy Ayers		

Congratulations to Each of YOU! If your name does not appear here, please contact Annette to have it added for next time.

“At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning on more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, child or parent, and most importantly, in communion with God.”

When you thought I wasn't looking... I saw you...

- Hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.
- Feed a stray cat, and I learned it was good to be kind to animals.
- Bake my favorite cupcakes, and I learned small things can become special memories.
- Prepare a meal and take it to a neighbor who was ill, and I learned that we should take care of one another.
- Give money to help people who have so much less, and I learned that those who have can be generous to those who have needs.
- Treat people with respect no matter their age, color or difference in how they looked, and I learned that showing respect for others is a good way to behave.
- Take care of our home and everyone in it, and I learned we have to be thankful for what we are given.
- Choose foods that were good for us, and I learned that we can live in a healthy way by eating right.
- Drive with careful attention to other drivers without texting or talking on the phone, and I learned that safety in the road means we can come home without being hurt.
- Read books for pleasure, and I learned how important it is to enjoy the thoughts of people who give us their wisdom through words and art.
- Plant a garden and tend it with loving attention, and I learned that the beauty of nature and delicious veggies makes us feel good about ourselves.
- Pick up some trash on the sidewalk, and I learned that we can help keep our world clean despite the careless acts of others.
- Take things to be repaired instead of throwing them away, and I learned that it is better to fix something rather than create more garbage.
- Accept your responsibilities even when you didn't feel well, and I learned we have to do the right thing when I grow up even if it's difficult.
- Visit a family who was losing a loved one to give them comfort, and I learned that passing away is a natural part of life.
- Cry with many tears in your eyes, and I learned that sometimes bad things happen which are not in our control and it's all right to cry.

Everything I watch you do is a life lesson...and I hope to be able to follow your lead and to be a good and productive person when I'm an adult.

(Author unknown)

submitted by Ben Hill

“My life is a loan given from God. I will give this loan back with interest...You love; you serve the brother or sister in front of you. That is how you have a happier life.”



Chalice Bearers/Acolytes - July

Lay Readers - July



7/2 - Gregg/ Sam

7/2 - Youth (VBS Sunday)

7/9 - Wes/ Trevor

7/9 - Debra Wright
Tracie Munn

7/16 - Margaret/ Gabby

7/16 - Sam Shiver
Chad Munn

7/23 - Annette/ Sam

7/23 - Margaret Palmer
Beth Treese

7/30- Gregg/ Gabby

7/30 - Carol Ellis
Evelyn Walden

Chalice Bearers/Acolytes - August

Lay Readers - August

8/6 -- Margaret/ Sam

8/6 - Cherie Harris
Gregg Pelfrey

8/13 - Annette/ Gabby

8/13 - Stephanie Sauble
Margaret Palmer

8/20 - Gregg/ Sam

8/20 - Debra Wright
Chad Munn

8/27 - Wes/ Gabby

8/27 - Retreat at Camp Weed
Sign up to read if attending

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER! SEE YOU IN CHURCH.