

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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The Rev. Jabriel S. Ballentine, Priest In Charge
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SOLEMN EUCHARIST

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

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ACCLAMATION

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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HYMN OF PRAISE *“Revive Us Again”*

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THE COLLECT

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector: A Reading from Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

Hymn Tune 609

1. Happy are those who have not walked
With the ungodly of the land,
Nor lingered in the sinners' way,
Nor sat with those who mock God's hand.

2. Happy are they who love the law
And find in it their chief delight;
They meditate continually
Upon his law both day and night.

3. Like fruitful trees by flowing streams
With leaves that never fade or fall,
Are those who serve God day and night;
They find prosperity in all.

4. The wicked are not so, they seem
Like chaff the wind will blow away;
They have no place with the elect
Nor can they stand on Judgment Day.

5. Then praise our God who knows so well
The way in which the righteous go;
The path which the ungodly walk
Shall perish; this God's people know.

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from Philemon

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

People: Glory be to you , Lord Christ.

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to you , Lord Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN *“This little light of mine”*

SERMON

The Rev. Jabriel Ballentine

NICENE CREED

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN

THE PEACE

THE WELCOME OF VISITORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

St. John the Baptist Choir

PRESENTATION HYMN *“I Surrender All”*

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Rite II

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SANCTUS BENEDICTUS *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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AGNUS DEI *“Lamb of God”*

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”
“Spirit Song”

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *“Blessed Assurance”*

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LECTORS & INTERCESSORS

7:30AM	10:00AM
John Robertson	Florel Gill
Frances Hempstead	Joyce Walker
Jeanette Williams	Eve Hall

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7:30AM	10:00AM
Dale Feagins	Cynthia Hammonds
Bob Henry	Norma Smith

Carolyn Morris, Organist	Ernest "Pete" Boyd, Music Director
Sylvia Warren, Worship Leader	Roger Johnson, Verger

ACOLTYES

Jadon Blaco	Taylor Harris	Alexandra Musgray
Anthony Cooper	Walker Harris	Bryan Musgray
Quinton Cooper	Avery Lewis	Camuriel Parr
Camden Acree	Evan Lewis	Sean Parr
Desean Romeo	De'Yon Romeo	Miles Parr

USHERS

6:30AM	10:00AM
Russell Warren	Heldon Ward
Joe Williams	Roopchand Chandoo
Joe Reed	Ken Beckles
	Janet Pinder
	Nelson Pinder
	Tracey Monroe
	Judith Hayes
	Eric Parr

MEMBERS NEEDED TO SERVE AS USHERS

Members are needed to serve as Ushers for the 10:00AM service. If you are interested in joining this ministry of Greeting people in a warm way makes them feel good about their presence in church, please see Roop Chandoo or Fr. Pinder.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist was established on April 18, 1896. We seek to maintain the fullness and richness of the Anglican tradition in its common life and worship; to witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the good news about God and life which is revealed in the Gospel. We seek to serve the community as a place of hope and love, and to reach out and touch those who need the enabling and empowering the healing and forgiving grace of God.

A Note to Our Visitors

We welcome you to The Episcopal of St. John the Baptist with an extended hand and a joyful spirit! We are blessed by your visit, and we believe that God has directed our paths to intersect. Our meeting is not an accident but a divine appointment, so we want to express Christ's love to you with genuine warmth. We are delighted to know you and we are excited to share with you the marvelous ways in which God's hand is at work in our church. We believe you will discover that our fellowship is truly a family, rich in the relationships that matter most. Growing together, we worship, we serve, we laugh, we cry, we learn, and we reach out to our world with life-transforming truth. We reach out to you, as well. Our doors are open. Our hearts are open, too. If you've been thinking, praying, searching and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—Welcome!

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer not to drink from the common cup you may choose Intinction. The person administering the chalice will dip the Bread into the Wine and place it on your tongue. You may come for a prayer for God's blessing in lieu of receiving Holy Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest. Ladies are encouraged to blot lipstick before receiving Communion.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Luke 14: 25-33	Thursday	Philippians 2 12 30
Monday	James 2: 1 -13	Friday	Psalm 51
Tuesday.....	Philippians 1:12—30	Saturday	John 12: 31 36a
Wednesday	Psalm 49		

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Karen Clark 9/15 Sylvia Archer 9/16 Jacqueline Bailey 9/5 Celia Benton 9/28

