



## St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

**Our Vision:** *Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Our Mission:** *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

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The Chatter

SEPTEMBER 2023

Hello St. Barts Family! I have lately been considering Psalm 84, in particular verse 10 which states, "Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere." Psalm 84 is about how wonderful it is to be in relationship with Almighty God to the point that we eagerly desire to worship Him in His courts.

I can remember when I was young how many of my peers couldn't wait for the worship service to be over so they could get on with whatever else they wanted to do. They didn't have the same desire as the author of Psalm 84. They did not understand how good God is. They did not take their relationship with God seriously.

Such is the attitude of many in society today. They consider relationship with God as being unnecessary if they consider God at all. Many consider attending worship services as vain religion. But that is not the message of Psalm 84.

Psalm 84 shows the heart of someone who takes God and faith seriously. Someone who cannot wait to spend time with the Lord. Someone who knows that spending even one day with the Lord is better than spending a thousand days anywhere else.

We could substitute the word 'day' for 'hour' or any other time increment. It is better to spend our time in the Lord's courts, in His presence, than it is to spend our time anywhere else.

We live in the time period following the cross. We have an even greater understanding of the love God has for us than they did when the Psalm was written. We are blessed to be part of St. Barts. A community of people that take faith in Jesus Christ seriously. However, this Psalm still challenges us to increase how seriously we take our faith and relationship with God. Do we eagerly desire to spend time with the Lord? Do we demonstrate our belief that it is better to spend one day in the Lord's courts than to spend thousands elsewhere?

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St. Bart's Web Information

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May we, like the Psalmist stated in verses 11 and 12, believe and pray, “For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, How blessed is the man who trusts in You!” God bless!

Fr. Bush

*Psalm 84 Quam dilecta!*

1 How lovely are your dwellings, O Lord God of hosts!

2 ***My soul has a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.***

3 Indeed, the sparrow has found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, even your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 ***Blessed are they who dwell in your house; they will be always praising you.***

5 Blessed is the one whose strength is in you, in whose heart are your ways,

6 ***Who going through the valley of misery uses it for a well; indeed, the early rains fill the pools with water.***

7 They will go from strength to strength, and the God of gods shall be seen by them in Zion.

8 ***O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.***

9 Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of your Anointed.

10 ***For one day in your courts is better than a thousand;***

11 I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 ***For the Lord God is a light and defense; the Lord will give grace and honor, and no good thing shall he withhold from those who live a godly life.***

13 O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the one who puts his trust in you.

# VESTRY

***Vestry does not meet in August.***

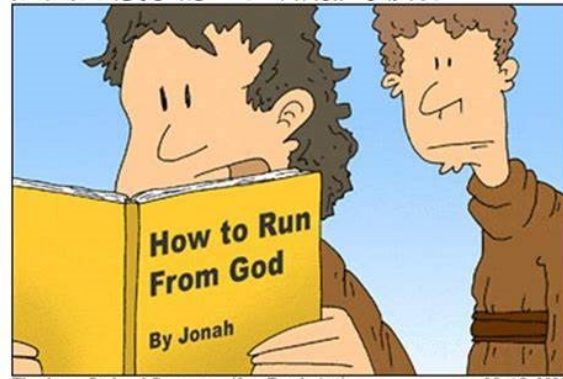


"I enjoyed the deviled ham, the deviled eggs and the devil's food cake, but we need a menu more in tune with our mission."



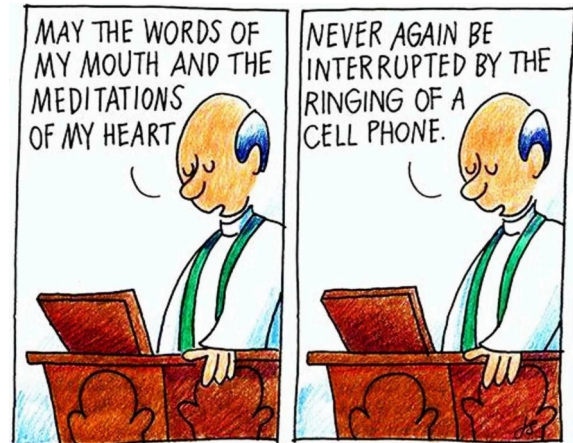
"We're looking for a church with a vibrant, active congregation... that we can quietly observe from the back pew."

