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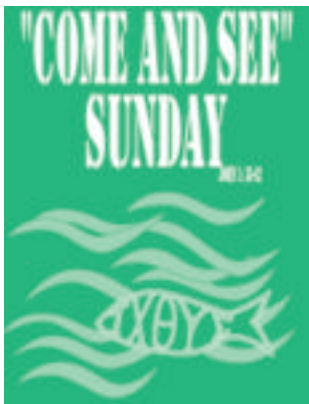
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Late Summer 2008

COME AND SEE on Sunday, August 24!



On Sunday, August 24, **COME AND SEE** all the things that are happening at COOS. We've spent our summer relaxing with camps, vacations ... now it's time to get revved up for Fall!

Our annual Fish Fry will begin after the 10:30 AM service. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years old, with a family maximum of \$30. Ticket sales begin Sunday, July 27. New **COME AND SEE** T-shirts will also be available.

A "Ministry Fair" will be held in the Great Hall. Representatives from each of the ministries will be available to answer any questions about how you can get involved. Stop by their tables for information ... and dessert! There will also be musical entertainment for the adults. There will be games, slides, and "bouncy things" to ensure a fun day for all ages!

2007 COME AND SEE SUNDAY



Forget about Stewardship, lets talk about money!



I have preached many sermons about stewardship, written many articles, said many things about the subject. It is important to understand the theology of stewardship and all that God wants us to be by giving back just a portion of all that God has given to each of us. However, sometimes the Church needs to talk directly about money. We should not

be afraid to discuss it. Now is that time.

The economy has impacted all of us. I can't begin to tell you how many dear friends from our parish that I have talked with recently who have been deeply affected by the state of the economy that we find ourselves in. I heard a comedian a few weeks ago say, "I had to sell my car to pay for my gas." Sometimes that feels like a reality to many of us. Those with great resources are worried about their investments, retired persons wonder if their money will run out, professionals are being downsized, others are losing jobs and costs are rising at an alarming rate. What shall we do, or more specifically, what should the Church do?

First, and foremost, it should be said that those in the Church approach this challenge differently. You see, the major difference between others and us, is that we do not go alone. We trust in God and believe that God will provide. We know that our faith will sustain us. But there is more. We do not go alone because we go together. We are family. We are the body of Christ, we are the people of COOS. As it says in I Corinthians 12:26, "If one member suffers, all suffer together, if one member is honored, all rejoice together."

Never underestimate the power of this. When things are tough for loving families, they pull together. So it is with us.

Which of us would not step forward if one of our family members were struggling financially or otherwise? Many of us have done this for children, brothers or sisters, parents or close friends. It has not always been easy but it is what loving people do. Now is the time to draw close and to support one another. Some are really struggling, many are worried, and some are doing very well. Together, with the grace of God, we help one another, care for one another and are loved by one another. That is the gift of Christian community.

As I write this article, approximately 110 families (of our 267 pledging units) are behind in their pledge. Some are only a little bit behind and some are way below their pledge to date. About 61 families are ahead (many plan to give beyond their pledge). The rest are right on target with

their projected pledge amount. If this trend continues, we will be significantly short of our projected budget at the end of 2008.

So let me make a specific request about money. Check your recent statement from the church. If you are behind, please make up the difference as soon as possible. If your circumstances have changed and you need to adjust your pledge, please notify the church. This is very important. If you can give more than your pledge, you will make a great impact on this parish family and will be a blessing to those who find themselves in difficult circumstances. If you have not pledged, please give generously. We are also behind in unpledged giving so these gifts are equally important to the life of our parish. This is a very loving and generous congregation. Even in a tough economy, we can pull together and do all that God is calling us to do. As each in this family do their part, all will benefit and the Good News will make a difference in the lives of many.

Before I end, let me say a word about 2009. We have not yet geared up for our annual campaign. Vestry member Scott Nooney, is heading up our new Stewardship Committee that will be working year round to help us embrace all forms of stewardship in our lives. You will be hearing more from this group in the near future. Please start now praying about your pledge for 2009. The vestry does an excellent job of managing and presenting a reasonable budget. Now more than ever, we will need everyone! Your pledge for 2009 is essential. It is your part of the family, your gift to the body, and your thanksgiving to God. If each of us who has pledged in 2008, will pledge

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again and increase that pledge by just a little, our budget will be fine and our parish family will thrive. The new pledges will come and God will bestow many blessings on us all.

