

# The Parish Vision

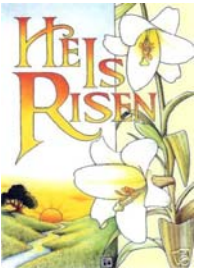
*A People With Vision Have Hope*

## Increasing Average Sunday Attendance

*Posted March 6th, 2010*

Central Florida Episcopalian: Bishop's View

By Bishop John W. Howe



Dear Diocesan Family,

At the request of the Diocesan Board, I convened a meeting in January of eleven of our clergy whose congregations have experienced increases in the average Sunday attendance over the past two years. Our purpose was to attempt to identify factors that may have contributed to these increases, and further to see whether the congregations involved shared identifiable dynamics.

As I have reflected on what we shared with each other three things stand out in the midst of numerous variations on the theme. And it seems to me they are deeply intertwined with each other. If you want your church to grow I believe these three things are essential:

**“Sell” the concept of growth to the vestry and congregation.** Most of us will pay lip service to growth, but the truth of the matter is we really are more comfortable with things as they are. Notice what happens at most church coffee hours. Week after week the same people visit with the same people. We say we want to attract newcomers, but we want them to be just like ourselves. People tend to sit in the same places on Sunday mornings. I had a woman in my congregation in Virginia actually smack a stranger across the knees with her umbrella when he had the audacity to sit in “her” place!

Many of us have greatly profited from one or another of the many books by Lyle Shaller, one of the great gurus regarding church growth. He has written about the dynamics of every type of congregation, and a book that I found particularly helpful was his *The Multiple Staff and the Larger Congregation*. He makes the point that bigger is not necessarily better, but it is different. In nearly every book he talks about the “two hundred barrier.” The nearer a congregation gets to an average Sunday attendance of (approximately) two hundred the more it feels like an impassible barrier. Why? Because relationships change at that point, especially the relationships between the rector or pastor and the congregation. A member of the clergy with a real pastor’s heart will find it very difficult to maintain the kinds of relationships he or she has enjoyed with a congregation of less than 200 when the congregation grows to be more than 200.

Somewhere around the 200 (active) member mark most churches will have to add an assistant to the pastoral staff, and every time a new member is added everyone’s job description and relationships change. So the simple truth is that growth is painful.

Unless the leadership is truly “sold” on the concept of growth it is unlikely to occur. It needs to be taught, talked about, prayed about, preached from the pulpit, and worked out in innumerable ways. Does your church have good visibility from the road? Good signage? Is there a choice section of the parking lot reserved for newcomers? Have you considered advertising in the newspaper? In the yellow pages? One of our congregations has rented a billboard on the main road into town. One congregation’s vestry sponsors Newcomers’ Dinners twice a year, where members of the vestry

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talk about the history of the parish and its various ministries. Many congregations have special services to honor different people such as teachers, police and fire fighters, grand parents, etc. Nonmembers who fit these different categories can be invited to these services, and encouraged to come again.

One congregation has rented out the local movie theatre to show movies such as *The Lion*, *the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and invited anyone to attend as an introduction to the congregation.

**The power of a compelling vision.** All Christian congregations have lots of characteristics in common. But at the same time each one is unique in numerous ways. One translation of St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians says, "We know that God has chosen you for a special purpose." What is the Mission Statement of your congregation? What is its Vision?

And how many of the members of the congregation can articulate that mission, that vision?

When Terry Fullam was rector of St. Paul's in Darien, Connecticut, Terry and the leadership spent the better part of a year praying and pondering over the question of mission. Finally they came up with a phrase that has been adopted by many other congregations as well: "to know Christ and to make him known." It is a great phrase, but it can never mean as much to a congregation that adopted it secondhand as it did to Terry and St. Paul's.

Another phrase that has wide distribution is; "To Make Disciples Who Make Disciples."

When I had been rector in Virginia for about five years we had fulfilled a particular set of goals that we had agreed to at the beginning of my time there. I called together a Blue Ribbon Commission of all the previous senior and junior wardens who were still members of the parish. (There is a tremendously high turn-over in the Washington, D.C. area.) I asked them to attempt to articulate a Mission/Vision Statement for the parish. They spent about nine months laboring on that project, and in the end they produced what seemed to me a laundry list of aspirations.

The vestry and I "received" it – frankly, with disappointment. I put it away for about a year. When I revisited it I suddenly noticed that everything on the list could be grouped under three headings. These three headings, of three words apiece, became the Vision Statement – almost the motto – of the parish: "Equipping the Saints," "Serving the Community," "Renewing the Church." We found appropriate verses of scripture to go with each phrase. We put them on our brochures, our stationery, our signboard.

