

NEWS FROM THE SAINTS

OCTOBER 2023

ALL SAINTS

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A WORD FROM FATHER RICK

Dear Saints,

DON'T CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN. There seems to be the mindset in our culture that we should climb every mountain. And that in doing so we prove we are conquerors. This mindset includes the adage that everything must always be “bigger and better.” For instance, I hate it when they “upgrade” my favorite running shoes. They never seem to fit like the old ones.

I know people who exhaust themselves by taking on every challenge that comes their way - even those that don't come their way. They maniacally pursue excellence, or what they perceive as excellence. In the end, I'm guessing that this pursuit is driven by a sense of fear or insecurity; that next mountain just might reveal who they really are.

These people try to solve all the world's problems, all their problems and all your problems. Everything must be improved. Nothing remains unchanged. No wonder they're exhausted. No wonder you too are exhausted by being around them.

I want to encourage you: **EMBRACE THE MUNDANE.** I'm not suggesting that you seek to be dull or that you pursue mediocrity. But realize not many of us are called to be “the Great Ones,” as Martin Luther referred to history-making people. Most of us will not change the world; much less our neighborhood. Most of us are called to live faithfully today, and then to do it again tomorrow. And this pleases, mightily, our God.

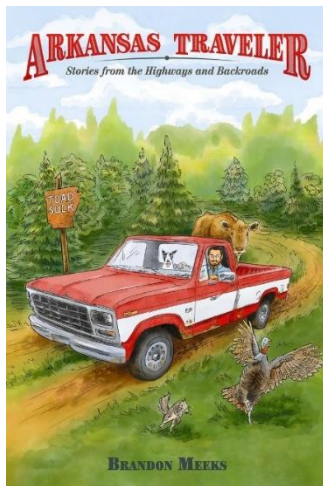
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October 31 is observed by most as Halloween. A weird holiday, but with yummy treats and awesome decorative gourds. October 31 is celebrated by some as Reformation Day, the day Luther was supposed to have nailed his 95 Theses to the church door at Wittenberg.

One emphasis of the Reformation for Christians is rest because we don't have to climb anything or search everywhere. Our identity is found in Jesus Christ. He accomplished our redemption on the cross. His resurrection sealed it. The Holy Spirit applies it to our lives until Christ returns. Stop exhausting yourself. REST in Christ.

Fr Rick

DR. BRANDON MEEKS



We all look forward to the Sunday's when our Theologian-in-Residence, Dr. Brandon Meeks, preaches. His ability to faithfully communicate the truth of God's Word that connects with all his listeners, is a gift and we at All Saints are very blessed to have him a part of our family. Did you know that he also is a gifted writer? He has a new book coming out scheduled to be released before Thanksgiving called "Arkansas Traveler" *Stories from the Highways and Backroads.* Brandon's wit and humor permeate his writing. Some of his stories are sensational, sometimes emotional, but always memorable. You can go online to moonshinemagnolia.com and order your copy now!

TO MY ALL SAINTS FAMILY

There are no words to fully express my gratitude for all that you have done for me through this difficult valley. I've been in church my entire life, yet I have never been a part of a church that looks so much like Jesus. Thank you for being His hands & feet.

*In Christ's Love,
Sherri*

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COMMUNITY FAIR



All Saints Anglican Church was well represented at the Community Fair last month by Margaret Buford, Theresa and Dave Keyser, Virginia Smith, and Father Rick. They reported that there were many curious attendees and the event lent itself to one more opportunity to spread the Word and extend invitations to join us in worship.

MEMORIAL GARDEN



Do you have your plot yet? It is so important to plan ahead for when we leave this earth and go to our Heavenly Home. Our Garden of the Good Shepherd inurnment plots are available to all members of All Saints as well as the loved ones of the immediate family. Immediate family members are: spouse, children, step-children, adopted children, mother, father, grandmother and grandfather. The purchase fee of each plot is \$500 and includes the cost of an engraved granite memorial stone inscription as well as the urn for burial. The Circle of Saints is a consecrated area for the memory of deceased members of All Saints Anglican Church whose remains are buried or inurned in locations other than in the Garden of the Good Shepherd. The cost for the purchase of the Commemorative Plate is \$250 and includes the engraving and installation of the Commemorative Plate.