Finally, read with excitement about all the parish ministries, events and programs presented in this issue. WOW. Our children's ministries, our youth ministries, our music and worship, our extraordinary outreach and much more are making a difference in our lives and the lives of others. The rest of 2008 and 2009 are going to be really great times in the life of this parish. God is doing new things in our midst. I can hardly wait to see all that God has in store for us. All of these ministries are a result of your faith, your commitment and your money. Let us rejoice together!

As you go, proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and rejoice that God is in our midst!

Faithfully and gratefully,
The Rev. John Palarine

To the People of Church of Our Saviour;

By now you probably know that I will be leaving COOS at the end of July to accept the call to be rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville. My last Sunday will be July 27.

COOS is a very special place to the Atkinson family. It has been our parish home since 1988 when Dallas and I moved to Jacksonville. Our children, Emily and Ian, were baptized and confirmed here and Dallas and I both completed Enquirers class and were received into this church. When we arrived in '88, Father Bill Anderson was rector and his new assistant, Father Robert Lee, had just started. It was a time when you could arrive for the 10:30 service and sit wherever you wanted; parking was not an issue. The youth group consisted of five or six kids meeting at the church for a trip to the beach or some other activity planned by Jennifer and Lester Huffingham. Over the years I served on the Vestry, became a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, was the Sr. Warden, and played music with Becky, Cynde, and Barry at Wednesday night Eucharist's. Dallas became a Daughter of the King and served on the Altar Guild. We went to Cursillo, participated in mission trips, pilgrimages, ski trips, and floated down the Ichetucknee River many times.



Fr. Mark and Dallas at his Ordination to the Deaconate

In 2003 our family left Church of Our Saviour to attend seminary at Sewanee, Tennessee. There was a farewell reception for us and a welcome reception for the Jones as we passed each other coming and going. As we left that day we never expected that we would return in a new relationship with the parish – as the assistant rector. It was like a gift from God – a chance to begin ordained ministry where our family had begun – where we first became Episcopalians – and where we felt so loved and accepted. We returned in 2006 on Pentecost Sunday and we were very happy.

Our time among you has been wonderful and we thank each of you, and especially Fr. John, for the opportunity we were given to return home, even for a brief time. Now it is time to leave again and it is time for you to welcome a new assistant rector into the flock. Our family is excited about the opportunity which St. Andrew's offers us, but we are sad to be leaving our special parish family. There is no place like COOS, but soon we will also say there is no place like St. Andrew's. So we leave this holy ground to be planted in a new parish – and to bloom and flourish once more.

Goodbye COOS! We love you and will miss you, but we will never forget you!

Mark, Dallas, Emily, and Ian Atkinson

Planned Giving Committee Established

Last fall, COOS established a Planned Giving committee. In the coming months, this committee will work to educate our parish about the following types of "planned" gifts:

- Bequest by Will
- Life Insurance
- Life Income Gifts
- Remainder Estate

We want to encourage you and your family to consider such methods of enhanced stewardship. Planned giving allows you to give a major gift to the Church of Our Saviour Foundation, Inc, and – in many cases – receive substantial tax and income benefits for yourself, your family and your heirs.

Members of the Planned Giving Committee are: Randy Bryan, McClade Holloway, Pat Hubbard, Bill Morrow, Rev. John Palatine, Ken Rogers, and Arnold Slott. These committee members are available to meet with you to discuss the planned giving program.

Other sources of information will include:

- A planned giving seminar (in the near future)
- Inserts in the service bulletin
- Available brochures
- Articles and advertisements in this newsletter

You may find that planned giving is an ideal way to support our church's future and provide for your family.

Christian Formation



Prayer Partner Exchange

Children and adults of COOS will once again have the opportunity to become prayer partners for the upcoming school year. Children's names will be available on a Prayer Tree beginning August 24.

We ask that adults interested in participating take the name of a child they wish to pray for and leave their name so that child can pray for them. If you would like your child to be a part of this year's "Prayer Partner Exchange" please contact Pam Gillis by August 17 at 268-9457 ext 23 or at coosgillis@comcast.net.

