

# The Word

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## Don't Shoot the Horse ... Til You Know How to Drive the Tractor



The above phrase is the title of a book that I am currently reading. Its subtitle is ... **Moving from Annual Fund Raising to a Life of Giving**. The premise of the book is that annual giving that focuses on raising money for the budget is the old horse that needs to be let go. Instead, the tractor replaced the horse in farming and

so we must move from fundraising to the joy of giving as part of our faith. I couldn't agree more.

However, this raises several challenges for Rectors, Vestries and congregations as a whole. The first challenge is that *you may already may be tempted to stop reading this article* because you have figured out that it is about money and that it will come with a pitch for you to give more. You have heard it all before. Not true! This article is about faith, about joy, about our life together in Christ. Keep reading.

The second challenge about using eloquent and theological words about a life that is one of giving is that we also need the money. Rectors and Vestries really do want giving to be about faith but it should never be used as a guise to raise the needed funds. Nor should we be afraid to talk about budgets, ministries and money. But what we are talking about here is something much deeper. It is about relationship with God and with each other.

The third challenge is to talk not just about you and your giving, but to also talk about us and **how we give back to God together**. Stewardship is not just an individual task — it is a call as a congregation. We must never lose sight of what God is calling us to do and to be and that requires giving.

Having identified some of the challenges let me share a dream I have for us as a congregation. It is a vision beyond what

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we can imagine but one I believe we must strive towards. The phrase that sums up the vision is not from a book, it is from my heart. Here it is:

***I pray that we will move to a joy of giving that overflows the budget.*** It is that joy that is about relationship with God. Giving isn't about the needs of the Church, it is about the needs of your heart. If each of us finds that joy, we would never have to worry about a budget. This is my dream.

There are many stories of the joy of giving. Let me share a personal one that happened when I was in another church before I came to COOS. A woman I knew quite well from the congregation had **Let the joy of giving be a way of life.** been divorced for a couple of years and had a 10-year-old daughter. She was a professional person who had a great job so when she was divorced she didn't ask for any child support or alimony or money of any kind. However, she lost her position and took another job that paid a fraction of the salary. At the particular point of this story, it was the end of the month and the woman had run out of funds. She did not have the money to buy food for her and her daughter for the next few days. One of her dear friends told me about how worried she was about them. At the same time, I was given \$200 as a gift in thanksgiving for something I had done for someone. So I took the \$200, put it in an envelope and had a teenage friend put the envelope on the woman's front door while she was away at work. I cannot describe my delight or the deep sense of joy I felt in giving this anonymous gift. I later heard that the woman told her friend that this allowed her to buy the food they needed and that this was truly a gift from God. IT WAS!

There are many stories like this here at COOS. A family gave \$30,000 to build a church in Cuba, several special gifts have

come in for the organ fund in thanksgiving for loved ones, \$15,000 was given just a few months ago to replace the roof at the Family Life Center when we did not have the funds, and over \$100,000 has already been raised and given away by our congregation in 2007 for outreach (beyond our budgeted funds). God is so good and we are so grateful!

There are also many extraordinary gifts that have been given to the budget. These gifts came in different amounts but always out of thanksgiving for all that God had done in these people's lives. This kind of giving does overflow the budget. So, let the joy of giving be a way of

## A Tradition of Stewardship

life. Let the Lord God touch your heart. Give because it brings such joy.

We haven't done away with the horse yet. You will be asked to fill out a commitment card. You will be asked to pledge. We will worry about having enough funds to do all that God is calling us to do in 2008. But let's also bring out the tractor of giving as a way of life. ***I hope you can hardly wait to find the opportunities to give back a little of all that God has given to you.*** What a joy!

Gratefully,

The Rev. John Palarine  
Rector



### Come and See Sunday

**Great food!**



**Games & Fun!**



**Ministry Exploration & Music!**



**Great Friends!**



*"Let the little children come to me ... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mk 10:14*

## Safeguarding God's Children

We have always viewed the church as a safe haven for us and our children and youth. We trust those who run the church, those who worship here and those who have our precious children in their care. And yet it is estimated that *at least* two out of every ten girls and one out of every ten boys are sexually abused by the end of their 13th year, many of those within the sanctuary of our churches.