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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Jonah 1-4)  
IT JUST SAYS "DON'T"

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## MEMBER ADDRESS INFORMATION

### FOR UPDATED MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY (BLUE BOOK)

Please complete the following: Please PRINT NEATLY.

Head of Household:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

First name of ALL other Family members in household. Indicate relationship.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

**Winter Address** if different from above. Include the months you are away.

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Phone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Email #2 \_\_\_\_\_

*Any information that you do not want in the directory please **circle**.*

**Return by September 15th** to vicki.martino@lmhf.net OR the INFORMATION DESK in the Fr. Amend Hall or return by mail to the church.

***We need EVERYONE to do this, even if your info has not changed.***

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in the Military in your prayers. Please let the church office know if there is anyone that should be added to or removed from this prayer list.

*Virginia Boy– Navy*

*Andrew Rebl– Army*

*James Kerins– Army*

*Matthew Prohaska– Air Force*



**FOOD PANTRY:** Remember that we collect for the Food Pantry the **first weekend of every month. NIACAP** is so appreciative, as we are the **ONLY** large-scale givers they have. Please remember that they also can use personal care items, paper products and soap, etc..

*Let's continue to show them St. Bart's generosity.*



**Prayer Night**  
**Thursday,**  
**September 21**  
**at 7pm**

**Let's Pray!**

## The TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY

will resume **September 12 and 26** at 6:30pm. We will be finishing our study of Matthew, followed by a study of the Book of John. It is never too late to join us. We go verse by verse and have learned so much using study bibles as a reference. We have weekly trivia– fun and informative– and a memory bible verse. Please contact Louise Jones if you would like to join us. She will have a

notebook and supplies ready for you!

October meetings will be the 10th and 24th.



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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

St. Bart's is blessed to have a large church family, and like all large families, sometimes the members encounter situations where they could use the help of others. When they've experienced a death in the family, a disabling illness, or the birth of a child, often a few meals are greatly appreciated.

As the coordinator of this ministry, I am asking for volunteers who are willing to occasionally make a meal when one of the above needs is brought to the attention of the Church Office. Adding more volunteers to the dedicated group of cooks we already have will lessen the number of times any one person is called on to help.

Please prayerfully consider participating in the Meal Assist Ministry. If you can help, or would like more details, please see me at the 10am Sunday service, or call me at 716-832-6684.

Thank you! Brenda Wisz



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## GriefShare

Will begin Saturday, September 9th at 10:30am. Please sign up on their website if you are interested in attending.



**Gift Shop** The Gift Shop will reopen on September 10. Even though there no longer is a Bishop Scaife Guild, the shop continues to support several ministries: Threads of Hope, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, City Mission, Several missionaries—— and others

**The Dash's Tape Program** Along with the proceeds from the Gift Shop, Dash's receipts also provide money for these ministries. We receive \$2.50 for every \$100.00 is tapes! Tapes must be from 2022 or 2023. Older tapes are not accepted.

So - please continue to support the Gift Shop - with donations, and of course shopping all of the wonderful bargains.

And - remember to put your Dash's tapes in the bag on the shop door. Thank You!!

## WEDNESDAY AM LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Come: Walk with us ... **Walk with Saul/Paul** Refresh our minds as to WHY Paul needed to write letters to the churches he had already established in cities and towns THROUGHOUT the world in New Testament times ... Refresh our minds as to WHY WE STILL NEED THOSE LETTERS TODAY! The ladies have selected to use John MacArthur's **GALATIONS: The Wondrous Grace of God** as our study guide. The current price for each book is \$9.00. **The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall.** To register for this study, please PRINT your name and data on the sheet provided in the Fr. Amend Hall. We so hope you will join us on this wondrous journey ... We travel lightly, are refreshed in many ways, and enjoy, and need, our fellow travelers very much.



