

# WHAT GOOD IS FAITH WITHOUT WORKS?

*The Rev'd Canon Bill Krizner | Canon for Missions & Evangelism*

As we praise God for the fullness of His grace during this glorious Easter season, we come face to face with the stark reality that so many people within our community don't know the transforming power of the Good News of Christ. We might respond by saying "Yes, we must pray for them" but the beauty of prayerful communion with God is that He transforms those prayers into intentional action to share His love with those very people in need. This is the heart of the well-known passage from the second chapter of James:

*"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."*

Each year, the community of St. Peter's joins together for a special outing called Avodah Day. The heart of this work is for us to find fellowship in Christ with our neighbors. This year, we once again travel out to spend time with our friends in the Maryland Oaks community. This special place provides safe, quality, rent-subsidized housing on the west side of Tallahassee. One of the Maryland Oaks community leaders now faithfully attends THE FELLOWSHIP gathering with St. Peter's volunteers each Tuesday night and has shared about the great need for the Gospel to be consistently brought forth within this special neighborhood. She indicated that the wonderful work that St. Peter's brought forth with food, fun, and facilities improvement offered at last year's Avodah Day offered the hope of Christ in a special way.

We will all be meeting there again THIS SATURDAY FROM 11AM-2PM at 3103 Bicycle Road 32304 for the 2023 AVODAH DAY to construct ramps, power wash, remove leaves and branches from around homes, clean up the pond within the community, cookout, offer a special adults craft, and have fun with the children in a giant bouncy house. We need a lot of volunteers not only to share in the labor of the morning but, even more, to engage in the fellowship of Christ with everyone in attendance. Indeed, some of the most important work that is done at such events is found in the small conversations that are shared—listening and learning about the challenges that our neighbors are facing...and, even more, seeking Christ's encouragement in them. Indeed, my challenge to you is not only that you might sacrifice a few hours of your time next Saturday as God's Church but also that you will be intentional in looking for God in and through our neighbors at Maryland Oaks.

The Hebrew for Avodah is the blending of working, worshipping, and serving in all that we do. It is the call of the Christian—to bring God into all that we do each and every day. Next Saturday is a special opportunity for all of us at St. Peter's to come together and share in the Gospel within our City. I pray that you will stop by the sign-up booth outside this morning and sign up to be part of this work...I promise that the Lord will bless you in special ways as we gather with Him next week...

In His Love,

Bill+

# MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

## UNDER-RESOURCED: GRACE MISSION

There are lots of ways you can be part of the ministry of Grace Mission!

DONATE TO SPONSOR A THURSDAY LUNCH AT GRACE St. Peter's has committed to providing lunch every Thursday for 75 people at Grace. There are several donation opportunities, and if desired, you can make your donation in honor of someone or a special occasion by indicating that in the sign up at:

[STPETERSFL.COM/GRACELUNCH](http://STPETERSFL.COM/GRACELUNCH):

### LUNCH SPONSORSHIPS

- \$225 SPONSOR | Provides 1 complete Thursday Lunch for 75 people
- \$140 SPONSOR | Provides Roasted Chicken for Thursday Lunch for 75 people
- \$45 SPONSOR | Provides Vegetables (corn, green beans, or pintos) for Thursday Lunch for 75 people

### VOLUNTEER TO SERVE LUNCH AT GRACE

- Grace can use 1-2 new volunteers each Thursday from 10:15AM UNTIL 1PM.

### ASSIST WITH REMODEL OF STAFF OFFICE SPACE

Last year St. Peter's managed a remodel for Grace Mission's Family Education Center. This year we will remodel the office space. If you have interior design or specialty skills, we could use your help! This includes:

- Interior Designer to help plan project
- Carpenter (baseboard, trim, etc.)
- Electrician (outlet changes if needed)
- Painters

Most of the work requires only a few hours of volunteer time and will take place this summer and can be arranged around your schedule.

Please email or call Heidi King [heidi@heiditking.com](mailto:heidi@heiditking.com) or 850.668.5525 for more information about these opportunities at Grace. As always, thank you so much for your love and compassion for Grace and the people we serve.

## UNDER-RESOURCED: AVODAH DAY IS BACK!

*Saturday, 29 April | 11am-2pm* | Contact Missions & Evangelism Under-Resourced Core Captain, Freddy Branham at [FBrancham@echotlh.org](mailto:FBrancham@echotlh.org) for more information.