Here at COOS/SJC we are committed to providing a safe, caring, Christ-centered environment. But each and every one of us must do our part to help insure that we continue to do so. To protect our children, we first need to learn the facts. When we are uninformed or draw on the myths of child sexual abuse we may not recognize a threat to the children and youth who trust us to protect them. Can you sort myth from fact when it comes to child sexual abuse? Are you able to identify warning signs and define the various types of offenders? Do you know what policies are in effect at your church? Do you know who should be reporting abuse, and when and to whom it should be reported?

The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ("ELCA") offer a 3 hour, in-depth educational and training program for preventing and responding to child sexual abuse in everyday life and in ministry called "**Safeguarding God's Children**". This is not a class aimed at molesters, but rather one that will help parents and other adults to recognize and prevent child abuse. We feel that this workshop is essential for everyone who has children or who works with children and youth because it puts the power to protect our children and youth into everyone's hands. Our diocese highly recommends, and will soon require, that all people who volunteer within our parish and who have contact with the children here take this course. This class is offered throughout the Diocese of Florida on a regular basis. We will also be offering it at COOS/SJC in the near future. We hope that you will offer three hours of your time to God in order to answer his call to love, protect and bless our "little ones".

## Family Traditions Sunday – November 25

*Come join our COOS family as we share our heritage and holiday traditions. We will also learn the heritage of Jesus as we build a Jesse Tree together. All ages are encouraged to participate.*



## Fall Children's Choir Cookout

**SAVE THE DATE** for the Fall Children's Choir Cookout to raise money for new choir robes. We will gather on November 11 in the the Greer's backyard (across from COOS). There will be Games and fun for all! \$10 Adults / \$5 Kids / \$30 maximum per family. Watch for details to come.



## It is Never too Early to Learn Stewardship

*A steward is a person who has been given something to watch over and take care of. God has given each of us amazing gifts! What does he expect us to do with these gifts and how do we properly thank him?*

*Children at a very early age can understand the concept of receiving and giving gifts. It is important that we teach them to give back to God part of what He has given us.*

*This year during our stewardship campaign we will also be asking our children to consider all that they have and what they can give back to God through the church. We will be emphasizing that we need to give back of our time and talent as well as treasure and that we need to give with thanksgiving. Each child in our Sunday School Program will be given a pledge card and a box of weekly envelopes. Please take a few moments to look at these and talk with your child about the opportunities they have here at Church of our Saviour to give back to God. We hope that you will support your child in the holy habit of weekly offerings of all three things. Even if your child chooses not to make a pledge we hope that your child will use the envelopes provided to make their offering in Kid's Word or church. If your child does not attend Sunday school but would like to receive envelopes please contact Pam Gillis at 268-9457, ext. 23.*

# All Saints

## **Remembering "All the Saints" on All Saints Sunday, November 4**

*St. John's Chapel will remember those who have died on All Saints Sunday, November 4. A Remembrance Tree will be available near the baptismal font. The tree will be brought forward at the time of the offertory as a symbol of the saints sharing in communion with us.*

*We encourage you to add the names of those "Saints" you would like to remember by writing their names on a provided leaf and tying it to the tree. Leaves will be available beginning Sunday, October 29 if you will not be present on November 4.*

*If a loved one has died in the past 12 months, please be sure and let the church office know so that their name can be included in the bulletin and read during the service.*

*We will also celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on that day, one of the designated Feast Days for baptism.*

## **Nursery News**

St. John's Chapel, especially the youngest members, thank Mary Katherine Hagberg for her dedicated service as Nursery Coordinator for the past 15 years (7 years at St. John's Chapel, and 8 years prior with Servants of Christ). She has provided a safe haven for our little ones on Sunday mornings and other occasions, carefully nurturing and teaching them that God knows each one by name.

