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Holy Cross is dedicated to raising up faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, committed to genuine Worship, loving Fellowship, and passionate Mission.

a message from our  
*senior* **WARDEN**

This month, I'm glad to report that we are in good shape financially and the kitchen renovation is moving ahead with very few problems. I want to spotlight Mark Strickland, who has donated his time, expertise, and energy toward this project.

Please let Mark know how much we appreciate his hard work.

Roy Wood / Sr. Warden

Summer is over, although the heat has not let up! Kids are back in school. Church activities have started back as we kick off the fall, and needless to say this time of year can be a time of busyness and a bit of chaos as well. I recently read a quote by Dennis Swanberg that said "One reason so much American Christianity is a mile wide and an inch deep is that Christians are simply tired. Sometimes you need to kick back and rest for Jesus' sake." The most common words I hear these days are: "I am so busy!"

While all the things I mentioned can be good things they can also be exhausting, and not in a good way. Sometimes I find myself in a place where I'm busy but I'm not very productive. Maybe you are there too or if you're not, you may certainly find yourself there soon. In these seasons of busyness, I often wonder what it would be like to take into consideration Dennis' words of "kick back and rest for Jesus' sake." You may remember the Psalm I mentioned in recent writings where David wrote the words "Be still and know that I am God" – Psalm 46:10. That sounds so appealing right now! Just being still in the presence of The Almighty God. While I would certainly say a big "YES" to more of that, I also know that energy and excitement come from doing things that God has called us to do on the side of the Kingdom.. So while I'm encouraged to rest in Jesus to be rejuvenated, I also feel the great call to be productive in the work of Kingdom Ministry.

For many of us being productive may actually mean refining and cutting out the things that are not accomplishing an overall mission and vision we have in mind. In other words, creating what I call a "Stop Do" list. We all have the "To Do" list but how many of us are conscious of the things in life that need to stop in order to accomplish the to do's?

I want to encourage you in the season that can result in more busyness than most of us would want to step back and 1. Rest in Jesus, 2. Revisit our vision and mission, and 3. Stop doing the things that do not help us pursue number 1 and 2.

This fall join me in enjoying Christ presence and pursuing his vision and mission for our lives and then let's watch the Lord work in miraculous ways personally and in our church.

Faithfully Yours,

*Wes* +

*Psalm 130:5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.*



# what's **HAPPENING?**

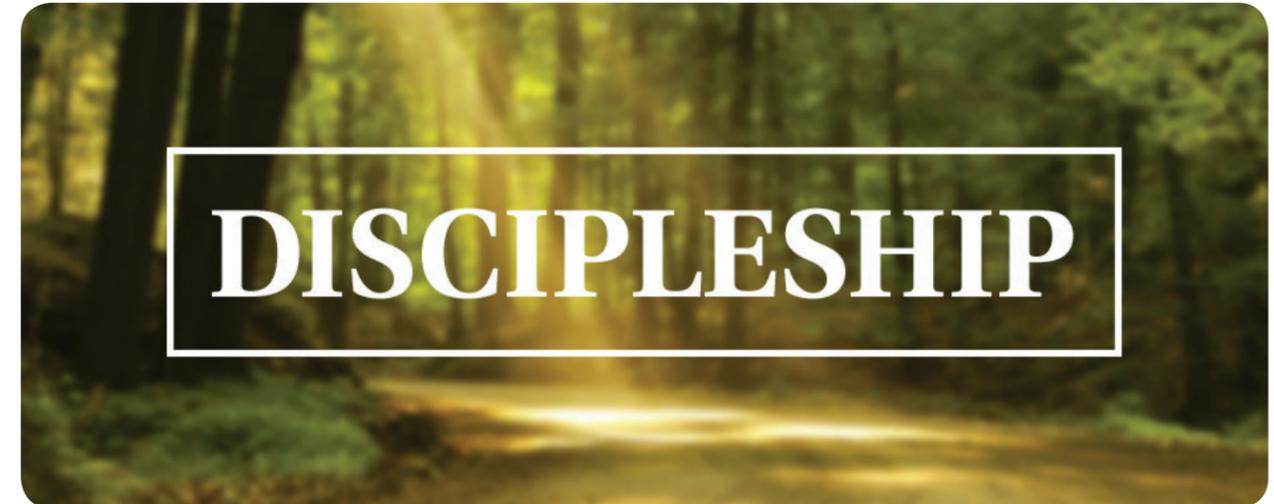
- **ECW Luncheon/Business Meeting** will meet Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am in the Genesis Room. This will be our last meeting prior to the Holy Cross Rummage Sale scheduled for Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We will also finalize plans to attend the Fall Conference, Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at Grace Church located at 906 Pike Road, AL. 36064 (20-minute drive east of Montgomery).
- **Habitat for Humanity** - The groundbreaking for the 2018 Birmingham Convocation Habitat for Humanity Build will be Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The home will be located at 4829 Avenue R in Ensley and will take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete. Volunteers are needed for build days each week for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.  
  