Sunday School begins September 7 9:30 - 10:15 AM



3 year olds – Kindergarten meet in Classroom 4 (Godly Play)

1st – 3rd Grade meet in Classroom 5 (Episcopal Children's Curriculum)

4th – 5th Grade meet in Classroom 2 (Episcopal Children's Curriculum)

Don't forget to register on August 24!

Congratulations to Alicia Wood, one of our nursery workers, on the birth of her daughter, Grace, on June 20, 2008!



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Raising a Child of God

Summer is almost over and it is once again time for us to gear up for the new beginnings that come each fall. We know that everybody is busy getting ready for the new school year, but what about your child's Christian education? Is that any less important than the education they get in school? Would you let your child skip going to school because they wanted to sleep in, they had something better to do, or they just didn't feel like going that day? The relationship that your child develops with God is just as important as the reading or math skills learned during the week.

As the new school year begins I ask you to take some time to think about what your family is going to do this year. There are many opportunities at Church of Our Saviour.

- ✦ Will your family commit to attend worship services on a regular basis?
- ✦ Will your family commit to attend Sunday School on a regular basis?
- ✦ Will your family commit to participate in outreach projects?
- ✦ Will your family commit to serve the church by volunteering or singing in a choir?
- ✦ Will your family commit to attend Wednesday night programs?
- ✦ Will your family commit to regular Christian conversations and devotions at home?

I know you will find blessings in any of the above suggestions that you choose to do. My prayer will be for each of you to be able to follow through with these commitments.

Love and Blessings,
Ms. Pam

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Children's Wednesday Night Program

6:30 – 7:15 PM

**Parent / Child Book Club beginning this Fall.
Look for more information in September.**

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Youth News

Frances Shults, Youth Director

Our Vision

"Guide youth to know Christ so they may exemplify His Love in all they do."

Quick Reminders

It's time to update the youth database! If you are changing schools this year or have a new e-mail address, Frances Shults needs your updated information via email: fbshults@aol.com



Reminder to all parents of college students — please contact the parish office with your college students' new addresses this fall. Send that information to Joanne Blalock at blalockj@coos.org.



Save the Date! L.I.F.E. (all middle school youth) for your annual "12 Hours of L.I.F.E." overnight adventure, Friday, September 26 beginning at 8:00 PM through Saturday at 8:00 AM.



High school students who have completed J2A – your applications for Happening #112, September 12-14 are absolutely due no later than August 4 to Frances / church office. For more information, see any youth who has been to Happening! The next scheduled Happening #113 is January 23-25.



Youth Rallies at COOS are infamous! Kidnappings, Baked Bean Slip & Slides, Massive Pool Parties, Overnight Survivors, Scavenger Hunts, Muddy games! Who knows what could be next! Watch your mail for coming attractions!



Matt Tipple from COOS (arrow) served as Chalice Bearer at the Opening Eucharist with the Presiding Bishop at the 2008 Episcopal Youth Event (E.Y.E.). The largest youth event in The Episcopal Church took place July 8-13, 2008 at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas and was attended by some 1200 high school students, adult sponsors, bishops, and resource people from all over the world. Matt was one of the representatives from our Diocese.

It's Time to ROCK the UNIVERSE!

Attention C.H.A.O.S. members (all high school youth), it's time to Rock the Universe again on Friday, September 5 at Universal Studios in Orlando. Great bands this year including Switchfoot, Relient K, Newsboys, Skillet and more. Cost is only \$125, which includes transportation to and from Orlando, admission ticket for Friday evening, an Express Pass for the rides, hotel accommodations and breakfast on Saturday morning. We will depart at 3:30 PM sharp from the FLC and return on Saturday by 12 noon. *Your registration and full payment are due absolutely by Monday, August 4.* Space will be very limited. For more information, stop by the church office or check out the bulletin board in the Great Hall.

C.H.A.O.S. Book Club

Coming Wednesday, September 3, C.H.A.O.S. Book Club will begin reading and discussing Rob Bell's latest book, *Sex God - Exploring the Endless Connections Between Sexuality & Spirituality*. This one month book study for high school students, led by Frances Shults, will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the FLC. (It's a short book, easy to read and you can still make Youth Music afterwards!) Plan to attend the introduction meeting on September 3 to get your book. ***Please sign up by August 25 so we know how many books to buy!*** Book cost is only \$7.

