



# SAINTS ALIVE

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## THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



Some years ago John and Lois Berry returned from one of their journeys and gave me a little wooden plaque that reads, "Ministers never die they just go out to pastor." Recent news of the death of the Rev. Dr. John R. W. Stott at age 90 challenges that assertion. Of course, Dr. Stott continued in his ministry until a couple of years ago when health required him to retire; but even then he wrote one last book.

No, I'm afraid physical death is inevitable even for ministers. But what about retirement for ministers? It is often said that "retire" is not mentioned in the Bible. Was Dr. Stott, that Bible believing evangelical being unbiblical by retiring? Well, it turns out that in the NIV the word "retire" it is used --- but only for priests: *at the age of fifty, they must retire from their regular service and work no longer (Numbers 8:25).* (The ESV says they must "withdraw".) Thus Dr. Stott was only unbiblical by being about 48 years late in retiring; and I am already 15 years late and still counting!

This past year we have been pursuing a vision for new work to reach the younger families and singles in northwest Tallahassee. Our timeline proposed bringing on a younger priest to lead this work and for that person to possibly replace me as Pastor (the Diocese prefers "Rector") of All Saints in the spring of 2013 at which time I would retire.

Notice I said "our timeline". Well, our timeline was not God's timeline. So do we abandon the vision? No, we seek to refine the vision and to bring it into alignment with God's timeline.

This will be the focus of the Vestry Retreat, September 23-24. We will devote ourselves to biblical reflection, to prayer, to sharing, and to worship as we seek clarity on how the Lord wants us to proceed with this new work. And that means "our" timeline, and "my" timeline may need revision so as to accord with God's timeline. Please pray for your Vestry as they prepare for this retreat, and continue to pray for them throughout the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

And begin your prayer now. Elsewhere in this issue of *Saints Alive* you will find a list of nominees to fill the two places on the Vestry being vacated when Betty Ann Watkins and Ernest Stephens complete their terms in November. These two new members will join to current Vestry for the Retreat. So it is important that we all pray for our upcoming

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*(Pastor's Perspective continued)*

Vestry election, that through that process the Lord will lead us to discern those he is calling to service on the Vestry at this critical time in our life as a parish.

**Our Annual Parish Meeting and Vestry Election are scheduled for Sunday, September 11.** We will share a covered dish dinner immediately following our morning worship, and the meeting will occur as we conclude our dinner. Please mark this on your calendar now and be sure to attend.

May our gracious Lord continue to bless us with faithful, prayerful leaders as we continue to move forward in the new work to which He calls us. May our newly constituted Vestry continue to say, as past vestries have done, "It seemed good to us, having come to one accord" to seek and submit to Christ who "is the head of the body, the church" (cf. Acts 15:25; Colossians 1:18).

*Your Brother in Christ,*

*Gil+*

## NOTICE OF OUR ANNUAL MEETING

The **Annual Parish Meeting** of All Saints Anglican Church will be held on **Sunday, September 11 beginning at about 1:15 p.m.** Prior to the meeting we will fellowship with a covered dish dinner which is to follow immediately on our regular 10:30 a.m. celebration of the Holy Eucharist. At our meeting we will receive a financial report and will elect two new members of the Vestry. **Please mark this important date on your calendar and plan to attend.**

### VESTRY NOMINATION

We have only one nominee willing to serve: **Vienna Pozniak**. So unless we get a nomination from the floor or someone has a change of mind, we will elect her by acclamation and operate on member short.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5- Mtr. Trina McCarthy  
16- Sara Jean Wainwright



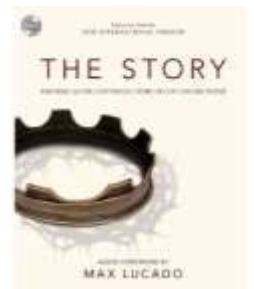
### SEPTEMBER A4D ULTREYA AT ST. PETER'S



The next Ultreya will be Friday, September 16th at St. Peter's, Tallahassee. It starts at 6:30 p.m.

