

NEWS FROM THE SAINTS

SEPTEMBER 2023

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A WORD FROM FATHER RICK

Dear Saints

God is the Governor. He rules over all he has made. Adam and Eve were planted in a beautiful city which they were to build and manage—in the way that honored God. This beautiful garden paradise was to cover the earth. Taking the bait from the evil one, they found the government distasteful—and they sought to establish their own. In their rebellion the earth was cursed. God in his mercy looked with favor upon them and promised to send another man who would reverse the curse and heal the land.

After being expelled and the city “boarded up,” Adam and Eve had children. In her firstborn, Cain, Eve believed God had sent “that” man. He ended up being a destroyer (murdered his brother Abel) and not a healer. Cain and his posterity continued to build cities, though not honoring God. Adam and Eve had a third son. His name was Seth. In him, we are told by Moses the author of Genesis, “men began to call upon the name of God.”

Early in the Biblical narrative we begin to see emerge two distinct streams of human existence - “the house of the wicked,” and “the house of the righteous.” It also becomes clear that God’s city will not yet be established on earth.

There can be no Utopia – mankind is simply incapable of building one.

Not long after the Flood, mankind was at it again – seeking to build a heavenly city, Babel. They reasoned that a tall city would save them from another flood – even though God promised not to destroy the earth again by flood. Again, man’s “city-building” is not about God but man. Babel failed by the judgment of God. It was based on self-interest and not God’s.

Abraham left his city, following God, and looked for one “not made with hands.”

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In Old Testament Israel, the city of God returned to the earth. The nation was to prefigure the coming kingdom of the Messiah. They failed, and after 900+ years, they were banished.

There are still people today who believe that with the correct political party and the right nation, mankind can be saved. We are not such city builders. In this present age, we, believers in Jesus Christ, are the “city” of God. We are as Peter puts it, “...a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation...” As the Church, we don’t build city-states. We live as “sojourners and exiles” while we await the kingdom that is SURE to come.

Don’t put your hope in princes, or their horses, or their chariots. Hope in God. The last book of the Bible summarizes, “And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them and they will be his people...” (Rev 21)

Finally, the Man has come who can and does reverse the Fall. He is the builder of Abraham’s city. Jesus the Governor.

Happy September!

Fr Rick

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE COMMUNITY FAIR



Wednesday, September 13, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, is the date of the annual Hot Springs Village Community Fair. The POA has invited over 150 clubs, organizations and churches to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet our neighbors and share information about our church. There are a lot of new people to in the Village, as well as a lot of people searching for a Christ-centered, Biblical church. We will have a big banner, pamphlets explaining who we are, our newsletter, website information and maybe even some cookies to share, so it should not be a hard task to interact with the attendees. If you are interested in helping, please contact either Margie or Margaret.

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WEBSITE - Allsaintsanglicanhsv.com



Are you confused as to what ADOTS, GAFCON, AWFL, or ACNA stand for? Do you want to know more about being Anglican? Our website has links to all these sites with in-depth explanations and interesting facts and articles to help you better acquaint yourselves with these important facets of our religion. Go to our website (allsaintsanglicanhsv.com) and click on RESOURCES.

Under Resources, click on LINKS. There they are! Just to whet your appetite, here is an excerpt from the Anglican Compass (located at the bottom of the LINKS list) regarding the Daily Office:

“Getting Started with the Daily Office: A Rookie Anglican Guide

Let’s face it: to the modern ear, “Daily Office” sounds more like your workplace than your prayer routine. However, while this “office” is not the workplace that it sounds like, it is, in a certain sense, a task or, more appropriately, a vocation. The odd name comes from the Latin officium divinum, which means “divine duty.” By stepping into the Daily Office, we employ ourselves to the holy occupation of prayer. Through it, we commit ourselves to St. Paul’s decree for Christians to “pray without ceasing” ([1 Thes. 5:17](#)) and St. James’ appeal to “pray for one another” ([James 5:16](#)).

If you’ve picked up a copy of the Book of Common Prayer, you’ve probably seen these four liturgies toward the very beginning. Maybe you’ve even been tempted to try them, but you’ve found it overwhelming. So, what is the Daily Office, why does it exist, and how should we use it?”

If you want to know more, click on the Anglican Compass!

NEW MEMBER



All Saints is excited to welcome Rosie McNamara, our newest member. If you haven’t already met this delightful lady, please introduce yourself. Rosie was received on Sunday, August 5, 2023.



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ALL SAINTS HATS AND SHIRTS



For those that are in search of an All Saints shirt, tee shirt or jacket, (thanks to Dave and Theresa Keyser) we now have an account with Sew Perfect at 5922 Highway 7 (past Home Plate but before Blue Springs on the right). Their phone number is 501-984-6412. You can buy one of their shirts at a reasonable price, or bring in your own and they will embroider it for \$12.50. The

cross will be the same color as the shirt.



And.... our very talented Deacon Lynda Valdez, has designed and is embroidering hats. Yes...you heard that right! She will whip one up for you for \$20. She can put whatever you want on a hat. She can also do shirts, or anything else. Contact Lynda if you would like to order something.



THANK YOU JEANNE BALLARD



It is no longer necessary to wear sunglasses to events in the Fellowship Hall. Jeanne Ballard had these wonderful shades custom made and donated them to All Saints. Thank you, Jeanne!

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Buford's Visit Alaska!



Tom and I recently visited Alaska. We came away awed by its rugged, natural beauty. Fortunately, we visited during the twenty-hour sunlight days when temperatures are mild and life is relatively easy. Extraordinarily beautiful flowers, along with bears, moose, and caribou are common sights even in the towns. We learned about mushers and

Alaskan huskies pulling sleds across the country and we saw magnificent glaciers. giant spruce, and towering mountains with majestic waterfalls. We did all the typical tourist activities like panning for gold, riding the train to Yukon Territory, and attending Native Alaskan ceremonies and salmon bakes. Summer is the time to tour! God has created a world where each area has beauty all its own. We had a once in a lifetime experience. We are grateful to have experienced Alaska. *Margaret*



CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

All Wednesdays:

8:00 am

Men's Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies

9:00 am

Ladies Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies

September 3

Pot Luck Sunday

September 10

Sunday School – 9 am

September 13

Community Fair – Coronado Center 10-2

September 14

Vestry 10:00 am

September 17

Sunday School – 9 am

September 24

Sunday School - 9 am

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September Birthdays	September Anniversaries
9/1 Kathy Oram	9/1 Reuben and Myra McGilvary
9/1 Shirley Downs	9/18 Gary and Elaine Weeter
9/10 Nancy Norton	
9/10 Kathy Pierce	
9/23 Jeanne Ballard	
9/27 Elaine Weeter	



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Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday Service 10:30 am