P.S. to parents – you aren't left out of this book study. A group for parents will meet on Tuesday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm starting on September 2. Again, please sign up by August 25. For more information, please contact Frances Shults.

Plan to join us on Sunday, August 17, 9:30 – 10:30 AM in the Great Hall for our Annual Youth Summer Trips report to the parish. Hear all about this summer's J2A Pilgrimage, Tennessee Mission Trip & Navajoland Mission Trip.

As part of a continuing effort to acquaint the congregation with the COOS vestry, this month the congregation will meet members Darby Edwards and Pete Gentry.

Darby Edwards



Darby has an impressive history of volunteer service at the church, working on various committees that include the epiphany pageant, church bazaars, mission team and the welcome and stewardship committee.

Darby began attending COOS in 1996 when her daughter's friend Emily Atkinson (Father Mark's daughter), invited her to attend a service. Darby and her husband Buddy tagged along with daughter Harmon and shortly thereafter, the family embraced the church. Darby was confirmed in the church in 1997. Harmon is now 20 and attends the University of North Florida.

Darby is attracted to the church for the congregation, the Holy Grounds, the service, the church's history and its exceptional clergy. She says a most memorable time for her was in 2000 when a COOS group went to Honduras to build houses. She said it was a humbling and life-changing experience.

"We thought we were there to help the Honduran people – but they ended up teaching us much more than we could ever teach them," she said. "They may not have many material possessions, but we clearly saw you don't need things to love life and love your neighbor as yourself."

Darby, who was raised in the Boston area and is a huge Red Sox fan, likes to go "treasure hunting" at antique malls, flea markets and furniture consignment stores. She had a "thrill" last year when she went to a yard sale and bought a piece of furniture from the mother of Red Sox closing pitcher Jonathon Papelbon.

Darby is employed as the Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Florida. She has previously worked for COOS as the Director of Lay Ministry and Communications, the United Way of Northeast Florida, Citibank and Merrill Lynch Credit Corporation and the American Bankers Association. She is a graduate of American University in Washington D.C.

Pete Gentry

Pete Gentry also holds an impressive volunteer record at COOS. In addition to serving on the current vestry, he also served in the mid 1980's as a Junior Warden for two years and Senior Warden for one year.



Pete says a memorable time he had at COOS was when he was Junior Warden, he would come to church every Saturday to go through Father Bill Anderson's "to do" list. At the time, COOS did not have a sexton and Pete had to do it all himself or recruit help. Many times, he brought his children to help him with the chores.

Other volunteer activities have included being a member of the Parish choir, serving on the breakfast crew, lay reading, chalice bearer, the Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless dinner crew, and the stewardship, worship and music committees. His wife, Louise, has served as a Sunday School teacher for many years, as well as Sunday School Director in the 80's.

Pete and his family have been members of COOS since 1981. They are drawn to the church for its family atmosphere, friendliness and warmth. Pete and Louise have two children, Marc, 35, and Stacey, 30, both of whom grew up and were married at COOS. Marc and his wife Debi have two children, Alexis and Ryan, making Pete and Louise very proud grandparents. Pete's mother, Betty Gentry, is also a member of the church.

In addition to serving at COOS, Pete's other civic and professional memberships include: the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Downtown Council; co-chair of the Commercial Alliance of Realtors; and secretary-treasurer and past president of the Deerwood Kiwanis Club.

Pete is the owner and broker of CLC Realty, which specializes in commercial real estate. He spent 30 years working in the Information Technology business, as IT Director at Tree of Life Inc., the ATP Tour, Bombardier Capital Mortgage and IBM. He has dual degrees in Industrial Management and Civil Engineering from Purdue University in Indiana. After graduating from Purdue, he served three years in the U.S. Army in Military Intelligence in Bangkok during the Vietnam War.

After Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, he began immediately preaching in synagogues about Jesus the divine Son. It may have surprised him when his message was so ill received. In his listeners eyes he was a Pharisee, a persecutor of Jesus, complicit in the stoning of Stephen – "a Jerusalem Pharisee one day, a follower of 'the way' another day.