### SIGN UP NOW FOR THE STORY

*The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People will begin Sunday, September 18, at 9:00 a.m.*



We hope everyone in the parish will share in reading through God's Story this year and sharing in the Sunday morning discussions of what we are reading. If you have not yet signed-up to participate, please do so as soon as possible. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the entranceway to the church for the purchase of *The Story* and the "Participant's Guide". Couples *may* be able to share a book and guide, but look at the sample copies by the sign-up sheet to help you decide. Prices will depend on the number ordered (*The Story*: \$10 - \$15; "Participant's Guide": \$9 - \$11; *The Story*, but not the "Participant's Guide" is also available for your Kindle or Nook at a lower price if you prefer to order your own). Books will be ordered the week of September 5, so please, sign-up now and share in reading *The Story* with us.



### REMEMBER OUR FOOD MINISTRY

Bring non-perishable food items to be donated to ECHO and other similar groups that feed the poor people among us. When you buy one and get one free, give the free one to feed a hungry family.

**Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.**

## NEWS FROM THE WORLD-WIDE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

### East Africa Famine Spurs Anglican Church in North America Action



*Somali refugees who recently crossed from Somalia into southern Ethiopia cluster between two food tents as they wait to be called to collect rations at the Kobe refugee camp on July 19, 2011. Credit: Roberto Schmidt/AFP/Getty Images*

### One-Third of the Population of Somalia Facing Starvation

“An estimated 3.7 million people in Somalia - about a third of the population - are on the brink of starvation and millions more in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda have been struck by the worst drought in the region in 60 years,” according to **AFP**. The U.N. officially declared a famine in two regions of Somalia last week and has declared an emergency humanitarian crisis throughout the Horn of Africa. However, shipments from the U.N. World Food Program were initially held up by al-Shabab, an al Qaeda-affiliated militant group that controls much of the region and has denied a famine is taking place.

**Voice of America** reports that the U.N. refugee agency is estimating that 100,000 Somalis have made their way to camps in Mogadishu over the past couple of months, and continue to come at a rate of 1,000 every day. Food security experts are already noting that victims will need funds, seeds and livestock in order to sustain themselves as soon as they are able to leave the camps. Though an estimated 12 million lives are hanging in the balance, security concerns and the fact that the international community was caught off guard by the severity of the drought are contributing to the hold up in international aid, according to reports.

We hope you'll join us in showing our support for those in need and our Anglican brothers and sisters in the region by committing to financial and prayer support.

The Anglican Relief and Development Fund has set up a fund to assist those who are suffering as a result of the famine. For more information or to donate online, go to [www.anglicanaid.net](http://www.anglicanaid.net). If you wish to send a check, it can be mailed to ARDF's secure lockbox at ARDF, PO Box 3830, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3830 with “East Africa Famine” in the memo line.

Bible verse and prayer shared by The Venerable Dr. Jon I. Lumanog, Canon for Provincial and Global Mission:

“Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.” (Psalm 33:18-19)

Almighty God, who sent Jesus to be the Bread of Life, we pray that you would keep our brothers and sisters in the region of Somalia alive in famine. For those who do not have enough of what they need to sustain life, bless them with your provision. For those of us who have more than enough, give us wisdom and discernment on how we can be a blessing to those struggling with famine. Use our Church to bring healing and wholeness to a struggling region in Africa. We ask this in the strong name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. Amen.

## WHAT IS LABOR DAY?

Observed on the first Monday in September, Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894.



## AMY GRANT & MICHAEL W. SMITH AT CIVIC CENTER

Multi-platinum recording artists Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith are bringing their “2 Friends” tour to the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center on **Thursday, OCTOBER 27th - 7:30PM**



## FAITH RADIO ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Faith Radio will hold a FREE program to celebrate 14 years of broadcasting on Thursday October 6, 7 p.m. at Thomasville Rd. Baptist Church. The celebration performers will be singer, Daniel Crews and Christian comedian, Aaron Wilburn.



