

The Chimes

LIVING BY THE SPIRIT

SEPTEMBER 2015



I am always interested when people say that they are looking for something “spiritual” or that they want more “spirituality” in the church. It seems like it would be easy to define

we are making space for community is in the coffee hour between services, which now meets in the Cloister room each Sunday. On Sunday, September 13, we will also have a brunch at 9:30 in the Great Hall to celebrate our kickoff Sunday. This will be an opportunity to learn about more ways that we can experience the Spirit through Christian education, fellowship, and ministry. On Wednesday, September 16 we will be restarting Wonderful Wednesday each week. Some will come for programming before and after the 6:15 dinner, which will be prepared by Paul Harpin of Harpin’s Restaurant, and some will come only for dinner and fellowship. The point is that if we gather together, we can count on the Spirit to show up too!

these terms, but in fact, there are almost as many ideas of what constitutes spiritual/spirituality as there are people talking about it. It may well be one of those “I’ll know it when I see it” things. The problem is that different people “see it” in different places and in different ways.

Spirit comes from the Latin word *spiritus*, which means breath. Breathing is the difference between someone who is alive and someone who is dead. So to have the spirit is to be alive. Spirituality is what brings life to an individual or a congregation. Frederick Buechner, in his book *Wishful Thinking*, puts it this way: “Thus spirit = breath = life, the aliveness and power of your life...when the spirit of a person is unusually strong, the life in him unusually alive, he can breathe it out into other lives, become literally in-spiring.”

Wherever you find your place in our community, we invite you to make a spiritual commitment to God and to Christ Church. As you share your life with us, I believe you will find in-spiration for new life and deeper faith. As you find the Spirit at work in your life, may you find a ministry, a class, or an activity that will fit you. As you get to know us (clergy and laity) and we get to know you, then we can inspire each other. And the end result will be that all of us, and our congregation, will be alive in the Spirit.

At Christ Church this fall there will be many opportunities to become in-spired, times when we can gather as the community of Christ, which is always where we experience the Holy Spirit. A simple way that

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Photos: Highlights from the Jonathan Myrick Daniels Pilgrimage to Hayneville, AL

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays @ 10 am
Beginning September 13th

BIBLE STORY & CHILDREN'S

CHAPEL

2 K & 3K,
Downstairs
Teachers
Mary Robinson,
Walker & Tori Stewart

GODLY PLAY I

4K - K
Downstairs
Teachers
Suzanne Shippen & Karen Baxley

GODLY PLAY II

1st - 3rd Grade
Upstairs
Teachers
Elizabeth McCain & Helen Stewart

GODLY PLAY III

4th-5th Grade
Upstairs
Teachers
Laura Evans & Vicky Cork

SAVE THE DATES

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4th

ALL HALLOWS EVE

CELEBRATION

Wednesday, October 28th

SPECIAL ALL SAINTS' PROGRAM

FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sunday, November 1st

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 29th



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. - LUKE 18:16

All of us as parents and parishioners of Christ Church Macon extend a grateful thank you to Laura Evans for her service to us as Director of Children's Ministry. Laura is stepping down from this position, but will still be involved in our children's programs as a volunteer. We all appreciate all she has done and all she continues to do for the love of our children. Many volunteers, clergy, and staff members are stepping in to provide direction and energy to Children's Ministry. Thanks to Laura's leadership and organization, the program will continue to provide formation and nurturing to our young members. If you have any questions or ideas, or wish to volunteer in Children's Ministry, contact Father Bryan by phone (745-0427), email (bryan@christchurchmacon.com), or in person on Sunday. Join us in the sacred work of loving the youngest of God's children!



Sunday, September 27
12:30 pm - 3 pm
In the Cloister Room

The Diocese of Atlanta requires all adults who work with children and youth and all Vestry members to attend a three-hour training called Safeguarding God's Children. This training provides information on how we can each participate in protecting our children and youth from child sexual abuse, both in our own families and in our ministries. Christ Church will host a Safeguarding God's Children 3-hour group training event, Sunday, Sept. 27, from 12:30 pm until 3:30 pm in the Cloister Room. The training will be facilitated by The Rev. Joseph Shippen. Lunch will be provided (\$5 donation requested). To register, contact Christy at christy@christchurchmacon.com 478-745-0427 by September 25.