Paul recognized his need to remove himself in order to understand the full implication of his vision. He was not welcome in either Damascus or Jerusalem. "In the full flow of his rhetoric at a much later stage in his life, Paul bragged that he had become all things to all people. (1 Corinthians 9:22) At this stage Paul wasn't anything to anybody". Thus began a three year self-imposed exile to the Arabian region where he collected, deciphered, and organized his thoughts about how to spread the Word; how to appeal to Gentiles, Jews, slaves, *everyone*. The Torah was central to his life. It was his life. But he had to bring people to Jesus who had no history of the Law and he had to bring Jews to Jesus whose only history was the Law.

Paul's travels, probably encompassing twenty to twenty-five years, began around 37-40 A.D. and ended thousands of miles later in Rome in the 60's. He sought to establish

Saul of Tarsus ... Jew ...
Tentmaker's Son ...
Paul ... Pharisee ...
Apostle Paul ... ST. PAUL

communities of believers in such places as Antioch, Galatia, Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth, Ephesus and Rome. It is thought that his skill as a tentmaker allowed him to, in effect, set-up shop for a year or two and sell his wares (to live) as well as his message.

His letters (written perhaps 20 years before the first Gospel) would follow his visits when problems or questions arose after his departure. The one letter written *before* he actually visited was the one to Rome.

"Perpetually restless, reckless with his own life and the lives of others, Paul careened around the Mediterranean wrecking the tranquillity of synagogues, forums and churches, making friends and breaking friendships with the compulsive abandon of a man possessed...".

"Perhaps more than any other single person, Paul defined Christian spirituality."

Sources: *Rabbi Paul* by Bruce Chilton;
Paul: A Critical Life by Jerome Murphy-O'Connor

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News from Alan Whitmore, Director of Music Ministries

Our Chapel and Cherub Choirs start rehearsals for the year in September. There is already lots of excitement, however, as they have started rehearsals for a musical, "Don't Rock the Ark", which will be presented during worship on October 28. We will need lots of adult help with costumes, sets, and sound, so please contact Alan Whitmore if you can be of assistance.

A new addition to the Music Ministry is the Choral Scholar Program. We are currently looking for up to 5 young people, who are studying music at a university or college, to sing with the Parish Choir. Their expertise and knowledge will greatly enhance the choral sound and give assistance to members of the choir who need help with reading music and using their voices. In exchange we will offer scholarships to help with their music education and give each scholar valuable experiences with "hands-on" music making.

Also a first is the new "Fine Arts on the Riverbank" (only a working title for now). This ministry is a group of people who will organize concerts and other fine arts events throughout the year. We are in the beginning planning stages and would welcome any input you wish to give. What kind of fine arts event would you like held at COOS? – a concert (by whom?), an art show with wine and cheese reception, a workshop by a graphic artist or musician or dinner and music on the church lawn? The sky is the limit. Help us by telling us what interests you. We could also use volunteers for the steering committee.

There will be more information about these and other music ministry events in future issues of the newsletter.

In closing – we are always in need of help – to sing, to play an instrument, to ring hand bells, or to assist in organization. All groups could use additional membership, but we are especially looking for musicians for Riverbank services, the hand bell choir, and the Parish Choir (men's voices particularly). Give praise to God through the gift of music! Join one of our many groups!



It's Back to School Time for Feed My Lambs

All who participate in the Feed My Lambs ministry are excited to announce that Crookshank Elementary School recently received a letter grade of A for the 2008 school year. In fact, Crookshank was the biggest winner for St. John's County, going from a C to an A. This is the school attended by the majority of the children served by our Feed My Lambs food ministry. We believe that the food, treats, hugs, and personal encouragement we have given to these children and their caregivers have made a contribution to this success story.

Again this year, our Feed My Lambs Ministry will provide each of our children with a tote bag filled with the necessary back-to-school supplies. The parents and grandparents simply can't afford this extra expense. These school supply lists will be available after church on July 20. Sign up and help a child be prepared to start the new school year! Bags are due back to the church on August 10, and they will be hand-delivered on August 16.



Some of the school bags that were given to the Feed My Lambs students last year.

