

Our Parish Life May 2019 The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation







"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS." Luke 1:31

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The Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick Deacon

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<u>OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR</u> PARISH LIFE

Non perishable food needed.

Bring your Items into the Narthex or Church office.

Please wear your name tags on Sunday Morning.

Sunday Morning Christian Education for all ages at 9:30 am.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2, 6:30 pm Toombs County Courthouse, Lyons, Ga.

African Team Ministries Craft Display

Sunday, May 5 & May 12 in the Narthex.

Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12

The Bible for Dummies Study

Begins Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm. Continues May 22 & 29.

Baptism of John Ladson Floyd

Sunday, May 19, 10:30 am. Reception following. The son of Mike and Meg Floyd, and grandson of John and Sue Ladson

Graduation Party for Victoria Rau

Sunday, May 19, 12:15 pm in the Parrish Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Vestry Meeting

Monday, May 20, 6:00 pm.

The Feast of the Ascension

Holy Eucharist Thursday, May 30, 6:30 pm

Vacation Bible School at Annunciation

Yee-Haw: Celebrating God's Greatest Gift Friday, June 7 & Saturday, June 8.



Dear People of Annunciation,

Did you know that George Washington is quoted as saying, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible?" Abraham Lincoln is known to have said, "All things desirable to mankind are contained in the Bible." Patrick Henry said, "The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed." We could probable gather from these quotes that those very famous and influential men understood the importance of the Bible in their lives. They seemed to have had a good grasp 'of what was in it for them.' But what about us, have you ever asked yourself 'what's in it for me?' Why should I study the Bible?

Actually there are several good reasons to study the Bible. The first is that Bible knowledge can make you a more literate person. The Bible has been a cultural influence for hundreds of years and is reflected in art, literature, and music. How can we totally appreciate these things if we don't know the original source? We can choose to ignore the Bible's teachings if we wish, but its stories, parables and poetry will always be a part of our cultural heritage. We lose out if we ignore such a treasury.

Secondly, Bible knowledge can make you a more authoritative person. How many times have you listened to a discussion where an awareness of what's in the Bible could have helped you to speak with authority on the subject rather than settling for something off-the-top-of –your-head?

Thirdly, Bible knowledge can make you a more virtuous person. The Bible is filled with good and practical instruction: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you; Turn the other cheek; Share with those in need; Care about the 'overlooked' people in society; Respect others; Don't hold grudges; Be slow to become angry; to name just a few.

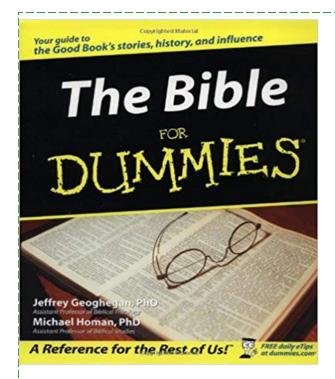
Lastly, the Bible can make you a more spiritual person. The search for spirituality is as intense today as it has been in years. Everyone is looking for the meaning to life. We can find it in the scriptures where we get a more complete and balanced picture of God, Jesus, & the Holy Spirit, as well as Jewish and Christian teachings. Just look at all the ways we benefit. I think those famous guys just may have been right. What do you think?

The study *The Bible for Dummies* will begin May 15, at 6:30 pm. If you want to get a better understanding of the Bible and how it shapes our world; if you would like a guide to the stories, history, and influence of the Bible in our world, then this is the study for you! In short, *The Bible for Dummies* is your one-stop reference for understanding the Bible and its continuing impact on the political, religious, and artistic landscapes of our world. *The Bible for Dummies* - a reference for the Rest of Us!

The Book or Kindle Edition can be purchased on Amazon, or at other Christian Book Store sources. With the Love of Christ,

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The Bible for Dummies Study

Begins Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 pm Continues May 22 & 29.

Books or Kindle version can be purchased at Amazon or through other Christian Bookstores.

Ninety percent of Americans own a copy of the Bible, and while it's the most widely read book, it's also the least understood. Regardless of your religion, understanding the Bible brings much of Western art, literature, and public discourse into greater focus—from Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" painting to the Wachowski brothers' *The Matrix* movies. People have historically turned to religion to deal with tragedy and change, and with the right insight, the Bible can be an accessible, helpful guide to life's big questions.