MESSY OLYMPICS 2015 BROUGHT SUPER WET FUN!

Chase orchestrated our SIXTH ANNUAL MESSY OLYMPICS event, and as they say, "fun was had by all." In true Messy Olympics fun, games became messier and messier as the afternoon went on. Eventually, members of both teams ended up in kiddie pools filled with all kinds of interesting ingredients. After being hosed off and wrapped in towels, participants enjoyed pizza and Gatorade before heading into Jones Chapel for Compline and a special farewell to Chase. A number of us shared some of our favorite Chase stories, and at the end of the simple service, we laid hands on him as Father Bryan led us in special prayers of thanksgiving for Chase and his time with us.



TUESDAYS - PRAYER BREAKFAST AT JITTERY JOES - 7 AM

Join us for prayer at Jittery Joe's in Mercer Village on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to come, and this location is perfect for folks who attend Mount De Sales and other In-town schools.

THURSDAYS - PRAYER BREAKFAST AT CHICK-FIL-A - 6:30 AM

Join us for prayer at Chick-Fil-A on Thursday mornings beginning at 6:30 a.m. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to come, and this location is perfect for folks who attend Howard, Stratford, FPD, Tattnell and other schools in the North Macon area.

SEE YOU SOON!

We are blessed to have a wonderful youth ministry team of clergy, staff and adult volunteers. Know that we are here for you, and we look forward to growing together in Christ.

[John Mark](#) : 478.718.0041

[Hope](#) : 478.973.8598

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

LECTIONARY CLASS

Facilitated by Joyce Hudson & Libby Johnson

Time: 9 am

Location: Parlor

This ongoing class explores the texts appointed by the Lectionary for use in worship each Sunday. Participants discuss the passages and share ideas and interpretations with each other.



REV. SENCA G. BRAGG BIBLE STUDY

Begins Sunday, September 20

Facilitated by Jeff White

Time: 10 am

Location: Parlor

We have had a wonderful, faithful group over our Study of Mark and now with the study of Matthew. We will pick up our study of the Gospel of Matthew beginning with Chapter

7. Plan on spending some time deeply exploring the scriptures with us. Hope to see everyone on September 20 at 10:00AM. No advanced reading required!

FAMILIES AND FAITH

Begins Sunday, September 20 - October 18

Facilitated by The Clergy

Time: 10 am

Location: Great Hall

Conventional wisdom says that Americans are gradually “losing our religion” and that the children and youth of today will not share the faith of their elders in years to come. Some recent studies, however, suggest this is not entirely true. In this five part, clergy-led series, we’ll look at some of the new statistics, tell stories of how we’ve arrived at our own belief systems and discuss concerns about passing these along through the generations. We’ll also look at some very practical ways to share our faith more effectively with our own children, grandchildren and godchildren. This class will be appropriate not only for those with young people in their home but for anyone interested in sociology and/or concerned for the future of the Church.

WEDNESDAY OFFERINGS

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY:

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

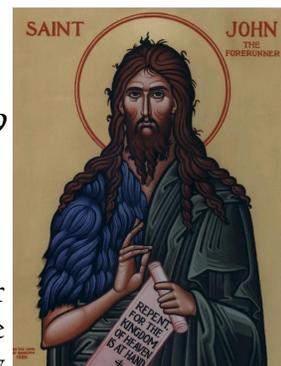
Begins Wednesday, September 9

Facilitated by Charlie Cork

Time: 7:10 am

Location: Cloister Room

We invite you to come join us for an ongoing weekly study of the Gospel according to John. New Members are always welcome!



EARLY

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Begins Wednesday, September 16

Facilitated by The Rev. Julia Mitchener

Time: 9 am

Location: Jenny Greer’s, 4365 Old Club Rd.

Please join us for study and discussion facilitated by the Rev. Julia Mitchener every other Wednesday at 9 a.m. We meet at Jenny Greer’s house, 4365 Old Club Road. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, please contact Laura Evans (ldmcevans@cox.net).

MIDDAY

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Begins Wednesday, September 16

Facilitated by The Rev. Joseph Shippen

Time: 10:45 am

Location: Cloister Room

The Book of Isaiah is one of the most important books of the Old Testament. While little is known of the personal life of the prophet, he is considered to be one of the greatest of them all.

Join us for a weekly study on Wednesdays at 10:45 am in the Cloister Room. Newcomers are welcome!



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: HAITIAN HOPE



HAITIAN HOPE SUPPORTS ST. MARC'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL IN TROUIN, HAITI. Uniforms, lunch and school supplies are provided directly to the students. Teachers' salaries are also paid and one English teacher receives his salary of \$1800 a year thanks to the support of Christ Church. He and his students depend upon our help and this month there is another way we can do our part for them. Christ Church plans to contribute 100 pounds of school supplies. Let's fill two suitcases which will be transported by the next group that goes down to visit this winter.

ITEMS NEEDED TO HELP ST. MARC'S CHILDREN:

Markers

Pens and Pencils (sharpened)

Pencil sharpeners (small individual)

Manual classroom pencil sharpeners with clamp or suction

Computer paper and Construction paper

Children's scissors

Ziploc bags (various sizes)

Monetary donations made out to Christ Church are always helpful also!

Please help educate our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

The children thank you! Mési Anpil!

HAITIAN HOPE IS ALSO SELLING BOSTON BUTTS IN SEPTEMBER.

The delicious butts will be smoked and ready Fri.& Sat, Sept. 25-26. Cost is \$45. Butts can also be donated to several organizations that Christ Church supports: Weekend Lunch, Path to Shine, Lynmore Estates or Daybreak. Contact Father Bryan or Irene Marxsen (irene.marxsen@live.com 478-319-4220) to place your order. Deadline is Sept. 13th

PRAYER REQUESTS



Ann, Bailey, Barbara, Beth, Beverly, Bill, Bill, Carmen, Carolyn, Cloyd, Connie, Crawford, David, Doris, Doris, Etta Reese, George, George, Hazel, Jeffery, Lynn, Malinda, Molly, Nina, Russ, Scott, Sparky, Susan, Alan, Chad, Cliff, Dixie, Ed, Edger, Ernest, Heather, Johnny, Maddox, Margaret, Mary-Elizabeth, Patricia, Ruby, Sean, & Suzanne.



We pray for all those who serve in the military especially, Austin, Charlie, George, Owen & Terry.

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH RETREAT DECEMBER 5-7

Advent is a special time to prepare for the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. This year's parish retreat will provide our families with wonderful opportunities for this preparation. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us.

Adults (19 yrs. & up) \$175

Youth (10-18 yrs.) \$95

Children (5-9 yrs.) \$56

Children 5 & under FREE

Single Occupancy add \$66

A 50% deposit is required by Oct. 1 to reserve your space.





MUSIC MINISTRY

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

*We are all ministers of music because
we share and participate in the beauty and inspiration music provides for our worship services.
Together let us sing our faith in praise to God.*

Consider joining the Christ Church Choir

We welcome new members!

**Our first rehearsal for the fall is
Wednesday, September 9 at 5:15 pm
in the Choir Room (in the Parish House).
*Please note the change in day and time.***

Sunday rehearsal at 9:45 in the nave.

The Christ Church Choir will resume singing for the 11:00 liturgy beginning on **Sunday, September 13.**

About the CC Choir

We rehearse at 5:15 every Wednesday evening (prior to “Wonderful Wednesdays”) from September through May and sing for the 11:00 service on Sundays. We also sing for all feast days as well as Evensong.

Music is fun and is a great way to live your faith!