And we began measuring everything we did in terms of whether or not it "fit" these categories. I would say that within a very brief time virtually every member of the congregation knew that this was what we were about.

Clarity regarding a congregation's identity and purpose is very compelling.

**If you invite them they will come.** It is hard to say it any more simply than that. One rector made the comment that his parish is "very friendly, very welcoming, but we are not inviting." Another reported that someone has demonstrated that "75% of new believers are led to faith by (other) new believers." He reminded us of the excitement and fervency that accompanies the fresh discovery of new life in Christ. It makes people eager to share that faith with others, and invite them to share in that adventure.

These three principles do go hand in hand. If there is a shared desire to grow, a compelling vision of what the congregation is about, and the encouragement to each other to invite newcomers to join us I can almost guarantee that your congregation will grow.

Good preaching, good pastoral care, friendly greeters, good music, attention to detail, good child care, lively Sunday School classes, a great youth program – all these are very important as well. But at the heart and core of church growth is attitude. Do we really want to be fishers of men and women, boys and girls? Do we want the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest? Are we willing to be among the ones he sends? My love to you in him,

**+John**

## THE HARVEST

*(written by: Jim Clements)*

It's all the little things that count  
 They don't cost very much  
 A smile when it's needed  
 Or a warm and gentle touch  
 We cannot feed all hungry souls  
 Or fulfill every need  
 But we can all do something  
 If we only plant a seed  
 The love you sow in Jesus' name  
 Will someday take to root  
 And you will reap a harvest  
 A storehouse full of fruit  
 It's not the size of seed you sow  
 That matters in the end  
 But it's the love with  
 which you sow it  
 That pays a dividend  
 So hurry, join us in the field  
 The horn's about to blow  
 And when it's time to harvest  
 There's no time left to sow



## A PRAYER OF PROTECTION AGAINST THE OCCULT

*(Dan Murray)*

In the Name of Jesus Christ, and by the power of His Cross and the Blood, we bind up the powers of any evil spirits and command them not to block our prayers. We bind up the powers of earth, air, water, fire, the netherworld and the satanic forces of nature.

We break any curses hexes or spells sent against us and declare them null and void. We break the assignments of any spirits sent against us and send them to Jesus to deal with them as he will. Lord we ask you to bless our enemies by sending your Holy Spirit to lead them to repentance and conversion.

Furthermore, we bind all interaction and communication in the world of spirits as it affects us and our ministry.

We ask for the protection of the shed blood of Jesus Christ over all of us.

Thank you, Lord for your protection and send your angels, especially St. Michael the Archangel to help us in the battle. We ask you to guide us in your prayers; share with us your Spirit's power and compassion.  
 Amen.





## How does God keep His promises?

We know that God has promised to answer our prayers. Sometimes when we make promises they are merely good intentions; BUT when God makes a promise He is giving His absolutely trustworthy word. So, why is there confusion at times about the way God keeps His promises? We tend to be shortsighted and have faulty expectations and feelings; but God is into long-range planning. He fulfills some promises in stages or in unexpected ways.

SO—how does God keep His promises?

- (a) on His terms
- (b) by His methods
- (c) in His time
- (d) to His intended receiver (*some promises are for all people and some are for a select group or person*)

D.L. Moody says, "in the world of shopping, if the product sounds too good to be true, it probably is. But God never advertises more than He delivers. God never made a promise that was too good to be true."

# He's Risen!

Easter—Luke 24:5-6

Why for you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; **He has risen!**

*June Dall*

Senior Warden



Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

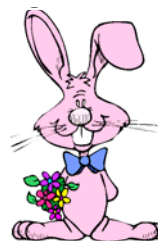
It doesn't seem possible that the end of Lent is drawing near. My prayer is that during this time you have been able to draw closer to God and those you worship with each week, but also that you have received a clearer understanding of His word. Our gatherings for "soup and salad" and Father Keen's teachings have been great – great fellowship and great learning. As the ripples start to spread out further and further, I pray that more and more will join our gatherings.

Has this Lenten season been a learning experience for you? It has for me. It's also been a time for me to get closer to God. For me it reinforced the message in John's gospel Chapter 20 when Jesus asked Thomas "Have you believed because you have seen me?" We need to learn to "Walk by Faith, Not Sight" and not to be a "doubting Thomas".

### Bible Trivia:

1. What Roman centurion was converted by Peter?
2. Who was told he would become a convert after meeting a band of prophets playing musical instruments?
3. What king, recovering from insanity, became a convert?
4. What "seller of purple" became a convert?
5. To which of his disciples did Jesus say, "But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren"?

Have a Blessed and "HAPPY EASTER".