The nursery will now be staffed with one staff person and parent volunteers, each working one Sunday a month. This will allow Mary Katherine to worship with "the big people" and opens up ministry for other volunteers. If you would like to volunteer in the nursery, please speak with Mtr. Patricia or Lara Pierce. Mary Katherine will continue sharing her gifts as one of several team members who teach preschool Christian Formation classes.

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*St. John's Chapel is the second worship site for COOS. Sunday worship is at 9:30 AM, followed by Christian Formation for all ages. We are located at 1221 State Road 13 in Fruit Cove. Our phone number is 287-2807, and our web address is [www.SaintJohnsChapel.org](http://www.SaintJohnsChapel.org). We offer a community of faith welcoming all people, building relationships, reaching out, and becoming who God empowers us to be.*

## **Celebration of New Ministry for the Rev. Georges Jallouf**

The Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard,  
Bishop of Florida

Will Celebrate a New Ministry with  
Christ Episcopal Church  
and the Rev. Georges Jallouf

Sunday, November 11, 2007  
at 9:00 AM

Christ Episcopal Church  
4052 D Street  
Cedar Key, FL

Your prayers and presence are requested.  
Reception following.

Several people are planning on travelling to Cedar Key to celebrate with Fr. Georges. If you are interested in going, please contact Marigrace Doran at 891-9430 or [doranmgd@clearwire.net](mailto:doranmgd@clearwire.net).



## Healing and Prayer Corner

We've talked a lot about prayer's influence in healing what ails you. Let us also not forget that healthy balance of body, mind, and spirit can also be influenced by what we eat! As we move from fall into Christmas season, trying to keep good health standards become difficult with all the shopping, church activities, and parties!



Let's all try to remember these tips on healthful eating. You probably already have these items in your kitchen and may find some of these items even on party buffets. REMEMBER — a serving size is usually no larger than the palm of your hand.

- ◆ Hydrate – drink skim or 1% milk, tea, or water. A cup of yogurt a day also helps maintain system balance.
- ◆ Eat breakfast – toast with peanut butter or whole grain cereal topped with banana, fruit, or berries.
- ◆ Try a salad as a main course – spinach, leafy greens, broccoli, onions, garlic, tomatoes ...
- ◆ Use EVOO (extra virgin olive oil) to help get Omega-3 a good fat.
- ◆ Eat healthy snacks – apples, grapes, celery, carrots; mixes of almonds, walnuts, pecans, cashews, peanuts.
- ◆ Balance fish, chicken, and red meats – use these meats in moderation.
- ◆ Don't forget spices instead of salt – turmeric, cinnamon, basil, sage, ginger, curry are always good.
- ◆ When possible choose brown rice and whole grain bread and pastas.

Here's a recipe I use and like to get you started. (1 serving)

### Spinach Salad with Almond Crusted Chicken

Ingredients: 2 Tbs balsamic vinegar 1 Tbs EVOO  
1/8 tsp black pepper 3 cups fresh baby spinach leaves  
1/4 cup sliced mushrooms 1/4 cup grape tomatoes, halved  
1 small red bell pepper, sliced  
5 oz. boneless, skinless chicken breast 1 Tbs cornstarch  
1/4 cup liquid egg substitute 1 Tbs finely chopped almonds

In bowl, whisk vinegar, oil & pepper together. Add spinach and toss. Top with mushrooms, tomatoes, and bell pepper.

Sprinkle each side of chicken with cornstarch Dip chicken in egg substitute, then sprinkle with almonds. Coat skillet with EVOO or cooking spray and heat over medium heat. Sauté chicken 5 minutes on each side until cooked through. Slice diagonally and place on top of the Spinach Salad.

Per serving: 489 calories; 42 grams protein; 29 grams carbs; 23 grams fat; 3.5 grams saturated fat; 80 mg cholesterol, 7 grams fiber; 533 mg sodium

Happy eating and blessings,  
Katey Stuart,

Co-Convener Tree of Life Chapter, Order of St. Luke

## Lectors and Ushers Training

**Sunday, November 12**

**12 – 1:15 PM**

**Light lunch will be provided**

If you are interested in being a lector, please contact Marigrace Doran at [doranmgd@clearwire.net](mailto:doranmgd@clearwire.net) or 891-9430.

