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LOOKING UP

REACHING OUT

GATHERING IN

FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Our long hot summer is finally behind us and hopefully we can look forward to an enjoyable fall season as the leaves begin to change and the temperature becomes more bearable. School is back in session, football season is heating up, and the Rangers are proving once again that maybe next years will be better.

We are only weeks away from our deacon's ordination and he is increasing his involvement in the life of the parish on a regular basis. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with him these past few months and we will continue our work together on a limited basis throughout the coming year. Last month he became a father before he will become a Father. He and Kristiane have experienced a lot a change in their lives over the past few months. Relocating, having a new baby and taking on many new responsibilities; and through all of this our deacon has done himself proud. He is accepting more and more responsibility with each passing day and you as congregation need to begin to see and recognize him as your new priest in the days to come.

Pray for Deacon Webb and his family and support them as he begins to move into his new role as your priest-in-charge following his ordination in December. Mark your calendar for December 7th, a Wednesday evening when the bishop will lay hands on our deacon and make his a priest within the Church.

In the meantime we still have Advent and the Christmas season to look forward to as we seek new families to adopt and continue in our various outreach ministries. We are seeing new faces and adding new people and the coming years should be a time of growth and fellowship as we go forth as a worshipping family that looks up, reaches out, and gathers in.

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FROM THE WEBB SITE...

The changing of the seasons always brings about a sense of renewed hope for the future. As fall peeks its head around the corner, we are beginning to experience the excitement that it brings with it. Cooler temperatures allow us to go outside once again. Preseason football gives hope that your team will do well this year. (Unless you're a Cowboys fan.) The prospect of Advent and Christmas is seen on the horizon.

Seasons are a funny thing. They come and they go, every year. Yet, we still get excited for them for the changes and hope that they bring. More importantly, they serve as a reminder that this world is ever changing. Nothing on this earth will stay forever. Things will come and go. Seasons will pass. Time will march on, eventually eroding all things. All things except for one; only Christ remains.

Jesus was there before time began, and will be there after time ends. He remains constant through the changing of the seasons. The seasons remind us that ultimately, we will pass away, but Jesus will still be here. Through the heat of summer, the darkness of winter, he is there. Unmoving, unchanging, forever. Our hope is not just in the changing weather. Our hope is in the fact that this world will ultimately pass, but we are held fast by the one who transcends time.

THINK PINK

This is a reminder that October is breast cancer awareness month and we would be remiss if we failed to call attention to the need for women to do their self-examinations and get their mammograms annually. We have a number of cancer survivors at St. James who will testify to the importance of being aware of their health issues and tending to those needs in a timely manner.

T.E.A.C.H.

We will be wrapping up our current look into the history of the Church in the next couple of weeks and looking at our next study series. I am considering discussing the end of time and Christ's return and attempting to answer some questions like: What happens at judgment? Will I receive a new body? If I die before Jesus returns, where will I go? Look for my introductory teaser in the coming weeks and plan to be a part of our next T.E.A.C.H. series. Would you like to hear some comforting words regarding the return of Jesus? Maybe we can find some together.

PANTHER STORE

I met with Chief Rich a few weeks ago and we are looking ways to extend our aid the students in need, not only at the high school, but at all of the Mabank schools. If you noticed this past month everyone in the world was collecting back-to-school supplies, but as we are learning there are ongoing needs throughout the year and we are going to attempt to work with the various school to address these basis needs throughout the year. We were able to donate a refrigerator to the Panther Store this summer along with numerous food items. In the days to come, we will post specific needs as they arise. Your support of this new ministry is greatly appreciated.

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

- 1st Blessing of the Animals & Picnic...4:00
- 2nd Holy Eucharist...9:00 followed by T.E.A.C.H. for adults and children
- 3rd MAGS lunch at the Methodist Church...noon
- 5th Study Group...11:00 followed by Noon Mass
- 7th Hungry Bunch...6:00 at the Country Club
- 9th Holy Eucharist...9:00 followed by T.E.A.C.H. for adults and children
- 10th Annual Adopt-a-Family Golf Tournament...noon
- 12th Study Group...11:00 followed by Noon Mass
- 15th Pre-convention meeting...10:00 at Holy Trinity in Heath
- 15th Kairos team meeting
- 16th Holy Eucharist...9:00 followed by T.E.A.C.H. for adults and children
- 19th Study Group...11:00 followed by Noon Mass
- 19th Vestry meeting ...5:00 followed by Evening Prayer and F.E.A.S.T.
- 23rd Holy Eucharist...9:00 followed by T.E.A.C.H. for adults and children
- 26th Study Group...11:00 followed by Noon Mass
- 29th Angel Food
- 30th Holy Eucharist...9:00 followed by T.E.A.C.H. for adults and children
- 30th Daughters of the King...following T.E.A.C.H.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

| Date | DOK | Greeter | Altar | Acolyte | Vestry |
|------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| 2 nd | Carol | Bob & Annette | Susan & Kitty | Mike | Kelley |
| 9 th | Annette | Tina & James | Linda & Deanna | Carol | Tina |
| 16 th | DeLois | Terry & Susan | Tina & Sandy | Kelley | Peggy |
| 23 rd | Gail | Ray & Marian | Kelley & Carol | Sandy | Mike |
| 30 th | Marian | Tina & Gail | DeLois & Claire | Mike | Paul |

MINISTRIES, cont.

| Date | Lessons | Coffee | Chalice | Organ |
|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|--------|
| 2 nd | Sunny | Annette & Sunny | Gail | Bonnie |
| 9 th | Tina | Carroll & Bonnie | Tina | Linda |
| 16 th | Terry | Susan & Ketty | Kelley | Linda |
| 23 rd | John | Peggy & Ann | Paul | Bonnie |
| 30 th | Bob | Barbara & Lorna | Mike | Linda |

Please remember that if you cannot serve on your scheduled date, **you need to make sure you have a replacement** and mark the change on the bulletin board schedule