Crews



Wilburn

## September at the Center for Biblical Studies

### September Seminars at the Center

- Sept. 10: Introduction to Worldview 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Sept. 17: The Gospel of John In a Nutshell 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Sept. 17: Forgiveness: The Key to Healing 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Sept. 24: Introduction to Christian Worldview 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### September Classes At Westminster Oaks

**Women in the Bible: Finding Applications for Today's Women** – Judith Hawkins  
8 Thurs. Sept. 8-Oct. 27; 6 - 7:40 p.m.

**The Beatitudes**- Herb McRae  
Sat. Sept. 24; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Courses Starting in September At the Center

- Sept. 6: Paul's Letter to the Romans-  
10 Tues. 6 - 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8: The Book of Ruth: A Guide for Troubled Times-  
5 Thurs. 6 - 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8: The Life of Paul- 11 Thurs. 4:30 – 5:40 p.m.
- Sept. 8: Clinical Pastoral Education- Ends 2/23/2012

### Costs for Audit/Credit

Half Day Seminar: \$12.50/\$25  
Full-Day Seminar: \$25/\$49

5-Week Courses: \$49/\$95  
10-Week Courses: \$99/\$195

15-Week Courses \$199/\$345

# All Saints Anglican Church Service Schedule **September 2011**

	4 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Chalice</b>	M. Stephens	V. Aderhold	J. Crosby	D. Rauh
Substitutes	J. Williams	J. Williams	J. Williams	J. Williams
<b>Crucifer/Acolyte</b>	B.A. Watkins	F. Allen	C. Rauh	V. Pozniak
Substitutes	M. Stephens	M. Thursby	M. Stephens	M. Thursby
<b>Greeter</b>	D. Hartsfield	B. A. Watkins	S. Cope	L. Berry
Substitutes	S. Wainwright	B. Hill	S. Wainwright	B. Hill
<b>Usher</b>	H. Thursby	L. Harrison	M. McCarthy	A. Watkins
Substitutes	Swap dates	Swap dates	Swap dates	Swap dates
<b>Audio</b>	R. Rauh	D. Rauh	M. Thursby	M. McCarthy
Substitutes	V. Aderhold	V. Aderhold	V. Aderhold	V. Aderhold
<b>1st Reading</b>	J. Calhoun	A. McNeece	V. Aderhold	JoAnne Arnett
Substitutes	J. Glenn	B. Hill	J. Glenn	B. Hill
<b>2nd Reading</b>	J. Harrison	S. Cope	J. Williams	J. Crosby
Substitutes	H. Thursby	F. Allen	H. Thursby	F. Allen
<b>OT Reading</b>	Exodus 12:1-14 or Ezekiel 33:7-11	Exodus 14:19-31 or Exodus 15:1b- 11,20-21 or Genesis 50:15-21	Exodus 16:2-15 or Jonah 3:10-4:11	Exodus 17:1-7 or Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
<b>Epistle</b>	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21- 30	Philippians 2:1-13
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 149 or Psalm 119:33-40	Psalm 114 or Psalm 103:(1-7), 8- 13	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 145:1-8	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 or Psalm 25: 1-8
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16	Matthew 21:23-32
<b>Counters</b>	R. Allen D Hartsfield	R. Allen D Hartsfield	R. Allen D Hartsfield	R. Allen J. Calhoun
<b>Intercessors</b>	Rick Allen B. Watkins	Rick Allen B. Watkins	Rick Allen B. Watkins	Rick Allen B. Watkins
<b>Refreshments</b>	Watkins	Williams	McCarthy	Hill
Substitutes	Swap dates	Swap dates	Swap dates	Swap dates

## *LABOR DAY PRAYER*

*Lord on this Labor Day,  
we celebrate the work we do,  
and we thank You for the blessing of our jobs.  
We ask for those seeking employment that  
You guide them in their search for work.*

*We ask for guidance when we are confused.  
We ask for patience when working through conflicts.  
We ask for strength to complete each day.  
We ask for rest when we are weary.*

*We ask that You be with those whose faces  
we might never see but who work tirelessly  
each day for the good of us all.*

Source:  
[http://www.mamarocks.com/labor\\_day\\_prayer.htm](http://www.mamarocks.com/labor_day_prayer.htm)