If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact John Klacsmann at [klaxx@comcast.net](mailto:klaxx@comcast.net) or 287-9239

## Stewardship Thought

*Our faith journey can be helped by our seeing, understanding and accepting our stewardship. We affirm our faith by our actions. Those actions are the use of our gifts and our talents and are, thus, acts of stewardship. The deeper and stronger our faith, the more consistently we will perform acts of charity, peace and freedom that build the kingdom of God on earth.*

*Reprinted from Stewardship, October 2007*

### St. John's Chapel Leadership Team

**Mickey Gray**  
**Valerie Klacsmann**  
**Hugh McClelland**  
**Max Mills**  
**Katey Stuart**  
**Randy Swift**

**The Rev. Patricia Daniel-Turk**

The Leadership Team has been coordinating this year's stewardship campaign. They are also tasked with looking at the transition process of becoming an independent parish in the Diocese of Florida, and making sure that we meet the necessary financial and canonical requirements.

## Youth News

Frances Shults, Youth Director

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



Special thanks to our youth & other musicians who performed so well this fall at the Riverbank services this fall. Thanks for your dedication in serving others as we worship our Lord.



Save the third Wednesday night of each month for Youth Spaghetti Dinners, October 17, November 15 and December 19. Dine in or take out from 5:30 – 6:30PM. Special Youth Holiday event is planned following dinner on December 19! It's always great. Watch for more info...



Middle School (L.I.F.E.) goes to the annual Diocesan Middle School Retreat at Camp Weed on Friday, November 9 to Saturday, November 10. The last retreat was a blast so don't miss out. Cost is only \$55 and transportation will be provided. Scholarships are available. All registration forms are due to Frances Shults by Wednesday, October 31 so that they may be sent on to the Diocesan Office by November 1.



Happening #110 is January 11-13, 2008. Applications for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders are available. Registration deadline is December 5. COOS Youth Ministry pays for 50% of the \$100 registration fee. For more information, see Ian Atkinson, Emily Atkinson or Frances Shults.

### Attention Holiday Shoppers

Youth Sitter Service for families of young children is being offered on **Saturday, November 24 and Saturday December 1 from 10 AM to 2 PM** in the church nursery. This service is a fundraiser for youth trips and is available by reservation only with space being limited. Reservation deadline for both dates is Wednesday, November 14. A sign up sheet will be posted in the nursery. Suggested donation is the standard hourly rate for babysitting.

## J2A News

### In time for the Holidays — Pies for Pilgrims!

Once again our J2A class will be taking orders for delicious ready to bake or thaw & serve pies for the holidays.



Those of you who have bought these pies in the past know they are not only tasty, but a great time saver in the business holiday season ahead so order extras. Look for class members **Sunday October 28 through Sunday, November 11**. Pies will be available for pick up on Monday, November 19 in the Great Hall from 5 to 6:30 PM. All proceeds benefit the class as they prepare for their summer pilgrimage next year.

### Church Year Retreat

J2A Class goes to Camp Wingmann for their Church Year Retreat November 16-18. During their retreat they will experience the entire church year over the weekend. Keep the J2A class, as well as the youth and adult team who are supporting their retreat, in your prayers.

## 12 Hours of L.I.F.E.



(L) Taking a break from bowling for some fancy dance steps. (C) Frances' bowling team: Aditya, Keith, Preston & Zan. (R) Elizabeth, Dan & Hope take time out from bowling for a snack.

## November Mission & Outreach Focus:

### Youth Missions & Outreach – Making a difference in the world!

Within the last year, COOS Youth participated in the following community outreach programs: CROP Walk, Feed My Lambs, City Rescue Mission Bed Race, I.M. Salzbacher-Cooking Team / Cookie Making Team, Giving Tree, Gifts at the Altar, Mandarin Food Bank & Souper Bowl Sunday, Dignity U Wear & Undie Sunday, and Paint the Town.