Your Sister in Christ,  
***Deacon Madelyn***

**Answers:** (1) Acts 10; (2) I Sam. 10:5-7; (3) Dan. 4; (4) Acts 16:14-15; (5) Luke 22:32

THE DESK OF THE  
PARISH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR



## TREASURER'S REPORT

February 28, 2010

### Checking Account

Balance Forward as of 1/31/10	\$ 11,587.18
Receipts for February	\$ 14,427.80
Transfer to Special Accounts	\$ 372.61
Disbursements for February	<u>\$ 13,726.98</u>
Balance as of 2/28/10	\$ 11,915.39

### Status of Pledges versus Received for the Year

Total Amount Pledged YTD	\$ 25,094.00
Total Amount of Pledges Received YTD	<u>\$ 24,495.00</u>
Total Amount of Shortage for 2010	(\$ 599.00)

Yours in Christ,

*George F. Thornton*

Business Manager



# April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<p>Services: Noon and 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm</p>	3
<p>Children's Egg Hunt after the 9:00 service</p>	5	6	<p>World Health Day</p>	<p>8th—11th T.C.I.</p>	<p>← Rummage Sale 8 am—2 pm →</p>	10 Women's Bible Study 9 am
11	12	13	14	<p>May Vision Deadline!</p>	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	<p>ARBOR DAY</p>	<p>KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL, INC. DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL.</p>

## EVENTS

<p><b>SUNDAY SERVICES</b> 7:30 and 9:00 am <b>FAITH PLAY</b> 9 am <i>Cry Room Available</i></p>	<p><b>Prayer &amp; Healing Service</b> April 14th 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>TUESDAYS:</b> Music Ministry 7 pm</p>	<p><b>Dan Murray on WAPN 91.5</b> The first and third Thurs of every month from 9:30-11:00 am. In support of the <b>Christian Healing Center</b></p>	<p>Next Month</p> <p><b>May 23rd, 2010</b> Confirmation on <b>Pentecost</b> with Bishop Hugo</p>
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# MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



## Mission to America: N'Awlinz 2010

Team Leader: Fr. Comforted Keen+  
Team Administrator: Jennifer Lutterbie

**MISSION:** To assist our neighbors in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana after times of catastrophe.

**VISION:** To grow as servants of our Lord Jesus Christ and spread the Good News to those in times of distress and grief.

**Why are we still going back after almost 5 years after Katrina hit?** This is what post-Katrina still looks like:

- Residents returning has slowed
- 36% of existing housing is empty
- Less than 20% of the ninth Ward is back
- 31% of the hospitals haven't reopened
- Construction workers are still looking for work
- Cost of Living has spiked
- Blight is rampant
- Some reports indicate it will be 20 years before Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes rebound.

We are **leaving** Ormond Beach for New Orleans on Saturday **Jun 5th, 2010** and plan to **return** on Saturday, **Jun 12th, 2010**. And although we willingly accept losing income, getting dirty and ministering to our neighbors in Louisiana, such ventures do cost more than our time and energy.

We have some developed some fundraising opportunities:

- **Cookbooks:** We still have cookbooks available. \$10.00 each (an additional \$2.50 each to have them mailed).
- **Online Mall:** What could be easier than **supporting our Mission to America** Team in the comfort of your home? The following link will direct you to our "mall" and I think you'll be amazed at the variety of the **more than 500 stores** participating. Even **local** Florida stores like **Bealls!**  
<http://www.visitourmall.com/MissiontoAmerica>
- **Non-Event Fundraiser:** We're going to invite you and your friends and neighbors to not join us for our Non-Event Fundraiser (*Since it is a non-event, you are free to select the date you will not attend*). You'll save on gas, parking, tips, new clothes, hair do's and it is zero calories! Your acceptance of our non-invitation will also make you eligible for real door prizes!


It is never too late to sign to travel with us! And we welcome your friends and family who have a heart for ministry through mission.

Please contact the office for additional information or if you have any questions (386)672-4470.  
(See page 18 of this issue)