To sign up, please go to: [http://give.habitatbirmingham.org/ge/2018\\_Episcopal\\_Build\\_Volunteers](http://give.habitatbirmingham.org/ge/2018_Episcopal_Build_Volunteers). For further information, contact Susan Southwick.
- **Men's Breakfast & Bible Study** - Men's Breakfast & Bible Study meets every Friday morning from 6:30am to 7:30am in the Genesis Room. Newcomers are welcome. Bring your own breakfast and join us as we explore the Book of Exodus.
- **Movie on the Lawn** - On Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be showing the movie Paddington 2 on the lawn at Holy Cross. Food trucks will arrive at 6:30pm and the movie will begin at dark. Bring your lawn chairs and invite friends to come and enjoy a story that is a heart-warming family fare for all ages.
- **Ladies' Night Out** for the month of September will be a little different. We will be attending the annual "Taste of Trussville" to be held at the Trussville Civic Center located at 5381 Trussville-Clay Road. Everyone will meet in the Civic Center lobby on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Advance tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Trussville Chamber of Commerce (400 Main Street – 205-655-7535). A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$25. The sign-up sheet will be in the Genesis Room. Contact Karen Bain for further information at (205) 612-9833 or (205) 655-9283.

## HAPPY **Birthday** TO YOU!

### September

		Jan Carlisto	16
		Jeannine Sizemore	19
		Terrie Percy	19
		Rachel Grove	19
		Deanna Booth	21
		Clara Cooper	22
		Hilde Davis	26
		Fran Bramblette	26
		Gloria Smith	28
		Catherine Proctor	30
Jeff Rotenberry	2		
Alison Sharp	5		
Elaine McLendon	7		
Dave Southwick	7		
Sarah Rushing	7		
Joanne Carnes	13		
Brenda Jean	14		

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- **WEDNESDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES:** - The following classes will begin on Wednesdays in September at 6:00pm. Dinner will be provided by the church beginning at 5:30pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person.
  - **MARRIAGE BUILDING** is a three-week class (September 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>) presented by Fr. Wes Sharp. No matter how long you've been married, a healthy marriage requires continued maintenance as we learn on a daily basis what our spouses need in our relationships. The class first takes a look at what makes men and women "tick" and their different needs and then focuses on what it means to have a God-centered relationship. Come and gain practical insight and acquire key marriage-building skills as we engage the Scriptures and exhort one another to strengthen our marriages.
  - **EXPLORING THE PSALMS** is a two-week class (September 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>) presented by Dr. Mark Gignilliat of Beeson Divinity who will share some practical insight into how the Psalms apply to the challenges of everyday life.
  - **HOLY CROSS KIDS** – Bring the children (ages 5-12) for seven weeks of high-energy games and Bible teaching beginning Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - **THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**- Join Dr. Doug Webster from Beeson Divinity for a 4-week Wednesday night teaching beginning September 19<sup>th</sup> on the greatest sermon ever given. Come hear Jesus' words from the mount like you've never heard them before.
  - **BIBLICAL PARENTING** is a four-week class (September 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>) presented by Fr. Wes Sharp. Parents know that raising children is hard work. Our greatest call as parents is to raise disciples who love the Lord. Our challenge is to love them, embrace who God has created them to be, and last but not least, train and discipline them to become responsible adults. Don't miss this class as we discuss and learn from one another what it is like to have a vision for your child and how, on a daily basis, to guide them in practical ways toward the fulfillment of that vision.