Over the last five years, COOS youth traveled on mission trips to: Sweatwater, TN; Outer Banks of NC; Berea, KY; Sewanee, TN; Tegucigalpa & San Pedro Sula, Honduras; Copperhill, TN; St. Augustine, FL; and Diocese of Navajoland, AZ & NM.

## Youth With A Mission

### Youth help coordinate the Giving Tree and Gifts for Kids at the Altar

Once again our youth are responsible for coordinating two tradition outreach opportunities for the parish: The Giving Tree & Gifts for Kids at the Altar.

The Giving Tree will be up beginning Wednesday, November 14. This year the Giving Tree recipients are adults at the Riverside Mental Health Center. We have been given the names and wishes of 70 adults ranging in age from 20 to 80. Each ornament on the tree represents one of the adults and has information about them and their wishes. **All Giving Tree gifts are due no later than Sunday, December 9 by 12 Noon in the Great Hall.**

**Gifts for Kids will be presented at the Altar on Sunday, December 16.** This year all gifts will go to Case Management & Prevention clients of the the Children's Home Society. As in previous years, we ask that you keep teenagers in mind when buying gifts. Items such as toiletries sets, twin bed sheets, and twin bed comforters, gift cards to Wal-Mart or Target, AA Batteries, T-shirts are great for teens. Toys for younger children are also welcome. **All gifts should be unwrapped** so that the toys may be distributed to the appropriate children/teens in need.

### C.H.A.O.S. Bed Race Team needs your help in fighting hunger

Our High School youth are once again entering the City Rescue Mission's annual Bed Race to raise money for the CRM. Our team with their bed will be seeking your sponsorships on Sunday, November 4. Come out and see them race on Saturday, November 10 at Landon Middle School in San Marco. They will be defending their first place racing title.

### Youth Missions needs Memorable Meals Hosts for Spring 2008!



Remember the fun & fellowship over some lively dinners last spring as many of you Square Danced, played Scrabble, went on a Scavenger Hunt, listened to Great Music, enjoyed Caribbean Treats & Food of the SW while being just Simply Elegant? We are looking for some folks who want to share their hospitality. Hosting is a great way to give so that others can give to Youth Missions. Contact Cynde Covington or Frances Shults with your dates & ideas. We want to mail our brochure by early January.

### Calling all Actors & Actresses & Theater Techies!



Youth will be once again presenting a Holiday Benefit performance on **Wednesday, December 19 at 7:15 PM**. All proceeds will go to support the Youth Ministry program at Good Shepherd Mission in the Diocese of Navajoland. Under the direction of Allie Andrews, an organization meeting will be held on Sunday, November 25 after the 10:30 AM service at the FLC. This is an all youth event. Rehearsals are scheduled for Sunday, December 9 and Sunday, December 16 from 12:00 – 1:30 PM in the Great Hall. Dress rehearsal will be Tuesday, December 18 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the Great Hall.

If you are interested in acting, singing, doing set design, costuming, lighting/sound or any other theatrical aspects, email Allie at [Ofiwan94@aol.com](mailto:Ofiwan94@aol.com) or Frances at [fshults@aol.com](mailto:fshults@aol.com) by November 4.

### Operation Christmas Child



The kickoff for Operation Christmas Child will be Sunday, **October 28**. A ministry of Samaritan's Purse, led by Franklin Graham, calls on us to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children around the world.

Take a shoebox – or two or three (provided or purchase a plastic one). Based on the guidelines in the brochure, choose the sex and age group of the child who will receive your filled box. Now have fun filling the box! The brochure includes suggestions. Or you may want to fill your box with things you think the child will enjoy or appreciate. The Dollar Store is a great source for many of the items. The deadline to return boxes to either worship site is **November 11**.



Filled boxes are stacked two deep in front of St. John's Chapel's altar.

