



The Wheel



Rally Day Carnival

Saturday, Sept. 12 5:30-8 PM

Join us for our 2009 celebration of Rally Day at the St. Cat's Carnival! The Carnival will take place between the Youth House and the Parish Hall and will feature food, games, and activities. The Fellowship Committee will be cooking along with special guest chef Lee Stuart who will be making his wonderful Jambalaya. Adult dinners (Jambalaya and/or a hot dog, chips, and drink) will be available for \$5 per person and children's dinners (hot dog, chips, and drink) will be available for \$3 per person, individual Jambalaya can also be purchased for \$3. Cotton candy, popcorn, and ice cream will be available for \$1 each.



We'll have a variety of games and activities including a dunk tank, beanbag toss, pie eating contest, duck fishing, two moon bounces, face painting by Lani Brooks, the huckster selling fresh vegetables, and a welcome booth sponsored by the Invitation ministry team. Tickets for the games and activities will be 25¢ a ticket or \$10 for unlimited games and activities, including one concession (cotton candy, popcorn, or ice cream).

Join the St. Catherine's community for a night of fun and fellowship! Food will be served from 5:30-7:30pm and the Pie Eating contest will begin at 7pm. All other activities will be ongoing from 5:30-8:00pm.



Ministry Fair

Sunday, Sept. 13, 10:15-Noon

-> Principal service at 8:45 am!

Join us on for the annual Ministry Fair. The Fair is a great time to register for Church School and learn about all the ministries St. Catherine's has to offer. The ministries will carry their banners at 8:45 service and lead us from worship down to the Parish Hall and Atrium. You'll have plenty of time before we end at noon to visit the booths for all the important information about our programs for the coming year.

Marriage Journey Kick-off Dinner



Saturday, September 26, 7:00 pm

Throughout a marriage, husbands and wives find themselves evaluating whether or not their relationship is growing the way they and God want it to grow. Join Fr. Jim and Joan on Sept. 26 in the Parish Hall for an Informational Kick-off and forming of our groups for the school year. Please bring a side dish. Sign up in the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Peter and Colleen Morich for information. Marriage Journey is a Ministry focused on growing your marriage in a spiritual environment while building community and fellowship. Married couples and couples preparing to marry interested in joining or continuing in a group are invited.

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The people of St. Catherine's seek to share in the love that Jesus Christ has for us and the world by welcoming, accepting, nurturing, and serving all people through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We Welcome You!

Office hours

The church office will be closed Monday, September 7, for Labor Day. Have a safe and blessed weekend!

Men's Retreat



Sign up now! The Men's Retreat will be October 16-18 at Montara Farm in the north Georgia mountains. Join us to make new friendships and renew old ones, explore your spirituality, have great food and enjoy some relaxing activities. Only 40 slots available, a \$100 deposit will hold your place. Final cost will be around \$300. Check the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Hans Kraeger, hans.kraeger@ATgmail.com or 404.512.5124.

Holy Baptism

Next date: Nov. 1

Please check with the office for more information and to request the customary booklet about Holy Baptism.

Walking a Sacred Path

One of the experiences I treasured during my brief retreat at Casa del Sol this summer was walking the heart-shaped labyrinth, surrounded by the panoramic vistas of the high mountains at Ghost Ranch, NM. There were moments of clarity and insight and a profound sense of God's presence as I walked that path. Upon returning home, I was very excited to see that Zack Pope's gift to St. Catherine's of his Eagle Scout project had just been completed: a seven circuit labyrinth. This Labyrinth lies nestled under the great oak in the front of the church, inviting us to enter and walk its sacred path.

So... just what is a labyrinth? Spiral designs and labyrinths have been in use for over 4000 years by many different cultures and spiritual traditions in humanity's search for meaning and spiritual guidance. Some of the earliest forms of labyrinths are found in Greece, dating back to 2500-2000 B.C.E. So much a part of the fabric of this early society was the labyrinth, that it was embossed on coins and pottery. Early Christian labyrinths date back to the 4th century. Perhaps the most famous labyrinth is

the one laid into the cathedral floor at Chartres,

France, which dates from the thirteenth century. The Chartres design is a classical eleven-circuit labyrinth (eleven concentric circles) with the twelfth being in the center of the labyrinth.

