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From the Rector

I need your help. This summer has been busier than usual, and the fall doesn't look like it is going to be any better. I need your help to keep some things in mind. Here are just some that I can think of:

September brings

- ✓ A new Deacon joins us
- ✓ Church School starting the 7th
- ✓ Jr. and Sr. EYC Sunday events gearing up
- ✓ Community Mission Quake Weekend happening September 27-28
- ✓ Confirmation Classes beginning for youth and adults 9/21 to 10/31, Sunday at 9 for youth and again at 4 pm for adults (Bishop Gregg will be here at 10AM on Nov. 16)
- ✓ Selecting 4 Delegates for our Diocesan Convention January 23 & 24 in Winston Salem
- ✓ Spreading the word about our security system in the buildings so people can get in and alarms won't go off

October brings

- ✓ Our Every Member Canvass Plan asking for your financial support in 2009
- ✓ Our 2009 Budget Preparations for presentation at the Annual Meeting,

11 AM Dec. 7th

- ✓ Confirmation Classes continue
- ✓ Nominations for the election of 4 new Vestry members at the Annual Meeting
- ✓ Jr. and Sr. EYC events continue

November brings

- ✓ Communion Classes for Young People, 9am
- ✓ Acolyte Training
- ✓ The Bishop's visit, November 16th
- ✓ The wrap up of our 2009 Asking in time for Thanksgiving
- ✓ The First Sunday of Advent, November 30th

December brings

- ✓ The Annual Meeting in the parish hall after the 10 o'clock service
- ✓ And, of course, Christmas

On top of all of this, I've got to remember to make room for and take time to enjoy two new grandchildren who are coming in October. Our eldest daughter Jill gave birth to Thomas in July. They will be visiting from Switzerland in October. Carrie, our youngest daughter who lives in Cary (she really does, no kidding) is due at the end of September with her first, a daughter we are told.

So, here is what you can do to help. If you don't find news in this Epistle about something that interests you, call the office or stop by or send an email. It will be a great chance to touch base. Also, if there is something missing from the list, let us know that too. I do prize your help.

- Jerry Fisher

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Senior Warden's Corner



The summer doldrums are upon us and we're sweating and panting and vacationing, except me. I'm working on projects. Just finished a stone walk. I am also watching. Watching the economic news. Not good. There seems to be no end of bad news. I read the *Wall Street Journal*. It's surprising what you read in what I consider the world's best newspaper.

Recently, they reported the death of Sir John Templeton, a noted and spectacularly successful financier. He founded the Templeton Mutual Funds, among his many other accomplishments. The article regarding his passing

generated a letter of response, which I wish to quote.

"I was sorry to hear of the passing of Sir John Templeton ("Maximum Optimist," Review & Outlook, July 9). In 1987, Mr. Templeton was speaking at the Annual Financial Planning Association meeting, which was held in Chicago. At the close of his remarks, he said he wanted to disclose the best investment anyone can make. The attendees listened carefully as he said "the best investment anyone can make is spelled T-I-T-H-E." I have found that it works and have shared his wisdom with many of my clients." It was signed by Timothy P. Bogert, CLU.

This is not exactly what you expect to read in the *Wall Street*

Journal. This is not an easy time, economically, but maybe no time is. Maybe it is time to get back to basics. "Give 10%, save 10%, and spend the remaining 80% joyfully." How many times have we heard that? It is pretty basic.

We will be presenting next year's budget and having our every member canvas this fall. We expect to have it all done by Thanksgiving, leaving everyone free to enjoy the holidays. Yes, as usual, they will be here before we know it. I hope it will be a very merry Christmas.

*Warmest Regards to all of you,
Bill Goldston, Senior Warden*

Christian Education

We've had a wonderful time during our Summer Sunday program these last few months! The Godly Play curriculum and Montessori style were well received by both the children who attended and the adults who led the sessions. We explored Baptism, our altar, the Holy Family, and numerous parables.