### October is CROP Walk awareness month at COOS

The 2007 CROP Walk will be held **Sunday, October 28, 2007**. All of our Sunday school children will be participating this year, but the CROP Walk is a mission that our whole church family can participate in. We gather together with the other congregations in Mandarin walking together and raising money to fight poverty, hunger, thirst, ignorance and injustice here at home and around the world. The proceeds raised by our CROP Walk support Church World Service (CWS) and the Mandarin Food Bank. Church World Service provides disaster relief and development assistance in more than eighty countries including the United States.



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**A Little Help Can Make a Big Difference**

- \$25** Can provide blankets to a family of 5 displaced by violence or natural disaster
- \$50** Can provide oral rehydration therapy for 55 children suffering from diarrhea
- \$100** Can provide a micro-credit loan to a woman trying to start a business to support her family
- \$200** Can provide a water buffalo to a farming family struggling to increase their farm production

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**Together, we can make a difference!**  
**Join the CROP Hunger Walk**  
**or contribute to a Walker.**

### Hoping For Peace

A dusty camp is home for more than 20,000 people displaced by the violence in the arid Darfur region of western Sudan. Homes destroyed and family members killed, they've fled to the camp for a measure of security. A CWS-supported community center inside the camp is enabling people to help each other overcome their traumatic experiences.

"The whole community is suffering," Amina, a mother of four, says. She and her extended family came to the camp after their village was attacked. Amina works as a volunteer at the center. "The center brings people together. People can talk to each other and forget the difficulties they have gone through."

The center offers livelihood activities for women such as weaving grass mats, sewing, and making pasta. The men are involved in heavier work — building beds, for example. These projects allow people to earn money to buy food and other essential items for themselves. CWS supports community centers in 11 camps in Darfur, providing for the basic needs of uprooted families in the region.

**<http://www.churchworldservice.org>**



## 2007 HabiJax Update

HabiJax homeowner Rosetta West and her son visited COOS on September 2 to kick off the recognition of our HabiJax mission during the month of September. Judy Hall, the development director for HabiJax, made a presentation during the Sunday school hour. We also watched a current video prepared by HabiJax celebrating the 1500th home they have built in Jacksonville. This home was dedicated to Lani Wingate for all his devoted service. During the month, we also conducted our HabiJax coin box house drive and have raised over \$2,000 as of this writing. Many thanks to all who have helped.

Rosetta's home should be complete by mid November. HabiJax volunteers have been busy. The first weekend, we did all the framing, roof trusses, and exterior sheathing. The second weekend the house was wrapped with blue board and windows went in to get the house completely dried in. For the many who signed the 2 X 4's, they were put into the house and Rosetta was very

touched by your thoughts and prayers.

We have had a number of COOS volunteers along with parishioners from the other eight parishes helping with the house.

There are several items which the family has identified as needs: furniture for a 10 year old boy's room, living room furniture, linens, and lawn care equipment. Rosetta's colors are going to be gold and green. If anyone is able to help, please contact Jim Meyers.



Rosetta West (second from the left) is all smiles on this workday.



## Feed My Lambs

Over 100 bookbags and backpacks of school supplies were collected and distributed to students of Crookshank Elementary and Webster Middle School. All of the grateful students were families who regularly receive Feed My Lambs food bags. Squeals of delight were heard throughout the day as the supplies were delivered along with the monthly food bags.

Barbara Byers received this thank you note from the principal of Crookshank Elementary School:

*Please allow me to extend my appreciation to you for your thoughtfulness in donating the much needed school supplies to Crookshank. The donation of school supplies will help us better serve the needs of our students. We would not be able to supply our students adequately without the generosity demonstrated by you.*

*We welcome you to our community, and thank you for developing a partnership with our school.*

*Sincerely,  
Jay Willets, Principal*

**Thanks for your generosity!**

## "Noisy Sunday" UTO Ingathering Sunday, November 11

*The United Thanks Offering (UTO) Fall Ingathering will be on **Sunday, November 11, 2007**. So fill up those Blue Boxes & envelopes and drop your contribution in the UTO bucket and be part of the noise on Noisy Sunday!*

