

## HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY AT ST. PETER'S

*The Rev'd Andy Miller*

In an Anglican Compass article entitled, *Why Should an Anglican Church Have a Healing Ministry*, author Hannah King testifies that after suffering from chronic back pain for years, she was a regular recipient of prayer during Communion on Sunday mornings. She writes, “One Sunday morning I walked into church particularly discouraged, almost unable to find the words to even ask— again— for healing. But I got in line and tearfully repeated the refrain, ‘Please pray for my back.’ That day, I was healed. Inexplicably and unsensationally, God answered the prayers of these church volunteers and I was delivered from chronic pain. Eight years later, I give thanks to God for the church that walked with me and prayed for me and participated in my healing.”

A casual reading of the gospels makes it clear that much of Christ’s earthly ministry was devoted to healing—whether for physical, mental, or spiritual ailments. In fact, we are told in Matthew’s gospel that “Jesus went about curing every disease and every sickness (*Matthew 4:23-24*).” We as the church are charged with the command to continue the work that he began—to “do this” until Christ returns: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit (*Matthew 28:19*).” In the gospel of Mark, we are told that one of the signs that will accompany those who believe is “they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover (*Mark 16:18*).” I believe it is safe to say that making disciples and healing prayer were never meant to be mutually exclusive ministries.

King notes that “this ministry belongs to the whole church. Though some individuals may be uniquely gifted to pray for healing, the book of James instructs the elders of the church to anoint and pray for those who are sick: “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” (*James 5:14*). Whether James was referring to elders in a formalized sense of leadership or a more generalized sense of mature Christians within a congregation, just as Christ did in the previous passage, he is clearly referring to a plurality of ministers.”

She continues, “This is why Anglicans have a corporate liturgy for healing where after a time of teaching, confession, and communion, people are invited to come forward with prayer requests, as well as for laying on of hands and anointing with oil when deemed appropriate. There is a very close relationship between the eucharist and healing in the sacramental tradition. If Jesus makes himself present in the breaking of bread, then His healing power is uniquely released when we come to the Table. This is why many Anglican churches, [and why we here at St. Peter’s] have determined to offer healing prayer ministry during Communion on Sunday mornings: we receive Christ’s life and then we pray for its application in the myriad of ways we need it.”

# MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

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## **NEW WINESKINS CONFERENCE | STILL TIME**

**TO REGISTER!** | Join Anglicans from all around the world for this triennial conference next September! St. Peter's has reserved several rooms at Ridgecrest Conference Center to ensure anyone who wants to participate is able to, but space is limited so register for the conference now! To reserve one of the St. Peter's rooms, please contact Kimberly Calhoun via email at [myjesus316@hotmail.com](mailto:myjesus316@hotmail.com)

REGISTER AT [STPETERSFL.COM/NEWWINESKINS](http://STPETERSFL.COM/NEWWINESKINS) ASAP!

## **CAMPUS: FCA CHARACTER COACHES NEEDED**

Love Jesus? Love Students? Love Sports? If yes, then consider becoming a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) character coach. St. Peter's Cathedral desires to impact the lives of students throughout Leon County by partnering with FCA. Currently, we would like to add character coaches at Maclay, Tallahassee Classical, and Leon High School. Jake Money is heading up the effort at Maclay but needs more volunteers to join him. We would also like to begin an FCA group at Tallahassee Classical School and strengthen the FCA group at Leon High School. If you are interested in helping one of these listed schools, or in starting a group at your child's school, please contact Campus Core Captain, Hope Carrasquilla at [hopenetrec@gmail.com](mailto:hopenetrec@gmail.com) or call her at 850.688.0624. We hope to have a training session for new coaches in early June.

## **LIFE: BELLY BOUTIQUE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Belly Boutique, through A Women's Pregnancy Center (AWPC), is in its new location at *250 John Knox Road*. Because of expanded hours, new volunteers are really needed. For those who have the slightest bit of discomfort or fear, there is always a great need for just folding clothes and organizing donations. We promise that your heart will be blessed!

The Boutique is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from *9:30am-4:30pm* and Saturdays, once a month, *9:30am-12:30pm*. Volunteers are asked to sign up for three-hour shifts.

If you are interested, please reach out to Belly Boutique Coordinator, Vicki Wood, at [vicki@awpc.cc](mailto:vicki@awpc.cc)

## **LIFE: CHILDREN'S BIBLES NEEDED**

A Women's Pregnancy Center (AWPC) always includes a Children's Bible in each Layette given to new moms just prior to the baby's birth. Please consider donating The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones, available in the St. Peter's Bookstore. Bible donations can be left in Fr. Bill's office and we will deliver them! Any questions? Reach out to Life Core Captain, Elizabeth Carrouth, at 850.294.8610

# THANK YOU, AVODAH DAY VOLUNTEERS!

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Visit [StPetersFL.com/upcoming](http://StPetersFL.com/upcoming) for more info:

- ▶ **Guys' Campout & Men's Breakfast**  
*Friday, 6 May | 6pm & Saturday, 7 May | 9am*
- ▶ **Confirmation**  
*Sunday, 15 May | 9am*
- ▶ **First Communion**  
*Sunday, 8 May | 9am*
- ▶ **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion & Baccalaureate**  
*Sunday, 22 May | 9am & 11:15am, respectively*
- ▶ **Bishop's Election**  
*Saturday, 14 May*
- ▶ **Family Bible School | [StPetersFL.com/FBS](http://StPetersFL.com/FBS)**  
*Tuesday, 7 June–Thursday, 9 June | 5-8pm*

# DISCIPLESHIP

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## SPRING FAMILY COOKOUT TODAY!

