

THE FISHERMAN

News from St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church

January 8 and 15 2012



Happy New Year



**Neil's
Notes**

Fresh Starts. There is nothing like a fresh start to invigorate one's imagination and passion for life. Followers of Christ understand the process of leaving behind past disappointments and negative experiences and are called to take hold of the possibilities for the future. The act of moving beyond the past is an important aspect of an understanding of God's grace. The Apostle Paul experienced this and wrote that he was "...forgetting about the past and pressing on toward the goal." The new year

is a wonderful opportunity to reorient and focus again on the priorities of loving and caring for God's people and God's creation and to become more intimately aware of God's presence in our lives.

As a church, you start this year debt free! You have reason to celebrate what lies ahead, in light of the efforts you've made over the past several years. That celebration will take the form of a **brief service** before Sunday School, **January 15th, at 10:15am**. The Celebration Center mortgage will be retired and the building will be dedicated to God and the wonderful things that lie ahead. It will be a great start to 2012 and beyond.

Peace and Blessings, *Neil*

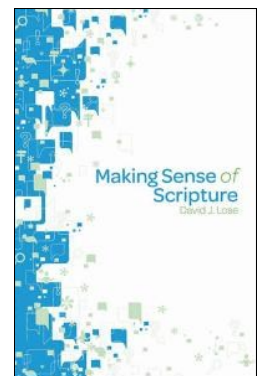
Making Sense of Scripture

Participants of this 7-week study will be involved in conversation about ways we can encounter scripture and realize the benefits of what the Bible seeks to do in our lives as believers. This study is based on the book of the same title by Rev. David J. Lose.

Some of the questions that will be considered are:

- What is the Bible?
- Is the Bible true?
- How is the Bible the word of God?
- Where did the Bible come from?
- How can I read the Bible with greater understanding?
- Is there a "center" to scripture?
- What kind of authority does the Bible hold?

There are still a few spaces for this study left. Call or email Connie at the church office (conniebhhiumc@gmail.com) to check on book availability and class space. **Please read the Introduction and Chapter 1 prior to January 10.**



Leader: Rev. Neil Yongue

Dates: January 10 to February 21 (Tuesdays)

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - after Fellowship Dinner

Location: Celebration Center - C106/107

Cost: \$12/study book



Sympathy: Our deepest sympathy to Rev. Matty Gates upon the death of his wife and our Christian sister, Alice, on Jan. 5, 2012.

Hospital: Joanne Katerman, Bill Sims, Pat Kennedy

Convalescing: Bill Hulme, Larry Priddy, Wayne Carbiener, Nancy Bush, Claire Wheeler, Bill Sims, Rhennie Givhan, Johnny Lee Witt

NEWS & Notes

Endowment Thank You!

All of the Members of the Endowment Fund would like to thank the Wilcox family for their wonderful \$5,000.00 contribution to the St. Andrew By-The-Sea Endowment Fund. The names of Kathy and Ed Wilcox will be placed on the Patrons Plaque in honor of their generous support of the Endowment Fund.

Prayer Quilt Thank You

Carol Beckelhimer forwarded the note and photo that follows. She had requested a quilt for her Uncle Tom (Calvin May - Cedaredge, Colorado) in early November and, as is typical of our prayer quilt recipients, he was most appreciative.

Yesterday I received in the mail the subject package. I am overwhelmed. Such a loving, caring gesture is so touching...I don't know how to thank.

Love "Tom" & Norma



MLK Day Activities

Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7:30pm - Community Worship Service at Queen Chapel AME Church. Rev. Jim Morrison will be one of the speakers.

Saturday, Jan. 14 at 8:00am - Join Rev. Neil Yongue for the free breakfast at All Saints Episcopal Church prior to the "Fifth Saturday" workday.

Monday, Jan. 16 at 10:00am - MLK Memorial March. Begins and ends in the high school parking lot.

SUNDAY, January 8

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee and Fellowship
- 10:00 Women's Ensemble
- 10:05 Men's Ensemble
- 10:15 Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 Worship
- 12:30 Confirmation Parent Lunch

MONDAY, January 9

- 3:00 Worship Meeting
- 4:00 Upward Practice
- 5:00 Trustees - C105
- 5:00 Couples Small Group - C111
- 5:30 Upward Cheerleading
- 6:30 Mason's - Gathering Room
- 8:00 Men's Basketball

TUESDAY, January 10

- 8:00 Bluffton Men's Fellowship @ Stooges
- 10:00 Women's Fellowship Friends
- 12:00 UMM Lunch & Study - C111
- 6:00 Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 Bluffton Study Group - Truffles
- 7:00 Making Sense of Scripture - C106/107
- 7:00 AA - B105

WEDNESDAY, January 11

- 10:00 Piece Makers
- 12:15 Healing & Wholeness - Chapel
- 4:00 Stephen Leaders - C111
- 4:00 Upward Practice
- 5:00 Stephen Ministry
- 5:30 Cherub Choir
- 6:00 Middle School Youth
- 7:00 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, January 12

- 8:00 Men's Devotional Group - C111
- 1:00 Bridge
- 1:30 Dementia Caregiver Support Grp
- 4:30 Upward Practice

FRIDAY, January 13

- 12:00 By-The-Sea Soup Kitchen
- 4:15 Upward Practice
- 4:30 Upward Cheerleading
- 6:00 Upward Games

