Rector Search Committee Prayer

Prayer Invitation to the Parish

The Rector Search Committee would like to invite the entire family of St. David’s to join us as we all pray for God’s divine grace and guidance for the work at hand in the process of identifying that person called as the new rector of St. David’s parish. The most important statement we can make is we are ALL in this process together. It is through our concerted efforts that we will follow and arrive at God’s will for our future. Join us now, and in the processes to come, to be members in the one body of Christ. Pray with us:

Almighty and everlasting God, source of all wisdom and understanding,
We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best.
Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory.
Guide us as we work together to call a new rector,
granting us both the courage to pursue your will and the grace to accomplish it.
Help us in all things to work together with mutual forbearance and respect.
Draw our hearts to thee, guide our minds, fill our imaginations,
And control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee;
And then use us always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people.

AMEN

Blessings,
Rector Search Committee

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St. David’s “Prayer Warriors”

Please join us for this new prayer ministry! If you are interested, please call Wendy at 770-883-1611 or wendydarling@comcast.net, if you would like more information.
CALENDAR

Saturday, March 27
08:30 Men’s Bible Study-Bethany
09:00 Cook-a-thon—JFH
09:00 Palm Cross Workshop-PH
10:00 Weight Watchers-Faith rm.

Sunday, March 28
02:30 Spring Musical full cast rehearsal-JFH
04:00 EYC-Sinclair House
04:30 PALS-JFH back half
06:30 Women’s Fellowship-JFH

Monday, March 29
09:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
06:30 Boy Scouts-Grace rm.
07:00 EFM—Bethany

Tuesday, March 30
06:30 Bible Study at Dockery’s
09:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
10:00 DOK Training class-JFH Faith classroom
07:00 DOK Training class-JFH Faith classroom
07:00 Vestry meeting-offsite at Underwood’s home

Wednesday, March 31
10:00 H.E. Healing Service-Nave
11:00 Women’s Bible Study-JFH
08:00 Choir Rehearsal-choir room

Thursday, April 1
09:30 Ladies Bible Study-Bethany

Friday, April 2
09:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
08:00 Good Friday

Saturday, April 3
09:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
08:00 Holy Saturday
10:00 Weight Watchers-Faith rm.

Sunday, April 4
08:00 Easter Day

Monday, April 5
09:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
06:30 Boy Scouts-Grace rm.
07:00 EFM—Bethany

Tuesday, April 6
06:30 Bible Study at Dockery’s
09:00 Roswell Bridge Club-JFH
10:00 DOK Training class-JFH Faith classroom

Our church calendar is continuously updated on our website at www.stdavidchurch.org.

Worship Schedule
7:45 a.m.—H.E. Rite I
8:30 a.m.—Breakfast in Jeffords Hall
9:00 a.m.—Family Svc., H.E. Rite II
10:15 a.m.—Sunday School
11:15 a.m.—H.E. Rite II
1:15 p.m.—Mass in Spanish

Lectionary for March 14

Lectionary for March 21
Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8, Psalm 126

From the Vestry:
As discussed in the recent Vestry update forum on 2/21 and other communications, we are planning to sell Sinclair House as part of the budget recovery plan. Rest assured, the St. David’s Vestry does not take this action lightly. We want to emphasize that the Vestry does not want St. David’s to lose use of the Sinclair House, but as good stewards, we must pursue this revenue opportunity. We do understand that this change will also impact our Youth ministry and we are actively investigating alternative space arrangements at this time.

We plan to place the Sinclair House on the market by the end of March. We have two objectives – to raise cash and avoid additional property-related expenses over the coming years. We share this plan with the parish family in the event a parishioner, or group of parishioners, is interested in purchasing the property. We welcome alternative solutions to placing the Sinclair House on the open market. If any parishioners are willing to donate real-estate services, the St. David’s parish family would be most appreciative. If you are interested in helping in this matter, please contact the Senior Warden, Bonnie Underwood, or Junior Warden, Charles McMillan as soon as possible.
St. David’s Men’s Retreat
May 1-2, 2010, with golf on April 30
Unicoi State Park, Helen GA
"Living the Eucharist in our Daily Lives"
with Fr. Stuart Higginbotham
For information contact: Loren Conrad at 770-475-2097 or LorenC39@att.net or contact Bennie King at 770-992-3164 or bennieking@benniekingcpa.com.