Each week after the story, we shared a small feast and responded to the story with art or some other activity that had relevance to our worship. One of the newly finished rooms on the first floor of the education building served as a perfect

place to gather so many children each week.

I am very appreciative of all the support that was given to the program. Many parishioners took part by preparing materials, leading and assisting sessions, bringing in supplies, and, of course, entrusting their children to us. Summer Sundays would not have been possible without so many generous hands. Many thanks to:

Mary Ellen Archer
Kenille Baumgardner
Steve Holmes
Jodi LaFreniere

Catherine Massey
Robert Massey
Arline McCullough
Kathy Mozingo
Melanie Murphy
Bobby Paff
Carol Paulonis
Rachael Pottern
Abby Presson
Dave Roberts
Carolyn Stoklas
Dawn Vohwinkel

Our last Summer Sunday session will be August 24. The regular church school year will begin on September 7. - Ann Holmes

Notice of Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections



The Vestry has set **Sunday, December 7th** as the date for our 2009 Annual Meeting, and it will be held in the parish hall after our 10 o'clock worship service. An important part of the Annual Meeting is the election of four new Vestry members. They will be chosen to serve a three-year term through 2011.

Here are some of the things that Vestry members do:

- Cooperate with the Rector in promoting the spiritual welfare of the congregation and assist the Rector in discharge of his/her duties.
- Support the programs of the

church and encourage others to do so, and to give generously to those programs. Each vestry member shall give a hearty welcome to the newly baptized, confirmed, received, or transferred member. Note that this goes far beyond being the business committee of the church.

- As constituted agents of the church, transact its temporal business such as contracts for erecting, furnishing, and preserving church property, regulate the use of any cemetery or columbarium, and observe Canon 13, "Business Methods in Church Affairs".

It is required that candidates be confirmed members enrolled in the parish. Our Vestry members are expected also to attend an early-in-the-year planning retreat, shepherd one of the SWEEPS areas, and be a bridge to all in "How can we help you".

If you would like to serve or you know of someone that you would like to have serve, please give their name to our Nominating Committee composed of Jon Bell, Patti Davis, Bill Goldston, or Al Hinton. You can speak to them directly or via the parish office at 556-3656 or stjohns@stjohnswf.com.

Parish Picnic

Instead of VBS this year, we had a great time at the Parish Picnic June 29.



The Pressons, Chandler, Jack and Matthew, chow down on the burgers!



Will Archer is ready for some food and fun!

The Ministry of a Deacon

Q. What is the ministry of a deacon?

A. The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments. The Book of Common Prayer, page 856

St. John's has enjoyed the presence of many deacons since 1985. And, once more, we will have a deacon beginning this September. The Rev. John Linscott will become part of St. John's staff September 7th and serve with us in those ways that are traditional for the ministry of deacons:

Diaconal Ministry in the Community: The central focus of diaconal ministry is service to the community outside the boundaries of a parish or mission. The ministry

of deacon varies widely, taking such forms as hospital or prison ministry, counseling, ministry to the elderly, poor, dying, homeless, those with AIDS, etc. The Bishop approves the specific form of diaconal ministry at any given time, and the deacon is accountable to the Bishop for that ministry. Deacons may exercise their ministry in the community on either a volunteer or paid basis.

Diaconal Ministry in the Congregation: The ministry of the deacon in a local parish or mission is carried out under the supervision of the rector. The deacon brings to the awareness of the church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the community and the world; therefore, their primary function is to enable the servant ministry of the laity. The deacon helps lay people identify their gifts for ministry, assists in providing training in the use of those gifts, and suggests opportunities to empower

the laity in their response to the needs of the community/world. This can mean a role in outreach development, training Eucharistic Ministers, and Christian education and formation (e.g., the catechumenal process).

Diaconal Ministry in the Liturgy: It is the deacon's privilege to read the Gospel, to receive the gifts at the offertory, to administer the chalice and paten, to give the dismissal, and to take communion to the sick and dying.