*UTO provides grant support all over the world on behalf of the Episcopal Church. Offerings from our parish are combined with other churches in the Dio-*

*cese and nationally. By combining the offerings, it is possible to fund significant projects that make a real difference in the work of the Episcopal Church in the Anglican Communion and a real difference in people's lives.*

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church, the Episcopal mission in Jacksonville, was the recipient of a recent UTO grant.*

*As you drop your coins in you Blue Box, give thanks for all of your blessings and let that loose change help others who are in need!*



## Daughters of the King News



A group from COOS (pictured below from left to right: Sue Langlois, Mimi Crosby, Joanne Palarine, Carol Henry, Pauline Costley) recently spent time at Kanuga Conference Center for the Province IV DOK Assembly. They report that the conference was much like similar events. They felt the spirit and everyone came away refreshed.

Twelve new prospective DOK members are currently in training. Their installation is scheduled for early 2008. At that time, there will also be a celebration of the tenth anniversary of the St. Elizabeth's Chapter.



## Welcome to COOS, Dorsey!

Newcomer, Dorsey Bates is very much involved in the ministries of Church of our Saviour. "It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve on the Worship Committee and as Chalice Bearer and I thoroughly enjoy Wednesday night Bible study," said Bates who has been an Episcopalian for almost 40 years.



"COOS is very much like my home church in Baltimore," said Bates. "The people at Church of Our Saviour are extremely warm and friendly. The atmosphere makes me think of family."

Retired from the communication industry (Bell Atlantic/Verizon and the Communication Workers of America – AFL-CIO) Bates and his wife, Joyce, have three children, six grands and 6 great-grandchildren. He is a native of Baltimore, Maryland.

One of his pastimes is golf, so it was a delight for him to serve as co chair of the 2007 "Church Challenge Cup Golf Tournament." "I'm proud to be a part of the first place foursome that brought the "Challenge Cup Trophy" home to COOS," he said. He is also the Men's Champion of the same tournament. No doubt, all of our golfers will be looking to him for leadership and a good score in 2008.



## Music Notes



### Rehearsal times:

**Handbell Choir** — 7:30-8:30 PM Mondays

**Cherub Choir** (Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) — 5:00-5:30 PM Wednesdays

**Chapel Choir** (Third through 7<sup>th</sup> grade) — 5:30-6:15 PM Wednesdays

**Adult Parish choir** — 7:30-9:00 PM Wednesdays & 9:30 AM Sundays

*I am so proud of the Church of Our Saviour choirs! Both the Cherub and the Chapel children's choirs are doing a wonderful job. My only problem with both groups is that I want to keep them in choir longer than the appointed time! So many things that I want to do...so little time! They are a wonderful resource for the future of COOS.*

*Most of the Kudos though goes to the Parish choir, which is made up of older teenagers and adults. They are the ones who practice every Wednesday night and Sunday morning. We have new and previous members of this choir all working together to make far more than a joyful noise! Together they have a glorious sound!*

*The handbell choir has begun practicing. I can hardly wait to see what that group can do! After all, if they are anything like the other choirs I can see great strides in our future!*

*In all of the choirs, we always have room for new members. The times for all of the choirs are listed above. If you would like to join one of the above please contact Jan Smith. There is a new email address: [music@coos.org](mailto:music@coos.org). Or you may call me either at the church or at home – 310-6639.*

*On October 28, the Chapel Choir will be singing. November 4 is All Saints Sunday. Cherub Choir, Chapel Choir and Parish Choir will all be singing. There will be no choir rehearsals on October 31 (Halloween).*

*I also want to thank the members and staff of COOS. I have received a wonderful welcome from everyone. I really appreciate all of the help that I have received. This is an amazing place. Thank you for letting me share it with you.*