Club Titus April 7 for Seniors
Parishioner, Julie Fazlollah, will speak about "My Body is a Temple", 1 Corinthians 3:16 - Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? Join us for reflection and recognition that we are stewards of God’s temple, and a discussion on ways to encourage faithful care of your body and soul. A healthy lunch will be provided. Please call 770-993-1094, ext. 125, to make your lunch reservations.

NEW! Transportation Ministry
From time to time there are parishioners who need rides to church, to doctor appointments, or to meetings at the church or other places. There are some of us who feel that we as a parish can provide this ministry, but it will be necessary to get some volunteer drivers who are willing to drive at least occasionally to serve in this ministry. We haven’t worked out all of the details yet, but we are looking to find out if there is interest in supporting this ministry.

We already have a request for a ride to church on Easter Day from Hembree Road area from a person who uses a walker. We are looking for someone with a sedan who can help. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Don Nahser at 770-475-9684, Cell: 404-626-7808, Donnahser@aol.com.

Women’s Fellowship March 28
Please join us for a casual evening with Father Swanson. If you have any topics you would like to discuss or questions to ask, feel free to send them to me in advance or give them to Amy Evins on Sunday. We will meet in the foyer of Jeffords Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 28th. Bring a drink or appetizer to share, a friend, or at a minimum yourself. Hope you can join us.
Amy Evins, aevins@hotmail.com, 770-649-0970

Classified:
“YOU CALL - I HAUL DELIVERY SERVICES”: College student looking for work, willing to help move various objects to the location of your choice. Rates: 20-dollar flat rate plus any dumping fees. Call or text John Fallon (404)-293-0099.

Calling All Cursillistas
We want to create a directory of those parishioners that have completed a Cursillo. Please contact Toni Cathcart at 404-358-0798 or pjcathcart@yahoo.com.

Parish Forum of Feb. 21…
The audio/video file of the Vestry’s Forum of Feb. 21 is now on the home page of the church web site at www.stdavidchurch.org. If you were unable to attend the forum, you will want to view this presentation.

Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study
The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman’s Life, by Joan D. Chittister, art by John August Swanson
Please join Wednesday Women’s Bible Study during Eastertide for fellowship and for discussion as explore through this timeless biblical story, a series of twelve moments that define our lives as women today.

This six week series facilitated by Reverend Anne Elizabeth Swiedler and Judy Beecham, Assistant to the Rector for Children’s Ministries will meet 11:00-12:00 in Jeffords Fellowship Hall, April 14th through May 19th. Please join us and bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Reverend Anne Elizabeth at aes@stdavidchurch.org or Judy Beecham at children@stdavidchurch.org.
**Rector’s Forums in Eastertide—10:15 a.m. in Jeffords Fellowship Hall...**

Many historians would argue that the 4th century was single most important in the life of the Church. The Church became enfranchised within the Roman Empire; Christian monasticism began with the Desert Fathers in Egypt and Syria; the Christian theological vision became set at the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople; and the discipline and theology of Christian spiritual formation was codified. Many of the key figures of the century are barely known in the modern Church, even though what we believe and how we pray was shaped by them. **This three part series will examine the life of work of the most significant Christians of that age.**

† **April 11th:** Anthony and Athanasius. The greatest of all monks and the model for heroic Christianity for following centuries was Anthony of Egypt. His biographer was Athanasius, the Bishop of Alexandria, who first articulated the theology of the Trinity.

† **May 9th:** The Cappadocian Fathers. Remarkably, the three greatest theologians of the age grew up together in a small town in Cappadocia (modern Turkey). Two were brothers: Basil of Caesarea and Gregory of Nyssa, and their dear friend was Gregory of Nazianzus. All three became influential bishops, and their theological work shaped how Christians have understood both the Trinity and the Incarnation right into the 21st century. They created the formulas in the Nicene Creed, which we profess every week in our Sunday liturgies.

† **May 16th:** Evagrius Ponticus and John Cassian. Almost unknown fifty years ago, archeological discoveries after World War II have shown that Evagrius Ponticus was the greatest Christian writer on spirituality who ever lived. His disciple John Cassian, took his writings to the West where they shaped both Celtic and Benedictine spirituality.

Come join us also on the following Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in Jeffords Fellowship Hall for the “Rector’s Forums.” We offer the these topics and look forward to seeing you there!

