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March 2, 2005

Easter Celebration!

Easter Celebration for Children and their Families

The St. David's Children's Easter Service, with the Lighting of the Paschal Flame and Flowering of the Sacred Cross, will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Nave, on Saturday, March 26, 2005. The liturgy, designed especially for families and children, will last 45 minutes.

A grand Easter Egg Hunt will follow the service. This year please remember to **Bring Your Own Easter Basket!** A special Easter Family Lunch will be served following the Egg Hunt. Tickets will be sold for the Brunch: \$10.00 per family, \$5.00 for individuals. That morning you will find your reserved ticket to the Easter Brunch in your Parish family mailbox. Just come to the table located outside the Parish Hall to pay for your reserved ticket(s). All reserved Brunch Tickets will be served first, followed by additional guests until the delicious brunch has been nibbled up!

Please contact the church office by Monday, March 21, to RSVP



for the Egg Hunt and/or the Brunch. Please leave the name of your family, and the number of adults and children who will be attending. The RSVP line is **770 993-1094, ext. 125.**

Adults and Youth of St. David's - the Easter Bunny could use your help!

Parent and Youth volunteers are needed to help the Easter Bunny on the morning of Saturday, March 26, to supervise our Egg Hunt. If you would like to be an Easter Egg Hunt volunteer (this will be a brief commitment during the egg hunt), please call Monnie at (770)993-1094, x122, or sign the Children's Easter Volunteer sign-up sheet on the Children's Ministry Table in the main Hallway.

We will also need help with preparation and tidying up after the Brunch. To help with the Easter Brunch, please contact Laura Dover at 770 645-1729.

Lenten Offerings:

- † Stations of the Cross: Come join one of our priests and go through the Stations of the Cross every Sunday evening in Lent at 6:15 p.m. in the Nave.
- † Early Mass on Wednesday mornings during Lent: An early Mass will be celebrated every Wednesday morning during Lent at 7:00 a.m. in the Nave.
- † New Lenten Teaching Series: held on Thursday nights during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in Nazareth room, in the upstairs back hallway. Rev. Anne Elizabeth will facilitate this class on "Letting Go."

Parish Life

- **“The Rite Blend”**: This is the Rector’s Forum on the 1st Sunday of each month in the parish hall at 10:15 a.m. Come savor the rich flavor of St. David’s fellowship – new and old!
- **March First Communion Class**: First Communion Class Sign-Up up for Thursdays, 5 p.m., March 3, 10, 17 is underway. Please sign up at the Children’s Ministry table in the main hallway or contact Monnie Hammett at 770-993-1094, x122. Class size is limited to 12. After 12 children have registered, a waiting list will be generated from this sign-up list for the next class offered. Children may be as young as 5 years old and must be accompanied by a parent.
- **Attention Seniors**: The next outing is Thursday, March 16, leave church after lunch at 12:30 p.m. to visit the High Museum for the “Romare Bearden” exhibit. Will return at 3:30 p.m. \$15 for transportation and admission. Call the reservation line, 770-993-1094, ext. 127, to reserve your spot. Limit is 10 people.
- **Adults are needed to help the Easter Bunny stuff all those eggs**: If you can help stuff eggs for the Children’s Easter Celebration, please come by Monnie Hammett’s office on two consecutive Wednesdays: March 9 and March 16 at 10:00 a.m. Check with Monnie prior to the dates to make sure the Bunny still needs help! You may choose to call her and make an arrangement to take home a “stuffing bag” and return it at your convenience. Either way the Bunny says, “Thanks again!” In advance, thank you for all you do to help with our glorious Easter celebration for our children!
- **Scout Sunday is this Sunday, March 6**: All current and former Boy and Girl Scouts and volunteers in their programs will be recognized on Sunday, March 6, at the 9:00 a.m. service. Please feel free to wear the uniform of your organization to church on March 6.
- **Private Confession**: is available with any of the clerics during Lent, between 3:00-4:00 p.m., by calling a Priest directly for an appointment at 770-993-6084.
- **Palm Cross Workshop**: Volunteers are needed! Adults, teens, and older children are invited to come to the Palm Cross workshop in the parish hall, Saturday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. Under the direction of the Altar Guild, you will learn how to make the crosses to be distributed on Palm Sunday, March 20.
- **New Lectionary Class**: Cannon Alsobrook is facilitating a new class for Adult Christian Education on the lessons of the day. Class meets on Sunday mornings, except the first Sunday of the month (all want to attend “The Rite Blend” in the parish hall), at 10:15 a.m. in the Bethany room, in the upstairs back hallway.



