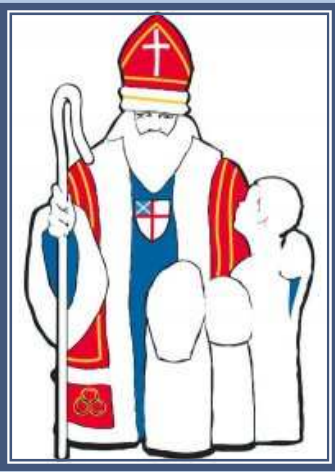


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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 6 AT
2:00AM

Please help with the 2011 FOCUS *Thanksgiving* Food Drive

St Nicholas is one of the major church groups involved in the 2011 FOCUS Thanksgiving Food Drive. **Lynda Frerichs** is responsible for interviewing and approving applicants. **Father Jeff, Julie Nordin, David Walker, and Sue Halmrast** all work in the office. **Ken Frerichs** is treasurer of FOCUS. **Julie Nordin** is responsible for acquiring all foods.

Larry Nordin has been hauling food from the federal food bank to FOCUS storage locations - enough food to feed 950 + individuals for a week. **John Winsness** is head of the 2011 Food Drive and it is in this capacity that he enlists St Nicholas members to be FOCUS volunteer for this effort.

We need volunteers Monday November 14 through Saturday November 19. The fun day is on Saturday November 19 - the day we hand out the food. (You get to see the people that you are helping.)

Select how you would like to help; see the volunteer schedule on page 5 and contact **John Winsness** at 706-628-4854 or jhwinsness@aol.com.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR NOVEMBER

Step Out of the Boat and Step Forward in Faith

O God, our loving Creator, You are the Giver of all our good gifts. Bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent, and money to elevate Your kingdom, here at St. Nicholas and throughout the world. Help us always to strive to be the faithful, loving steward you created us to be. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



When Did Church Become Optional?

FROM FATHER JEFF



This past week, I received an e-mail from someone in our community who asked us to pray for a family who's child has leukemia. They were hoping to organize a work day at the family's house to help them out, which is such a good idea. However, they scheduled the work day at 9:00am on a Sunday morning. She said, "I know this is a church day, but during the week everyone works and on Saturday everyone has sports events." Such a worthwhile cause, but scheduling it on Sunday morning? Since when did Sunday morning become the optional day? When did sports on Saturday become the greater commitment?

I'm not knocking sports by any means. The tradition of participating in and watching sports is a time-honored one that is important to the lives of many of us. In fact, I feel like the tradition of sports--community gathering to rally around a common purpose, participating in something that pushes us to be better, liturgically shouting chants and songs--are part of who we are as human beings which connects directly to how we worship in the Episcopal church. Many folks criticize the formality of Episcopal worship, yet will be found on Friday nights at football games, Saturday mornings on the soccer fields, and Sunday afternoons in front of the TV, engaging in a liturgy of their own. I think there is a lot to be shared between sports fans and Episcopal worshippers.

My point here is that something has changed in our culture. Sunday mornings are no longer reserved solely for church. In fact, many folks in my generation find as much, if not more, peace in sleeping in, drinking a cup of coffee, and reading the newspaper on Sundays. It's the only day they have to do such. Our lives have gotten so busy, that the tradition of going to church and eating Sunday dinner with the family is an endangered species. Some say that they can worship God just as easily on a Sunday morning hunting trip, or by helping someone in need, or as they watch a soccer game. If that's the case, then what are we doing at St. Nicholas at 8:30 and 11:00 each Sunday that's unique?

At a clergy conference recently, I heard a colleague in Atlanta say that if the Episcopal Church is going to thrive, we have to start thinking of ways that reach people beyond the Sunday morning paradigm. In her congregation, she started having a Sunday morning worship service in the parking lot of a sports event on the weekends of big games. We may be disappointed that the Church is losing Sundays to other activities, but it's ideas like that that make you start to think. If folks don't come to church, can church come to them?