**April 18:** Stephen Ministry presentation: Johnnie Hall, Stephen Ministry Chair
**April 25:** Parish Health Ministry presentation: Gail Greene, St. David’s Parish Nurse
**May 2:** “Learning to Move Ahead as a Community” - Come join Fr. Swanson as we learn how we can forgive within our community in ways that honor God, and how God is calling us to a new way to love one another and reach out to our community.

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS IN EASTERTIDE**

*The Problems of Faith*

The Rev. Kenneth Swanson, Ph.D.

In spite of our vast technological advances, 21st century Christians are vexed by the same intellectual and spiritual questions that have troubled believers across two millennia. Can we have any certainty about the existence of God? How can a loving, all powerful God allow bad things happen to good people? Is Jesus the only way to salvation? When you strip away dogma, are all religions really the same? When we disagree, where can we find the truth? If we want to please God, how are we to live? This seven part series will explore how Christians have answered these questions throughout history, and how we can think about them today.

**April 7th:** Does God Exist? Intellectual Answers.
**April 14th:** Does God Exist? Moral Answers.
**April 21st:** Does God Exist? Existential Answers.
**April 28th:** The Problem of Evil.
**May 5th:** Is Christianity Unique?
**May 12th:** Bible, Bishops or Reason: Where is our Authority?
**May 19th:** Super Saints or Humble Believers?

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Please join us for the **Wednesday Night Dinners** from 5:45—6:30 p.m.

Dinner and childcare reservations are required by the Monday of each program week by calling 770-993-1094, ext. 130. All reservations can be made online at www.stdavidchurch.org. Please tell us the names of the children and their ages when you register for childcare.
Dear Parishioners,
We’re making some gentle changes to the Sunday liturgy beginning Sunday, April 11th. Over time, in the work of the parish, some alterations are needed in order to strengthen the reverent atmosphere of our corporate worship of Almighty God. We ask for your support and cooperation.

- The announcements will be made prior to the beginning of each service instead of taking a block of time after the Peace. We understand that people will still be entering the Nave at this time. The announcements will also be available in the service bulletin.
- We love latecomers! All of us have occasions when we arrive after the liturgy has begun. At the same time, there is a bit of disruption on Sunday mornings when this occurs in the early part of the liturgy. To help soften these entrances, we are asking the ushers to guide worshippers into the Nave either before the procession begins or at the time when the first reading begins. This applies to the gallery, as well.
- In our tradition, the rubrics of the prayer book allow for us to kneel or stand throughout the Eucharist. In the Great Season of Eastertide, standing is the joyful response to the Resurrection of our Lord. We invite you to stand during this season as well as throughout the season of Pentecost. We will return to kneeling in the penitential season of Advent. This is an invitation, however, not a command!!
- The priests, at appropriate moments, will kneel at their chairs behind the altar, facing the Cross, rather than leaving the sanctuary to kneel at the altar rail. We will disappear a little behind the altar but we’ll be there!
- Last, but not least: CHAPEL MASS is returning! This service will return on Sunday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. “Where everything is casual except our love of Christ”.

Please call me if you have any questions.
Blessings for a joyful Eastertide!
Rev. Anne Elizabeth+

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**Eucharistic Visitors Ministry Begins**

We are beginning a new ministry at St. David’s: Eucharistic Visitors! A pilot program is being developed to train parishioners licensed in the Diocese to administer the reserved Sacrament of Holy Communion to the sick and home-bound on a regular basis.

The Eucharistic Visitors Ministry will not, of course, replace clergy visits. Rather, this work intends to ensure that all interested parishioners, who are home-bound, in hospitals or nursing homes receive Holy Communion on a timely basis. The Church teaches that those unable to be present for extended periods at the public celebration of the Eucharist may be communicated from the reserved Sacrament. Therefore, once the ministry is underway, you will notice that the Eucharistic Visitors will receive the consecrated elements at the close of the 11:15 Eucharistic celebration, then make any visits that have been scheduled.

If you would like to have a Eucharistic Visitor bring you Holy Communion, please notify the Church Office at 770-993-6084, or contact Rev. Anne directly at aes@stdavidchurch.org.