Brown Bag Month

St. David’s is committed to stocking the Food Pantry at N. Fulton Community Charities during the month of **March**. Please use the shopping lists that were put in your parish mailboxes; FILL the bags and return them to St. David’s. Please be sure to put your filled grocery bags at the back end of the parish mailbox hallway—across from the Outreach Collection bins. Thank you for your support and generosity. The list has changed this year to reflect the items that are really needed. Please do your best to follow the new list:

Canned meats (tuna, spam, etc)
 Canned soup and pasta meals (ravioli, spaghetti-o’s, etc)
 Peanut Butter (big need for this)
 Canned veggies and fruits (no pumpkin)
 Pasta, rice and beans
 Cereal and Oatmeal



Attention Ministry Chairs!

There is a meeting scheduled for all Ministry Chairs on Sunday, March 13, after the 11:15 a.m. service (approx. 12:30 p.m.) in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided. This will be a very important meeting for you to attend as we will be discussing and reviewing budgets, the new Integration Ministry, etc. Please RSVP to Becky at 770-993-1094, ext. 105, or email at becky@stdavidchurch.org.

Please plan to be there!

Kanuga Retreat Weekend

Affiliated with the Episcopal Church since 1928, Kanuga Conference Center is situated on 1,400 mountain acres near Hendersonville, North Carolina, with scenic Kanuga Lake at its center. Its beautiful setting makes it the perfect getaway for a church retreat or group function. On June 3-5, Saint David's will sponsor a weekend retreat and workshop for married couples at Kanuga. This workshop will expand upon the "Hope of Eden" marriage series that Father Paul conducted this past fall. In addition, there will be a parallel program offered for the young children of these families, and there will be plenty of opportunities for family fun and recreation along the way!

The retreat will include worship, study, fellowship, and good old fashioned recreation. Kanuga Conference Center has much to offer in the way of recreational facilities. The property contains four tennis courts, a full size and fully equipped gymnasium, and the 30 acre Kanuga Lake offers plentiful opportunities for swimming, boating, and fishing. This is a weekend that you will not want to miss!

The registration form for the weekend can be downloaded from the St. David's website at www.stdavidchurch.org. Costs for the weekend are \$150 for each adult, \$82 for youth age 10-18, and \$52 for children age 5-9. The rates for the

weekend include overnight lodging, six full meals, and access to all of the Saint David's programs and worship services for the weekend. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the application form and deliver/mail it with your registration fees to the church office. If you would like more information on the weekend, please contact Father Todd, or go to the Kanuga website at: www.kanuga.org. This will be a wonderful weekend together, and one that will provide you with the strategies and techniques to strengthen your family. We hope to see you there!

New Vestry Officers for 2005:

Pat McBurnette, Senior Warden
Chip Howden, Junior Warden
Nancy Wagner, Clerk of the Vestry

VBS 2005—"Prayer Safari!"

July 18 – July 22, 2005
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

VBS 2005 registration for St. David's church members will begin Sunday, March 13, and continue through the week of March 20. The registration forms for children and all volunteers will be available for downloading from the St. David's website at www.stdavidchurch.org, beginning Sunday, March 13. You may choose to mail your form and check to:

St. David's Episcopal Church VBS
1015 Old Roswell Rd.
Roswell, GA 30076

or
fill out a form at the church VBS table located in the main church hallway. Registration forms with checks may be placed in the VBS Drop Box, located near the parish family mailboxes.