Shirley Bradley 9/15 James Carlies 9/27 Bob Henry 9/6 Geraldine Jettison 9/23

Lois Mitchell 9/30 Janet Pinder 9/20 Norma Smith 9/1 Esther Stevenson 9/2

Sylvester & Beatrice Harris 9/ 28 Joe & Mary Reed 9/26 Russell & Sylvia Warren 9/20

WELCOME

FR. JABRIEL SIMMONDS BALLENTINE

Fr. Ballentine has been nominated by the Vestry and appointed by the Bishop of Central Florida to be Priest-in-Charge of The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist. Fr. Ballentine shall lead our parish church as pastor, priest and teacher, sharing in the councils of this diocese and of the whole Church, in communion with our Bishop. By word and action, informed at all times by the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Central Florida, the Priest-in-Charge shall proclaim the Gospel, love and serve Christ's people, nourish them, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come. This tenure is to continue until dissolved by mutual consent or by the Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida. Fr. Ballentine can be considered for the position of Rector.

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR FR. JABRIEL S. BALLENTINE

Due to scheduling conflicts the reception date will change. The new date will be announced as soon as if it determined.

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY CLASSES WILL RESUME OCTOBER 3RD
STUDYING OUR PATRON SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
BEGINNING OCTOBER 3RD
WEEKLY THURSDAY AT NOON & THURSDAY AT 6:30PM**

Friend of the Bridegroom: *On*
the Orthodox Veneration of the Forerunner

The Friend of the Bridegroom offers a compelling theological interpretation of John the Baptist as seen through the eyes of Eastern Orthodoxy. Written by Sergius Bulgakov, the greatest Russian theologian of modern times, this book sheds new light on the mission and meaning of John the Baptist, commonly referred to in Orthodoxy as the "Forerunner of the Lord." Bulgakov traces the Baptist's life from beginning to end - his birth, his preaching of repentance, his baptism of the Lord, his agony, his death, and his veneration in the context of Eastern Orthodoxy. In addition to its use of the Gospel narratives, Bulgakov's profound portrait of the Baptist is colored by sacred tradition as it is embodied in patristic literature, in liturgy, and in iconography. Yet this is not a work of arcane scholarship intended just for academic readers. Typical of all of Bulgakov's books, The Friend of the Bridegroom is steeped in devotional language and holy awe. In the words of translator Boris Jakim, it is "a work of prayer" that will stir the souls of Christians everywhere.

Available for purchase from Amazon.com at this link: <http://ow.ly/o4o1E>.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY

STEWARDSHIP

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The word, stewardship, simply means to manage someone else's property. For the Christian, as Scripture proclaims everything belongs to God, we manage the property of our Lord. Since everything belongs to Christ, we need to have the attitude and view that our things how little or great, what we have now or potential are His things. The things that we have now or that we want to acquire are His things that all we could have now, all we have lost, all we will have, is His including our very bodies, opportunities and spiritual gifts. We are mere lessees of the property, money, relationships, talents, time, and even our lives.

From the beginning all that we are and all that we have is not really ours. They belong to God. So, the duty of the Christian is to learn how to become responsible stewards of our Lord's resources He has entrusted to our care to manage everything to the best of our abilities for His glory, 1 Cor. 4:2, *"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday

5:00PM—8:00PM Episcopal Counseling
Center

Thursday

2:00PM Worship Committee Committee
5:00PM-8:00PM Episcopal Counseling
Center

Wednesday

11:00AM Pantry Opens
5:30 PM DOK Prayer
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal
7:30PM NA Meeting

DEACON KATE KNAPP

Some of you remember Deacon Kate Knapp who served at St. John the Baptist in the 1970's. Deacon Knapp will celebrate her 100th birthday on Saturday, September 21st from 11:30am—2:00pm at her daughter's home in Deland. If you cannot attend, please send a birthday card to her at 325 East Rich Avenue, 32724.