The Bible For Dummies appeals to people of all faiths, as well as those who don't practice any particular religion, by providing interfaith coverage of the entire Bible and the often fascinating background information that makes the Bible come alive. You'll find answers to such questions as:

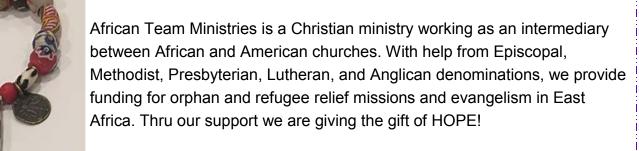
- Where did the Bible come from?
- Who wrote the Bible?
- How is the Bible put together?

Follow the history of the Bible from its beginning thousands of years ago as tattered scrolls to its status as the bestseller of all time. *The Bible For Dummies* covers these topics and more:

- Ten people in the Bible you should know
- The Hebrew Bible
- The Apocrypha's hidden treasures
- What's new about the New Testament
- Israel's wisdom, literature, and love poetry
- The Bible's enduring influence
- The prophets: more than fortunetellers

Discover the world's all-time bestseller in an entirely new light. Whether you're interested in broadening your spiritual horizons, uncovering the symbolism of Western culture, or gaining a deeper understanding of the book you grew up reading, *The Bible For Dummies* has all the information you need to navigate this ancient and fascinating book. (Reprinted from Amazon website)

African Team Ministries



First, we want to say Thank You & God bless you, to all the churches and individuals who extended their missions outreach though a display of our crafts, jewelry, & soapstone mostly from East Africa! From these sales we are able to help in East Africa in life changing ways. Some of these ways are:

- The care, health, & education of orphans
- Provision of jobs for unemployed women as they make crafts, and are thereby enabled to care for their children & parents
- Resources for projects of refugee relief, health education, clergy & lay education, and building repairs as they occur.
- Family-sized drip irrigation systems which provide a controlled release of water for maize (a staple food) using only 5 buckets of water daily
- By providing scholarships to Kenya Methodist University for education and training of Methodist pastor and lay pastors
- And most recently by sending a 40' container with 250,000 meals to Kenya, after the worst drought in 60 years caused a severe food crisis and left more then 3 million Kenyans facing malnutrition & starvation.



High School Graduation Party for Victoria Rau

Sunday, May 19, 12:15 pm in the Parrish Hall

Everyone is invited to attend.

Congratulations to Victoria for being accepted into the Nursing Program at East Georgia College.

(Daughter of Amy Rau and niece of Christina Storkamp)

Thank You's...

To Rebecca Miller for spending hours coordinating and calling everyone to make sure our picture will be in the new pictorial directory.

To all who have donated to the Youth to Honey Creek Camp Fund. It will be a fun and meaningful learning experience for our young people.

To all who have donated to our church pantry. Feeding those in need is a wonderful mission for our church. Your generosity is truly an inspiration.



The Feast of the Ascension Holy Eucharist Thursday, May 30, 6:30 pm

The Feast of the Ascension, celebrated always on a Thursday, is one of the chief feasts of the Christian year.

In the Book of Acts, Luke tells us Jesus appeared to the disciples 'during forty days' and then ascended into heaven, "While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God." (Luke 24:51-53)

Jesus' ascension is important because without it, the church would have remained dependent on the appearances of the resurrected Jesus; instead of being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and able to move forward into the future. In other words, we could not have had Pentecost without Jesus' ascension.



Vacation Bible School at Annunciation Yee-Haw: Celebrating God's Greatest Gift Friday, June 7 & Saturday, June 8

Saddle up for a trailblazing weekend of fun! Kids'll kick up their heels at Yee-Haw VBS as they stampede through the wild frontier and celebrate the greatest truth of all - God is good! Once again the Presbyterians and the Episcopalians will come together to Celebrate God's Greatest Gift –Jesus. Please let Jen Martinez know if you can help.



Thank You's...

To all who have worked hard on our church grounds making it look beautiful. You may have noticed some of the new plants and flowers. We have some very talented gardeners in our church.