Please remember that your payment for VBS (\$35.00 per child) must accompany your registration

paperwork for your registration to be accepted and complete. Checks or cash will be accepted. Thank you for helping us make this a smooth process!

Questions?
Call Marjorie Stephenson, 770 368-9454 or Tara Mathis, 770 667-3573, VBS Co-chairs
or Monnie Hammett, Children Ministries Director, 770 993-1094, x122

Outreach March Collection Bin

The Outreach committee will be collecting youth clothing in March for Children's Restoration Network (CRN). CRN provides support for children in shelters in 16 counties in the Atlanta area. Every Easter they sponsor an Easter Gala for these homeless children and also provide them clothing. They are in need of clothing for teenage children, boys and girls, ages 11-16. The boys need shirts



and pants (size L, XL and XXL) and shoes (size 9-13). The girls need pants and dresses (size 12-18) and shoes (size 6-10). Please drop off all new clothing donations in the blue bin in the hallway by March 24th.

Also, if you would like to volunteer and work at the Easter Gala you can call CRN to volunteer your time at 770-649-7117.

Integration Volunteers Are Needed!

We are excited that our new Integration Ministry is underway! This effort has been 18 months in the making. Thanks to the hard work of Stacy Wilson and her committee, we have developed an intentional process to warmly welcome visitors, provide them with information about our parish and the Episcopal Church, and invite them to become full members of St. David's through worshipping weekly, serving in ministry, and pledging financial support.

Just as it "takes a village to raise a child," it will take the efforts of the entire parish to fully welcome and integrate new members into our church home. Everyone - from children to seniors, from individuals to families - who wants to cultivate friendships with those new to our flock, is invited to serve in this ministry. We need volunteers to:

- **Serve as Parish Partners** – Partners are paired with new member families based on



common interests/family make-up. Responsibilities include introducing new parishioners to others, inviting new members to various church activities and meeting them there, and familiarizing new member with St. David's campus.

- **Serve on the Welcome Committee** – Volunteering once per month to greet visitors before and after a service.
- **Help with St. David's 101** - On the first Sunday of the month, during the "Rite Blend" coffee hour, interested parishioners will

meet new members and visitors at a designated table to share information about St. David's: our history, ministry offerings, worship schedule, etc. Training will be provided!

- **Assist with our "New Faces at St. David's" display** – Parishioners will assist with gathering family photographs of new members and their parish partners, along with some basic biographical information to be displayed on one of our informational banners in the main hallway.

If you are interested in joining one of these ministries, please complete the form below and return it to the Church office. Please call or email Betsy Candler Landers at 770-993-1094 x118 or betsy@stdavidchurch.org with any questions or suggestions!

“Boundless Compassion”

St. David's Grief Support Ministry

**Thursdays,
March 31 - April 28, 2005
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
in the Nazareth Room**

- ? Are you hurting from the death of family or friend?
- ? Are you hurting from some sort of loss in your life?

If you answer yes to these questions please know...

- ◆ We are thinking of you.
- ◆ We are praying for you.

- ◆ We want to give you comfort and support.

"Boundless Compassion" is a ministry series from the Body of Christ to the Body of Christ under the pastoral care umbrella of The Stephen Ministry.

Meeting Dates and Topics:

- March 31: "Freedom to Feel"
- April 7: "Denial, Religion and The Funeral"
- April 14: "Anger and Guilt"
- April 21: "Depression and Powerlessness"
- April 28: "The Journey into Acceptance"

This series will provide a gentle, Christ-centered, confidential time to experience God's *boundless compassion* in the midst of grief and loss. Toni Cathcart, trained Stephen Ministry leader and grief facilitator, will lead the discussion. You are welcome to bring family members or friends.

Our promise: *This is a safe place for you.*

For further information contact the Rev. Anne Elizabeth at 770-993-6084, ext. 124.

All parishioners are invited to

Meditation on the Passion of Christ, with Carols

as sung at St. John's College, Cambridge, England
Sunday, March 6 at 5:00 p.m., at St. David's

In this Lenten carol service, the Passion gospels are sung to the ancient, traditional plainsong, with a gospel procession into the midst of the congregation. Most of the narration is done by a baritone, who sings the parts of the evangelist. A tenor sings the parts of Pilate and other standers-by; a bass sings the words of Christ, and the choir, in a loud voice, the angry cries of the crowd.