This changing Sunday morning culture calls all of us to reflect on our own lives and find the time we need to spend time in community with our brothers and sisters in Christ to worship God. We all have the need to belong, to connect, and to give our thanks and praise to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Likewise, God longs for time with us as well, both individually and communally. In the busy schedule of our lives, does God get an appointment?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff" with a stylized flourish at the end.



Join the Christmas Choir!

Sing joyful songs, accompanied by musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals. 1Ch 15:16

Christmas Choir: Come sing to the Lord! In preparation for Advent/Christmas, the Choir will be meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 pm to rehearse both service music and seasonal anthems for Advent/ Christmas.

Now is a *great* time to join our fun ministry group! Additional singers are always welcome; especially for upcoming services in December. The music is not hard and rehearsals are flexible if you are busy on Wednesday evening. I am happy to work privately with interested singers who are unable to make Wednesday evening rehearsals.

Please contact me at samroneys@stnicholashamilton.org, or call me at 706.289.2723, or see me after the service regarding your interests in the St. Nicholas Choir.

Be sure to invite friends & family

Advent/ Christmas Singing Opportunities



Weekly Advent Services

Advent I- November 27

Advent II- December 4

Advent III- December 11

Advent IV- December 18

*Service of Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 18, 5:00 p.m.*

*Christmas Eve Services
December 24, 5 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.*



We need some families at both services who will lead the Advent candle liturgy at the beginning of the service. Families, couples, or groups of individuals are welcome.

If would like to volunteer, please contact Linda Sawyer at 706 582-3813 or hogback@wavetel.us



*Fellowship of Christians
United in Service*

**Please help us with the
2011 FOCUS *Thanksgiving*
Food Drive**

The following is an overview of the major manpower activities:

Monday, November 14, Julie Nordin and others will set up the Carver school gym.

Time? In afternoon if we can get IMPACT 360 kids to help.

Monday, November 14, we move and sort all the food to the Carver school gym from FOCUS.

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Tuesday November 15, we move and sort all the food to the Carver school gym from FOCUS.

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday November 16, We will be inventorying and preparing for bagging (small crew)

Time: 9:00 AM - when finished

Thursday November 17, prepare for bagging food on Friday.

Time: 9:00 AM - when finished

Friday November 18, we bag the food (organize the food by family size)

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Friday, November 18, pickup frozen turkeys at Second Harvest.

Time: 8:00 AM

Saturday November 19, distribution of food

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

***** Need volunteers to report between 8:00 & 8:30 AM**

On Saturday November 19:

Need people to control parking

Need people to control movement of the crowds picking up food (in the building and outside).

Need people to assist older (all are older people) carry food to cars.

Please contact John H. Winsness 706-628-4854 or at jhwinsness@aol.com and we will be happy to have you join this activity.



STEWARDS OF THE MONTH



THE LOBSTERFEST COMMITTEE 2011

This month's Steward of the Month is the entire Lobsterfest Committee 2011! Chaired by **Linda Sawyer and Julie Nordin**, the committee worked tirelessly on our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Each person on the committee took care of a different aspect of Lobsterfest, and they spent months preparing for the event. Their work paid off, too, as they raised **\$21,000** to support the ministries of St. Nicholas! That money went into our general budget.

The Rector and Vestry want to give a special thanks to the committee and commend them on all their hard work! Including Linda and Julie, the committee was made up of Sharon Cheatham, Rebecca and Scott Crowley, Gene Demonet, Sheila Dixon, Suzy Eidson, Lynn Hall, Sue Halmrast, Katherine Johnson, Drucy Robinson, Anne Simpson, Kathie Torres, Bert Tomlin, and Dorothy Webster. Thanks also to Tom Cheatham, Bill Eidson, Kenny Hall, and Benny Robinson for cooking the lobsters and steaks; and special thanks to Sam Dixon and her group of volunteers from Harris County High School.

Note to Lobsterfest committee members: Please return your 3-ring binders to Dorothy Webster's office.