# April Sunday Servants

<p>April 4th 2010 <i>Altar Guild - Lisa Miller</i></p> <p>LEMS: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 Ellie Hearn JoAnn Clements Presenters: 7:30 Glen &amp; Marjorie Wilson</p> <p>Psalm: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 Ellie Hearn</p> <p>Prayers: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 JoAnn Clements</p> <p>Old Testament 7:30 Glen Wilson 9:00 Eric Robbins</p> <p>New Testament 7:30 Marjorie Wilson 9:00 Rosella Golovich</p> <p>Ushers: 7:30 Selvyn Byfield 9:00 Richard Lohmann &amp; Jim Clements</p> <p>Greeters: 7:30 Marjorie Wilson 9:00 Lourdes Pagan &amp; Elizabeth Duncan</p> <p>Acolyte: 9:00 Mallory Miller</p>	<p>April 11th, 2010 <i>Altar Guild- Cathleen Hayes</i></p> <p>LEMS: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 John Jacobs Robin Jacobs Presenters: 7:30 Selvyn &amp; Reita Byfield</p> <p>Psalm: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 Robin Jacobs</p> <p>Prayers: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 John Jacobs</p> <p>Old Testament 7:30 Selvyn Byfield 9:00 Don Freebourn</p> <p>New Testament 7:30 Glen Wilson 9:00 T.P. Plimpton</p> <p>Ushers: 7:30 Glen Wilson 9:00 Tony Lenox &amp; Jack Dorko</p> <p>Greeters: 7:30 Reita Byfield 9:00 Robbie Dorko &amp; Hanna Sause</p> <p>Acolyte: 9:00 Jesse Hearn</p>
<p>April 18th , 2010 <i>Altar Guild - Audrey Lohmann</i></p> <p>LEMS: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 Cindy Herring Dan Murray Presenters: 7:30 Glen &amp; Marjorie Wilson</p> <p>Psalm: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 Cindy Herring</p> <p>Prayers: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 Dan Murray</p> <p>Old Testament 7:30 Glen Wilson 9:00 MaryAnn Jones</p> <p>New Testament 7:30 Marjorie Wilson 9:00 Sally Davala</p> <p>Ushers: 7:30 George Thornton 9:00 Joe Davala &amp; Andrew Stagmer</p> <p>Greeters: 7:30 Marjorie Wilson 9:00 Lisa Miller &amp; Lesley Stagmer</p> <p>Acolyte: 9:00 Mallory Miller</p>	<p>April 25th, 2010 <i>Altar Guild - Jackie Butler</i></p> <p>LEMS: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 Tony Lenox Bev Lenox Presenters: 7:30 Selvyn &amp; Reita Byfield</p> <p>Psalm: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 Bev Lenox</p> <p>Prayers: 7:30 Gerald Frisby 9:00 Tony Lenox</p> <p>Old Testament 7:30 Selvyn Byfield 9:00 Barbara Bates</p> <p>New Testament 7:30 Marjorie Wilson 9:00 Judy Vogenitz</p> <p>Ushers: 7:30 Selvyn Byfield 9:00 Marty Graybeal &amp; Kent Bates</p> <p>Greeters: 7:30 Reita Byfield 9:00 Nancy Graybeal &amp; Nancy Collins</p> <p>Acolyte: 9:00 Jesse Hearn</p>

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*Teach a child to choose the right path  
(Proverbs 22:6)*

**Camp Wingmann  
2010 Summer Schedule**

**Camp St. Mark: June 13-18**  
Senior High Age Campers entering  
grades 9-12

**Camp St. Barnabas: June 20-25**  
Middle School Campers  
entering grades 6-8

**Camp Trinity: Jun 27—Jul 2**  
Elementary Age Campers entering  
grades 3-5

**Camp St. Peter: Jul 11-16**  
Senior High School Age Campers  
entering grades 9-12

**Camp St. Francis: Jul 18—23**  
Middle School Age Campers entering  
grades 6-8

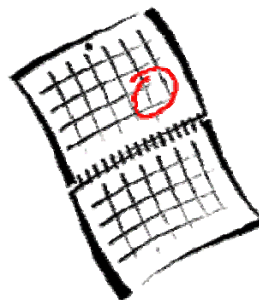
**Camp St. Mary: Jul 25-30**  
Elementary Age Campers entering  
grades 3- 5

**Fees:** Each session costs **\$315** per camper, which includes a free T-shirt. A non-refundable deposit of **\$75** is due with your registration form. The balance of **\$240** will be due upon arrival. Family discounts and discounts for an extra session are available. For more information call toll free 866-526-3380 or email us at [cwsummer@strato.net](mailto:cwsummer@strato.net)

Spring is in the air. Everyone will be working in their gardens. Planting lots of seeds to make beautiful flowers. How about if we plant of seed of God in someone and watch it grow. See the beauty of how it grows in their hearts and minds. They will learn to love God the way we love God. What a wonderful thing. Happy Easter.