If you would like to get involved with this particular ministry, call the church office or Barbara Byers, 886-0170. With the declining economy, more families are finding their cupboards empty toward the end of the month.

An Answered Prayer

Last month, during the regular Feed My Lambs delivery, the postman in the area told Pete Neilson about a family that was in desperate need of food. Pete took some food, milk and bread and left to find the family. When he found the mother and her two children, their cupboards and refrigerator were completely empty. They had shared one baked potato for lunch. The woman had told her children earlier in the day that she had prayed and God would provide some food for them. Pete was so moved that God had used him to answer her prayer, but he assured the mother that the church members who had supplied the food had really answered her prayer. For her, we thank you!

The postman's referral is just one example of how community relationships are being built in this area of West St. Augustine where most of the students attend Crookshank Elementary.

The Excitement is Building with HabiJax

This September, Church of Our Saviour will join with nine other Episcopal parishes to build a new home for a deserving family in Jacksonville. Since 1992, COOS has been involved in the construction of 41 homes both with its financial support and many tremendous volunteers. Our parish has been the driving force behind the coalition for the last several years as it has been one of the most valuable outreach efforts of our parish.

The success of our homeowners comes from the fact that they are heavily involved in the process, as **it is a hand up, not a hand out**. A new homeowner who qualifies for a HabiJax house must make a commitment for 300 labor hours of sweat equity on HabiJax houses and a \$500 down payment. They will then have an interest-free mortgage for the current value of the home to be paid back to HabiJax. Our local Habitat for Humanity chapter has been the most productive chapter in the country, having built over 1500 homes and was selected in 2007 as the best Habitat affiliate.

With the escalating costs for all building materials, it is more important than ever to be able to financially support our building efforts. Full sponsorship of a home is now at \$65,000.

How can you help?

- Support our "building big houses from small houses" campaign where we will hand out the little HabiJax coin box homes. We need every family to take one and help us.
- Be ready with your hammers and paint brushes as we will start building on Saturdays starting on September 20.



Mission Commission Contacts

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Operation Christmas Child	Barbara Byers	barbarabyers1234@msn.com	886-0170
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Prison Ministries	Nolan Gilmore	ngg612@comcast.net	731-0126
Friends of the Family	Irene and Tony Lane		
Mandarin Food Bank	Vicki Martz	vicki@palmerdesign.com	268-7492
Youth Missions	Frances Shults	fbshults@aol.com	268-9457 #18
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Want To Get Involved? Then Doris Wants to Talk to You!

Want to get involved, but not sure where your talents would best fit? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Doris Latour and she will work with you to let you know opportunities where you might be able to help. There is something for everyone at Church of Our Saviour and we can't wait to help you find out where your time and talents might fit in! Contact Doris at 264-1248 or dorislatur@gmail.com.



From the Parish Register Summer 2008

Letters of Transfer In:

Carol Campbell, from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wyandotte, MI

Letters of Transfer Out:

Adam and Jennifer Blalock, to St. John's Episcopal, Tallahassee FL

Julia Knight Walker, to Mandarin Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville FL

John Traynham, to Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Simpsonville SC

Deaths:

Bertha Cason Tauch

Recycling Tip

Paper or plastic? How 'bout neither. We use shopping bags for a few hours, but they can take lifetimes to decompose.



New foldable nylon versions make it easy to BYOB wherever you go – whether it's clothes shopping, grocery shopping, or a drugstore impulse buy.

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J2A Pilgrims Explore their Anglican Roots



Pilgrims at the top of the Wright Brothers' Memorial.



Tennessee Missioners prepare for their trip

Painting crew preps by priming the eaves at the FLC.

Pilgrims at Bodie Lighthouse

Playing on Jockey's Ridge



Scott and Travis prep for environmental work on the grounds of the FLC.



Teambuilding preparation by pulling up the floor of the FLC.



Watch for photos of the Tennessee and Navajoland mission trips in the next Word on the Riverbank!

The vision of the Church of Our Saviour is to be an ever-growing center for worship, spiritual growth and support for our parish family and the community by utilizing the beauty of the location and the talents of our dedicated members; and to be a leader in service, outreach, and mission as we go forth from this Holy Ground in the name of Jesus Christ.

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