

AN INVITATION TO THE WEAK

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**EACH OF OUR EIGHT CORES HAS A SPECIFIC MONTH OF THE YEAR IN WHICH IT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED.
SEPTEMBER IS PARTNERED EVANGELISM MONTH.**

Just over six months ago, I met with one of our Clergy for the Reconciliation of Penitents (*BCP 2019 p225*). I had been struggling with my brokenness and sin and felt weak and unworthy as a Christian man. I confessed the worst of all I've ever done and remember hearing the words, "*Your sins are forgiven, brother. You are Reconciled.*"

I received penance, reestablishing right relationship with God, and from there was led into a program where I've been walking with the Lord and allowing Him to heal my childhood traumas and the wounds of my sin. You're probably asking what this has to do with Missions and Evangelism. The answer is weakness. In *2 Corinthians 12:9-10*, the Lord says to Paul "*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*" I can testify that God is faithful to work mightily within us when we accept our weakness and surrender it to Him.

In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians and his letters to the Thessalonians, God's power bursts through as he embraces and accepts his weakness and suffering, entrusting his innermost being to the Lord. I believe this is, in part, a fundamental reason why and how Paul's Church planting, missions, and evangelism spread Christianity like wildfire throughout the world.

To know God, to know ourselves, and to know others, we must get outside ourselves. We do this by surrendering our right to live according to our self-will and accepting our weakness in light of God's grace, as Paul did, and finding a way to help others. We accept our weakness by asking Jesus Christ to bear our fears, temptations, and sin for us. When we do this, His power is made perfect in our weakness, and acts of love, encouragement, and service flow from within us. Paul did that and the Church was established; people received the Gospel, and so here we are today, praise God! What if you are tired and overwhelmed? Becoming a part of the Missions & Evangelism fellowship and service might be the answer.

I want to invite you to plug into our community, prayer, fellowship, and dynamic ministry opportunities. The Partnered Evangelism ministry opportunities below are God's work. He is calling between 12-16 men and women to come and experience Him in a new and deeper way. Each of these ministries needs you to help proclaim Jesus to others and we do it in partnership with our ministry partners.

- FEED MY LAMBS | Food distribution ministry providing nutrition to at-risk children kindergarten through high school. Ministry partnership with *Crossroads Charter Academy* in Quincy, FL.
- GREATER LOVE CHURCH & ST. PETER'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND EVANGELISM MINISTRY | One Saturday per month we will serve alongside the Greater Love congregation in South Tallahassee to provide food, prayer, and fellowship with the surrounding community as well as establish new friendships with parishioners at Greater Love Church.

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• NEW DESTINY CHURCH IN QUINCY FL | UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

- › HALLELUJAH NIGHT (*October 2022*): Games, food and fellowship with New Destiny congregation and their surrounding community. Bring your family!
- › BOXES OF LOVE (*November 2022*): Work together with New Destiny congregation to provide Thanksgiving Dinner and food distribution.
- › CHRISTMAS ON THE COURTS (*December 2022*): Family activities, food, games, and basketball fun with the New Destiny congregation and surrounding community.

For more information, please contact Michael Thompson at michaelthompson43@gmail.com or visit StPetersFL.com/partnered-evangelism for more details.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

CELEBRATE RECOVERY | Celebrate Recovery is a national 12-step program that enables people to deal with hurts, hang-ups, fears, and compulsions inflicted by life. Killlearn United Methodist Church is hosting a Celebrate Recovery Step Study for men, which will begin on *Sunday, September 11*, and will be led by our own Matt Brown. For more information, contact Matt.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: HOPE COMMUNITY

Please join us on *Saturday, September 17th*, to help beautify the HOPE Community with sidewalk and table art, and painting the community gazebo. Shifts are available from *9am-11:30am*, or from *11:30am-2pm*. Youth and adults alike are encouraged to serve!

The HOPE Community is a local homeless shelter for families who are victims of trafficking, survivors of trafficking, and the population most at risk in our community for human trafficking. St. Peter's will be regularly investing time in this community to love our neighbors in need and share the healing Gospel of Christ.

Please sign up at StPetersFL.com/human-trafficking. You can also donate needed items for the day by shipping them directly to HOPE via their Amazon List, which can be found at StPetersFL.com/human-trafficking as well.

Please contact Human Trafficking Core Captain, Julie Dombroski, at juliedombroski@comcast.net, for questions or more information.

UNDER-RESOURCED: GRACE MISSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you spare a couple of hours to volunteer your special talents at Grace Mission?

Needs include:

- 10 volunteers to prune the garden, *Saturday, September 10th at 8:30am*
- Handymen/handywomen to replace ceiling tiles and other minor repairs.
- Also need 48"x72" like-new whiteboard and 48"x72" like new cork board for newly remodeled family room.

Contact Heidi King at 850.668.5525 to volunteer or learn more about ministering to under-resourced families through Grace Mission in Tallahassee.

INTERNATIONAL: VISIT FROM UGANDA | Please

join us in welcoming Bp. Nason Baluku from the South Rwenzori Diocese beginning on *Sunday, September 18th*! There are several opportunities to hear from and get to know Bishop Nason while he is here with us, beginning with preaching at both morning services and briefly sharing some of his story and ministry in the Parish Hall between services. You won't want to miss out!