In Gods Love,  
*Lisa Miller*



**EMERGE**

The Hope Tour  
April 23-25  
Camp Wingmann

**Soul in the City**

July 11-17, 2010  
Metro Orlando

**New Beginnings**

November 5-7, 2010  
Camp Wingmann

**I** command you to  
love each other in the  
same way that **I** love  
you.”

- John 15:12

Ormond Beach, Florida  
Hometown News  
March 6th, 2010

**Brotherly love**



John Hearn (left) of Ormond Beach gets a hug from his twin brother Jesse at the Shining S.T.A.R.S. Pageant and Fashion Show at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center Saturday. The Special Therapeutic Activities & Recreation Services of Ormond Beach sponsored the annual event.

Randy Barber/staff photographer

**Curb  
Appeal**

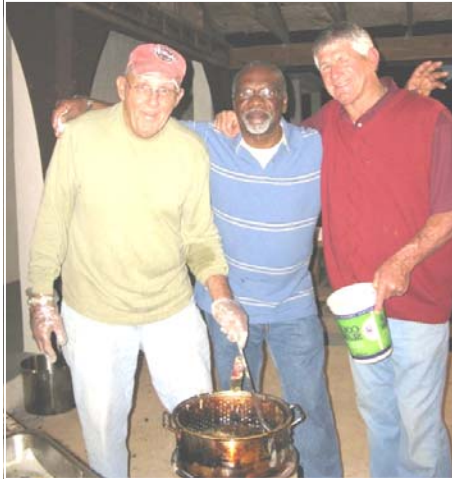


Thanks to our volunteers:

**Jim Clements:**  
Plants and grounds

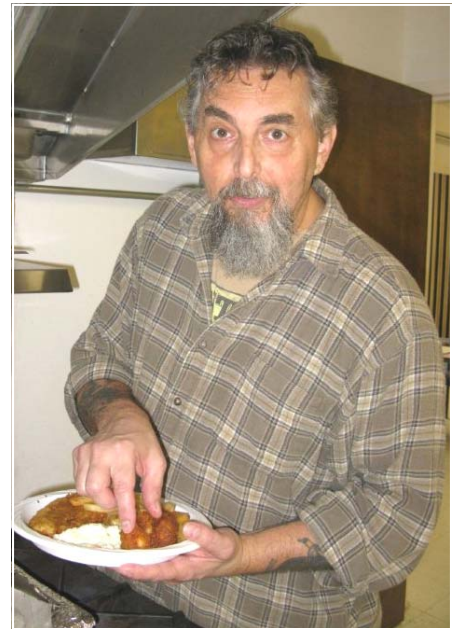
**Joe Davala:**  
The “Sign Guy”

**Jack Dorko:**  
Trees and shrubbery



Fish Fry  
March 12th,  
2010





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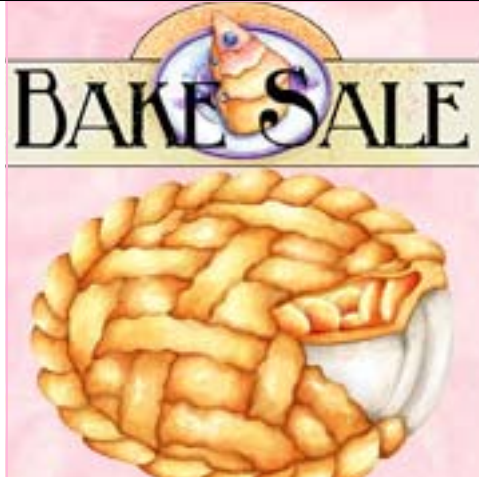
# Rummage Book & Bake Sale



**April 9th and 10th, 2010**  
8:00am—2:00pm  
CRT and Youth Fundraiser  
Start saving your treasures now!

Please do not donate  
Electronics, Televisions, etc...  
They do not sell

**Volunteers needed!**  
Please sign up on the bulletin board



**YOUTH  
Bake Sale  
Apr 9th & 10th**



**April 9th and  
10th, 2010**

***Donations needed!***

***(Bring donations April 5th-8th or  
call Pat Murray 677-4344)***

**KAIROS Week-end at  
Tomoka Correctional Institute**

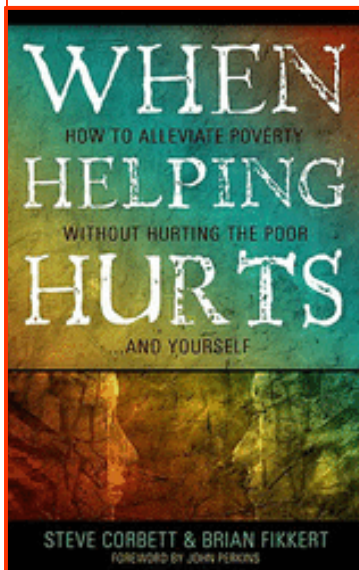
**April 8-11<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**42 men will be introduced to Jesus like never  
before!**



Please support the team with your **COOKIE**  
donations!