## From the Parish Register

Fall 2007

### Letters of Transfer In:

**Elizabeth Marco, Michael and Hannah**  
from Christ Church, Ponte Vedra  
Beach FL

### Letters of Transfer Out:

**Gloria C. Wooding** to Trinity Episcopal,  
Greenley, CO

**Julie Ann Stoddard** to All Saints Episco-  
pal Church, Jacksonville, FL

**Blanche Glanzman** to St. Francis-in-the-  
Valley Episcopal Church, Green Valley,  
AZ

**Margene Brown Hartsough** to Hickory  
Neck Episcopal Church, Toano, VA

### Baptisms

*At Church of Our Saviour*

**Alexander Caleb Dermody**, son of  
Marco and Tara Dermody

**Ava Elizabeth Lunsford**, daughter of  
Michael and Beth Lunsford

### Marriages

*At Church of Our Saviour*

**Jennifer Griffin and Andrew Anderson**,  
August 11, 2007

**Todd Allerton and Peiney Tan**, October  
6, 2007

### Deaths

Charles Rubel, September 11, 2007

### Address Changes:

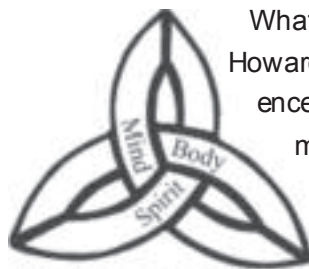
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**Please remember to  
notify the church office  
of any address changes!**

## Diocesan Center for Christian Living



The Diocesan Center  
for Christian Living

What started out as a vision of Bishop John Howard's, that the "... Cerveny Camp and Conference Center at Camp Weed ... becomes more and more an educational and spiritual center for our diocese", has evolved into the Diocesan Center for Christian Living (DCCL). The DCCL will offer programs designed to further enrich the life of every parish and individual in the Diocese of Florida. Seeking

Christian wholeness and balance, each program will embrace care for the body, mind, and spirit.

By drawing together many enriching programs under the DCCL umbrella, the hope is that the long-held vision of a diocesan center for formation will attract and draw participation of many individuals and parishes. DCCL classes will also be offered for those preparing for the diaconate.

Visit the Diocese of Florida website ([www.diocesefl.org](http://www.diocesefl.org)) and click on the Diocesan Center for Christian Living link where you will find the Calendar of Events and registration information. You may register online or by mail.

Upcoming programs include an Advent Retreat, December 7-9, with the theme of "*Wait for the Lord, Meditations on the Advent Theme*". The retreat will be led by the Revs. Bernie Dooley, Mary Busse, and Aaron Uitti. Meditation titles include: *Waiting as Threshold; Waiting as Holy darkness/enwombing; Waiting as Silence; The God who waits with us*. For more information see the Diocesan website.

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# Celebrate Thanksgiving

**As you celebrate Thanksgiving with your family, please remember to give thanks for your church family and join in a time of praise and worship.**

**Sunday, November 18 at 9:30 AM  
at St. John's Chapel**

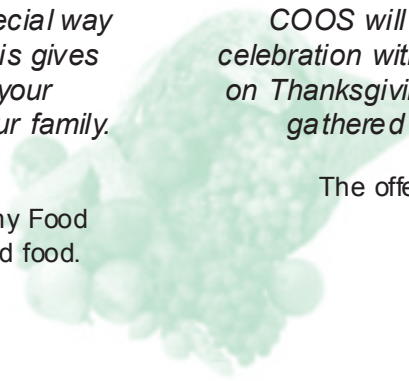
*St. John's Chapel will give thanks in a special way on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This gives you Wednesday evening to prepare your Thanksgiving feast or spend time with your family.*

The offering from the Thanksgiving Eucharist will benefit the St. John's County Salvation Army Food Bank. You are also encouraged to bring canned food.

**Thursday, November 22 at 10:00 AM  
at COOS – Mandarin**

*COOS will offer a traditional Thanksgiving celebration with a beautifully decorated sanctuary on Thanksgiving morning. Bring your family and gathered guests to give thanks to God.*

The offering from the Thanksgiving Day service will benefit the Mandarin Food Bank.



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*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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## **The Word on the Riverbank**

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