John will continue his work for the Bishop in his work at Central Prison in Raleigh and with us in expanding our Lay Eucharistic and intercessory ministries.

John and his wife, Susan, make their home in Raleigh. Both work full time and will be making St. John's their parish home while John exercises his ministry. It is a pleasure to have them with us!

Mission Quake '08 Needs YOU!

The planning for Mission Quake '08 (**September 27-28**) is underway, and YOU can help make this year's event the best ever by offering to help now! Mission Quake is a community-wide event sponsored by 13 area churches. Listed below are the four mission projects scheduled for September 27-28 and the needs that currently need to be met:

Stop Hunger Now: Please consider challenging your Sunday School class, youth group, peers or local club to fund meals to package

for the hungry on September 27. One meal costs only 20 cents! Pledges need to be in by September 10th.

Pint-Sized Paint Project: Join volunteers in assisting elderly homeowners by painting 3' x 3' sections individually. By the end of September 27, the whole house will have a new coat of paint.

Crop Walk: Plan to take part in Crop Walk and sign up to walk a set course around Wake Forest on September 28 to raise money for worldwide food relief and Tri Area Ministries.

Letters from Home: This program will offer community members a chance to write letters of encouragement to deployed soldiers on September 27. We are currently asking for both stationery donations and addresses of family and friends who are serving our country overseas.

To donate, help or ask questions: Contact Lisa McLemore at missionquake08@earthlink.net or call 556-7046. You can also contact Tom Hunt, 453-2077, who is our parishioner and contact with Mission Quake.

The Rev. Audrey Binns

It may not be on the top 10 tourist destinations in Costa Rica, but if I ever find myself in Costa Rica, I'm going to Limón. Because that's where I'll find the Rev. Audrey Binns. And I know she'd be happy to reciprocate the hospitality she experienced during a recent visit to area churches in the diocese.

Audrey was one of a five-member delegation that visited the diocese last month. Jerry and the Rev. Diane Corlett of the Church of the Nativity in Raleigh arranged for Audrey to accompany me on one of my outreach activities one Wednesday evening. It wasn't glamorous, but it showed her a little bit about our school system and services that we have for Hispanic students and their families. Each Wednesday evening this summer, my car becomes the local Bookmobile for ESL students in the southern part of Granville County. I distribute books (literally, from my trunk) to English Language Learners who otherwise may not have anything to read during the summer vacation.

I could tell from the outset that my new friend Audrey was no

stranger to participating in basic outreach activities. We shared stories about what we do in our respective towns - and Audrey's stint with me was but one among many programs in the diocese she'd had a chance to visit. By the time I met her that Wednesday afternoon, her week's activities already had included helping at the Shepherd's Table (operated at Church of the Good Shepherd in downtown Raleigh) and visiting the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Newton Grove. Earlier that day, she'd gone to the General Assembly to participate in an anti-death penalty gathering. And this was just mid-week! She was going to do several other things before her visit ended. When I met her, she was planning the homily for her visit to El Buen Pastor Episcopal Church in Durham on Sunday, June 29.

We found out that our communities share many similarities despite the obvious differences of location and language.

Gangs and drugs are rampant in her area, too. She laments the fact that there are not enough places or programs to address these problems among the youth in her community. On a more humorous note, she and I both said that we'd love to see activities involve a broader range of people.

Her church would love to build a place that could accommodate a school. They've got the land, she said. They need the building. Did I hear someone say mission trip?

- Laura Santos



Rev. Audrey Binns, left, helps students and a mother select books from the lending library that operates from the trunk of Laura Santos's car. In this neighborhood in Butner, more than 30 children came that evening to exchange books.

Preschool News

The preschool currently has one spot open in the Tuesday/Thursday 1-year-old class. Please contact Kristen Baron at 562-8619, or kbaron@stjohnswf.com for more information or to be placed on wait-

ing lists for other classes.