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Parishioner Stan Beecham is unloading our first truckload of food from the Atlanta Community Food Bank for the St. Francis Guild (the Taco Ministry), whose members come in to the church in the mornings to cook and then go out and offer the food to the day laborers in our community.
### Holy Week Schedule

**MONDAY, March 29:**
- 6:30 p.m. Mass

**TUESDAY, March 30:**
- 6:30 p.m. Mass

**WEDNESDAY, March 31:**
- 7:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. – Healing service
- 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross & Mass

**THURSDAY, April 1:**
- Maundy Thursday
  - 7:00 p.m. – Solemn High Mass with Stripping of the Sanctuary and Cleansing of the Altar
  - 8:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish in Jeffords Fellowship Hall
  - 9:00 p.m. – Prayer Vigil to Sunrise in the Nave

**FRIDAY, April 2:**
- Good Friday
  - 12:15 p.m. Mass (Veneration of the Cross) (Nursery infants-Pre-K)
  - 7:00 p.m. Mass (Veneration of the Cross)
  - 8:30 p.m. Via Crucis and Good Friday Liturgy in Spanish (Veneration of the Cross)

**SATURDAY, April 3:**
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Prayer Service in Memorial Garden (weather permitting)

### Easter Day, April 4

#### Alleluia!

- 6:30 a.m.
  - Sunrise Mass in Memorial Garden

- 7:30 a.m.
  - Festive Holy Eucharist in Nave

- 9:15 a.m.
  - Festive Family Holy Eucharist in Nave (nursery inf-4’s/PreK)
  - Easter Egg Hunt follows the 9:15 a.m. service

- 11:15 a.m.
  - Festive Holy Eucharist in Nave with Incense (nursery inf-4’s/PreK)

- 1:15 p.m.
  - Hispanic Easter Mass in Nave
  - (No Sunday School today.)
Prayer Vigil Sign-Up
Thursday night April 1, 2010
It is our custom to keep a watchful vigil with Jesus throughout the night on Maundy Thursday, April 1. The vigil begins immediately following the Thursday night service and continues until early the next morning. Please sign up to come in during the night and keep vigil. The sign-up sheet is on a table in the main church hallway. More than one person can sign up for a time slot, and we would like for more than one person to sign up for a time slot.

Palm Sunday and Easter Morning Notes:

† No Sunday School on Palm Sunday.
† There will be a procession of palms led by a donkey, starting in the front of Jeffords Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. The kids will have tambourines to shake!
† The procession of palms for 7:45 a.m. will start at the front door of the church, and at 11:15, you will start the procession in the front of Jeffords Hall.
† On Easter day, the Men's Club will provide a Continental Breakfast to be ready at 7:00 a.m. to hopefully serve those attending the Sunrise Service.
† They will be serving a full breakfast by 8:00 a.m.
† No Sunday School on Easter Day.
† The Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 9:15 a.m. service, and after the hunt, you will gather for cake and lemonade and a visit with the Easter Bunny in the Crossing.
† Yes! Sunday School on April 11th!

Holy Saturday Prayer Service
8:00 a.m., April 3
in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting)

The Holy Saturday Prayer Service is a bridge between the grief and hopelessness of Good Friday, and the joy and celebration of Easter. It is a service of hope. There is no Eucharist and the service lasts maybe 20 min.
“CHICKEN SOUP GROUP”

Part of our St. David’s Caring Ministry is the Chicken Soup Group. Volunteers from this group offer to prepare and deliver meal(s) to a St. David’s parishioner or family who would benefit from a regular schedule of meals over a set period of time. Here is how it works…

The Caring Ministry maintains a database of volunteer contacts – the Chicken Soup Group. When the clergy at St. David’s identify a long-term need, the Caring ministry contacts the Chicken Soup Group to arrange a schedule for meals. Of the total pool of volunteers this usually works out to one volunteer per meal. The volunteer prepares and delivers a simple meal to the parishioner on the single date for which they volunteered. No volunteer is expected to provide more than one meal for each need, respond to every request, nor are they needed to do so for the ministry to succeed. That is the reason for a large group of volunteers. Thus, if you are terribly busy when the call for volunteers goes out, you do not need to volunteer. However, if you love to cook and you have some time on your hands, you can volunteer often. The Chicken Soup Group truly works to match members in need with members who are in a position to help.

Those that have received the bounty of the Chicken Soup Group are so grateful and often express sentiments of love, appreciation and comfort received. Sign up now to participate in this wonderful ministry. We never know when a need will occur among our members so having an expanded list of volunteers to call upon assures that this ministry can seamlessly respond and reach out to members going through challenging times in their lives.

Thank you!
Sue Wallace, Chicken Soup Group
suemwallace@bellsouth.net
770-594-0949 Home
678-468-5580 Mobile

“Doughnuts with Dad”.