ST. NICHOLAS VESTRY

St. Nicholas will have four Vestry positions open in January 2012:

- Youth Formation
- Adult Formation
- Hospitality
- Building and Grounds

A Vestry Nominating Committee consisting of **Connie Blackmon, Michelle Moody, and Drucy Robinson** is considering the list of eligible candidates and will present a slate of candidates to be voted on during our 2012 Annual Meeting in January.

An eligible candidate must be a confirmed St. Nicholas member, at least 18 years old, in regular attendance at St. Nicholas, and made a stewardship pledge during 2011.



All Saints Day, November 6th

We will gather in front of the church on All Saints Day, November 6th, immediately before the 10:00am service. Once in the Garden, there will be a brief liturgy and the reading of the names of the saints.

If you have someone you would like to have memorialized, please write their names clearly on the All Saints sheet in the narthex or email their names to fatherjeff@stnicholashamilton.org so we can acknowledge them. After this ceremony we will process to the sanctuary for the scheduled Consecration Day service.



*Veteran's Day Service
November 13*

On November 13 we will recognize those who have served in the armed forces. Special hymns will be sung and prayers said. The American flag will be a part of the procession.

If you have ever served in the military, please plan to attend the 11:00am service, be recognized, and let the congregation show their appreciation.

THANKSGIVING is a busy time for most families with out of town guests, all day cooking and travel. Therefore, we will be celebrating the holiday with a **combined Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 20 at 10:00am. No breakfast will be served.** The Flower Guild will decorate the church with traditional Thanksgiving flowers and special hymns will be sung.

We are asking that in the week prior to the Thanksgiving service, you take a minute or two each day and write down on slips of paper those things for which you are especially grateful. Bring them to church and place them in the basket provided in the narthex. These will then be brought to the altar at the Thanksgiving offertory to be blessed.

As is our custom, a **Parish Thanksgiving Potluck dinner will follow the service.** This is an opportunity for us to take some time to visit with our church family and be grateful for the blessing of knowing them.

Please indicate what you would like to bring on the sign-up in the narthex. Please plan to be with us as we give thanks for God's bounty and blessings.



Mark Your Calendars for our Upcoming Services and Events

- November 4 & 5 Diocese of Atlanta Annual Council in Rome, GA
- November 6 Consecration Sunday/All Saints Sunday
- November 13 Patriotic service in honor of our Veterans
- November 17—20 Happening
- November 20 Thanksgiving Service/Parish Potluck Dinner
- November 27 Advent I The Advent Wreath
- December 3 Christmas Parade in Hamilton
- December 4 Advent II; St. Nicholas Sunday
- December 11 Advent III- Services of Eucharist & seasonal music
- December 18 Advent IV– 5:00pm **A Celebration of Lessons & Carols**
- December 24 5:00pm Children’s Pageant, Service of Eucharist with Choir, Organ & Trumpet;
10:30pm Service of Eucharist with Choir, Organ & Trumpet
- December 25 10:00am A Service of Carols



St. Nicholas Feast Day Celebration

We will have our St. Nicholas Feast Day celebration on Sunday, December 11. We will be visited by our patron saint, St. Nicholas, who will participate in the festivities. We will sing special hymns, bless the gold coins that St. Nicholas will then distribute and hear the St. Nicholas story read by Phebe Robertson.

Children, who hope that St. Nicholas’ helpers are nearby, are asked to wear warm socks that day and leave their shoes on the front porch. Who knows? They may be filled with goodies!

Please come and join in this great celebration of our patron saint, St. Nicholas.



St. Nicholas Men's Group

All the men of St. Nicholas are invited for dinner and fellowship!

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm various restaurants. The schedule for the remainder of the year is:

November 15
December 20

Mark your calendar and come join the fun!



Our most gracious thanks go to following men for painting our church.

The painters who helped included Mike Sawyer, Bill Caudill, Tom Cheatham, Dave Halmrast, Ken Frerichs, John Winsness, Kenny Hall, Gene Demonet, Jeff Jackson, Bob Hamilton, Larry Nordin, and Bobo Morgan.