Many people confuse the labyrinth with a maze, but there is one very significant difference between a maze and a labyrinth. A maze is designed to confuse the walker, with all manner of dead-ends and false turns. A labyrinth, on the other hand, has only one path into the center and the same path is walked to return to the outside. There are no tricks or decisions to be made. The only choice is whether to enter the path or not. Walking the sacred path of the labyrinth is an ancient practice of circling to your spiritual center, allowing you to clear your mind and open yourself to



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Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Lillian Vu, Tom Carter, Glenda King, Pia Johanson, The Rev. Patty Roberts, Lorraine Brown, Mary Ann Howell, Marion Stevensky, Joan Unger, Alan Carter, Keith, Edward Alvarado, Olivia Martin, Cindy Thompson, Rebecca Aggett, Carol Crosslin, Liz Layton, Elizabeth Cantrell, Dan, Hugh Wolfe, Gail McGill, Judith Phillips, Jan Turner, Nico Carpio & family, Becky Jones, Ruth Kell, Susie Davis, Steve Diffley, Libby Rouleau, Eddie Brewer, Kitty Diffley, Anita Gardner, Earl Layton, Bill Marshall, Brad Lowe, Wendie Storey & her family

Births

Calli Morgan Stone, daughter of Adam & Kristen Stone on July 29

Deceased

James Storey, Susan & Dale Cromer's daughter's father-in-

law; Edward Rutter, Kristin Blackstock's grandfather.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(8/30/09) David & Rachel Bottoms, Kelly Beard; Bill, Martha, James, Frances & David Bowden; Richard, Tanya, Alysia & Celia Bowers-Dean; Sallie & Mick Bowes; David & Eve Bowman;

(9/6/09) Larry, Meg, Andrew & Catherine Boyd; Tim, Therese & Amanda Braman; Ron & Julie Brannock; Frank & Pat Brent; Beth Brinkley

Birthdays

(8/24) James Bowden, Linda Minzenberger, Emma Gale; (8/25) Jennifer Mitchell, David Sherry, Wyatt Pitts, James Sampson; (8/26) Seamus Fahy; (8/27) Ellen Adams, Karen Manno, Alexandra Brooks, Susie Davis; (8/28) Julian Seneviratne, Jeff Pierce, Mason Parisi; (8/29) Courtney Gardner;

(8/30) Patrick Brooks, Christopher Potter, Walker Martin; (8/31) Davis Waldron; (9/1) Debra Stockton Hilley (9/2) Mark Moore, Pat Pepper; (9/3) Karen Smith, John Brooks, Nancy Mattox; (9/4) Richard Carter, Catie Nelson; (9/5) Ben Frost; (9/6) Vincent Bagby, Mandy Maier

Anniversaries

(8/27) Michelle & Chuck Zimmerman; (8/29) Chris & Rebecca Kiefer; (8/31) David & Stephanie Yucius; (9/2) David & Mary Lou Shannonhouse; (9/5) Fred & Jennifer Massey; (9/6) Ash & Jenny Gale; (9/6) Jimmy & Carol Rai

Special Prayers

Please pray for Pat and Suzanne as they open themselves to find a child to adopt. David Hinshaw & Helena Johnson, out of job, looking for employment. Friends of Bill Ivey.

EFM class forming now

Education For Ministry is a 4-year program from University of the South. Every baptized person is called to ministry – EFM provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. This year's class begins Sept. 10 and will meet Thursdays, 6:30-9 PM September through May. A fee is involved, scholarships are available. Sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or for information contact Chris Potter (404-376-7430, cdexterpotterATgmail.com) or Jan Potter (404-444-8627, jcpotterATgmail.com).

Gardens help needed

Volunteers are needed to maintain our beautiful church gardens. Individuals and families are welcome to help water the potted plants and gardens around the grounds, deadhead the rose bushes, weeding, trimming bushes, etc. If interested please check the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Gail McGill, 770-971-8890.



Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study will restart on Thursday, September 10 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We will be studying the lesser prophets from Ezekial through Malachi over a 13 week period from September 10 through December 10 on each Thursday at the aforementioned time except Thanksgiving. We will be using the syllabus of "Journey Through the Bible" written by various seminary professors. A study book is required (cost \$8) and is needed prior to the first session. Tom will order the books on August 31 to have them in time. To join this study please complete the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Tom Snead at 678-795-9508 or e-mail at tom.sneadATearthlink.net before August 31 so he can order the correct number of books.

By Tom Snead

Walking...

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spiritual insight as you walk.

There is no "right" or "wrong" way to walk a labyrinth. Some people begin by intentionally quieting the mind and opening the heart to hear what God would have them hear as they walk the path. The entrance can be a place to stop, reflect, or make a prayer or intention for the spiritual walk you are about to take. You walk a labyrinth by stepping into the entrance and following the pathway. The walk around the design to the center can be a process of letting go, as you quiet your thoughts, worries, lists of tasks to do, and let go to the experience of being present to God. If you meet another person as you are walking the path, you simply step to one side to allow the other person to pass and then continue on your way. After traveling through the path and its windings, you come into the center. This is often a place of prayer, meditation and inviting God's guidance into your life. After a time there and when you are ready, you return to the outside by the same path on which you entered. The walk out takes you back into your life, empowered by the spirit to walk the spiritual path of life.

Susan+



Join Choir: You are invited!

* **Youth Choir:** The Youth Choir begins its new season on August 26, with rehearsal at 6:15 in the Choir Room. The Choir welcomes young people in Grades 2-10, boys with unchanged voices and all girls. In addition to the established Youth Choir, we are initiating a **new training choir for 1st Graders** (boys and girls who like to sing). For more information, contact Ms. Martha at martha_bowdenATbellsouth.net.

* **Adult Choir:** Adults, and all youth past the age for Youth Choir, please join us. Our first rehearsal will be Wed., Sept. 2. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. and meet at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays to prepare to lead the 11:15 services. You are guaranteed at each rehearsal to learn something, laugh heartily and experience God's presence through beautiful music. Sight-reading ability, while helpful, is not required. Contact director Brian Williams at brianATstcatherines.org, 678.461.9656, or speak to any choir member.

VBS Success



Vacation Bible School was raging, stomping bayou fun this year! With a bayou Crocodile Dock theme, xchildren sang, crafted, and discovered much about Fearing Not with God's power and love. We had 86 children participate and 29 awesome youth leaders helping. Each day they learned a message: God is with us, God is powerful, God does what he says he'll do, God gives us life, God cares for us.

The halls were shaking with excited voices singing and laughing. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that made it possible with their time or donations. Special thanks to Jason Snape for creating the Crocodile Dock backdrop and the animal drawings which we used to group the children. We thank the Dillson family for their dedication and creative spirit in our Bayou Drama that taught the Bible story each day. A big thank you to Emily Dillson in music, Laurie Dirksen in theater and Jenny Gale in snacks for their dedication. God's grace was with us all for a fun filled week! Lisa Spessard and Stephanie Yucius

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 8/24

Susan's Day Off

9:30AM Preschool Starts

7:30PM Boy Scouts Troop 713

Tuesday, 8/25

10:00AM Morning Prayer

10:30AM Staff Meeting/Lunch

Wednesday, 8/26

10:00AM Parenting: A Sacred Path

6:15PM Youth Choir

6:30PM Youth WNL

Thursday, 8/27

Friday, 8/28

9:00AM Martin (ESL)

6:00PM Elizabeth Inn, Dinner & Overnight

8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 8/29

Sunday, 8/30

7:30AM Coffee Time

8:00AM Holy Eucharist

8:45AM Breakfast

9:30AM Country Fair

10:30AM Holy Eucharist

12:00PM Youth Parent Meeting

5:00PM Stephen Ministry

August Ministry Focus: Outreach

This month we celebrate the life and work of our Outreach Ministry Team. To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact convenor Nadine Pope.