Your Memorial Garden Committee prayerfully asks that you consider making your final resting plans as soon as possible. Tomorrow is not promised to us! Please contact Deacon Lynda Valdez (817) 992-1163 or Margie Lambert (501) 209-0462.

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ALL SAINTS OUTREACH MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Harvey's Chapel is a Baptist Church in Mountain Pine that we support with donations for their summer camp for children, back to school supplies and Christmas gifts for children in their area. Participation has been with donations of money and supplies. **Contact: Martha Nichols**
2. Angel Tree is a Salvation Army project. Toys and clothes are donated by parishioners for children who probably would not otherwise receive much of anything at Christmas. **Contact: Margaret Buford**
3. Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Ministry is supported with volunteers to collect donations at the kettles in front of Walmart and Brookshires during December. **Contact: Blair Oram**
4. Jackson House is located in downtown Hot Springs. They operate a thrift store, food bank, and other support services for the homeless plus a soup kitchen which provides a lunch daily. We provide a kitchen team every other month on the 2nd Monday. Volunteers are used from the parish family. **Contact: Bob Mongrain**
5. Arkansas Chaplaincy at Oaklawn is a Christian Ministry providing spiritual guidance to the workers on the backside at the Oaklawn Race Track. They provide a church service every Tuesday night and a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. They also operate a clothing ministry and food for those who need it. The racetrack workers are transient, going from track to track following the horses. **Contact: Joel Bailey**
6. Filly Feed Ministry is held every January to benefit the female workers on the backside at Oaklawn race course. Jewelry, cosmetic and toiletry donations are collected and put in bags to be sent to Oaklawn where the Chaplaincy hosts a luncheon and a shopping spree for the female workers who have very few opportunities to acquire those type items. **Contact: Deacon Sami Joe**
7. All Saints annually participates in The Right to Life fundraiser at Balboa Beach each May in support of their efforts. **Contact: Elaine Weeter**
8. Quilt Ministry. Quilts are made for parishioners who are undergoing medical issues or just need to be blessed. **Contact: Sharan Gunn**

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GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS!

All Saints has been blessed with a growing membership. For those unfamiliar with our beginnings, All Saints Anglican Church was established in November 2003 by a handful of Villagers who held worship services at private homes, at Coronado Center, Faith Lutheran Church, a local funeral home and a local shopping center. In 2014, we moved into our new church building. In 2018 we expanded to accommodate our growing membership. Today, between Friends of the Congregation and active members, we have over 80 people and that number seems to be growing each week. We decided to get to know each other better, that it would be a fun idea to highlight members in our newsletter each month. This month it's John and Amy Boykin and Fred and Sandy Whitson, but next month it may be you!

Boykins Living Their Best Retirement



Many of our friends have enjoyed travel abroad and/or have taken exciting cruises to celebrate their first years of retirement. John and I chose a different mode of travel to “live our best early retirement years.” Since our retirement in 2019, we have looked forward to road trips across the southeast every spring and summer to watch and support our grandson, Christian, play the team sport he has loved since early childhood...baseball. We jokingly call those trips “our Alaskan cruise.”

Christian currently plays varsity baseball for the Star City Bulldogs but has spent several years playing competitive travel ball for the Rawlings Arkansas Prospects. The Prospects is a premier travel ball club to showcase players with the potential for college scholarships and/or major league recruiting. His skill at first base and his long-ball power hits from home plate have filled our summers with travel in Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, and Mississippi. We have enjoyed each trip's unique opportunity to support Christian and his team, but we loved

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getting to know the parents/grandparents of team members. Since we were often the only grandparents making the longer trips, we became “Gram and Pops” to everyone (and they took good care of us). He has been very successful in baseball, achieving all-conference and first team all-state for the 2023 high school season. In travel ball, he was recently identified as the #2 first base player in Arkansas.

