

The Disciple



St. John's Anglican Church, 230 Southland Rd., Americus GA 31709

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I announced Sunday at the conclusion of the worship service, after much prayer, fasting, and discernment, Kelsey and I have felt the Lord lead us to accept a call to plant an Anglican Church in Tuscaloosa, AL. We intend to stay at St John's until the summer of 2024.

This decision was not easy for our family. St John's has been such a loving home to us over these past four and a half years, and we will always treasure the time we spent with you.

Thank you all for the kindness, care, and support you have shown me and my family ever since we first arrived at St John's. And I ask and thank you for your continued prayers over this next season in our family's life.

I continue to believe that St John's best days are ahead of her, and I am confident that St John's is in God's loving hands and dear to his heart.

The vestry, under Sr Warden David Snell's leadership, will form a search committee and work in conjunction with Cn. Sean George from the diocese to select the next Rector. Please pray for them as they undertake this important and exciting work.

I'm proud of what God has done in us and through us while we've been together, and it's very important to me that we finish well. I think all the pieces for a smooth and successful transition are in place.

St John's is a resilient, vibrant, and growing congregation that loves, proclaims, and serves Christ so that others may know him. May the light of Christ shine out all the brighter over the coming months and years.

In Christ,

Jim Barton



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Ministry Spotlight

Each month our Ministry Spotlight highlights a ministry our church partners with and supports. This month we are highlighting Operation Christmas Child.



The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God’s desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, “Go and do likewise.” For over 50 years, Samaritan’s Purse has done our utmost to follow Christ’s command by going to the aid of the world’s poor, sick, and suffering. We are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns us a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

As our teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, “Why did you come?” The answer is always the same: “We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.” Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always. As the Apostle Paul said, “For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake” (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV).

Mission Statement

Samaritan’s Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan’s Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God’s love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.




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Blessing of the Animals

St. John's commemorated St. Francis of Assisi again this year with the Blessing of the Animals. St. Francis was an Italian monk who lived from 1181 to 1226. He was born into wealth but abandoned worldly things and lived a life of poverty. He founded the Franciscan Order, and in modern times is best remembered for his love of all of God's creatures, calling them his brothers and sisters. We honored his memory this year with a blessing of the animals.




Christmas Flowers

Those that would like to contribute to Christmas flowers may do so in memory or honor of someone. Forms will be included in the bulletins.



Save the Date

Curtis' Annual Christmas Party

December 16, 2023

7PM

Praying for Israel

How should we be praying for those affected by the war in Israel?

- Pray for God's will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven
- Pray for God's justice to be manifested
- Pray for God, in his time and according to his purposes, to create a lasting peace that glorifies his name
- Pray that terrorist groups be dismantled and disempowered
- Pray for the protection and safety of non-combatants
- Pray for the safe return of hostages

"But you, O Lord, are my defender; you are my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. I called upon the Lord with my voice, and he heard me from his holy hill." Psalm 3:3-4

Women's Christmas Cookie Exchange

This year for a time of women's fellowship we will have a Christmas cookie exchange on Thursday, December 14th at 6pm. Make 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies and be ready to exchange them with everyone. Also bring the recipe to share with others! It will be a fun time for us to enjoy time together. We will have snacks and a good time together!



Second Harvest

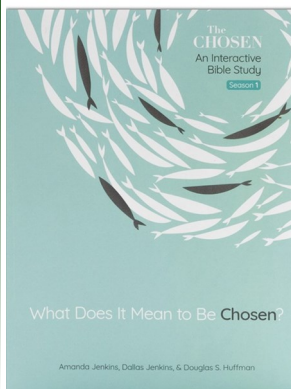
Here's an opportunity for hands-on charitable work. Second Harvest delivers food packets every third Saturday in Plains. Fellow parishioners Hunter and Leigh Peak have been volunteering there for some time and say that they can always use an extra hand or two. A couple of us lent our hands at this month's event. We were assigned to the beans crew and spent a couple of hours making up packets to go along with the canned goods, fruit and meat that went into each delivery. The day starts at 8:00 and runs for a couple of hours. Joins us for the next event on November 19! It's not hard work and it's good work.



Women's Winter Bible Study

What Does It Mean to be Chosen?

The Women's winter Bible study will kick off on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:30pm and will meet in the Parish Hall. We are going to



be working our way through The Chosen TV series Bible study curriculum for nine weeks. Since we will not be watching the show together during our meeting time, it will be helpful for our discussion if you have watched it each week prior to coming. The show can be watched for free at watch.thechosen.tv. We will be studying scripture together each Wednesday as it relates to the show. The book can be bought online at new.thechosen.tv, christianbook.com, or Amazon. Please don't let the cost of the book deter you if you need assistance the church would be happy to help! And please reach out to Kelsey (205-915-4481) if you have any questions.



Calling All Singers

We will have a choir for the Christmas Eve Service.
If you are interested in being a part of the choir,
contact Everett Byrd.



Men's Christian Fellowship

November 14, 2023
6:00 PM
Parish Hall
Having a Low Country Boil.
Bring a friend and join us.



Vestry Meeting
November 21, 2023
6:00 PM



November

11-Tom & Pam Dowdy
14-Hunter & Casey Trollinger



November

4-Sheilla Snell
19-Susan Curtis
22-Russell Thomas
22-Randy Ray
23-Annora Melton

NOVEMBER ROTA

DATE	SERVICE	LEM	LECTOR	USHER	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
11/1	Evening Prayer & Healing		Everett Byrd		
11/5	Holy Communion	Beth Cameron	Susan Curtis	Jeff Joiner	Kelsey Barton
11/8	Evening Prayer & Healing		Everett Byrd		
11/12	Holy Communion	George Peagler	Courtney Wingfield	Brady Fowler	Beth Cameron
11/15	Thanksgiving Service		Jeff Joiner		
11/19	Holy Communion	Lou Chase	Peter Banse	Hunter Trollinger	Angie Trollinger
11/22	No Service				
11/26	Holy Communion	Jeff Joiner	France Pierce	Hunter Peak	Lou Chase
11/29	Evening Prayer & Healing		Beth Cameron		