To our fellowship coordinators and helpers your doing a great job making sure there is plenty of food and goodies for all of us to enjoy.

Vestry Meeting Minutes - Annunciation - March 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Members Present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Hugh Jordan, Jack Dell, Rebecca Miller, Beverly

Thompson, Teresa Barrera-Edge Member Absent: Jerry Yates

Deacon Present: The Reverend Deacon Burt Derrick

Treasurer Absent: Anne Roller; Clerk Present: Beverly Thompson

Visitors Present: The Rev. Canon Frank Logue, Sherron Threlkeld, Bill Martinez, Wes Chapman

Meeting opened by Rev. Denise with prayer.

From 6 pm to 7 pm, Canon Logue shared information on Data Dash which is a program that is available for our use through the Diocese of Georgia. Data Dash provides information about our area including housing information, medical information, ethnicity, etc. It helps identify possible ministry needs as well as potential for new membership. He encourages us to access our area information through the Diocesan Log-In. Rev. Denise will serve on committee consisting of Wes Chapman, Bill Martinez, and Rebecca Miller, who will get together to access the Log-In for Data Dash and further explore information for our area.

Vestry meeting minutes, February 2019, were reviewed; Jack moved to approve minutes, 2nd by Rebecca, motion passed.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: (Denise for Anne) February 2019 Financial Report was reviewed. \$10,000 has been transferred from the Ameris Money Market Checking Account to the General Fund. \$6000 for land sale has been deposited to the Ameris Money Market Checking Account. Expenses associated with the land sale are: Tippett Law Firm - \$486 and Tom Peterson's Appraisal - \$500. \$593 has been deposited to Youth Activities Fund towards expenses for four campers. Donations at Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the amount of \$184 were undesignated and will be deposited in the General Fund. Hugh moved to approve the financial report, 2nd by Jack, motion passed.

Business:

Jack moved to use memorial funds to pay for one prie-dieu in memory of Christina Storkamp's mother, and to pay for the 2nd prie-dieu in memory of Angela Paine, 2nd by Rebecca, approved by General Consent.

Senior Warden's Report: (Hugh) No report.

<u>Junior Warden's Report</u>: (Jack) One chandelier has new softer bulbs (12 bulbs costing \$42) for viewing and input by congregation. Glenn helped with the installation of the bulbs. Landscaping work continues. Sprinkler heads (around 10-12) need replacement. Len Edge will do Parish Hall soffit repair. Matt Norton is pursuing parts for the heat pump unit that is not working in church nave. Columbarium plaque will be picked up by Harry Moses for the recent interment of ashes and will be paid for with funds from Columbarium fund.

<u>Deacon's Report</u>: (Dcn. Burt) Dcn Burt shared that he has a new job with Accordia. He is working in Warner Robins. He will rarely be able to attend our Vestry meetings.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Lenten study with soup and bread continues on Wednesday's through April 10 at 6 pm. Youth Sunday will be held on 5th Sunday, 3/31/2019, with youth gathering and lunch after the service. VBS will be 6/7-9/2019. Holy Week activities were reviewed, beginning with Palm Sunday services on April 14 an Stations of the Cross on April 15 at 5:30 pm. Maundy Thursday Agape Feast will be at 7 pm following the 6 pm service; after the feast, altar will be stripped. Good Friday Community Service will be from 7 am to 8 am at Annunciation. Good Friday Liturgy at 12 noon and 6:00 pm. Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Alderman's home on April 20, at 10 am. Easter Sunday, April 21, will be celebrated with Flowering of the Cross, Easter Egg Hunt, and Reception. Rev. Denise will be on vacation on 4/22-27/2019. This summer, a study of "The Bible for Dummies" will be held, time and day to be determined. Fred Warnock will lead a study for the men of the church after Easter. We have three or four young ladies attending camp at Honey Creek. A bake sale will be held on Palm Sunday with proceeds going to help with camp expenses. On second Sunday of each month, tin can donations will be accepted for camp expenses. ECW/ DOK Retreat will be held on 4/26-27/2019 in Augusta. Rebecca Miller shared that Pictorial Directories will be approved and ordered soon. Invite - Welcome - Connect will be emphasized through direct mailings.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered.

Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 8:15 pm. Beverly Thompson, Vestry Clerk

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Mother's Day			1	2 National Day of Prayer 6:30 pm Toombs Co. Courthouse	3	4
5 The Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist II 9:30 am Adult Education 9:45 am Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Nursery 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 The Fourth Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day! 8:00 am Holy Eucharist II 9:30 am Adult Education 9:45 am Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Nursery 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	13	14	The Bible for Dummies Study 6:30 pm.	16	17 Diocesan Council & Dean's Meeting Augusta	
19 The Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist II 9:30 am Adult Education 9:45 am Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Nursery 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II with Holy Baptism John Ladson Floyd Reception following 10:30 service. Graduation Party for Victoria Rau. 12:15 pm Parrish Hall.	Vestry Meeting 6:00 pm	21	The Bible for Dummies Study 6:30 pm.	23	24	25
26 The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist II 9:30 am Adult Education 9:45 am Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Nursery 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	The Bible for Dummies Study 6:30 pm.	30 Ascension Day Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm.		

Outreach Opportunity's

Monthly Outreach Contributions

Each month we generously donate \$50 to the United Way and to the Salvation Army and \$100 to J.D. Dickerson Backpack Buddies program during the school year. Anyone that wishes to add to any of our monthly donations may do so.

Non perishable Food Drive

In need of canned or boxed food items to give to those in need. Bring your food items into the Narthex or Church Office.

Refuge needs list: Walmart gift cards, ladies and children pajamas (all sizes), underwear and socks (all sizes), baby diapers (all sizes), personal hygiene items, large plastic storage totes, laundry baskets, white towels and wash cloths, white twin size sheet sets, bath soap, feminine hygiene products, baby needs, cleaning products.

Soaps needs list: Dry puppy and dog food (Purina or Pedigree), towels and blankets (gently used okay), cleaning products: bleach, paper towels, dawn, leashes & collars-all sizes, Tractor Supply or Walmart gift cards.

The Saint Frances Memorial Garden

Believing that all life is sacred and that God honors our love and care for His creatures, the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation dedicates a place on the church grounds for the final resting place for the ashes of beloved companion animals. Personalized engraved pet memorial step stone 7.5" diameter In Loving Memory may be purchased. All monetary donations will go to SOAPS. For more information or to arrange a memorial service, please contact the church office at: 912-537-3776. Please get the word out that this is available to all in our community of Vidalia.

Flower and Sanctuary Lamp Charts are posted in the Narthex

Flowers at the altar add such beauty to our worship. We are in need of people to sign up for flowers on Sunday, the cost is \$50. View the Flower Chart in the hall way for available dates. When you sign up for flowers, remember to state "in honor, thanksgiving, or in memory of" and the person's name(s). Make checks payable to Annunciation, earmarked "flowers" indicating your date. Flower Guild Members needed to make flower arrangements for Sundays worship. If interested, contact the Church office.

Sanctuary Lamps are \$10: To sponsor, see the Lamp Chart in the church hall way: in honor of, thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one. Make checks payable to Annunciation, ear marked for "Sanctuary Lamp" indicating your date(s).

Habitat for Humanity Vidalia House

The Habitat House at 1200 Roosevelt St. has a need for non-skilled workers to volunteer. Please consider giving a few hours on a Saturday to help a local family and your community. Work usually begins around 8:30 am and lunch is provided by one of the local restaurants. No one is required to do any work that makes them uncomfortable and there are always skilled workers to provide help. In reaching out to help your neighbor, get ready to be blessed!



Our Parish Prayer List

We pray for the safety and security of

The United States of America and especially those serving our country:

Sarah Rosser cousin of the Jenkins and Yates families, now serving in the military.

We add to the Prayer List this week

We continue Prayers for

Steve Brown, and family for comfort and healing.

Essia Howell and daughter Kelly for comfort and God's intervention.

Latrelle Stockton, for comfort and healing.

Danny Bowen, brother of Beverly Thompson, for comfort & healing.

Michael Bowen, brother of Beverly Thompson, for comfort & healing.

Hanna Nichols, Brook Derrick's daughter & granddaughter of Rev. Dcn. Burt & Johanna Derrick, for healing & comfort.

Kalen Powell and his mom Kristen Stewart, friends of Brook Derrick, for comfort and healing.