Stewardship of Environment

By Linda Scott

On our vacation this year we went up to the Smokey Mountains in North Carolina. I had been reading a book titled *Last Child in the Woods* by Richard Louv and it was so good to see the beautiful mountains, trees, and streams and watch the children rafting down the river and enjoying the outdoors. Louv's book says that "...society is teaching young people to avoid direct experience in nature". I hope that's not true, but I'm kind of afraid it is. I'm afraid that the state of our current care of God's creation and the absence of nature in our children's world today is affecting their perception of nature.

My fondest memories are times spent in nature -- playing in the park near my house, running up and down the hills and along the arroyo with playmates; hiking in the nearby hills with my mother looking for mustard greens for dinner; fishing for trout in the rushing streams of the high sierras with my dad and then running through the meadows chasing butterflies and picking wildflowers; and collecting shells for a high school collection (when it was still allowed) in the pools of water left by waves at the seashore. We now live on a lake with ducks, geese, squirrels, rabbits, beaver, fish, herons and all kinds of birds.

I cannot imagine people not gaining pleasure from nature but it's so often ignored now. I hope that will change. In his book, Louv calls this absence of nature in a child's life, "nature-deficit disorder" -- diminished use of the senses, attention difficulties, and higher rates of physical and emotional illnesses. However, with more connections to nature, this can be reversed through more and positive connections with nature. Please consider your child's amount of interactions with nature -- not just learning ABOUT nature, but being out there IN it, with you, when possible.



The Coracle – Understanding Christian Spirituality



Registration for "Understanding Christian Spirituality" is now open. UCS is an 8 month program intended to introduce participants to Christian spiritual thought through study, lectures, and small and large group discussion. Topics include Imaging God, Spirituality and Children, Contemplative Practice, and Spirituality and Social Justice. We will meet the second Saturday every month beginning in October, 9am to 2pm. Program fee is \$175 plus books, a \$25 registration fee is required (applicable to your program fee). For more information contact Deacon Kathy Holman, kdh53ATbellsouth.net Registration forms are outside the Deacon's office. Here's a comment from one of last year's participant --

Learning how my very personal spiritual journey balances with my religious expression has deepened my commitment to daily prayer and pushed me beyond my comfort zone. — Keith Dumke

Young Families



1. Get to Know You — Father

Jim and Joan invite you for an informal get together of appetizers, refreshments and fellowship on one of two Sundays: Sept. 20, 4-6 PM at the home of Lisa and Phil Spessard, 724 Cedar Hill Way, Marietta **OR** Oct. 18, 4-6 PM at the home of Molly and Dave Banko, 1270 Promontory Lane, Marietta. Please RSVP to Molly at mdbankoATcomcast.net by Sept. 8. To allow time with each of you, we are limiting the number of families each date to six. Children are welcome. More dates to be added as needed.

2. Back to School Picnic - East Cobb Park on Sun., Sept. 27, 4:30-6:30 PM in the large pavilion near the playground. Pack a picnic and drop by to play and socialize.

3. Church School begins Sunday, Sept. 20. To register children for Catechesis. Contact Ana Martin, martinaATbellsouth.net by Sept. 1. Or you may register at the Ministry Fair on Sept. 13 when Catechists will be giving atrium tours.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 8/31
Susan's Day Off
 7:00PM Mentors
 7:30PM Boy Scouts Troop 713

Tuesday, 9/1
 10:00AM Morning Prayer
 10:30AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, 9/2
 9:30AM Bible Study
 10:00AM Parenting, Sacred Path
 12:00PM CN & D
 6:15PM Youth Choir
 7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 9/3

Friday, 9/4
 9:00AM Martin (ESL)
 8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 9/5

Sunday, 9/6
 7:30AM Coffee Time
 8:00AM Holy Eucharist
 8:45AM Breakfast
 10:30AM Holy Eucharist
 5:00PM Contemplative Prayer
 5:00PM Stephen Ministry

Up-to-the-minute calendar

The calendar on our website now reflects the latest information available to the church office. Remember, to guarantee space for all meetings and activities your event **must** be included on this calendar – send details to Rose Wolfe in the office, rosewolfe@bellsouth.net, 770-971-2839. See the calendar now at www.stcatherines.org!