**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER CHATTER is Tuesday,  
September 19. Thank you.**

## *Music Notes from Margaret Bukkosal*

### *Fall Choir Schedule*

*What is your ministry? Do you like to sing? We would like to see all of our choirs flourish and hope you can help. Here is the upcoming schedule!*

*The Cherub and Children's Choirs will start Sunday rehearsals on October 1 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. Sarah Knecht will meet the Cherub Choir (Pre-K, Kindergarten, First grade) in the choir room. The Children's Choir (Grade 2 and up) will meet at the same time in the sanctuary with me. They are a wonderful group of kids! Sarah and I are excited to work with them! Is your child missing out on a positive experience? The Cherub and Children's choirs will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service on October 29<sup>th</sup>.*

*Contemporary Choir Singers will rehearse September 13 and 20<sup>th</sup> and will sing on September 17 and 24 at the 10:00 a.m. service. Dn. Jim Kibby will notify the band and singers of rehearsal times. Speak to either of us if you need more information.*

*Adult Choir will rehearse on at 7 p.m. on Wednesday September 27. Our October schedule will include rehearsals on all four Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome to join us as we learn spirituals about heaven for All Saints Sunday.. The choir will sing on October 1, 8, 15, and November 5<sup>th</sup>.*

*WE HOPE THAT ADDITIONAL SINGERS WILL CHOOSE ONE OF THE GROUPS FOR THEIR DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY! We are one big family! We welcome everyone and would be happy to see the program grow!!! Can you help?*





# Next Steps

A Generation Next Newsletter

September 2023

## God is bigger than our doubts



**You may have heard the term "catalyst" in science class.** It's a word describing a substance that creates changes and reactions without itself experiencing any permanent change. We rely on catalysts every day to start our cars, heat our homes, and make our bread, and in the same way that these microscopic engines of change shape the material world around us, Scripture shows us that there are spiritual catalysts that help shape our life and the life of others. In this four-week series from Hebrews, we'll discover that faith is a catalyst for action, the faith of others can be a catalyst on our journey, Jesus is the catalyst for a new relationship with God, and we can be a catalyst for change.

### Next Happenings

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**Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**  
Join us for our regular meetings filled with engaging lessons and activities  
Dinner provided

**Friday, September 8th**  
6:00 pm Jesus Revolution movie

**Wednesday, September 13th**  
6:00 pm Open House and Miniature Golf

**Sunday, September 24th**  
11:30 am Fall Fest Volunteer meeting

**Wednesday, September 27th**  
6:30 pm Fall Fest Volunteer meeting

**Save the Date: Nov. 18th**  
7:00 pm Mercy Me, Toby Mac, Zach Williams concert

*"Like apples of gold in settings of silver  
Is a word spoken in right circumstances."*  
**Proverbs 25:11 NASB**



## A Letter From our Director



Liz Burkett

*"The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him" – Psalm 37:40 (NIV)*

*Going back to school can be intimidating. Maybe you're not that excited because you got the hard math teacher. Perhaps you're upset because none of your friends are in your class.*

*Going back to school can be hard because there are a lot of unknowns. You're not sure how the year will be and what will happen. Often unknowns lead to fear, or being upset about what's to come. That's where believing the best comes in. You can pray and believe God that this year is going to be a good year for you. You can ask God to help you each step of the way.*

*Ask Him for wisdom to understand the hard subjects. Go to Him for help when you need friends. You'll be amazed at how much God can help you this year if you'll simply choose to believe the best. God's got good things in store for you this year. Trust Him and ask Him for His help and see how He will help you have a great year.*

*In Christ,  
Liz*



**September 8th at 6pm. Let's kick this year off with a revolution. The Jesus Revolution, A film based on a true story of one young hippie's quest in the 1970s for belonging and liberation that leads not only to peace, love, and rock and roll, but that sets into motion a new counterculture crusade--a Jesus Movement--changing the course of history. Please feel free to bring your family and friends to watch this great film. To watch the trailer for the film, go to <https://jesusrevolution.movie>. We will be having Pizza and Popcorn while we watch the film in Fr. Amend Hall.**

**To hear about all the awesome events coming up this year please join us for our Open House on September 13th at 6:00pm. This meeting is for youth and their parents to attend so any questions, comments or concerns can be addressed. We will be discussing this year's youth events, the format for Wednesday night, and the parent handbook for the 2023-2024 year. After the meeting we will head over to Adventure Landing for some miniature golf!**