Kelly Benhase, for comfort and healing.

Bishop + Scott Benhase, for comfort and healing.

Lisa Moore, for comfort and healing.

James Moody, friend of Beverly Thompson, for comfort and healing.

Jayne Brown, friend of Wes Chapman, for healing.

Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick, for comfort and healing.

April Edenfield, for comfort and healing.

Fran Williams, for comfort and healing.

Andrea Weisnewski, daughter to Sue Nickl, friend of Jerry & Terry Yates, for comfort and healing.

Nathan Dayan, friend of Wes Chapman, for comfort and healing.

Bob Spence, Jack Maddox and Samuel Hagerman, friends of Lisa Moore, for comfort and healing.

Ken Harris, brother in law to Lisa Moore, for healing.

Barbee Adams for healing.

Mary Thompson, Chuck Thompson's sister for healing.

Ruth Hopkins, Sherron Threlkeld's mom, for comfort and healing.

Wayne McDilda, for healing, friend of Jane Hall.

Sue Nickl, friend of the Yates, for healing and comfort.

Phyllis Bowen, sister-in-law of Beverly Thompson, for healing.

Prayers for those who suffer with long-term illness

Joe Clements, brother in law to Jack Dell, for comfort and healing.

Blanche Reaves, mother of Glenn Reaves, for comfort and healing.

Christopher Bowen, Beverly Thompson's nephew, for healing.

Johanna Derrick, for healing.

Rob Bowen, Beverly Thompson's nephew for comfort and healing.

Ann Bowman, for comfort and healing.

Luke Smith, for comfort and healing.

Angie Laramore, sister in law to Desiree' Rogers, for comfort and healing.

Chuck Thompson, for healing.

Cindy Gicas, for comfort and healing.

Jimmy Gillis, for comfort and healing, and his wife Justine, who is his caregiver.

Prayers for those who suffer from age related illnesses, and for the care-givers

Ruth Jenkins, at Oxley Park, for comfort and healing.

Lanette Reid, for comfort and healing.

Carolyn Sodergren, Margaret Fullam's mom for comfort and healing.

Patton Gillis, and for care-giver, Karen Gillis,

Patricia Gillis, mother of Patrice Jordan and Charles Gillis, for comfort and healing.

Mildred Moore, mother of Lisa Moore for comfort and healing.

If you know of someone who should be added to this list, or someone who should be removed, please contact the Church office: 537-3776 or theannunciation@bellsouth.net

May Birthdays: Jackie Moses 7th; Margaret Fullam 8th; Sherron Threlkeld 13th; Layla Turoski 16th; Hanna L. Nichols 23rd; Eustace Ford 25th; Sydney Edge 30th; Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick 30th; Bill Stovall 30th.

May Anniversary's: Bill & Jen Martinez 18th.









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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am-10:15 am Adult Christian Education

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

9:45 am-10:15 am Children Aged 2-9 Christian Education (Sunday School Room, Office Bldg)

Nursery offered to small children during 10:30 a.m. service (Nursery room, Office Bldg)

Mission Statement

Mindful of God's call to be His people, we, the parishioners of The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, accept as our mission the growth and nurture of relationships with God, each other, and the community.



Through our faith in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we hope, pray, and work to share Christ's love and to make a positive difference in the lives of each other, our community, and the world.

MAY 2019 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
May 5	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Matthew Storkamp
May 12	Zack Fowler	_	Bill Martinez	Beverly Thompson
May 19	Donnie Alderman	_	Hugh Jordan	Harry Moses
May 26	Zack Fowler	Rebecca Miller	Christina Storkamp	Matt Norton

	Altar Guild	Greeters/ Bread/Wine	Cross Bearer/Acolyte	Alms
May 5	Christie Roller	John & Christie Roller	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison	Hugh Jordan
May 12	Phyllis Roan	Fernando Hidalgo	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison	Harry Moses
May 19	Jackie Moses	Larry & Susan Threlkeld	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison	John Roller
May 26	Anne Fowler	Jack & Lynette Dell	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison	Jerry Yates

	Special Reception Coffee or LUNCH	
May 5		
May 12		
May 19	Reception after 10:30 service	
May 26		