Grounds Team help

Following is a creative report from Grounds Teams chair Ron Brannock and helper Bill Bowden imagining our volunteers going "on strike" in a plea to get more signups:



Labor Strife On Grounds Team –
 (Special report from "Root"-ers correspondent in Marietta, GA)

After several years of unaddressed grievances, in 2007 St Cats mowers elected to join the International Brotherhood of Episcopal Church Grounds Maintenance Workers (IBECGMW Local 666). They have become increasingly frustrated with current management as well as their pay & benefits. When asked to comment, CEO Ron Brannock expressed disappointment with the mowers' complaints – he feels he has tried very hard to manage the workload fairly and treat the mowers with the utmost respect. Brannock acknowledges the lack of pay & benefit increases due to tight budgets in recent years and knows the mowers will be upset with the 2009 performance bonuses which must be allocated among 13 mowers from the paltry 58 cents he has left in his budget. The two sides are far apart, and a strike vote has been called for September 8, just days before Rally Day & Ministry Fair. Union organizers refused to comment, but the strategy seems calculated to bring their grievances to the parishioners' attention.

In the Community



After-school Art Classes for K-5th – Does your child love art? Then this is the fun after-school activity for them. Starting Wed., September 23, 4-5 pm (works with the beginning of Wednesday Night Live children's program at 5:00). In this class we will:

- Explore different art media.
- Learn about famous artist, children's authors and illustrators.
- Make art from recycled objects.
- Work on seasonal art.
- Use our imaginations.
- And just have fun.

For more information contact Tinka Ivey 770-578-1945 or cuteasabugart@yahoo.com. Info also available in the foyer.

Letters

Dear St. Catherine's Community, Thank you so much for the flowers from the altar as well as the many cards of sympathy for my grandmother's death. It has meant so much to me to know that people are thinking of me and my family over the last week. Thank you again for your love and support.

With love,
 Amelia Arthur



Members of the St Catherine's Christian Nurture and Development Ministry Team want to send a heartfelt and prayerful thank you to Stephanie Yucius for her incredible job with this Year's Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible School. THANK YOU for organizing such a successful event for our children and for all the extra work you did to make every aspect of the week so special. Additional thanks go to the youth leaders and other volunteers that helped, as well as her family and husband Dave for supporting and assisting Stephanie during such a busy time.

CN&D



Dear Ones,

What a comfort it has been to receive all of the thoughts, prayers and cards of sympathy you have sent to Roy and me as we grieve the loss of our nephew, Andrew Power. We have felt surrounded and lifted up during this difficult time for our family. We count you among our blessings each day.

With grateful hearts,
 Susan+ and Roy Johnson



The Nixon family has suggested that if anyone still wishes to give gifts in memory of Father Jim's father, they may be made to St. Catherine's Building Fund.

Read it now

The third article in a series on alcohol dependency by Nancy Certain, RN., in the August 10-23 Wheel newsletter on our website:

"Here's a quick biology lesson on what happens inside the body of an early stage alcohol dependent person..."

see the Wheel page at stcatherines.org!

St. Cat's Yellow Pages

The Career Ministry Team is launching a Yellow Pages Directory to include a listing of any products, services, or businesses parishioners want to share with the church community. Listings can vary from major local businesses to individual services such as babysitting, lawn maintenance, and tutoring. If you have a product or service to offer, or are affiliated with a company where you are the contact, please complete the form which will be made available in the coming weeks.



Musings from MacMahan

Father Jim is sending us updates throughout his summer chaplaincy at St. Cuthbert's, MacMahan Island, Maine. Following is his entry for August 18:

We all (Joan and I, Matt and Kari, and Katie) arrived back at MacMahan on Thursday morning after arriving late in Bath on Wednesday. The funeral for my dad was very nice. Many family and friends joined us either in State College for the liturgy at St. Andrew's and later in Wilkes-Barre for the burial. I officiated at the burial in Wilkes-Barre as I did for my mother. The most moving part of the ceremony was the presentation of the American flag. I had not experienced this in the past and as the eldest it was presented to me. My father was very proud of his service to our country in World War II and I am proud of him. The flag will have a special place in our family alongside the flag from my grandfather's funeral and the flag that flew on my father's ship.