On *Monday, September 19th*, please join us in the Parish Hall at *6pm* for refreshments and fellowship, and hear more about the ministry that Bp. Nason leads in Uganda, as well as learn more about the St. Peter's Uganda trip planned for April 2023. Childcare is available for this evening. Please make reservations with Amy Stewart at AmyS@StPetersFL.com.

DISCIPLESHIP

TODDLER STORY TIME IS RETURNING

Mondays, 10am | Story Time will return on Monday mornings, beginning September 12. It's a great community event so invite others to join us – your neighbor, cousin, anyone with a toddler! Come early to play on the playground before Story Time in the Parish Hall!

MARY & MARTHA GUILD GATHERING

Monday, 12 September | 9:45am | The Mary & Martha Guild will meet at the home of Amy Cooksey, 5663 Iola Crescent Dr. Fr. Wesley Owens will be speaking on Healing Prayer and all women are invited to attend.

SENIOR LUNCHEONS RETURN! | This past *Thursday, September 1st*, we held a *Senior Luncheon* for the first time in nearly three years! It was a wonderful reunion with sweet fellowship. Did you miss it? Don't worry! The *Senior Luncheon* will be the first Thursday of the month at *12pm*. Our next luncheon is *October 6th*. Look for more information in the coming weeks, but go ahead and mark your calendar now! For more information about this ministry, please contact Care Ministries Coordinator, Alice Sanderson at Alice@StPetersFL.com.

(USUALLY) SECOND SUNDAY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PARTY! | 6:30-8pm | September 18th

Join us at the Youth House for food, fellowship, and fun! We normally meet on the 2nd Sunday, but this time we are meeting on the 3rd Sunday due to a once-in-a-lifetime (*but hopefully not!*) opportunity to meet and hear from Bishop Nason Baluku! Contact Fr. David Marten or Jennifer Nicholson for more information.

UPCOMING CONCERT | BEETHOVEN & FRIENDS | THIS Friday, September 9th | 7pm

Glenn Priest, former Artist-in Residence at the Boston Pops and current Director of Worship at Fairhaven Church in Dayton, Ohio and Chris Garven, our own Director of Music have performed under the name *Musical Benches* together for over 25 years. They feature great organ and piano music in an easy, engaging and exciting way. This event will feature the great pipe organ and beautiful Steinway of St Peter's. The evening will culminate with the famed *Choral Fantasy*, which is a 25-minute, single movement piano concerto with choir. This is sort of a mini *Ninth Symphony*, composed earlier in Beethoven's life featuring the full forces of orchestra, piano and choir! Be sure to come out and enjoy this wonderful concert!

LITURGY 101 | Monday, September 12, 6:30pm

Liturgy 101 provides the opportunity for the clergy of St. Peter's to explain all the particulars of a typical Sunday worship service in detail. For example, what are people doing before the Gospel reading on their forehead, lips, and heart? Why do the altar coverings change at different times of the year? Plan to attend to find out the answers to these questions, as well as much, much more!

No need to register for Liturgy 101 and childcare is available upon request. Feel free to contact Katie Munroe at Katie@StPetersFL.com with any questions.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

Friday 30 September | 6-8pm

Join us at the Youth House for a night full of fellowship and fun with the families of St. Peters. We will have a cookout, yard games, board games, and our all-time favorite, BINGO! Please RSVP to Amy Stewart at AmyS@StPetersFL.com to sign up for a side or dessert. This is a great opportunity to bring a neighbor or friends!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LUNCH MEETING

Sunday, September 11th | 12:30pm

Did you know that a dedicated group of individuals prays in the Apse during each Sunday morning service, for the service and all involved? Would you like to learn more about this ministry and how you can be part of it? Join us in the Parish Hall for a brief lunch meeting at *12:30pm on Sunday, September 11th*. Would Please RSVP and direct any questions to Jaimi Wacksman at Jaimi@thewacksmans.com.

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! Whether today is your first time or you've been coming for awhile, we are so glad you came. Come say hello and meet us in the Narthex. We would love to answer any questions you may have about the church or help you learn how to get involved. Just look for Katie or Tina! There are also other resources in the Narthex to help you get acquainted with the church. If you're new, please join us for our Newcomer's Dinner on October 11th. If you're interested in learning more about Anglican liturgy, join us for Liturgy 101 on September 12th!

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

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email 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**

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. 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, Lt. Patrick Swain, Capt. Parry Thomas, Lt. Cmdr. Blake Van Brunt Jr, Tommy VanLandingham MM3, Seaman Benjamin Waddill

Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends: James Eubanks, Becky Allen, Doug Jones, Jessie Pitt, Tanny Buford, Brady Jax, Courtney Evans, Kathryn Neal, Marian Williams, Bart & Connie MacFarlane, Shirley Coyle, Phyllis Schmidt, Ben Allen, Joan Moore

REGISTER FOR FALL SEMESTER CLASSES & WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Pick up your copy of the Discipleship Opportunities Catalogue in the Narthex and discover the classes you would like to participate in this semester, including Sunday School for all ages.

Visit StPetersFL.com/Register to register.



FINANCIAL MINUTE

Total Operating Budget: \$2,896,155.24 | *% Collected YTD:* 87.15% | *Debt Retired in September:* \$11,898.71
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