Out & About Group

The St. Nicholas Out & About Group is an adult social group at St. Nicholas. It's designed for everyone 18 – 108 years of age who loves to get “out and about.” What a fun way to fellowship together and have fun at the same time!

On October 21 the group went to **Riverbend Restaurant in Thomaston, GA** for catfish. Event Coordinator is **Lynn Hall**, (706) 561-2698, email: lynnandkenny@bellsouth.net for details.



Pictured from left to right: Joe and Kathie Torres, Benny and Drucye Robinson, Kenny Hall, Sean Moody, Father Jeff Jackson, and Michelle Moody. Photographer: Lynn Hall

Continental Breakfast at St. Nicholas!



Continental breakfast is in full swing again. Between the two services, a rotating group of volunteers serve a continental breakfast to hungry parishioners. Breakfast is served from 9:15am until 9:45am following the 8:30am service and before Christian Formation classes. Cost will be your donation. What a great way to enjoy a delicious meal and visit with your St. Nicholas family!

More breakfast volunteers are welcome! If you would like to be a part of the breakfast rotation group, please see Anne Simpson or email her at anneparmersimpson@yahoo.com.

REPORT of ST. NICHOLAS OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee serves as the funding and organizing umbrella for St. Nicholas' many service ministries. We are mindful of giving our limited funds to local, regional, and international organizations that cover a range of charitable purposes. Generally we organize a project, sign up volunteers, or solicit funding by parishioners through St. Nicholas. Hands-on volunteer work is as important as making a monetary contribution. FOCUS receives separate donations from parishioners the fourth Sunday of each month, and food is brought to the church to be distributed by FOCUS. Members are:

Connie Blackmon, Chair and Vestry Liaison

Rebecca Crowley, Team Captain Relay for Life

Bill Caudill

Sue Halmrast

Katherine Johnson

Norma Wolff

Jeff Jackson, Rector

At their first meeting on August 11th, the committee reviewed current and past outreach efforts, considered an array of possible additions, and came up with a set of recommendations to revitalize the outreach ministries of St. Nicholas.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends that we provide more information to the parish about our work with FOCUS and CVEM and about the ministries of both organizations. In brief, this ongoing work includes:

FOCUS is a faith based nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in need in Harris County. St. Nicholas' parishioners volunteer at the thrift shop, food pantry and other assistance efforts. In addition, we make monthly donations of loose offering and food collections, holiday giving most recently Share the Warmth. Other FOCUS ministries include monetary assistance for medical bills and prescriptions, and utility payments; programs to prevent child abuse, and assistance with home repairs.

CVEM is our convocational outreach ministry. In addition to FOCUS, it is the ministry we support financially out of our operating budget. Father Jeff and two parishioners, Beth Brown and Diane Hinnant serve on the Board. Also, a new member of St. Nicholas, Amy Nerone, serves on staff at CVEM and Norma Wolff is taking over coordination of their Direct Service office. CVEM offers many community-based ministries in Columbus and LaGrange. In the summer Father Jeff participates in the CVEM-sponsored Thompson-Pound Art Program (TAP). St. Nicholas has had youth involved with Infusion. CVEM has offered St. Nicholas seed money to start a community-based ministry in Harris County.

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OUTREACH PLANS

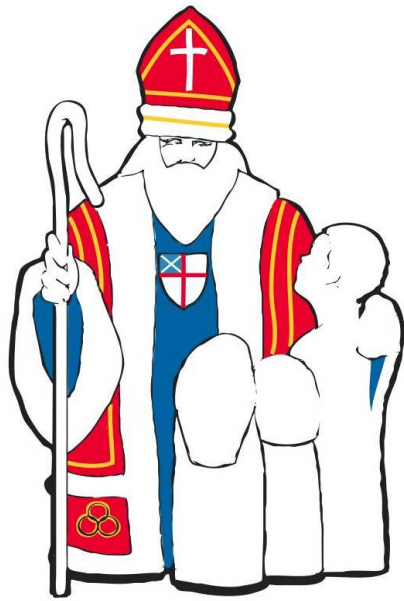
In addition, the Committee's recommended plans for outreach during the next year include:

- Relay for Life Team Captain Rebecca Crowley will form a subcommittee to concentrate on a new approach to Relay for Life in 2012.
- Connie Blackmon will work with Garvin Gourie at Christian Valley Baptist Church to plan our joint participation in the MLK Parade and one other gathering during 2012, perhaps a joint service and potluck meal.
- Father Jeff will explore the possibility of teaming with CVEM to hold a Community Dinner on the grounds of St. Nicholas in May or June of 2012. We would issue an open, public invitation -- come one, come all -- and hope for an enthusiastic response from neighbors near and not so far. This might become CVEM's annual service project in Harris County.
- For Lent 2012 we will launch a hope chest or mite box collection for Episcopal Relief and Development (ER&D) with the goal of involving every person in the parish including our children. The concept involves the distribution of small collection boxes along with coupons to guide personal giving. Each of the weekly coupons would have a reminder of a luxury or blessing enjoyed in the US contrasted with a need in another part of the world. Parishioners are asked to place change into the personal Hope Chests in thanksgiving. For example, a coupon might say, "In Liberia, the average national income per capita is \$390 a year. In America it is \$46,360. Place in your Hope Chest a penny for every \$1000 of your household's annual income." On Easter Sunday, everyone would turn in their Hope Chests and the sum total will be sent to ER&D for a specific program (to be identified) to improve life in an impoverished country.
- Bill Caudill will lead St. Nicholas' coordination of two work days per year (one in the fall and one in spring) to clean and maintain the historic Zion Episcopal Church in Talbotton. He is also preparing a scope of work and cost estimate to stabilize areas of exterior deterioration. This will be a basis for exploring funding options with the Diocese.
- Father Jeff will take the lead on exploring the possibilities for a short-term Mission Trip during the summer of 2012. We will look for an opportunity in the Southeast to do an intergenerational, long weekend trip next year and then consider moving incrementally toward an international trip in a few years. A mission trip adds an experience-based ministry to our outreach program, offers opportunity for relationship building and personal transformation.

The Committee also recommends that we continue our relationships with the Harris County Humane Society and the Friends of the Harris County Public Libraries. These involve:

Support of Puttin' on the Dog fundraiser of the Harris County Humane Society -- through publicity and direct donations of time and money by involved members. Also, we do periodic events to help spotlight the Humane Society, including the Blessing of the Animals.

Support of the Friends of Harris County Public Libraries, Inc. and their Ferst Foundation program for early childhood literacy -- through publicity and direct donations of time and money by involved members.



Holy Smoke!

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church Men's Group is having a Thanksgiving Barbecue Sale!

You can order your holiday food in a number of ways:

1. You can stop by the table at church after the 8:30am or 11:00am services.
2. You can get an order form from any of the Men of St. Nicholas.
3. You can place your order by filling out the form below or by going online to <http://stnicholashamilton.org/signup>.
4. LAST DAY TO ORDER: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>APPROX SIZE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Slab Ribs	18 inches	\$22	
Butt	3 lbs	\$24	(Boneless Boston butt)
1/2 Ham	9-11 lbs	\$35	(Cured with shank in)
Turkey	8-10 lbs	\$35	
Turkey	12-14 lbs	\$45	
		TOTAL	_____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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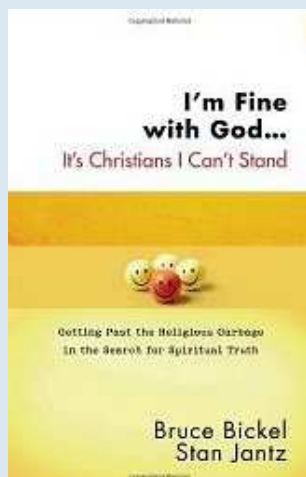
The Men of St. Nicholas are selling a variety of the most mouth-watering smoked meats for Thanksgiving this year. These items are smoked with a wonderful rub and are delivered without BBQ sauce.