Store bought cookies **ONLY** please!



**MISSION TRAINING MEETINGS**

*Begin Sunday after Easter*

April 11 3:30-5:00

Book Discussion of  
When Helping Hurts

Open to all and *required*  
for those traveling to  
Honduras this summer.

Sign up for book today - \$!0.50



## **Christian Healing Center, Inc.**

4170 South Ridgewood Avenue  
Port Orange, Florida 32127  
(386)788-4833

**By His stripes (wounds) we are healed.**

**Three opportunities for God to heal your physical, emotional and spiritual needs:**

- **Live call in prayer line** on radio station WAPN (91.5) the first and second Thursday of every month from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Call line number is 673-2495
- **Laying on of hands** at the Christian Healing Center every Thursday. No appointment is required.
- **Ecumenical Healing Mission** the second Wednesday of every month. Praise music. Witness to the healing power of Jesus. Why Jesus wants to heal us. Our inheritance from our Father God. Prayers for healing by prayer ministers from the Christian Healing Center and the Order of St. Luke. Refreshments..

*Daniel Murray*



**Why did Jesus say He was going to send us the Holy Spirit?**

**Why is He called “The Helper”?**

**What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit**

**Receiving the Holy Spirit and Prayers for Healing**

**April 19th at 7 pm**

Hosted by Dan and Pat Murray.

(386)677-4344

# STAY HEALTHY

*(BY AVOIDING EMPTY CALORIE FOODS)*

**WEDNESDAY - APRIL 14TH AT 7:00 P.M.**



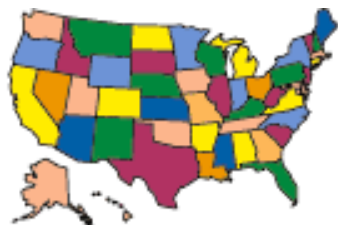
**Open to Everyone:**

- **Jesus Can Heal You Today**
- **Foods that make you ill**  
*(Daniel Murray, Food Scientist)*
- **Healing Prayers**
- **Wonderful Praise and Worship Music with Melody Long Anglin and her beautiful harp!**

*During these healing missions, we have witnessed healing of addictions to alcohol, tobacco, healing of breast cancer, melanoma, arthritis, COPD, lymphoma and heart problems.*

**For information call Daniel Murray (386) 679-9239.**

**Sponsored by the Order of St. Luke at Church of the Holy Child and the Christian Healing Center.**



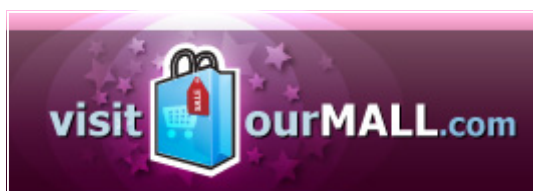
# Mission to America: N'Awlinz 2010

## Advancing ministry using technology



**Facebook** is a social networking website that is operated and privately owned by Facebook, Inc. Since September 2006, anyone over the age of 13 with a valid e-mail address can become a Facebook user. Users can add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves. Additionally, users can join networks organized by workplace, school, or college. The website's name stems from the colloquial name of books given to students at the start of the academic year by university administrations in the US with the intention of helping students to get to know each other better.

**Finding MTA:** Once you have Facebook page you go to your profile page and in the “SEARCH” area type in **Mission to America**. This will direct you to our **Fan Page**. Become a Fan and then you can suggest it to all your contacts in Facebook. As a fan you can also upload, comment and share photos. **Share** stories, discussion and links. And share all those with your Facebook **friends**. Then ask them to share with their Facebook friends. In no time at all—Mission to America can become worldwide! Also from your profile page you can type “Causes” in the SEARCH engine and look for our MTA Cause—and then share, upload, update and discuss! Two easy ways to **spread the word** of our ministry in just a couple of clicks!



**Fundraising:** On our Fan Page is a quick and easy link to one of our fundraisers. Our MTA Mall! There are over **500 name brand stores** to choose from. With every purchase a percentage of the profit is sent for our ministry use. What could be easier than supporting our Mission to America Team in the comfort of your home? If you are like more and more people you enjoy shopping on line for the convenience, selections and avoiding crowds and traffic. Well, now you can support our team by shopping at the stores you normally shop and we earn cash back from the merchants. Or just type in this link on your computer which will direct you to our “mall” and I think you’ll be amazed at the variety of the more than 500 stores participating. Even local Florida stores like Bealls!

<http://www.visitourmall.com/MissiontoAmerica>

**Cookbooks!** You (and your FB friends) can also send a message to us letting us know how many cookbooks we can mail out for you (or to hold in the office for you). Cookbooks are \$10.00 each—if we ship them it is an addition \$2.50.