THE CONGREGATION IS REQUESTED TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND CONFINED, ESPECIALLY

We encourage you to call or send a card to:

Thomas Mitchell, 1320 Dewey Avenue 32805
Grace Burgess 220 Domino Dr., 32805 407-578-0322
Muriel Burgess, Health Center of Windermere 4875 Cason Cove Dr. 32811, 407-420-2090
Ileane Jones, 14155 Town Center Blv.d, 32837 407-851-1323
Florita McKenzie, 5900 West Gate Drive, 32835, 32805, 407-422-0565
Nathaniel Williams, 2124 West Gore Street, 32805 407-292-2743
Carrie Lawrence 3401 Rogers Drive, 32805 407-293-1733
Pat Brooks and Dorothy Wilder, 6106 Bruhley Ct., Orlando, FL 407-345-0039



School Supplies Drive

Drive ends September 15th

For our Partner School

Washington Shores Elementary

Composition Books * Notebook Paper *

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Folders * Markers * Post It Notes * Pencils *

Scissors * Scotch Tape * Wipes * Staples *

Liquid Soap * Pens

Please deposit your contributions

In the box in the Parish Hall

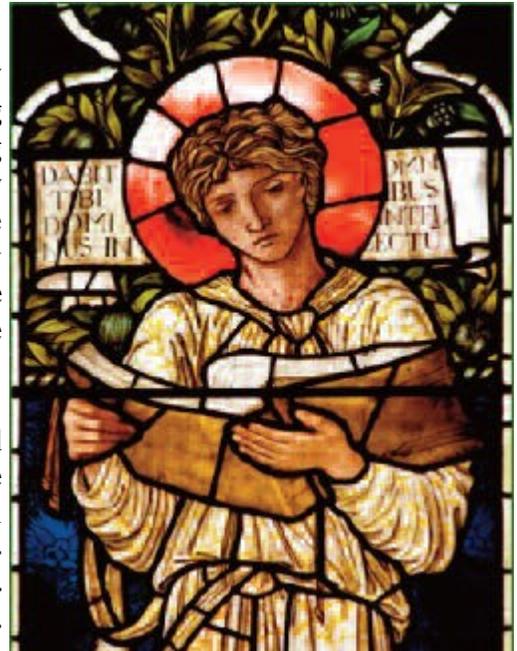
Help shape the future of the Diocese of Central Florida through seminary education

*From Bishop Gregory Brewer's
Diocesan Convention Address, 2013:*

Timothy Fund

I am especially concerned with the raising up of new clergy. To that end, and starting with the offering taken up at the Eucharist this morning, I am establishing a new fund, called “The Timothy Fund,” founded today on the Feast of Saints Timothy and Titus. The key verse that defines the vision for the fund is found in 2 Timothy 2:15, “Do your best to present yourselves to God, as one approved by Him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.”

The purpose of the fund is to underwrite residential theological training for those seeking ordination to the priesthood. It has become clear that local option theological training is inadequate when it comes to providing high quality Anglican theological education. Distinctive Anglican formation is missing from the local options that are available to us. Plus, there is no adequate substitute for living, however briefly, in a residential seminary community. That experience of study, chapel, fellowship and mission with others who share your passion for mission and your passion for Jesus – within an Anglican and Episcopal context – marks you in a way that other forms of seminary education cannot do. We now offer \$2,500 per semester, which covers books, and some costs, fees and tuition. That is not enough.



Diocesan Initiatives:

Diocesan groups, leaders and supporters are taking up the Timothy Fund cause. Watch the diocesan website for more news of The Cathedral Church of St. Luke's 4th Annual Dean's Cup Golf Tournament on the morning of Friday, October 25th, 2013 at historic Dubsdread Golf Course in downtown Orlando to benefit the Timothy Fund. Find out more about the Timothy Fund and how to contribute: www.cfdiocese.org/TimothyFund.

The Vestry has designated Sunday, September 29th for members to make special offerings for The Timothy Fund. Checks should be made payable to the church with Timothy Fund on the memo line.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS ...



The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist was established on April 18, 1896 in a four room house on the corner of Terry St. and Pine St. in Orlando, FL.

During our 117 year existence, we have become known for a rich history of a blend of Anglican but contemporary family friendly liturgical worship. Our modern sanctuary is graced with a series of twelve African American inspired stained glass windows including representations of St. John the Baptist and window etched renditions of the four Gospels.

Whether you are a resident of Central Florida or a visitor to the area, we invite you to visit and participate in our worship and various opportunities for fellowship. Our ministries include weekly Bible Study, a Young Adults Spiritual Focus Group, Men's Fellowship, the Episcopal Church Women and The Order of The Daughters of the King. Our outreach ministries provide a weekly distribution of groceries through our Food Pantry, a neighborhood youth Bible study group and we serve as a satellite office of the Episcopal Counseling Center. We are a host site for weekly meetings of Narcotics Anonymous.