They are to be picked up at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church (69 Mobley Road, Hamilton, GA 31811) on Saturday, November 19th between 10am-1pm.

Pay on the day of pick-up, and checks can be made out to St. Nicholas Episcopal Church.

Adult Christian Formation

November 13 and 27th



Bob Hamilton will discuss the book "I'm Fine with God.....It's the Christians I Can't Stand" by Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz.

We are all affected by the difference of everything from the Mennonites to the extreme fundamentalist Christians. Recently, Mormonism has been blasted as a cult. If someone asks you if you are a Christian, what do you say? If you ask someone to come to church that you know, what would you say if you are asked if it's a Christian church? Is the word Christian becoming a negative term? Join this class as we continue our spiritual journey by answering these questions.

Episcopal 101 Thursday, November 17, 6:30pm



This month's Episcopal 101 we will have an **Instructed Eucharist!** An instructed Eucharist is a service where there is no sermon, but Fr. Jeff explains the different portions of the worship service at various intervals. After the service, we will have some question and answer time. It's a great time to learn more about the way we worship in the Episcopal Church.

Are you new to St. Nicholas? Are you new to the Episcopal style of faith and worship? Are you a long-time Episcopalian who needs a jumpstart on why we do things the way we do them? Then you need to join our Episcopal 101 class! This monthly class is a perfect place to learn more about our church and what makes us unique as Episcopalians. Each month, we explore different topics that are important to us. If you are thinking about becoming an Episcopalian, this class is very important. If you want more information, please contact Fr. Jeff.



Annual Diocesan Council

Please pray for Father Jeff and the delegates of St. Nicholas, Chris Lintner and Michelle Moody, and the rest of the churches in the diocese who will represent at the Diocese of Atlanta's 105h Annual Council at the Forum Civic Center in Rome, GA November 4th and 5th.

For more information about the Annual Diocesan Council legislation, go to www.episcopalatlanta.org.



Kids Club!



We have been having a lot of fun in kids club so far. Kid's Club is a youth group for Pre-K through 4th grade. We have some exciting events coming up in the next few months. I really look forward to seeing all of our kids there.

Sunday November 13 – after church – Fall Fun

Sunday December 11 – Christmas Party



If you feel called to help with this ministry please contact **Marci Horne** at MHorne5501@yahoo.com.



Pictured are the children of St. Nicholas who made a St. Nicholas Christmas Card for Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministries (CVEM):

First row from left to right: Liam Jackson, Tai Jackson; second row: Bronwyn Jackson, Noah Horne, Libby Horne, Ansley Butzon.

ST. NICHOLAS YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, November 5th		Pumpkin Destruction Day at Rock Ranch
Sunday, November 13th	3:00pm	Youth Group to Hockey Game
Sunday, November 27th	5:00pm	Youth Group Soup Kitchen Work



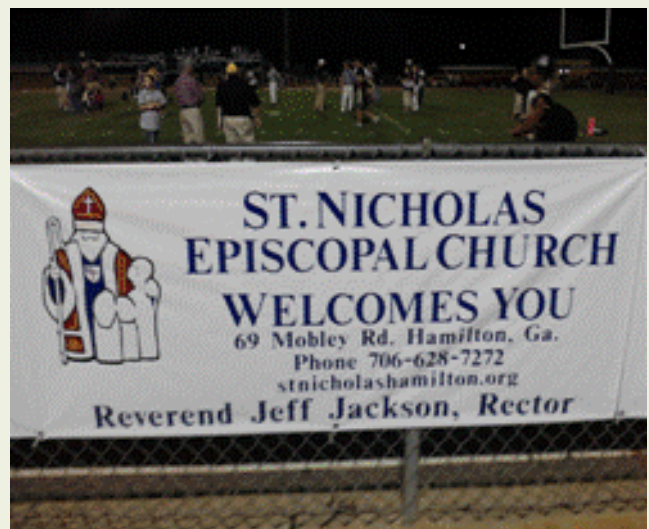
Pictured are two youth members of St. Nicholas:

Ivy Martin #1 and Austin Hubbard #54

They are both members of the Harris County High School freshmen football team.