# *A Royal Invitation*



*You are hereby invited to the  
6th Annual Women's Spring Retreat*

*Saturday*

*May 1, 2010*

*Beginning at 9:15 a.m.*

*Concluding at 4:30 p.m.*

*At a Secret Beachside Castle*

*The particulars of the day will be forthcoming.*



Our Royal Guest Speaker will be Karen Howe, who is married to His Grace, the Rt. Rev. John Howe, Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida. They have six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Karen is an ordained deacon at St. Mary of the Angels, Orlando. She has been a reporter, a librarian, an editor, a writer, a public speaker and is in charge of the Cathedral Media Ministry.

**In Our County...**

# April 22nd, 2010

On Thursday, April 22, 2010 the Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Foundation will host the 18th annual Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work® Day. The program continues its focus on the competing challenges adults face integrating work and family. It is designed to allow parents, guardians, and mentors to share their work lives and introduce these issues to our nation's daughters and sons.

When we say "Our Daughters And Sons" we mean more than our own children. The Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Foundation encourages workplaces and individuals to ensure all our nation's daughters and sons participate in the program by inviting children from housing authorities and shelters, nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends, and more, to join them for Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work®.

*(Recommended for girls and boys ages 8-18)*



## **Daytona Beach Chorale Society**

"For the Joy of Singing"

April 11, 2010 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church at 2 p.m.

April 25th 2010 at Christ Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m.

Presenting:

Schubert's "Mass in G"

Selections from "That Old Time Religion"

A \$5.00 donation is requested.

## QUEST FOR MEANING: AGING WITH FAITH, RESILIENCE AND VITALITY

**May 4, 2010, 9 am – 4 pm.**

St. John Lutheran Church  
1600 S. Orlando Ave., Winter Park, FL

Featuring:  
Marty Richards, MSW, Geriatric Social Worker

Do you have a nagging health concern or personal dilemma that you tell yourself you need to get around to, but never quite do? Are you experiencing symptoms of stress? Are your personal or professional relationships strained? Do you worry about finances? When was the last time you really had fun and felt creative? Do you feel that you are living up to your potential in terms of life purpose, service, and your career? Has your doctor suggested that you exercise, but you can't get off the dime? Is your spiritual well-being at a crossroads? If you would like to begin to address issues or concerns that bother you, we have a resource for you! **The Circle of Life** is a wholistic curriculum and a process that focuses on twelve life areas: Stress Mastery, Nutrition and Diet, Exercise and Fitness, Self-Care and Health Care, Relationships and Communication, Work and Career, Life Purpose and Service, and Beliefs and Self-Esteem, Financial Health, Play and Creativity, Environmental Responsibility. **Circle of Life** participants assess their level of satisfaction with these life areas and begin by focusing on one area at a time.



### **Volunteer**

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida relies on more than 7,900 volunteers, whose hours total over 31,000, every year to fulfill our mission. Our various projects offer fun and unique ways

for individuals and groups to contribute their time, talents and resources to connect with the community.

### **Food Sorters**

Sort and box donated products in our warehouse (Food Rescue Center) located at 1918 W. Princeton Street, Orlando, 32804. This activity is an ideal service project for families, large groups, middle or high school age students and companies looking for team-building programs. Children must be at least 10 years old in order to participate.

### **Office Volunteers**

Help our staff with various clerical duties, including making copies, stuffing envelopes, stamping envelopes and data entry. This volunteer opportunity takes place during regular business hours. This is a great contribution to the Food Bank for any individual.

### **Special Events**

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida has many special events throughout the year to raise funds and food, including Empty Bowls and Taste of the Nation. Volunteers can assist by registering guests, serving food or assisting chefs. National Letter Carrier's Food Drive (May) and Scouting for Food (November) are our largest food drives and many volunteers are needed to help sort and pack donated food at these drives.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mindy Ortiz - [mortiz@foodbankcentralflorida.org](mailto:mortiz@foodbankcentralflorida.org) or 407-423-1754

**Church of the Holy Child  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2010**

Present:

Members: Kent Bates, June Dall, Joseph Davala, Diane Dodge, Beverly Lenox, Lesley Stagmer.

Staff: Father Comforted Keen, Deacon Madelyn Martin, George Thornton

The regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was held Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Father Keen being in the chair.

**I. Prayer and Meditation**

Deacon Madelyn opened with prayer and meditation at 7:10 P.M. Father Keen added an additional prayer and then reviewed the "Rules of Engagement" adopted by the Vestry previously.