The whole of the designated portions from the gospel of Matthew are sung. The Crucifixion story from the 27th chapter of Matthew is sung only through verse 54—"Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last." At this point, after a brief silence, the evangelist reads the remainder of the gospel.

Many carols associated with Advent and Christmas contain Passion imagery and take on new meaning when sung in a Lenten service. Particularly effective near the beginning of the service are carols which make a connection between Christ's incarnation and his passion.

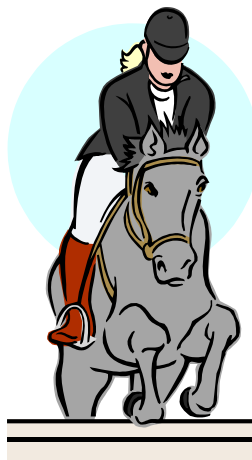
It's Horse Show Time Again!

The 2005 Saint David's Horse Show and Jumping Derby is almost here. The Horse Show will be held on Saturday, March 19th, at Wills Park in Alpharetta. The Horse show is an all day jumping derby and show sanctioned by the Hunter Jumper's Association. Saint David's has sponsored and operated this show for 33 years. Riders from all over Georgia and the Southeast compete annually in this event. Saint David's not only sponsors the show and arranges for some corporate sponsorship, but also operates a full concession and, of course, sells its famous barbeque to assist with the fundraising.

A successful show requires the help of the entire parish in various capacities. Volunteers are needed to assist with a number of activities including: overall logistics support, the concession operations, show set-up and tear down, operating the entry gates for the horse rings, helping the

score and time keepers, and managing the volunteers. We have broken the duties down into 2 hours time blocks so everyone can help a little and still have plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the show. A good response from parish members makes for a very easy and fun day. Everyone is encouraged to help. A note for families, this is a great activity for families and an ideal opportunity for some fun parent-child time together. We begin setting up for the show on Friday evening, March 18th, along with hosting a steak dinner open to the entire parish on Friday night.

This event is the single biggest fundraiser the parish holds all year. Funds raised from the Horse Show are split between North Fulton Community Charities and The Men's Club. The Men's Club uses these funds to support a number of important activities that



are not funded by the parish budget. In the past 12 months the Men's Club has dedicated several thousand dollars to a number of activities to include both major and minor kitchen improvements, new picnic tables, and several non-budgeted parish activities. Already this year several ministries that have been affected by a tight budget have inquired about receiving some financial relief from the Men's Club, so this year's Horse Show is more important than ever.

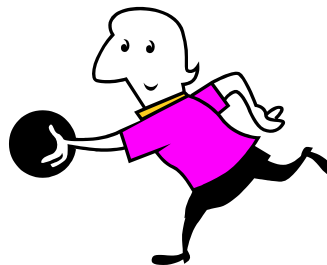
Please stop by the Men's Club table to sign-up to help with this year's show and if nothing else, please turn out on Saturday to have a fun day supporting the contestants, volunteers, North Fulton Charities, and your parish.

Couples Night Out Strikes Again!



Our next Couples Night Out will be held on Friday, March 18th. In December, we went to Brunswick Bowling Lanes at the end of Old Roswell Road and had a great time, but because of the time of year, many of you missed this outing. I have had many requests to go bowling again, so know that I have heard your cries for a second evening of bowling at Brunswick Lanes! The cost will be approximately \$20 per couple to cover

the cost of bowling for two hours, and the Lanes have a full bar and café that are sure to offer a variety of authentic, bowling alley cuisine! Childcare will be provided at the church, and the cost for this care will be \$10 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family. Childcare will open at 6:10 p.m., and we will all meet at the bowling alley at 6:30 p.m. Food will



be provided for the children in the nursery, so just bring them to us and we'll take care of the rest! Please call the church reservation number at 770-993-1094, ext. 126, by March 15th to reserve your spot and to inform us of your childcare needs. Space is limited, so make sure you call so you won't miss this chance for great Christian community and fun! We hope to see you there!

