

ST. JOHN'S
ANGLICAN
CHURCH

**Welcome to the
life and ministry
of St. John's!**

April 2017



The Disciple

Father Jim Parker

How is your Lenten journey going?

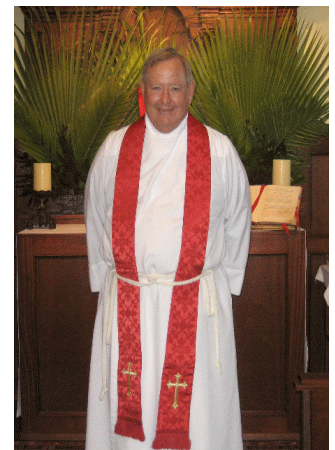
Lent and Journey, are two words not always associated as spiritual partners by many people. Most know Lent is a season of the church identified with the liturgical colour purple. Beyond that, Lent may be nothing more than the time before Easter.

The 40 days of Lent, a number related to Jesus' time in the wilderness after His baptism, is a time of prayer, penitence, reflection and journey. The journey isn't to a specific place, but a journey into our own heart and soul.

The Lenten journey is an encounter with God who formed us, God who calls us by name, God who washes us with water and the Spirit, and then God who sends us into the world to help others begin their journey. Lent is a journey that calls us to new faith and transformation.

As the Cross of Good Friday appears in the distance, Lent prepares us to stand with Jesus and hold firm to

our faith. Take time to sit and be silent. Read scripture, perhaps some favourite psalms. Pray for others in need. Pray for peace in the world. Use Lent as a time to refocus and be fed by God through the Holy Spirit.



As Holy Week approaches, take note of the many services. Come and experience the drama of Holy Week, having been prepared by your Lenten journey. Walk with Jesus: from the Last Supper to His prayers in the Garden; His betrayal and trial, and His sacrifice on the Cross. Finally, join us and celebrate Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

May God bless you as you continue your journey through Lent.

Attention

Please attend the
Annual Meeting of
St. John's Anglican Church
11:30 AM

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Check your email for further information.



April

1-Andrea Thomas

16-Steve Hulsey



April

3-Ric & Susan
Brenner

30-Bucky & Ann
Bliss



Coffee & Conversation

9:30 AM

Sunday Mornings

Men's Christian Fellowship



Tuesday, April 11, 2017

6:00 pm at the Joiner cabin

Still in Lent, so having grilled pork chops

Everything provided.

Don't miss this treat by David Wingard

Bring a friend!

St. John's Anglican Church

Annual Meeting

April 2, 2017

Immediately Following Church Services

There will be 4 vacancies to fill on the Vestry. Please consider nominees. In the event you wish to nominate an individual please sign the nomination form and have the individual sign the form acknowledging that they accept the nomination.

Mr. "Bubba" Chambliss

April 19, 1926 – March 6, 2017

Saint Francis of Assisi instructed his followers to "preach the gospel at all times and only when necessary use words." Bubba Chambliss, in his quiet, loving and caring ways lived Saint Francis' calling.

Thank to Nancy Warlick, Mr. Bubba adopted our church family and on more than one occasion sponsored dinners, the latest being on Valentine's Day, February 14 when he provided a delightful dinner for the entire congregation.

He loved to ride, train and generally talk about horses and mules. He especially enjoyed the opportunities he had to take kids for rides on his various carts and wagons and

to drive Santa in various parades. He would go on quail hunts, but his pleasure there was not the hunting, but driving the mules.

Overshadowing these loves was his love for his family and friends.

Mr. Bubba allowed his creeds to actually become deeds in his witness to his fellow Christians.

May the souls of the departed rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon him. Mr. Bubba you are missed. We thank you for passing our way.

The St. John's Family



WAKEFEST GA

Wakefest is Georgia's largest grassroots wakeboard tournament. Taking place in Albany, Georgia, on Lake Chehaw, Wakefest is coordinated for the benefit of those in need in the local community. As a 501©(3) organization, Wakefest, GA Inc. is a tax exempt organization and operates exclusively for charitable purposes. Wakefest was started by a group of college guys in 2009 with the dream of just helping a family in need! The first year they raised \$1,800, in 2016 they raised \$21,000. Wakefest now has expanded to having a group of board members with Adam Gilbert as the President. They now do multiple events a year including a golf tournament months back for the fallen officers from Americus, a haunted house, softball tournaments, and more. The chosen recipient this year is our very own Ellison Olinger. The benefit will be held on July 1 at 9:00 am at Chehaw Park. We pray that the St. John's family will participate and be in attendance.

A Lenten letter from the Vestry and Wardens of St. Johns

Dear St. John's Family,

Your Wardens and Vestry pray that you are having a meaningful Lent and that you are growing closer to our Lord as we move ever closer to the sadness of the Cross and then to the joy of Easter.

Every Lent we hear sermons about giving up things for Lent or adding things to help us on our Lenten journey. The Rev. Magrey R. deVega, Senior Pastor of Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida, suggests 10 more things that we can "give up" for Lent. His list is summarized here:

Give up the need to be right all the time (James 1:19).

Give up your reluctance to ask for help (Psalm 69).

Give up your fear of failure (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Give up comparing yourself to others (James 4:2-3).

Give up the need to have things all figured out (Romans 11:33-36).

Give up your fear of the future (Matthew 6:33-34).

Give up anesthetizing yourself to pain and suffering (Romans 5:3-5).

Give up the need to be in control (Matthew 16:24-25).

Give up the need to make everyone happy (Galatians 1:10).

Give up all the non-essential noise in your life (Psalm 46:10).

Your Priest, Wardens and Vestry commit to and invite you to read each of these, read the corresponding Bible verses, and contemplate how your Lenten journey may be improved by "giving up" some of the things in the list above.

Blessings,

The Wardens and Vestry of St. John's

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Date	Service	LEM	Lector	Usher	Acolyte
4/2	Holy Communion	Pete Warlick	Beth Cameron	Jeff Joiner Sid Cameron	Morgan Jones
4/5	EP & Healing		Debbie Standridge		
4/9	Holy Communion	Andrea Thomas	Garland Mears	Allen Curtis Tony Chase	Sydney Joiner
4/12	EP & Healing		Everett Byrd		
4/16	Holy Communion	George Peagler	Susan Curtis	Pete Warlick Jeff Joiner	Morgan Jones
4/19	EP & Healing		Andrea Thomas		
4/23	Holy Communion	Lou Chase	Beth Cameron	Sid Cameron Tony Chase	Sydney Joiner
4/26	EP & Healing		Everett Byrd		
4/30	Holy Communion	Debbie Standridge	George Peagler	Allen Curtis Jeff Joiner	Morgan Jones