This writing, however, is somewhat bittersweet. Christian is a senior this year, so his travel ball days are over. John and I will miss those trips, but we look forward to his last varsity season in the Spring and to following his college career. He has a verbal commitment to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, and he’s looking forward to that formal offer later this year (or to consider other offers that may surface). UAM, a division two university, is close to home and many of Christian’s friends (outside of baseball) are planning to attend that school.



We have other travel planned in October to visit two daughters, four grandchildren and one great-grandson. Although we have nine grandchildren across the country, Christian has been the only one living close enough to allow us regular, active involvement with him. In the meantime, John is staying busy with Hot Springs Village responsibilities as chair of the American History Club, the Civil War Roundtable, and the Conservative Forum. Additionally, he participates as secretary of the POA Board’s Common Property, Forest, and Wildlife Committee. Finally, we are acting as hosts for the HSV Razorback Club’s watch parties. Our decision to retire in Hot Springs Village and to join ASAC has been a good one! (I’m learning to shoot a pistol and now secretly dreaming of a *real* Alaskan cruise...)



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Fred and Sandy Whitson



Fred and I moved to Hot Springs Village in September of 2011. I retired from teaching the year before and Fred had recently sold his business. We loved our house on top of our mountain here in the Village and its amazing view, especially the sunrise views! The only negative was that we had not found “our” church. We attended a local church but never really felt that it was “home.”

It truly was an act of God that the Saturday after Easter of the following year, we peeked inside the strip mall All Saints Anglican Church on Ponderosa, and saw the Good Shepherd window. We decided that, outside of the fact that it was located in a strip mall and not a proper church building, we would attend Sunday service the next day. We felt the warmth and love and sense of belonging immediately upon entering. Lynda Valdez, who was not a deacon yet, offered to sit with us to help us navigate the service, and most of the congregation invited us to go to lunch with them after church. That was the beginning, the first day of a beautiful life of worshipping and sharing and growing in God’s love with our wonderful church family.

What an amazing life we had as members and God’s servants in this amazing church that soon left its strip mall location and built a lovely church building which had to be enlarged not long after. The members of All Saints will always be part of our family even if we can no longer share holiday and birthday meals together or host our Annual Widows and Orphans Anglican Christmas Party. We are thankful that there are so many new members who have found what we found all those years ago, a true church family. It was such a difficult decision to move away, but once again through an act of God, we are peacefully settled here in Oklahoma and able to see our only granddaughter and her parents all the time. “Home” is an interesting word in that most of us still refer to our birth place as “home” since it is the place that we grew and learned in preparation for the time we would leave it, and this is why All Saints Anglican Church will always be our Church Home.

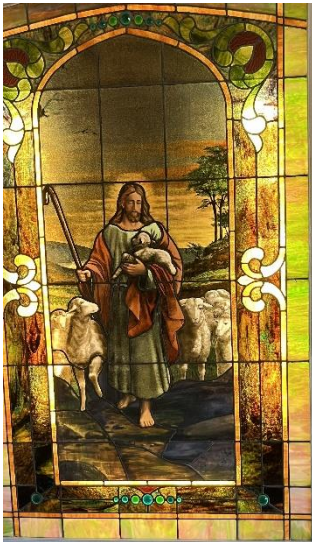
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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

All Wednesdays:

8:00 am	Men's Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies
9:00 am	Ladies Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies



October 6	Pot Luck Sunday
October 12	Vestry
October 15	Sunday School – 9 am
October 22	Sunday School – 9 am
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October 29	Sunday School – 9 am Christi's 5-year Anniversary Celebration (after service)

October Birthdays	October Anniversaries
10/1 Tony Holstade	10/5 Bob and Sharan Gunn
10/10 Jill Cox	10/23 Bob and Margie Lambert
10/23 Mary Haynes	
10/27 Cheryl Grable	
10/31 Joyce Holt	

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