**On October 27th (6-7:30pm) you're invited to be a part of this year's Fall Fest called Treasure Hunt, where families will have fun as they go to interactive stations to uncover mystery messages, witness volcanic eruptions, and collect treasures along the way! At each station, they'll dig deep into a valuable experience that helps them get to know Jesus in a fresh, new way. We will need people to help with set up and take down, be station leaders and helpers, welcome table greeters, and so on. Details on the event and sign-up sheets will be available at the volunteer meeting on September 27th at 6:30pm in the large fellowship hall or September 24th at 11:30am. Pick the meeting that works best for you**

**I am so excited to share that TobyMac, MercyMe, and Zach Williams - are teaming up for an unforgettable concert experience at The Key Bank Center on Saturday, November 18th at 7:00pm. For those of you who missed out on Kingdom Bound this summer, this concert is the perfect example of the kind of music we experienced there. Feel free to invite your whole family and friends to this incredible event. Cost is \$25 per person. If you are joining us please let me know ASAP so I can order tickets before they sell out. For more information about these artists go to [www.tobymac.com](http://www.tobymac.com)**



# September Birthdays

- 1 Angelo Morgante
- 6 Emily Begovich
- 8 Debora Geis, Dn. Gary Wisniewski
- 9 Donald Lonczak
- 11 Justine McCargo, Harry Sam,  
Evelyn Stacks
- 13 Joann Bush, Jackie Petrillo
- 14 Dawn Glowonia, Danielle Loveric,  
Damian Sammarco
- 15 Dorothy Bauerle
- 16 Shawn Brodka, Jocelyn Clontz,  
James Daniele
- 17 Rebecca Hillery, Austin Loveric,  
Carianna McCarthy, Kenule Nordee
- 18 Carter Heacock, Mary Rojek
- 19 Ethan Brown, Mary Gamble,  
Theresa Klotzbir, Alex Morgante
- 20 Lawrence Fenzel, Allison Karelus
- 21 Thomas Brown Jr., Robert Henzler,  
Patrick McAndrews
- 22 Michele Bainbridge, Joseph Rudin
- 23 Jason Fish, Mark Prohaska,  
Alexis Santillo

24 Fr. Russell Amend, Brian Lapp,  
Kiersten Lapp, Nathan Lapp,  
Aaron Machelor, Susan Rieman

26 Alana Bush, Kelsey Simon

27 Wilson Emmons Jr.

28 David Dyviniak

29 Anita Chadwick, Linda Kisloski,  
Jonathan Welkley

30 Bradley Fish, Ryan Fish,  
Kimberley McAndrews,  
Jennifer Moyer, Abbey Sommer



## OCTOBER

- 1 Ephraim Bush, Scott Stolz
- 2 Victoria Smith
- 3 Dona Fenzel, Shaw Freeman, Elaine  
Kyser
- 4 Pamela Fish, Sarah Hillery

If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (716) 831-1777 or email  
the secretaries: [secretaries@stbartston.org](mailto:secretaries@stbartston.org)

# SEPTEMBER 2023

# September Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8 & 10 am HE	4 LABOR DAY (office closed)	5	6 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study	7	8 6pm Youth Group "Jesus Revolution" movie	9 10:30am GriefShare 4:30 pm HE
10 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	11	12 6:30pm Men's Disc./Ladies Bible Study 7pm Vestry Mtg	13 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group Open House 6:30pm Cont Choir	14	15	16 10:30am GriefShare 4:30 pm HE
17 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School	18 6:45pm BARRA	19 6:30pm Men's Disc.	20 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6:30pm Cont Choir	21	22	23 10am Bishop Breedlove (vestry visit) 10:30am GriefShare 4:30 pm HE
24 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	25	26 6:30pm Men's Disc./Ladies Bible Study	27 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Choir	28	29 7 PM - "Thy Kingdom Come" Study w/ Fr. Ward"	30 10:30am GriefShare 4:30 pm HE



# PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>September</b>						
<b>3</b> <b>UZBEKISTAN</b> Pray that more teaching resources will reach the growing number of Christians.	<b>4</b> <b>UGANDA</b> Pray that those working with Christian converts from Islam will receive pastoral training.	<b>5</b> <b>BAHRAIN</b> Pray that Bahrainis will receive their own copy of the Bible.	<b>6</b> <b>CHINA</b> Pray for greater freedom of worship.	<b>7</b> <b>QATAR</b> Pray that those who hear the gospel will seek to know more about God's saving grace.	<b>8</b> <b>ETHIOPIA</b> Pray for an end to the conflict between the government and minority groups.	<b>9</b> <b>MALDIVES</b> Pray that Christians will find new ways to share the gospel despite severe restrictions.
<b>10</b> <b>MALI</b> Pray that believers who lost jobs as a result of military coups will find new employment.	<b>11</b> <b>NEPAL</b> Pray that Christians will be living testaments of God's grace to their neighbors.	<b>12</b> <b>YEMEN</b> Pray that Yemeni believers will be strengthened in faith.	<b>13</b> <b>KUWAIT</b> Praise God for new believers.	<b>14</b> <b>SAUDI ARABIA</b> Pray that as Saudi Arabia becomes more open politically, it will open spiritually as well.	<b>15</b> <b>MYANMAR (BURMA)</b> Pray for the courage of Christians threatened with expulsion from their village.	<b>16</b> <b>BURKINA FASO</b> Pray that Pastor Albert will persevere in faith as Islamists take control in his area.
<b>17</b> <b>TANZANIA</b> Pray for pastors on Zanzibar whose homes were destroyed by Muslim neighbors.	<b>18</b> <b>BHUTAN</b> Pray that Christians in Bhutan will be strong and courageous when proclaiming Christ.	<b>19</b> <b>PHILIPPINES</b> Pray for the peace of Christ among believers facing sporadic attacks.	<b>20</b> <b>PAKISTAN</b> Pray that Christians will be secure in their identity in Christ amid societal rejection.	<b>21</b> <b>CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC</b> Pray that displaced Christians will be able to return home, rebuild their houses and develop farmland.	<b>22</b> <b>SOMALIA</b> Pray for the courage and boldness of Christians who evangelize and disciple Somalis.	<b>23</b> <b>TÜRKIYE</b> Pray that Iranian refugees will be reached for Christ.
<b>24</b> <b>AFGHANISTAN</b> Pray for the perseverance of Christian prisoners, some of whom have been detained for nearly 20 years.	<b>25</b> <b>ERITREA</b> Pray for the perseverance of Christian prisoners, some of whom have been detained for nearly 20 years.	<b>26</b> <b>OMAN</b> Pray that Christians serving in Oman will maintain a bold witness.	<b>27</b> <b>ALGERIA</b> Pray for Christian youth attending a summer camp.	<b>28</b> <b>LAOS</b> Pray that every persecuted Christian will receive a Bible in his or her own language this year.	<b>29</b> <b>MALAYSIA</b> Pray that new believers will stand strong as they face persecution for the first time.	<b>30</b> <b>COLOMBIA</b> Pray for the protection of Christian children targeted by guerrilla groups.
<b>NOTES:</b>						



# ANIMAL PUNS

WHAT WOULD BEARS BE WITHOUT BEES?



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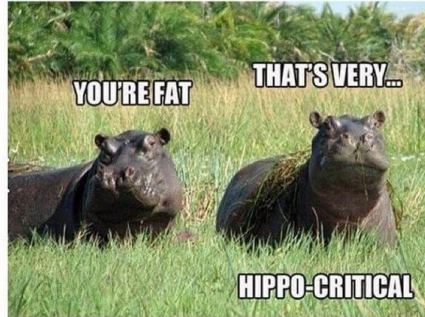


YOU THINK IM CUTE?



YOU'RE FAT

THAT'S VERY...



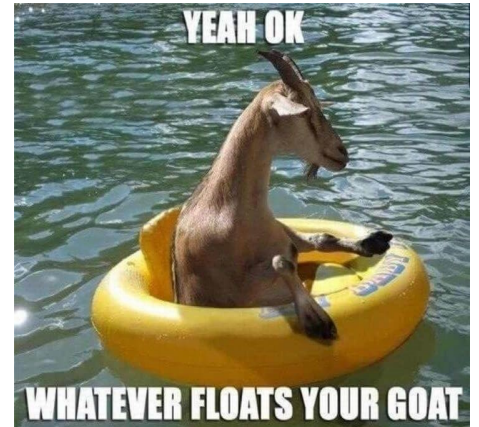
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM



THE SECRET SERVICE SURROUNDED THE PRESIDENT WITH DOZENS OF COWS



YEAH OK



WELL, THIS IS HAWKWARD



JUST WAITING FOR THE BUS



WANNA GO ON A PICNIC?



I'M OWL BY MYSELF