The weather on the island has been spectacular. To be truthful, perhaps a bit too warm. It had been cold before going to Pennsylvania so everyone who joined me post Pennsylvania is packed for cooler weather. I think Joan said I better get used to seeing the one or two pair of shorts she brought. We've had lots of time to talk, play games, hike the island, take naps, read and generally enjoy the environs of this beautiful place. Matt and Kari were able to extend their trip by a day to attempt to recover some of the time they lost due to my dad's death. We said a sad goodbye to them on Sunday as they made their way off the island and back to Chicago.

I've been able to do some good reading while here. I finished *Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown and *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch. I've been doing some "church" reading as well. I finished *Holy*

Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations by Gil Rendle and Alice Mann. I

hope this book will guide us into a new time of planning. I've already convened a group at St. Catherine's to talk about this on July 25 as an initial opportunity for us to think about what this process might look like.

I'm working on *Calming the Restless Sea: A Journey to God* by Ben Campbell Brown and *Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshipping Christ and Start Following Jesus* by Robin R. Meyers. Both books are helping me think about my prayer life and our life as a community as we attempt to be faithful to Jesus' call to love God and our neighbor. I've had plenty of time to write and reflect on all of my reading and I am grateful for such a profound gift.

Living on an island without communication with the outside world besides a phone has been an interesting experience. Between my time here before my dad's death, the hectic nature of funeral preparations and family time, and our return last Thursday, I haven't really had a chance to catch up on what is going on in the world. I suppose it (the world) is a bit like those noontime soap operas. You can tune in once a month or year and get caught up – but as for the day to day watching – nothing much changes.

It is hard to believe that August is half over. To experience this holy time is a profound gift. I am well aware of the work your staff is accomplishing while I'm taking advantage of this time. I am deeply grateful to every one of them for their grace and mercy in affording me this time. I hope and pray that I may return the favor over the coming year.

-> Read all the entries and see photos now on our website at stcatherines.org.



ESL teachers wanted

Are you interested in meeting people from other countries, getting know our fabulous ESL team members, and providing the gift of language to members of your community? St. Catherine's ESL Team is gearing up for our second year. Classes will meet Mondays at 7 p.m. beginning September 14th. We could use a few more co-teachers

(just two nights per month) and especially tutors for individual students. We'll provide you with materials and help, so don't be shy, even if you're never taught ESL before. Check the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Lu Dumke, Ldumke@bellsouth.net for details.

Youth

"Parenting: A Sacred Path"

Begins Aug. 26

For parents of all ages, this program is intended to foster awareness of one's personal spiritual path in the context of parenting, based on Patience Robbins' book by this name. Wednesday mornings, Aug. 26-Oct. 21, 10 am to 12 pm, facilitated by Kathy Holman. Program fee - \$80.00, includes book. Contact Deacon Kathy for information. (NOTE: the previously announced Monday evening series will not be held.)

Elizabeth Inn

**Next date:
Friday, August 28**

Volunteers are needed on the 28th of every month. Please sign up on the Outreach table in the foyer or contact: Dinner Team: Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, and Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609. Overnight Team: Frederick Massey.

- **Youth Back-To-School WNL**

Wednesday, August 26 — The youth will have a super fun WNL 6:30-8:00 pm in the Youth House. Come have dinner, catch up with friends, and have fun!

- **Fall Youth Parents Meeting**

Sunday, August 30, 12 pm — Don't miss this important meeting! The Youth Program is for all youth, this year including grades 6-12. All parents for the each level (Rite-13, J2A, YA, and Senior), please meet at 12:00 PM (immediately following 10:30 worship) in the Parish Hall. We will discuss the fall programming, hand out '09-'10 permission forms, and sign up for volunteer opportunities. Contact Amelia for questions, 770-971-2839, amelia@stcatherines.org.

- **Congrats, Stephanie**

Congratulations to Stephanie Burkholder, winner of the America's National Teenager Pageant on Saturday, August 1 in Nashville, TN. Stephanie won the Georgia pageant in March which qualified her to be in the national. Congrats to St. Catherine's own beauty queen!