Open House for parents who have children enrolled in the preschool for the 2008/2009 school year will be held on August 27th in

the evening. Letters with specific times will be sent home the beginning of August.

The first tuition payment is due August 1st. - Kristen Baron

In Our Prayers



Our Parishioners and

Their Families:

Heather, Tara Henderson's cousin
Tom and Irene Baker, Tom Baker's parents
Robert Barcelona, Shirley McHose's nephew
Nancy, Karen Bell's mother
Bob, Kathy Binns' husband
Jay Chapman, Carol Smith's father
Wayne and Nancy Clausen / Wayne Clausen, Jr.
Maria Contreras, Laura Santos's sister-in-law
R.V. Cate, Jackie & Amy Bailey's brother-in-law
Mary Alyce Calhoun, Maggie Goldston's sister
Ruth Dancy, Mollie River's daughter
Virginia Currie / Frankie Epps / Sarah Fort
Brenda Gainey, Milly Nelligar's sister
Arlene Homan, Joyce McPherson's mother
Lisa Hunt / Katheryn Klump
Cheryl Lasek, Cindy Nanni's sister-in-law
Evelyn Iris Massey, Rob's mother
Anna Melvin, Roger's sister,
Barbara and Gene Montague
Lisa M. Robertson, Gene and Barbara's daughter
Regina Morris, friend of The Hall Family
Susan Neeley
Liz Newberry, Sallie Newberry's daughter-in-law
Hudson Nowell, Shawn and Craig's nephew,
Robert Hart Raynor, Milly Nelligar's cousin
Linda Wolfgang, Dave McPherson's cousin

Our Friends:

Mary Barham Lille Boyte Claudia Brugaletta Nancy Coats Barbara Crockett Diane Davis Jackie Diaz-Cid Jim Duke Laura Faulkner Dee Gillespie Tommy Heldreth Barbara Kearns	Anna Lee Long Maria Luddy Paul Mosier Betty Padgett Eva Martinez Paharik Gary Pike Marisa Rosa Tom Schwab Clark Shelton Deborah Snow Vann Taylor Louise Young
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Our Men and Women in the Armed Services:

Thomas, son of Tom and Darden Baker
John, son of Pinky & David Cooke
Eric Fancher, brother of Jessica Graber
Kenneth Farrar III
Steven, son of Carolyn Filo
Matt Jeanerett, nephew of Greg & Sonia Ingram
Michael, son of Kathryn Klump
Megan, daughter of Gene & Shelley Leone
Sean Lynch, friend of Pinky & David Cooke
Kevin and Chad Marshall, friends of Virginia Olsen
Zachary McBee
Ryan McDavitt
Thomas McDonald, friend of Kristen Davis
Ben Miller and Drew Holt, nephews of Lee and Perri Holt
Josh Norton, friend of Mike Barger
Luke Sabre, Ralph Severns, friends of Todd & Cindy Hall
Kyle Weinel

August Birthdays



01 Alfie Adams	10 Sue Vester	18 Charles Barham IV	Gerald Pottorn
02 Caddy Hamlin	11 Haley Harp	Ryan Smallwood	26 Connor Hicks
Mike Warriner	Drew Hoover	20 Jase Brown	Kody Hicks
04 Daniel Brittingham	12 Max Manley	Kristen Kramer	Kate Scott
05 Christopher Hicks	13 Frankie Eppes	Louis Mullinger	27 Courtney Hall
06 Mary Harper Allen	Brayden West	21 Cathy Barham	Taylor Rooney
Rebecca Houston	14 Elizabeth Kessler	22 Ann Holmes	28 Megan Holst
Crystal Nelligar	Carolyn Stoklas	23 Matthew Daw	29 Janet Monteith
08 Megan McCullough	15 Ashley Bailey	24 Cameron Morrison	Carol Smith
09 Michael Warriner	Kitty Kovacs	25 Denes Kovacs	Jackie Williams