If you are interested in joining the CC Choir or would like to play an instrument during a service sometime, please contact Jack Mitchener, Organist/Choirmaster (jack@christchurchmacon.com).

*When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!*

Upcoming Events

CHORAL EVENSONG for ALL SAINTS’ DAY - November 1 at 5:00 pm – (Choir rehearsal at 3:30)
Evensong is one of the great treasures of the Anglican tradition. Please join us for this beautiful service as we remember those who have gone before us.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS—Sunday, December 13 at 11:00 am

CHRISTMAS EVE - December 24 at 11:00 pm (Special music for choir and organ beginning at 10:30 pm)

GUEST ORGAN RECITALIST - Friday, February 26 at 7:30 pm – Recital by internationally-acclaimed organist *CHRISTA RAKICH*

Royal School of Church Music

Wonderful Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.



The Christ Church Choristers is a graded children's choir program open to all children ages 6–10. We are affiliated with the Royal School of Church music in America (RSCM) whose goal is to uplift the spiritual life of our communities through high quality choral music. They provide musical education to singers through a structured choral music program and summer music courses.

Each Chorister will be given a workbook from the Voice for Life curriculum to keep and use as their own. These workbooks, along with rehearsals, are the foundation to the RSCM program. Once a Chorister has completed a workbook they will receive an award and their next workbook. The awards vary based on the level of the book and are designed fit around each Chorister's unique pace. When the Chorister has completed their first workbook they will receive a White surplice. The next level receives a ribbon corresponding to the color of the workbook along with a RSCM America Medal. The workbooks are designed to help instruct the Chorister in areas such as correct posture, proper breathing, vocal production, music theory, etc. An allotted time will be given at the beginning of each rehearsal to study the workbooks. The remainder of the rehearsal will be spent vocalizing and preparing music for worship.

We are excited to offer this wonderful opportunity to our Christ Church community. Register today by completing the form found in this newsletter or online at www.christchurchmacon.com. If you would more information or have further questions please contact Jonathan Poe, Assistant Organist/Choirmaster, jonathan@christchurchmacon.com, 478-745-0427 ext. 134.

Christ Church Choristers

2015–2016 Registration Form

Christ Church Choristers in open to all children ages 6–10. Please complete and return this form to CHRIST CHURCH CHORISTERS, c/o Christ Episcopal Church, 582 Walnut Street, Macon, Georgia 31201 no later than Monday, September 7. You may also **register online** at www.christchurchmacon.com!

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

CHORISTER INFORMATION

Chorister Name: _____ Grade in September, 2015 _____



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**Return
to
Regular
Worship
Hours**

Sunday, September 13, Services will be held at 8, 9, & 11 am.
Our Annual Fall Kick off Brunch will be held in the Great Hall at 9:30 am.
Sunday School for Children & Youth begins at 10 am.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF MACON, GEORGIA. ESTABLISHED IN 1825

"Growing by God's Grace into a Family of Faith and Ministry."

JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING

Fall Kickoff Brunch & Wonderful Wednesdays

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
AT 9:30 AM**

Adults are invited to enjoy fellowship and a festive brunch in the Great Hall. Topics of discussion will be an update from our Rector Search Committee, upcoming Christian formation classes, & information on other parish activities with a particular emphasis on how to get more involved at Christ Church if you are a newcomer.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4:00 pm Daughters of the King Knitting Group, Parlor
5:15 pm Christ Church Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
5:30 pm Evening Prayer, Jones Chapel
6:15 pm Catered dinner by Harpin's Restaurant, Great Hall, cost \$5
6:45 pm Christ Church Choristers (children ages 6-10)
6:45 pm Susan Welsh: "How to read Christ Church Through its Art: Religious Symbolism Throughout the Campus, Including Architecture, Windows, & Paintings."
8 pm Compline, Jones Chapel

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Jeff White

"The Gospel of Matthew"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Rev. Bryan Hinson

"God and the Generations:

How the Different Generations Experience and Express Their Faith"