

# A FELLOW'S REFLECTION

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My turning point and a clear understanding of my calling into ministry was at the age of seventeen. However, even though my calling was undoubtedly clear, I did not know what it exactly meant. I disqualified myself from ordained ministry and sought any other way of fulfilling my calling—a process that took a long time of prayer and discernment. I ultimately yielded to the Spirit's guidance, assurance, and certainty to accept and seek ordained ministry.

I was already in my second year of seminary when I accepted to seek ordination, and I began to intentionally research into the process and its requirements. I was overwhelmed by the mere thought of what it means to be ordained and to serve in a parish. I knew that it would only be possible with the help of the Holy Spirit that I would be able to make it in ministry. Thus, my earnest prayer was to find an opportunity to learn skills and knowledge in addition to spiritual growth in a parish setting.

The Charles Simeon Institute has played a pivotal role in providing me with an opportunity to immerse myself in the life of the local church. I have experienced church leadership from the clergy's point of view, as well as observing the active level of lay involvement in the ministry of the church. Sermon preparation, discipleship class teaching, and fellowship have provided us with wonderful opportunities to grow as the Body of Christ.

The wealth of experience I am gleaning from St. Peter's will certainly impact my future ministry. I recently accepted a two year curacy in Marion, Arkansas, at a small church planning to plant a church in Memphis, Tennessee. I am excited for this opportunity and ask for your prayers as we venture into the next step of our lives.

As I conclude, I am reminded of Apostle Paul's resolve as he responds to the Ephesian church elders saying

*“But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”* —ACTS 20:24

*\*During the month of July, each edition of The Keys will run for two Sundays in a row with minor changes in the pages that follow.*

# DISCIPLESHIP

## CARE MINISTRIES: HEALING THE WOUNDS OF TRAUMA | A WEEKEND RETREAT

Some experiences in life are so painful they cause deep and lasting suffering. That suffering is what we call *trauma*. Trauma is a deep wound of the heart and mind that takes a long time to heal. It hurts every part of us and our relationships, our bodies, our thoughts, and our faith. In addition to providing lessons that lead people on a journey of healing, the Healing the Wounds of Trauma Retreat forms a small group that creates a space for real conversations about heart wounds, the purpose of lament, and the nature of spiritual flourishing in a broken world. The weekend will be *Friday evening 15 July, all day Saturday, 16 July, and Sunday afternoon 17 July*. Attendance at all sessions is required and the cost of the weekend including Saturday lunch is \$10. If you are interested, would like to learn more, or register, contact Alice Sanderson at [Alice@StPetersFL.com](mailto:Alice@StPetersFL.com) or call 850.701.0664.

## JULY MEN'S BREAKFAST



*Saturday, 16 July, 9am | \$7 (increase)*

Join us for a morning of fellowship, prayer, and great food! Our speaker is Brian Stewart—you don't want to miss it!

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

## MAKE ART MONDAY | JULY 18 | 6–8:30pm

We will be painting 'prayer nests' on watercolor paper with ink and acrylics! No experience necessary! Class size is limited so register yourself and a friend today at [StPetersFL.com/register](http://StPetersFL.com/register)



Monday, July 18

Prayer Nest Paintings | Liz Snowden

## HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT | CHRIST & FILMS

*6pm | Thursday | July 14* | All high school students are welcome to join us at the Youth House for dinner and a screening of *ELF!* There will be snow, popcorn, and a discussion about the theology of *ELF!* There won't actually be snow because #Tallahassee

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL: MISSION THURSDAYS!

During the summer, we will be working from *10am–1pm each Thursday* at *Making Miracles Group Home*. Our goal is to landscape around the home to make it safe for children and hopefully install a sandbox for them to play in. We will also have some opportunities to interact with the residents. Bring gloves, loppers, and rakes if you can! Contact Jennifer or Fr. David for more information.

## CAMP ARAMINTA!

Pray for our students and leaders participating in Camp Araminta with other students from around the Gulf Atlantic Diocese. They'll be at Lake Swan Camp from July 18–23 building Christian Community through fellowship, living the Christian ideal from day to day, and learning to hold each other accountable.

## YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

*8pm | Tuesdays | Starbucks at 3425 Thomasville Road* Join us throughout the summer for conversations about faith (led by group participants) and coordinating mission opportunities with others. The theme this summer is Apologetics. For more information, contact Fr. David Marten at [David@StPetersFL.com](mailto:David@StPetersFL.com)

## CARE MINISTRIES: BOOK NOOK

Did you know we have a book nook outside the Parish Hall? Feel free to borrow books on topics like parenting, grandparenting, grief, and more!

# MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

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## LIFE: AWPC-THE BELLY BOUTIQUE

The Belly Boutique, through A Women's Pregnancy Center (AWPC), is currently in need of baby wipes as well as size 4&5 diapers. If you are able to donate, please leave items in Fr. Bill's office or contact Elizabeth Carrouth at 850.294.8610.

The Belly Boutique is also in need of backup volunteers—helpers who can fill in on short notice when they are understaffed. If St. Peter's could provide five volunteers, this would be most helpful. These volunteers will only work behind the scenes, organizing and folding baby clothes. Shifts would only be three hours or so and there will always be the opportunity to say “no” if your schedule does not allow. If you'd like to be a very part-time volunteer, please contact the Belly Boutique Director, Vicki Wood, at 850.524.0637.



## BLOOD MOBILE COMES TO ST. PETER'S

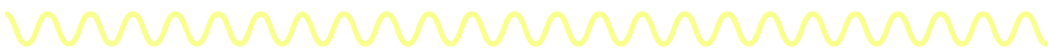
*Sunday, 17 July | 10am–3:30pm* | Help save lives and donate blood! All donors will receive a T-shirt and a \$20 eGift card. For more information and to sign up, visit [StPetersFL.com/bigredbus](http://StPetersFL.com/bigredbus)

## MESSY MONDAY MORNINGS

*Mondays in June and July, 9–10am* | Open to all children! This is a great opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to something at the Cathedral and to get the kids out of the house and come share fellowship with other families in our parish and community. We have lawn activities and messy art crafts each week.



6-7:30PM **RISING PK-5TH GRADE**



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

# WORSHIP

## 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 [Alice@StPetersFL.com](mailto:Alice@StPetersFL.com) to be added to the Cathedral Prayer List. **YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST OR CARE MINISTRY NEED AT [STPETERSFL.COM/PRAYER](http://STPETERSFL.COM/PRAYER)**

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

***In Thanksgiving for the birth of:*** Stratton Christopher Lawrence

***Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends:*** Chris Chrischilles, David Ferguson, Kathryn Neal, Beryl Dean, Janice Tucker, Elaine, Patrick Madden, Marian Williams, Jackie Kemp, Bart & Connie MacFarlane, Shirley Coyle, Phyllis Schmidt, Ben Allen, Joan Moore, Vicki Spitzer

## CARE MINISTRIES: LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS NEEDED!

The Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEM-Vs) take communion to those who are unable to attend Sunday services at the Cathedral. If you're interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Alice Sanderson at [Alice@StPetersFL.com](mailto:Alice@StPetersFL.com)

PREK3-12TH GRADE  
**CHORISTER  
CAMP**  
JULY 25-JULY 29 | 8:30AM-12:30PM

[STPETERSFL.COM/CHORISTER-CAMP](http://STPETERSFL.COM/CHORISTER-CAMP)



### FINANCIAL MINUTE

*Total Operating Budget:* \$2,896,155.24 | *% Collected YTD:* 75.16% | *Debt Retired in July:* \$12,034.38  
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