Chapel Mass change...

The 5:00 p.m. Chapel Mass held every Sunday evening is undergoing a change! It will not be cancelled entirely!

- "Chapel Mass" will become "Chapel."
- The 3rd Sunday of the month will a Mass with Homily.
- Evening Prayer (led by clergy or layperson) will be held on the other Sundays in the month.



➤ Evensongs, Lessons and Carols, etc. will continue to take place as Chapel services from time to time, just not on the 3rd Sundays.

PRAYER VIGIL SIGN-UP

**Thursday night
March 24, 2005**

Could you not keep awake one hour?

(Mark 14:37)

It is our custom to keep a watchful vigil with Jesus throughout the night on **Maundy Thursday, March 24.** 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.



Mugs for Sale!

The Adult Education Committee (ACE) is selling St. David's mugs as a fundraiser for Adult Education. Cost is \$12 for 1 mug, and \$20 for 2 mugs. Look for them in the main church hallway and buy one of these beautiful mugs!

Easter Flower Offering



Flowers for decorating St. David's for Easter services are made possible by your generous donations. There is no specified amount; all donations are welcome. If you wish to donate toward our Easter flowers, fill in this form and return it to the church office by 12 noon on Monday, March 21, 2005, to ensure proper recognition and celebration in our Easter bulletins.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

For Sunday...

March 6 Nursery Schedule:

Sunday, 9:00 am:

Infants (St. Anne): Wagner/Patterson

Toddlers (St. Anne): Ashman

2's (St. Mark): Kaminski

2's (St. Matthew): combined in
St. Mark

3's (St. Gabriel): Modeste/
Sullenberger

Pre K (St. John): Falcon

Pre K (St. Luke): Briner

Sunday, 11:15 am:

Infants/Todd (St. Anne): Pearson

2's (St. Matthew): Gould

3's (St. Gabriel): Gardner

Pre K (St. John): Orender

March 13 Nursery Schedule:

Sunday, 9:00 am:

Infants (St. Anne): Millar

Toddlers (St. Anne): Rhodes

2's (St. Mark): combined in St. Matthew

2's (St. Matthew): Van Alstyne

3's (St. Gabriel): Mathis

Pre K (St. John): Loeffler/McGraw

Pre K (St. Luke): Roberts

Sunday, 11:15 am:

Infants/Todd (St. Anne): Whittier

2's (St. Matthew): Bibbo

3's (St. Gabriel): Nwozo

Pre K (St. John): Falcon

March 6 Lectionary:

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

The Gospel: John 9:1-13, 28-38

Psalm 23

March 13 Lectionary:

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-3, 11-14

The Epistle: Romans 6:16-23

The Gospel: John 11:17-44

Psalm 130

Greetings from the Nursery!

We've had a number of wonderful parishioners step forward to help out our nursery recently.

- Our nursery "baby shower" was a smashing success! We had 13 guests bring gifts and enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a number of people dropped their gifts off prior to the event. Thanks to these generous parishioners, who donated the following items for our nursery:
 - 4 stationary walkers
 - 4 bibs
 - 6 crib sheets (to fit our unusual size cribs!)
 - 38 burp cloths (hopefully our babies won't need all of these each week!)
 - 40 receiving blankets
 - Myriad baby toys and teethers
 - Several generous checks so we can purchase other items we might need
- Thanks to **Lea Bowen** and **Kathy Brands**, who volunteered their time in the nursery during Ash Wednesday services; also to **Tara Mathis** and **Daryl O'Hare**, who came prepared to serve in the nursery that day!
- **Melissa Bradford**, **Sarah McVay**, and **Daryl O'Hare**, for serving on Couples Night Out in February. While their parents enjoyed a meal at Benihana, the children ate Japanese fare as well, and made some Japanese-themed crafts!

We are blessed to have such faithful and caring parishioners volunteering their time to care for our little ones!

Nursery Shower attendees below:

