

NEWS FROM THE SAINTS

FEBRUARY 2024

ALL SAINTS

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A WORD FROM FATHER RICK

Happy February All Saints!

In 1974, Freddy Weller sang a country tune, “You’re Not Getting Older, You’re Getting Better.” Hopefully we are! There’s also another saying, particularly regarding men, but not exclusively, “You ARE getting older and you’re getting grumpier.” Should we as Christians be concerned about this? Perhaps.

As the people of God, we have been entrusted with the Gospel – the Good News about Jesus Christ. This means we must use words. Words matter, and how we use them matters. As you read the book of Proverbs you realize we should carefully measure our words before we speak. A fool does not.

Proverbs 10:19 When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

Proverbs 17:27-28 Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.

Proverbs 18:2 A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

Proverbs 21:23 Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.

Proverbs 29:20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

That we use words is essential. How we use them is ministry. Paul wrote to the Colossians, “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.” The words of Christians should build others up and not tear them down. Even in admonishment our intent is toward the good.

I read a couple of articles this week that address how we can spot a grumpy/quarrelsome person. The following points (think of them as mirrors) are attributed to Christian writer Kevin DeYoung (I don’t remember how I got to his article – perhaps through The Aquila Report).

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You might be a quarrelsome person if . . .

1. **You defend every conviction with the same degree of intensity.** There are no secondary or tertiary issues. Everything is primary. You've never met a hill you wouldn't die on.
2. **You are quick to speak and slow to listen.** You rarely ask questions and when you do it is to accuse or to continue prosecuting your case. You are not looking to learn, you are looking to defend, dominate, and destroy.
3. **Your only model for ministry and faithfulness is the showdown with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel.** Or the only Jesus you like is the Jesus who cleared the money changers from the temple. Those are real examples in Scripture. But the Bible is a book, and sarcasm and whips are not the normal method of personal engagement.
4. **You are incapable of seeing nuances, and you do not believe in qualifying statements.** Everything in life is black and white without any gray.
5. **You never give the benefit of the doubt.** You do not try to read arguments in context. You put the worst possible construct on other's motives, and when there is a less flattering interpretation you go for that one.
6. **You have no unarticulated opinions.** Do people know what you think of everything? They shouldn't. That's why you have a journal or a prayer closet or a dog.
7. **You are unable to sympathize with your opponents.** You forget that sinners are also sufferers. You lose the ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes.
8. **Your first instinct is to criticize; your last instinct is to encourage.** Quarrelsome people almost always see others in need of rebuke, rarely in need of refreshing.
9. **You have a small grid, and everything fits in it.** You view life through a tiny prism such that you already know what everything is about. Everything is a social justice issue. Everything relates to the regulative principle. Everything is about "their" political party being always wrong and "my" party being always right. It's all about the feminists. Or the patriarchy. Or how my parents messed up my life. When all you have is a hammer, the rest of the world looks like a nail.
10. **You derive a sense of satisfaction and spiritual safety in feeling constantly rejected.** We don't want to blame the victim, but some people are constitutionally

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unable to exist except as a remnant. They must be persecuted. They must be maligned. They do not know how to live in peacetime, only in war.

11. **You are always in the trenches with hand grenades strapped to your chest, never in the cafeteria with ice cream and ping pong.** I remember years ago talking to a returning serviceman in my church who told me sheepishly that his job in Iraq was to drive an armed convoy for the ice cream truck. It was extremely dangerous, escorting the vehicle through bomb infested territory. This was brave, honorable work. And important: Even soldiers need ice cream once in a while. The amp doesn't have to be cranked to 11 all the time. Seriousness about God is not the same as pathological seriousness about everything. Remember G. K. Chesterton: "We have to feel the universe at once as an ogre's castle, to be stormed, and yet as our own cottage, to which we can return to at evening."
12. **You have never changed your mind.** If you haven't changed your mind on an important matter in several presidents, I wonder if you are a Christian or even alive. Of course, truth never changes, and neither should many of our convictions. But quarrelsome people stir up strife because, already knowing everything, they have no need to listen, learn, or ask questions.

Hit close to home? Look to Christ. He has the power to change us and has made provision to forgive. By the death of the Prince of Peace we can be at peace with God and at peace with one another.

Blessings, *Fr Rick*

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held January 14, despite the bitter cold weather. First order of business was to elect our new Vestry members to replace Marjorie Lambert and Gary Weeter, who had completed their 3-year term. Father Rick thanked each of them for their service. The new members voted in were Margaret Buford and Marc Nichols. The next order of business was to approve the new Bylaws. They were approved unanimously. Reuben McGilvary was given thanks for producing the document. Tom Buford, treasurer, presented the 2024 budget. It was approved unanimously. It was a short but important meeting!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is officially underway. The first class was January 28. It is the hope that throughout 2024 we will be able to traverse the book entitled “The Unfolding Word.” It is a lengthy but very readable book that will take us from Genesis to Revelation, instructing us along the way of how the entire Bible is about Christ. Most of our Sunday School classes will be devoted to this teaching. Father Rick and Deacon Lynda will guide and instruct us. Deacon Ted and possibly Dr Brandon Meeks may also treat us to a class from time to time. If you haven’t been attending Sunday School, think about it. It’s worth arriving a little early to church on a Sunday morning.(There’s coffee and snacks!)

BIRTHDAY LUNCHESES

A new tradition is starting in 2024. Each month the women will get together on the first Friday for lunch at different restaurants to honor birthdays. Women are encouraged to bring funny cards to share with the birthday girls. We look forward to getting together each month for lunch, fellowship and celebration of birthdays!

BRUCE TO THE RESCUE!

All Saints owes a huge thank you to our Sexton, Bruce Neiswander. During the night of Thursday, January 11, the Village was hit with strong icy wind and hail. Bruce braved the weather conditions early the next morning to check on the church. A huge pine tree had fallen across the parking lot. He immediately contacted Gaston Tree Service who came within 15 minutes and cut the tree up. Saturday morning The Brothers Landscaping cleared the debris from the parking lot. It was a tough January weatherwise. It’s comforting to know that we have such a dedicated sexton. Thank you, Bruce!

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GOOD SHEPHERD MEMORIAL GARDEN



Reminder from your Memorial Garden Committee. We encourage all of our sisters and brothers at All Saints to prepare for their final resting place. If you haven't secured your final resting place, please prayerfully consider the Garden of the Good Shepherd. Take a walk along the path that leads from the Fellowship Hall to the Garden. Our Garden of the Good

Shepherd is consecrated Holy ground where we commit cremated remains of deceased members of All Saints who have lived and died in the Christian faith. In addition, the Circle of Saints is the area where members of All Saints who are buried elsewhere are commemorated. It is a peaceful and beautiful resting place. Please see either Lynda Valdez or Marjorie Lambert for more information.

FILLY FEED



Each year the Oaklawn Racetrack Chaplaincy hosts a luncheon for the horsewomen. The 2024 Filly Feed was Thursday, January 25. Several churches donate Filly Feed bags that are given to the women at the luncheon along with a devotional book. These women travel from horse track to horse track each year and do not carry a lot of personal items. Several churches, included All Saints, fill Filly Feed gift bags each year with goodies. This year, our ladies filled 20 bags with warm gloves, socks, toiletries, and Bibles.

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GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS!

Kim Williams



Kim Williams was born and raised in Roswell, New Mexico. She attended college and graduated with a marketing degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She moved to San Francisco, California and was hired by Levi Strauss for management training. They sent her to NYC for one year. After her training, she returned to Marina Del Rey, California in 1979, where she worked as an account executive for 5 years. She married and had two children. During her marriage and while raising her children, they moved several times: Sacramento, Rancho Marietta and Rancho Mirage (all California).

She divorced in 2001. By 2011 children were grown and she was ready to leave California. She moved and tried Ruidoso and Santa Fe, NM. Neither worked out for her so she returned to Long Beach, CA, where her friends lived to re-evaluate her situation. Her friends had bought a second home in Hot Springs Village. When she went to visit them there, she fell in love with Arkansas. She bought a home on the water in August 2020.

After her move, she began attending Christian Ministries. She eventually realized that she missed liturgical worship. She visited a few churches before her first visit to All Saints on February 5, 2023. She said that God led her to become a part of ASAC's warm family. Not only did it share the same name as the church she had attended in Long Beach, but also Archbishop Foley Beech, who had blessed her when she joined the church in Long Beach. It was that along with the love and kindness she felt extended to her, the liturgy and scripture-based teaching and services that led her to become a member,

Kim enjoys the sights and sounds of living in the Village and feels blessed to enjoy this softer life. The ability to lie and wake daily to life on the water is a beautiful reminder of God's grace and mercy each and every morning.

Welcome to All Saints, Kim!

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WHERE ARE THE LAMBERTS?



Where are we? And who are we? Bob and I met in 1997. We married in 1998. Bob joined the Navy in 1968 and served in Viet Nam. After leaving the Navy, he became a firefighter. He retired as Captain from the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1998. Margie worked in the Santa Barbara School District for 21 years, beginning as attendance secretary and secretary to the vice principal, and ending her career as executive secretary to the Superintendent of the Santa Barbara City School District and to the Board of Education. We bought a sailboat together (45' Bruce Roberts) and spent a year renovating it and preparing it for cruising. We left Santa Barbara in 1999 on our sailboat, destination Costa Rica. We had so much fun sailing and meeting people and visiting places along the way, that it took us two years. When we arrived in CR, we bought property and built two houses. In between builds, we shut our projects down and sailed to Panama, where we enjoyed isolated islands and traversing the Panama Canal on other boats as line handlers. We eventually returned to Costa Rica, built one more house, and then we were ready to return to the United States.

We ended up buying property in South Carolina on Hilton Head. We built another home and then left on a motorhome trip to Texas. Enroute, we visited HSV. We loved it! We went back to South Carolina, sold our property, packed up and headed back. We have never regretted that decision.

We first visited All Saints when it was located in the strip mall across from Village Bible Church. At that time, there was an interim rector. We asked him about Sunday School Bible classes, and he suggested that we try the Village Bible Church. We did and ended up there for one year. After that year, we were missing the liturgical aspects of worship. We began visiting other churches, and eventually returned to All Saints Anglican Church. Father Rick was the rector then. What a difference! We immediately knew that we had found our church home. Yes, the warm welcome and the people were wonderful. But the presence of the Holy Spirit in worship and the word of the Lord, Jesus Christ, were what brought us to the realization that this was where we belong. We feel so blessed to be a part of All Saints. We are wintering in South Padre Island because Bob has a very difficult time with the cold winters in Hot Springs. We love it here but miss All Saints. We will see you, God willing, in March!

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CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

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



February 4	World Mission Sunday - Pot Luck Sunday
February 7-9	Fr .Rick at ADOTS Clergy Retreat
February 11	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Service 10:30 am Fr. William will preach
February 13	Shrove Tuesday – 5:00 pm
February 14	Ash Wednesday Service – 5:30 pm
February 18	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Service 10:30 am
February 21	Soup, Sandwich and Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm
February 25	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Service 10:30 am
February 28	Soup, Sandwich and Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm

February Birthdays	February Anniversaries
2/6 Joe Norton 2/10 Bob Clapp 2/11 Elaine Bailey 2/11 Betty Derryberry 2/12 Sharan Gunn 2/13 Don Valdez 2/13 Gary Weeter 2/16 Nancy Moore 2/21 Doug Masters 2/24 Karen Johnson	No anniversaries in February