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Rector's Corner

SEPTEMBER 2005

I am sure that most of you have sat in the same shock and amazement as we have watched the events unfolding across the Southeastern United States. Many of you, like me, know people who live there. We've been there and, in the case of New Orleans, have had a great time there. The area that was afflicted was a beautiful and productive part of our country. Now so much of it is a wasteland with so many lives and livelihoods simply wiped off the face of the earth.

I have received e-mails regarding the condition of Episcopal congregations in the affected areas, and the news is grim. Churches were destroyed in Mississippi and Alabama. The flooding in Louisiana has shut down many churches including their cathedral. The care-givers and ministers that have so often stepped forward to help others are now in need of desperate help themselves.

Our hearts break and there is something inside which calls us to help in any way possible. The problem at this point is that my fifty or so dollars seems that it could hardly make a dent in the suffering of one person who has been affected. Even a few thousand dollars is a dreadfully small drop in the ocean of resources that are needed in this situation.

Start by making that donation, even a few dollars, to the Red Cross or other charity. Literally, every little bit will help. There will be opportunities, for the next several months, to offer financial support. There will probably be calls for volunteers to care for (minister to) the refugees who will be displaced for a very long time. Obviously, keep this situation in your prayers. It is in this practice that we have any chance of overcoming the tragedies of this world.

Stay connected with our parish. I will be keeping track of communications from the diocese and other organizations and will relay needs and opportunities to you. I have been considering a parish mission trip for next summer. I will be exploring ways in which we might be able to help our fellow churchmen as they rebuild their churches and lives.

Whenever tragedy of this significance arises many people ask where they might find God in the ruins. He is not found in the winds or seas. He is not found in flood or pestilence. He is not in death and disorder. All of these are products of a fallen creation. God is found in his people, redeemed by the blood of Christ, as they offer help and hope to those who are helpless and hopeless. He calls us to provide his word of life, grace and mercy to our brothers and sisters as they struggle to rise from the death and tragedy they currently endure.

Blessings,

Fr. Reed+

SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDER:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.



**2005 Activities Calendar
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

Sat., Sept. 10: Shrimp Boil
 Sat., Oct. 8: Octoberfest
 Sun., Nov. 27: Advent Family Night/
 St. Andrew's Festival

Let's share some fun and enjoy our church family! Each event has several ways for you and your family to show your love for God and our church home. It is essential that each of us be involved in the daily life of St. Andrew's. Here are a few ways to help:

Event Coordinators are needed to organize an activity. More than one person may volunteer and make a team. Assist your group with supplies, other volunteers to help, and other needs to create a memorable evening.

Become a Financial Sponsor for an event. Maybe you don't have time to coordinate an activity, but you could help purchase supplies or donate a door prize. Any amount counts and is important!

Publicity Advisors are needed for each event. Call a friend and have some fun promoting St. Andrew's family fun to others and keep our church growing!



ALPHA COURSE: BEGINS THURSDAY, SEPT. 8TH
 Alpha is a ten week course which begins with the question "Who is Jesus" and proceeds to answer the questions of life that many of us ask on a daily basis. Each evening will begin with a dinner at 6:30 PM. A video will be presented after dinner and a small group discussion will finish out the evening. Alpha is a great refresher of your Confirmation class or a wonderful introduction of the Christian faith to someone who is seeking a deeper sense of meaning in their life. Come out, bring a friend and enjoy Alpha.



SHRIMP BOIL: SATURDAY, SEPT. 10TH
 Our annual Shrimp Boil will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th at 6 PM in Hunsaker Hall. What makes a shrimp boil? Large shrimp, Keilbasa sausage, corn, new potatoes and seasonings are thrown in a pot and boiled then put out on a table for a grab fest. We will have alternative foods for kids. You may purchase tickets from Robert Bass, Leslie Gale, and Dot Hinckley for \$10/Adults & \$5/kids 4-12.

We are also looking for sponsors to help defray the cost of the shrimp. Sponsors will be recognized as "Shrimp Buddies."



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
All classes will begin following the Mass on Sept. 11th
 Adults will meet in Hunsaker Hall and the youth classes will gather in Terwilliger Hall. The first Sunday of each month will still be Brunch Sunday. Our kids will come over to get breakfast and then go to their classes. Adults will get breakfast, enjoy fellowship and have a brief informal class.

E.C.W. NEWS
 We will have our first fall meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 10 AM in Hunsaker Hall. After the meeting, we will go to Marshall's BBQ to celebrate September birthdays. Please bring any finished baby items to the meeting. See ya there!



POTLUCK & GAME NIGHT
 Potluck & Game Night will be held on Wed., Sept. 21st at 7 PM. Please bring a friend and your favorite dish to share!

*** SEPTEMBER 2005 ***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7am Faith Renewal	2 12n Mass & Unction	3 10am E.S.L. 7pm E.S.L.
4 9am Eucharist 10am Brunch 7pm E.S.L.	5	6 7am Said Mass	7 7pm Bible Study/Mass	8 6:30pm Alpha Course 7pm Compassionate Friends	9 12n Mass & Unction	10 10am E.S.L. 6pm Shrimp Boil 7pm E.S.L.
11 Sand Sun 9am Eucharist 10am Christian Education 7pm E.S.L.	12	13 7am Said Mass 7pm VESTRY	14 10am ECW Mtg 7pm Bible Study/Mass	15 7am Faith Renewal 6:30pm Alpha Course	16 12n Mass & Unction	17 10am E.S.L. 7pm E.S.L.
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BIBLE STUDY:
BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7 TH
 Bible Study will resume every Wednesday at 7 PM and pick-up with a study of John's Gospel. Bible Study will go until 8 PM and a Said mass will follow to complete the evening. The third Wednesday of each month will remain a Potluck & Game Night.

BIRTHDAYS:

2 Sandy Hoyt	14 Carrie Hunt
3 Carol Pearson	14 Mark McKinley
6 Will Waggoner	20 Clifton Simmons
8 Joel Bewley	21 Jean Grabner
11 Janet Dawson	22 Gordon Vail
11 Sandy Luc	23 Joe Gorvetzian
12 Nancy Dickerson	28 Kyle Hoerner
12 Bruce DeGrasse	29 Charles Elders II
	30 Glenna Grimmer

ANNIVERSARIES
 4 Fr. Craig & Karen Reed