SATURDAY, January 14

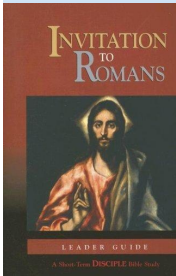
- 8:00 Upward Game Day

SUNDAY, January 15

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee and Fellowship
- 10:00 Women's Ensemble
- 10:00 Confirmation Class
- 10:00 BP Checks
- 10:05 Men's Ensemble
- 10:15 Celebration Center Dedication and Mortgage Retirement**
- 10:30 Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 Worship
- 6:00 HS Youth Starts

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Couples Bible Study Group



Beginning January 9 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. the **Couples Bible Study Group** will take an in-depth look at the book of Romans. Using *Invitation to Romans*, a short-term Disciple study, this group will spend eight weeks reading and considering the meaning and intent of this foundational book. Along with daily readings, the group will engage in weekly discussions based on those readings as well as a video component providing interpretation and context for the biblical texts.

If you would like to grow in your faith and be part of this Monday night study group, contact Connie at the church office at 785-4711.

Tuesday Dinner Menus

Chef Brooks Rinehart will prepare our fellowship meals from January 10 through February 21 at 6pm. Come enjoy the food and the conversation, or put in an order "to go" if you are a busy family on the run. All meals include beverages & dessert. \$8 per adult, \$5 per child or max of \$26 per family. RSVP by Mondays at 10:00am. Sign up on-line thru www.hhiumc.com (see the Quick Links) or call the office at 785-4711.

Jan. 10 - Dijon Roasted Pork, Sautéed Collard Green, Baked Yams

Jan. 17 – Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Bread

Jan. 24 - Chicken Pasta Primavera, Mixed Green Salad, Rolls

Jan. 31 - Beef Stirfry, Teriyaki Rice

Feb. 7 - Baked Potato Bar (toppings from chili to cheese!) with Salad

Feb. 14 - (Candlelight dinner!): Chicken Piccata, Rice Pilaf, French Beans

Feb. 21 - Pulled Pork, Mac And Cheese, Sautéed Peas

Come on back to Sunday School!

Hey kids - be sure to join your St. Andrew friends on Sunday mornings at 10:15 so that you can Live B.I.G. in 2012. It's a fun way to grow in your faith.

January B.I.G. Theme: Stories About Jesus

B.I.G. Idea: We believe that the stories about Jesus help us understand that Jesus is the Son of God.

February B.I.G. Theme: Stories Jesus Told

B.I.G. Idea: We believe that the stories Jesus told help us know how to live.



Girls' Night Out

Thursday, January 19 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Reilly's Grill (south end)

ALL women of our church (and Friends) are invited for a casual night of good food and great friendships. Come after work (or whatever your afternoon activities are) for a relaxing evening of conversation, meeting other women, and getting to know one another a little better.

During our time together, we'll also discuss some options for future Girls' Nights, so come with your ideas to share. Call or email Connie at the church office by January 17 so proper reservations can be made at the restaurant.

On Our Way to Bethlehem . . . re-visited



Take a walk to the Education Building and enjoy some original artwork created by our children. These illustrations were part of our recent Christmas Pageant presented on December 11. What a wonderful gift!



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Thank you...Community Thanksgiving Dinner

With the band Trillium playing, Santa Claus' arrival, Yostie and her puppets and Julie Oliver doing the face painting, the parking lot at Hudson's was filled with life, love and laughter for our Community Thanksgiving dinner.

This was our 13th year for this wonderful community family gathering. The guests and volunteers come from as far away as many New England states and as far West as Dallas, Texas.

This year we were blessed once again to have over 400 people help us put on this dinner for over 1,400 guests.

There were so many stories about this dinner over the years but perhaps the most telling this year was when one family arrived at 8:30 AM knowing the dinner didn't start until 11:00 AM. We knew it was going to be a glorious and blessed day. Also, at the end of the day, a group of people from the Greenville, SC, area asked about how we do this event and if we would help them get organized for next year in their community. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see 100 of these dinners next year?

We also extend our appreciation to the Cypress for the use of their golf cart for the day. The Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors and Mortgage Lenders Association for their financial support this year to help offset some of our operating costs. Also to the suppliers of Hudson's; RSPV Linens, US Food Service, The Edge of Knife and Leadership Hilton Head/Bluffton that donated goods and services. Thanks also to Yellow Cab for providing rides to needy guests.

We want to especially thank Brian & Gloria Carmines and Andrew & Erin Carmines for being the hosts of the event. Without them and their employees, especially Chef Chris Carge, who give of their time preparing and serving we could not make this dream possible. When you see them thank them all and tell them how much you appreciate their kindness.

St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church has been the main financial sponsor since the dinner started 13 years ago. Again without Hudson's and St. Andrew, there would not be a dinner on this scale.

Although the family style dinner is free, donations are accepted and give a start to The Deep Well Project's new year giving campaign. This year the out-pouring of community support raised over \$7,000 to present to The Deep Well Project.

We will never truly know how many people this dinner helps as we packed the Second Helpings truck in Hudson's parking lot at the end of the day loaded with 90 turkey carcasses to go to soup kitchens for preparing turkey vegetable soup for many meals in the weeks to come.

If next year you want to be a part of our main committee, please contact us. We could use a few people.

Allan & Gloria LaCoe, Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner Co-Chairpersons