Recently, the children of Saint David’s Preschool had V.I.P. visitors to the classroom: “MY DADDY!” For more than twenty years the preschool has invited daddies to “Doughnuts with Dad”. It is a special morning for both dad and child. The teachers serve up coffee and doughnuts, while the children sing songs, make a special gift, and give daddy a special treat made just for him. Some of the classes make a “Do You Know My Daddy Fact Sheet”. Here are some entertaining “facts” about our daddies!

“My daddy has pink hair, orange eyes and he is 2 years old”.

“If my daddy were a superhero he’d be Superman and I’d be Supergirl”.

“My dad loves to play with us but doesn’t like to work”.

“My daddy has black hair, red eyes and he is so old”.

We are blessed every day with the wonderful children and families of St. David’s Preschool. We believe that each child is sacred, special, and unique…and yes, even daddies with “orange” eyes!
Oh, Jonah!

A musical presented by the children of St. David’s Episcopal Church

April 18, 2010, 4:00 pm

Jeffords Fellowship Hall
At St. David's, we are always searching for ways to save trees and to save money! Beginning with this issue of The Illumination, everyone with an email address on file will receive an email with a link to the online version of the newsletter. You will be able to download it and print it out, or just read it on your computer screen. Those members who do not have an email address on file will continue to receive a hard copy in the mail. There will always be copies of the newsletter for pick-up on the Visitor table and in the main hallway.

If you are on the email list and would prefer to receive the newsletter in its paper format, please feel free to “unsubscribe” from the email list. Go to the very bottom on the email and click on the “safe unsubscribe.”

Call me if you have any questions or concerns… Linda Thomas, 770-993-1094, ext. 104.

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Calling all Graduates

On Sunday, May 9 during the 9:00 and 11:15 services, we would like to honor all graduating parishioners from high school, college, and graduate school. If you are a graduate, or you have a graduate in your household, please let the church office know. We want to honor their accomplishment! Please return the form below to the church office (770-993-6084) by Monday, May 3. The form may also be downloaded from the church website at www.stdavidchurch.org on the home page. You may also email your information to “linda@stdavidchurch.org”.

Graduate’s name: ____________________________________________

Graduating from: ____________________________________________

Future plans: ________________________________________________

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Life Line Screening will be here Saturday, May 8, in Jeffords Fellowship Hall. They are the leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings in the U.S. Look for flyers in the church hallway and on the Visitor Information table. Pre-registration is required by calling 1-800-324-1851. The source code is HSC3218.
Summer is coming and that means more fun at St. David's!

St. David's Summer Camp will be held for three weeks. Your child may attend 1, 2, or all 3 weeks. Each week will have a different theme and will include varied activities in art, music, science, cooking, outdoor games, and playground time.

After being signed in by a parent on the first morning of camp each week, children will be dropped off and picked up through the current Preschool Carpool system. Each child should bring a lunch, including drink, every day. A daily snack will be provided. Lunches and snacks will meet the St. David's peanut-free policy.

Enrollment is limited to 40 children per week. Eligible children include those enrolled at St. David's in 2-, 3-, and 4-yr old classes, as well as Young Fives during the ’09 -’10 year. Children not currently enrolled at St. David's with birth dates from 9/01/2004 – 9/01/2007 are also eligible to attend. All children attending Camp must be able to use bathroom facilities independently.

Camp dates and themes for the weeks are:

Week 1: June 7 – June 11 "Where The Wild Things Are"
Week 2: June 14 – June 18 “Outdoor Adventures”
Week 3: June 21- June 25 "Celebrate Summer USA"

Days: Monday through Friday
Hours: 9:30 – 1:30
Tuition: $130 per week
(a non-refundable deposit of $30 for each week of camp is due at registration & $100 remainder is due on Monday morning of each Camp week.)

Registration:
March 22rd: Open to St. David's Preschoolers
March 29th: Open Registration

See you this summer!
Easter Flowers

Given by: _______________________________________________________

In Memory of: ___________________________________________________

In Thanksgiving for: ______________________________________________

Flowers for decorating St. David’s for Easter services are made possible by your generous donations. The suggested donation is $25. If you wish to donate toward our Easter flowers, fill in this form and return it to the church office by Monday, March 29, to ensure proper recognition and celebration in our Easter bulletins. You may also donate online at the church’s website: www.stdavidchurch.org, click Parish Life, then Parish Services.