**II. Approval of Vestry Minutes**

J. Dall moved and L. Stagmer seconded a motion to approve the January 11, 2010 minutes as corrected to show in section IV the motion to approve the treasurer's report was seconded by K. Bates. The motion passed.

**III. Treasurer's Report - George Thornton**

In the treasurer's report dated January 31, 2010 there was a checking account balance of \$11,587.18 and Special Accounts balance of \$30,720.84. The report reflected total amount pledged year-to-date was \$12,958.00. The amount of pledges received was \$11,130.00, a shortage of \$1,828.00. He reported the bills for January were fairly high but they were paid without problem and \$1,200 was sent to the diocese. There was a problem with the thermostat in the sanctuary being left at a high setting on multiple occasions, resulting in an electric bill of \$756.41. After the FPL rebate the amount owed was \$551.08. The thermostats were programmed to go off at midnight and come back on at 6:00 A.M. but somehow the program has been overridden. G. Thornton and K. Bates will speak with Richard Lohmann and Tony Lenox about rectifying the situation. We have 3 CDs. One for \$100,000 will mature on March 3, 2010 at \$116,331.24. Another one for \$100,000 will mature on August 30, 2010 at \$124,439.00. These were 5-year CDs at 4.5% interest. The third CD for \$90,000 will mature on September 14, 2011 at \$94,500. B. Lenox moved and D. Dodge seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed.

**IV. Parish Status**

Father Keen has sent a letter to Bishop Howe along with our pledge statement asking him to reinstate Church of the Holy Child to common parish status (parish in good standing). We are tithing based on actual receipts and request to be reinstated on that basis. Canon Bennett thinks that Bishop Howe will agree to do so.

**V. Grounds Maintenance**

K. Bates announced there will be a clean-up day on Saturday, February 13.

**VI. Parish Leadership - June Dall**

**A. Vestry Development.** All Vestry members should have an up-to-date policy notebook. J. Dall passed out a table of contents and asked all Vestry members

to make a notation of what sections are missing from their notebooks and return the table of contents to her so she can make the necessary copies. Vestry members were requested to bring their notebooks to the Vestry retreat.

**B.** Proposal to hire a sexton. J. Dall passed out a job description for a sexton and proposed that we try to find someone in our parish family who would be interested in a part-time job of 6 hours a week at \$10.00 an hour instead of instead of continuing to hire a cleaning service for \$3,300 a year. The sexton would be hired by Father Keen and under his direction but would work cooperatively with the junior warden. Duties would include vacuuming, wet mopping vinyl floors, scrubbing bathrooms, dusting offices and other areas, cleaning marks on walls, dry mopping floors as needed and removing marks, wiping kitchen counters with bacterial wipes, replenishing bath tissue and paper towels as needed. The position would be announced via e-mail, during services, on the web site and on the bulletin board. After discussion of the matter, B. Lenox moved and K. Bates seconded a motion to do further research on and consideration of the hiring of a sexton. The motion passed.

**C.** Clerk of Vestry. L. Stagmer moved and B. Lenox seconded a motion to nominate Sally Davala for the position of Clerk of the Vestry. The motion passed.

**D.** Vestry assignments. J. Dall passed out a list of committees or focus areas that each member of the Vestry has been assigned: Maintenance Agenda and Grounds - K. Bates; Safety Inspection - G. Wilson; Evangelism (membership) - C. Hayes and J. Dall, Music - J. Dall; Budget Committee (Finance Committee) - J. Jacobs; Christian Education - B. Lenox, L. Stagmer, D. Dodge; Parish Operations - J. Davala; Supportive Programs - Deacon Madelyn; Media Presentations: Father Keen. Vestry members may seek assistance from parish members if necessary.

**E.** Parish Member Development. J. Dall distributed page 1 of a growth program for helping newcomers find a home. The first topic is to stabilize what we have. There was a discussion about the lack of adherence to being quiet in the sanctuary before the service in spite of signs being posted to that effect. The issue will be discussed at the retreat. Father Keen stated he will be asking every group or ministry three questions: Who are you? What do you do? Why do you do it? If we can communicate these things to newcomers they will better understand what we have to offer.

## **VI. Other Business**

Vestry Retreat. We will be using the bus to travel to Canterbury and will leave Holy Child at 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 12. We will return after lunch on Sunday, February 14. Vestry members should bring their notebooks. The focus is on spending time together and spending time with the Lord together in addition to working on some Vestry issues.

The next regular Vestry meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business, B. Lenox moved and L. Stagmer seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:24 P.M. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Davala  
Clerk of the Vestry

CERTIFIED:

June Dall  
Senior Warden



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Caring  
Reaching Out to the Un-Churched  
Broad Spectrum of Age  
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