August Ministry Assignments

Calendar	Acolytes	Readers	Chalice	Greeters	Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild
03-Aug 12 Pentecost	8:00 Conner Williams	Elwood Munz	Bob Bidwell		Tom Baker	Don Myers	Sharon Davenport
	10:00 Jacob Holt Charlton Holt Patrick Ingram	Elena Harp	Durward Matheny	Laura Santos and Alfie Adams	John Rich and Louis Mullinger		Ruth Crawford
10-Aug 13 Pentecost	8:00 Patrick Barham	Jan Williams	Bob Bidwell		Larry Demanovich	Pinky Cooke	Vivian Jones
	10:00 Kristen Kramer Hunter Kramer Haley Walkup	Al Hinton	Kenille Baumgardner	Jim and Sharon Davenport	Bob Nelligar and Al Reynolds		Melanie Murphy
17-Aug 14 Pentecost	8:00 Jacob Holt	Bob Bidwell	Bob Bidwell		Greg Williams	Louise Howard	Elizabeth McDuffie
	10:00 Vann McDuffie John McDuffie Jack Presson	Dave Roberts	Jenny Brewer	Bill and Maggie Goldston	John Rich Dave Roberts		Patti Reichmeider
24-Aug 15 Pentecost	8:00 Kristen Kramer	Jodi LaFreniere	Bob Bidwell		Tom Baker	Shirley McHose	Arline McCullough
	10:00 Jamie Rollmann Patrick Rollmann Trevor Daw	Vivian Jones	Harold Davis	Ellen, Megan, Evan and Ryan Holst	Frank Smith Frank Toney		Denise Munz
31-Aug 16 Pentecost	8:00 Vann McDuffie	Elwood Munz	Bob Bidwell		Larry Demanovich	Julie Arthur	Alfie Adams
	10:00 Conner Williams Alexis Nanni Taylor Nanni	Donna King	Lee Holt	Vivian Jones Elizabeth Manley	David Williams, Jr. Jack Derrick		Jenny Brewer

Life in Kyrgyzstan

As Fritz Morrison tells it, Ginger, his wife, once had a dream to serve in the Peace Corps but had set it aside for other things, namely him! Well, both have picked up that dream now and after much work and careful planning are serving in the Peace Corps in Kyrgyzstan for the next two years.

This map will help you to begin to locate Kyrgyzstan, to the south of Kazakhstan

and north-west of China.

Fritz and Ginger are there now for some training. His recent email is posted in the parish hall. Their final assignments and location will come in September. Ginger will be teaching English, and Fritz will be a business and economic development advisor.



Graduation News

Molly Rivers is very proud of her granddaughter, **Ashley Apollony**.

Ashley was awarded a B. S. degree in Marketing from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia this year.

Ashley graduated *summa cum laude*!

Living in the area, Ashley is employed at the US Department of the Interior in Washington D. C.



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From the Parish Register



Born - *that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good*

McKinley Joslyn Schoden born to Chris and Amanda Schoden on May 25

Audrey Marie Presley born to Tom and Kristen Presley on June 7

Thomas Malcom Williamson born to Brian and Jill (nee Fisher) Williamson on July 16

Baptized - *sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever . . .*

Catherine Susan McDavitt, daughter of Ryan and Amy on June 8

Caley Barbara Vester, daughter of Michael and Susan on June 29

Jacob Andrew Marshall and **Mary Dorothy Catherine Marshall**, Tom and Jennifer Marshall's children on August 3

Married - *that their life together may be a sign of Christ's love*

Jason Barger and **Jessica Taylor** on August 2

Died - *that they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service . . .*

William 'Bill' Lawrence Nelson on July 24, buried from St. John's on July 27

Letter of Transfer - *Give them courage, patience, vision and strength in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others.*

If you wish to become an 'enrolled' member of St. John's, arrange to have your previous church transfer your Letter of Membership here.