*Sunday, 1 May | 4:30pm* | Join us at the Maclay Gardens Boat Dock Picnic Pavilion for the inaugural Spring Family Cookout! We will cookout, play games, and have amazing fellowship. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Please plan to bring a side, dessert, or both! We will meet at 4:30pm and eat around 5pm. Please RSVP to [Amy Stewart](#) or [Fr. David Marten](#) and let them know what you'll bring!

## GUYS' CAMPOUT

*Friday, 6 May beginning at 6pm* | Bring your father, bring your son, bring your grandpa or uncle, bring yourself because you are a guy! Please join us for our second annual Father & Son Campout. We will gather on the lawn of the Youth House to cookout, make s'mores, and play games. We'll wrap things up by attending the Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall on Saturday morning! Contact Chuck Lang at [chucklang45@gmail.com](mailto:chucklang45@gmail.com) for more information or visit [StPetersFL.com/campout](http://StPetersFL.com/campout)



## DAUGHTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS MEETING

*Tuesday, 3 May | 5:30pm* | All women are welcome to attend the next Daughters of the Holy Cross meeting. We gather in the Parish Hall and Fr. Matt Wilkins will be our speaker this month.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE DAUGHTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS?

| Discernment classes for those desiring to join DHC begin on *Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 3pm–4:30pm*. If you are interested in joining Daughters of the Holy Cross, please contact either Isabel Owen at [issybell03@aol.com](mailto:issybell03@aol.com) or Sarah Galaraza at [sgalarza56@gmail.com](mailto:sgalarza56@gmail.com) for information. If you want to learn more about us you are welcome to visit our meetings. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

## MAY MEN'S BREAKFAST



*Saturday, 7 May, 9am* | \$7 (increase)  
Join us for a morning of fellowship, prayer, and great food! Our speaker is Geoffrey Styles.

**Childcare is available for children ages 12 and under and they will go home with a Mother's Day gift for their mothers! Breakfast is not provided for children.**

RSVP AT [StPetersFL.com/MENSBREAKFAST](http://StPetersFL.com/MENSBREAKFAST)

## FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

*Tuesday–Thursday, 7–9 June, 5pm–8pm* | We loved 'Family Style' Bible school last year that we are doing it again! We are inviting the whole family to come and participate, learn, and grow in your faith together. Enjoy a boxed picnic each night on the lawn. After dinner, families and volunteers will join together in worship with live music. We will meet and hear from Moses, Daniel, and the Disciples. Families will be grouped together into tribes to play games, make art, and learn about God's Word together.

REGISTER AT [StPetersFL.com/FBS](http://StPetersFL.com/FBS) BY MAY 15<sup>th</sup> TO ENSURE YOU GET A T-SHIRT!

## MARY & MARTHA GUILD

*Monday, 9 May | 9:45am* | The Mary & Martha Guild will meet at the home of Joyce McNeill, 6240 Old Water Oak Road. Bring a salad to share in this beautiful home overlooking a lake!

Dues are due (\$25) and can be paid at the meeting or sent to our treasurer, Kathy Miller (429 Lacy Woods Court, 32312)

## PARISH LIFE: PHOTO BOOK

We are planning to create a photo book (think yearbook) of Cathedral members to have available sometime this summer. The first step is for all members to make sure you have a photo in DiscipleLife and/or have updated your photo. Go to [StPetersFL.com/disciplelife](http://StPetersFL.com/disciplelife) for an instructional video on how to do this yourself! *Thank you for your patience as this comes together and for your willing and gracious participation!*

# WORSHIP

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## VISITING THE CATHEDRAL?

*Welcome—we're so glad you're worshipping with us today!* Our nursery is available during Sunday morning services for children newborn through Kindergarten. We hope you'll join us on the lawn for coffee & other refreshments between morning services!

## CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST & CARE MINISTRIES



If you have any pastoral needs or know of someone who needs pastoral care and prayer, please contact Care Ministries Coordinator, Alice Sanderson at [Alice@StPetersFL.com](mailto:Alice@StPetersFL.com)

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email [Ellen@StPetersFL.com](mailto:Ellen@StPetersFL.com) to be added to the Cathedral Prayer List.

***Military:*** Lucas Bell, Jose Betancourt, NCC Ryan Blackmer, Lt. Col. David Chichetti, SSG Corey Daws, Major Daniel Dean, Capt. James Dilworth, Capt. John Easterbrook Jr, Airman Drew Edwards, SSG Corey Owen, Capt. Griffin Jax, Capt. Savannah B. Jax, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Parker Jax, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Chandler B. Jax, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Carson Jax, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rebecca Jax, Gabriel Melendez, Col. Burt Newman, Major Gen. John Richardson, Capt. Oliver Rushing, Andrew Sanderson, Lt. Cmdr. Chris Smith, SFC Dewey Spence, Kurt Spitzer Jr, Lt. Patrick Swain, Capt. Parry Thomas, Lt. Cmdr. Blake Van Brunt Jr, Tommy VanLandingham MM3, Seaman Benjamin Waddill

***Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends:*** Joanna Zein–Eldin, Doug Harrison, Junior, Beverly, Jim Maples, Beth Cully, Phyllis Schmidt, Elizabeth, Karen Halfhill, Ben Allen, Joan Moore



### FINANCIAL MINUTE

*Total Operating Budget:* \$2,896,155.24 | *% Collected YTD:* 62.67% | *Debt Retired in April:* \$11,716.82  
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