# AVODAH

[A - VA - DAH] *verb*

to live out a life of faith simultaneously through work, worship, and service

**LIFE: BIG BEND HOSPICE** | Big Bend Hospice is looking for caring people to join their volunteer team. They are holding 2 summer orientations (May and July) to give people the opportunity to learn more about the ways hospice volunteers impact the lives of patients and their loved ones. BBH volunteers make a tremendous difference in the lives others, but volunteering also tremendously impacts the lives of the volunteers themselves. For more information on volunteer training, contact Life Core Captain, Beth Medley at [medley005@yahoo.com](mailto:medley005@yahoo.com).

**INTERNATIONAL: SAUSAGE DOGS FOR UGANDA** | *TODAY, April 23<sup>rd</sup>* | Help support our upcoming Uganda Mission Trip by enjoying a sausage dog on the lawn.

**SPRING FAMILY COOKOUT | INVITE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!** | *Sunday, 30 April | 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](mailto:Amy.Stewart) or [Fr. David Marten](mailto:Fr.DavidMarten) and let them know what you'll bring!

# DISCIPLESHIP & PARISH LIFE

## Men's Retreat BIBLICAL MANHOOD 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

**MAY 5-7 | \$175**

COLLEGE STUDENTS | \$100  
HIGH SCHOOLERS COME FREE!

### SPEAKERS



CANON MARK ELDRIDGE



BISHOP ALEX FARMER

**KAYAKING, RIVERBOAT TOUR,  
SNORKELING AT BLUE SPRINGS, BLOB,  
SWIMMING POOL, PAINTBALL,  
PADDLE BOARDING, AND MORE!**



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## CATHEDRAL TO HOST AUTHOR CHRISTINA RAY STANTON | Friday, 5 May | 6pm

Join us for a reception at 6pm and an inspiring message of courage and faith at 6:30pm.

Stanton is a Tallahassee native who has lived in New York City for the past 30 years, with a successful career in musical theater before turning her full attention to becoming a professional, licensed NYC tour guide. In 2017 she founded a nonprofit called Loving All Nations, which helps the world's poor and vulnerable. She and her husband, Brian, have been married for 22 years.

She wrote OUT OF THE SHADOW OF 9-11: AN INSPIRING TALE OF ESCAPE AND TRANSFORMATION, which debuted to popular acclaim in June 2019. The book won the prestigious Benjamin and Ippy awards. Christina speaks about 9-11 with audiences all over the world. She also wrote FAITH IN THE FACE OF COVID-19: A SURVIVOR'S TALE.

## FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

*Tuesday–Thursday, 6–8 June, 5pm–8pm* | This is our third year of Family Bible School! 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. Families will be grouped together into tribes to play games, make art, and learn about God's Word together.

REGISTER AT [STPETERSFL.COM/FBS](https://stpetersfl.com/fbs) BY MAY 20<sup>th</sup> TO ENSURE YOU GET A T-SHIRT!

**ST. PETER'S ARTISANS | NEW GALLERY WALL ART** | We welcome back local artists and St. Peter's parishioners, Nina Allen Freeman and Rosemary S. Ferguson to our Gallery Wall downstairs. Both artists hold "signature memberships" in multiple Watercolor Societies and are members of the Ten Artists, LLC here locally.

Nina has a BA in Fine Art and a Masters in Social Work from Florida State University. Her paintings have been published and she has exhibited nationally. She teaches watercolor at LeMoyné Center for the Visual Arts. Her current collaged acrylics include hand-written recipes and papers from the 1950s.

Rosemary is known regionally and has been in numerous juried and Invitational art exhibitions. She has judged several art shows and festivals and she taught watercolor for 10 years at the Senior Center. She recently published a cookbook entitled "Art in the Kitchen".

*In-depth bios are displayed with the show downstairs.*

# 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! Whether today is your first time or you've been coming for awhile, we are so glad you're here!

## 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 [ASanderson@StPetersFL.com](mailto:ASanderson@StPetersFL.com)

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email [ASanderson@StPetersFL.com](mailto:ASanderson@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](https://StPetersFL.com/PRAYER)**

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

***Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends:*** Karen Mica, Doug Fulkerson, Mary Meloni, Quinn Toulon, Vicki Spitzer, Mary Alma Lang, Katherine Hilary Pontin, Barbara Boone

*as of 4.20.23*

**CATHEDRAL CONCERT | DUET PIANO RECITAL | *Saturday, 27 May | 7pm | Please note change of date***  
Pianist, Glenn Priest (Beethoven and Friends) returns to present a duet recital with St. Peter's own Chris Garven.



### FINANCIAL MINUTE

*Total Operating Budget: \$TBA | % Collected YTD: TBA% | Debt Retired in April: \$12,159.66*

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