Rafting trip to the Nantahala

By Hale Sanders: The Mentors group along with some other youth and adults rafted the Nantahala on Saturday, August 8. This has become an annual event and this year we had 16 participants in three rafts and Austin in a kayak. It was an awesome day perfect for splashing each other when we weren't navigating the rapids. While some of us have done this river often enough to do it backwards, for others it was a first time and they showed the joy that comes with that wonderful first-time experience. Participants were Will and Jack Rouleau, Keith and Mitch Dumke, Sally Paris, Kyle Lynn, Alan Certain, Bill Selby, AJ Detmar, Alex Dillson, the Jablonskis (Shannon, Austin, Susan, and Allen), Mason (a friend of the Jablonskis) and Hale Sanders. I think we will definitely be back next year.

Thank you, Acolytes

The word "acolyte" is derived from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning companion, attendant, or helper. St. Catherine's is blessed to have had 41 acolytes during the year who have been our constant companions, attendants and helpers! We are so thankful for the gifts of their time and talent.

<u>Torches</u>	<u>2nd Crucifers</u>	<u>Captains</u>	<u>Graduates</u>
Barrington, Mary Alice	Barrington, Katie	Barrington, Riley	Stephanie
Barrington, Thad	Bottoms, Rachel	Baumann, Taylor	Burkholder-5 yrs
Baumann, Abby	Buckalew, Caitlyn	Burkholder, Scott	Kelley Kilgore-5 yrs
Bowers-Dean, Alysia	Donoghue, Kelly	Dillson, Alex	Josh Kraeger-8 yrs
Bowers-Dean, Celia	Frost, Ben	Dillson, Emily	
Cook, Ethan	Gardiner, Jenna	Markette, Emma	
Donoghue, Erin	Jablonski, Austin	Olliffe, Sean	
Dupuis, Allison	Maxwell, Paul	Paris, Sally	
Lopez, Isabel	Olliffe, Ryan	Pope, Zach	
Martin, Oak	Phillpotts, Keely	Shannonhouse, Megan	
Muckerman, Nicky	Sutton, Gaby		
Phillpotts, Quinn			
Pitts, Cody			
Tuemmler, Forrest			
Tuemmler, Frederick			
Whitlow, Nat			
Zimmerman, Charlie			





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- 8/23,30.. Country Fair
- 8/24 Preschool begins
- 8/26 Parenting: A Sacred Path; Youth WNL
- 8/28 Elizabeth Inn
- 8/30 Youth Parent meeting
- 9/12 Rally Day Carnival
- 9/13 ... Ministry Fair; worship at 7:30 & 8:45
- 9/20 Fall schedule & Church School begins

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Country Fair continues



Sundays, Aug. 23 & 30, 9:30am

St Catherine's Second Annual Country Fair is in full swing. On August 23rd we'll have The Parable of The Dragnet and on August 30th The Parable of The Lost Coin.

Beginning at 9:30, we will have activities that will be fun and interesting for all ages and we will be finished by 10:15. The Country Fair is in the grass area between the parish hall and the playground and we will also have our **fresh produce seller!** Please make plans to join us and have some fun!

Biltmore trip is a go!

Spaces are still available! Cats on Wheels, our active seniors group, is sponsoring a trip to Asheville December 8-10 to see the Christmas decorations at the Biltmore Estate. All adults over age 18 are invited, including friends who are not parishioners. A \$75 deposit holds your seat now, with schedule for balance payments. Get full details from st.cats.on.wheels@gmail.com.



Financial Peace University

Many of you have expressed interest in getting involved in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, so we're offering it here at St. Catherine's. The classes will be Sundays in the Parish Hall from 5:30pm to 7:30pm (NOTE this time change!) for 13 weeks starting September 13.

Can you imagine what your life would be like if you had NO payments...if you were completely debt free!?! This class will show you how to get there no matter where you are right now. By the end of the class, the average family pays off \$5000 in debt and saves \$3000. Most importantly, you'll learn how to handle the money God entrusts you with His way and what it means to have true financial peace.

Come to our Preview each Sunday thru Sept. 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor where you'll find out all about the class. It's a free preview and you don't want to miss it. Contact Peter/Colleen Morich or Phil Spessard for more details and to register for the class.

By Peter Morich