Both boys are grandsons of Doug and Peggy Martin.

St. Nicholas has a sign at the Harris County High School stadium!



SCHEDULE

Sunday – November 6	One Service 10:00
Consecration Sunday/All Saints Day	
<i>Usher</i>	Graham Horne & Bill Caudill
<i>Greeter</i>	Scott Crowley & Peggy Martin
<i>Adult Reader</i>	Liz Dixon
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Cox/Winsness
<i>LEM</i>	Liz Dixon
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Bert Tomlin
<i>Acolyte</i>	Austin, Emily, Kaitlyn
<i>Acolyte-Jr. Acolyte</i>	Shelly
<i>Acolyte-Youth Reader</i>	Lexie
<i>Lemonade /Cider</i>	Anne Simpson
<i>Christian Education 9:45am</i>	

Sunday – November 13	8:30	11:00
<i>Usher</i>	Dave Halmrast	Doug Martin & Erick Whitworth
<i>Greeter</i>		Nick & Anne Simpson
<i>Adult Reader</i>	Connie Blackmon	Phebe Roberson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sawyer/Tomlin	
<i>LEM</i>	Connie Blackmon	Drucye Robinson
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Sharon Cheatham	
<i>Acolyte</i>		Sam, Ivy, MM
<i>Acolyte-Jr. Acolyte</i>		Libby
<i>Acolyte-Youth Reader</i>		MM
<i>Lemonade /Cider</i>		Sheila Dixon
<i>Christian Education 9:45am</i>		Bert Tomlin

Sunday – November 20	One Service 10:00
<i>Usher</i>	Tom & Sharon Cheatham
<i>Greeter</i>	Judy Jenks & Jan Pylant
<i>Adult Reader</i>	Sue Halmrast
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Brent/Dixon
<i>LEM</i>	Sue Halmrast
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Suzy Eidson
<i>Acolyte</i>	Robin, Abby B, Caitlyn
<i>Acolyte-Jr. Acolyte</i>	Marcus
<i>Acolyte-Youth Reader</i>	Abby B
<i>Lemonade /Cider</i>	Caroline Jacik

SCHEDULE

Sunday – November 27	8:30	11:00
<i>Usher</i>	Bobo & Barbara Morgan	John & Charlotte Winsness
<i>Greeter</i>		Mike Sawyer & Bert Tomlin
<i>Adult Reader</i>	Larry Nordin	Marci Horne
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Hinnant/Nordin	
<i>LEM</i>	Larry Nordin	Marci Horne
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Linda Sawyer	
<i>Acolyte</i>		Austin, Emily, Kaitlyn
<i>Acolyte-Jr. Acolyte</i>		Shelly
<i>Acolyte-Youth Reader</i>		Sam
<i>Lemonade /Cider</i>		Kathie Torres
<i>Christian Education 9:45am</i>		Jackie Lintner

Sunday – December 4	8:30	11:00
<i>Usher</i>	Dave Halmrast	Graham Horne & Bill Caudill
<i>Greeter</i>		Scott Crowley & Peggy Martin
<i>Adult Reader</i>	John Brent	Michelle Moody
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Cheatham/Eidson	
<i>LEM</i>	Katherine Johnson	Nick Simpson
<i>Flower Guild</i>	David Johnson	
<i>Acolyte</i>		Sam, Ivy, MM
<i>Acolyte-Jr. Acolyte</i>		Libby
<i>Acolyte-Youth Reader</i>		MM
<i>Lemonade /Cider</i>		Anne Simpson
<i>Christian Education 9:45am</i>		Peggy Martin



Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love, make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Election Day 9:30am St. Nicholas Painters	2 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4 9:30am Strong for Life	5 Youth Group Pumpkin Destruction Day at Rock Ranch
				Annual Diocesan Council 3—5 Nov		
6 NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY! ALL SAINTS DAY 10:00am Holy Eucharist 1100am Celebration Meal/Master Site Plan Presentation 12:00 DOK Study	7	8 9:30am Strong for Life	9 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 Veterans Day 9:30am Strong for Life	12
13 Veterans Recognized 8:30am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Breakfast/ Fellowship 9:30 Christian Formation Classes 11:00am Holy Eucharist 2:30pm Pine Mountain Veterans Day Parade 3:00pm Youth Group to Hockey Game	14	15 9:30am Strong for Life 9:30am St. Nicholas Painters	16 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Finance Committee	17 6:30pm Episcopal 101: Instructed Eucharist	18 FOCUS Thanksgiving Food Drive at Carver Resource Center, Hamilton 9:30am Strong for Life	19 FOCUS Thanksgiving Food Drive at Carver Resource Center, Hamilton Barbecue Sale Fundraiser
				HAPPENING 17—20 November		
20 Christ the King Day 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Parish Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner 12:00pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal	21 4:00pm Pastoral Care Committee	22 9:30am Strong for Life	23 No Choir Rehearsal	24 Thanksgiving	25 9:30am Strong for Life	26
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**NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**



Happy Birthday!

November

- 11/2 Tai Jackson
- 11/3 Terri Townsend
- 11/6 Collin Brooks
- 11/9 John Blackmon
- 11/18 Ben Brooks
- 11/20 Benny Robinson
- 11/25 Hollie Queener
- 11/30 Connie Blackmon

**NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**



Happy Anniversary!

November

- 11/19 Chris and Sheila Dixon
- 11/26 John & Connie Blackmon



We are overjoyed to announce the birth of

Liza Anne Price

Born at 7:42 a.m. on October 25, 2011
7 pounds 9 ounces and 19 inches

Joyfully welcomed by

Chris and Mallory Price, Parents
Chloe Cameron, Sister

Drucye and Benny Robinson, Grandparents
Jason Price, Uncle
Lynn and Kenny Hall, Great Aunt and Uncle
Michelle Moody, Sean Moody, Wesley Brown,
and Kim Stokes, Cousins

Items for Sunday Bulletin

If you have items that you would like printed in the St. Nicholas Sunday bulletin (Order of Service), please email them to Pat Demonet by **Tuesday** prior to the Sunday you would like them printed: patdemon@aol.com.

THE SPIRIT OF ST. NICHOLAS NEWSLETTER

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Deadline to submit schedules and articles for the
December 2011 newsletter is:

November 15th

All suggestions, photos, and news
of family and parish are welcomed.

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MR. SAM RONEY, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

VESTRY

DAVE HALMRAST—STEWARDSHIP AND SENIOR
WARDEN (2012)
MICHELLE MOODY—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
AND JUNIOR WARDEN (2011)
CONNIE BLACKMON—OUTREACH (2013)
LARRY NORDIN—BUILDING AND GROUNDS
(2011)
SHEILA DIXON—PARISH LIFE AND ACTIVITIES
(2012)
LYNN HALL—ADULT FORMATION (2013)
DRUCYE ROBINSON—COMMUNICATIONS
(2011)
LINDA SAWYER—WORSHIP (2013)
ANNE SIMPSON—HOSPITALITY (2012)

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OUR MISSION

In fulfillment of the Great Commission, the mission
of **St. Nicholas Episcopal Church** in Harris
County, Georgia is to be an example to the world
of Christ's love for all people. We do this by:

- +Being welcoming & inviting of all people
- +Being supportive of our community & engaged in
our community
- +Accepting where people are in their journey.
- +Helping in any way, spiritually or physically
- +Nurturing spiritual growth
- +Educating people about who we are, what we do,
and what we believe

Or, to be brief, our mission is ***to be an example
of Christ's love.***

OUR VISION

St. Nicholas will be the *center of nourishment* in
mind, body, & spirit for all people in our
community.

Out of love for Christ and this community...

- +all will be welcome at God's table.
- +We will nourish them with thoughtful and
vibrant programs for all ages.
- +We will worship God dynamically and
contemplatively.
- +We will serve to meet the needs of a hurting
world.
- +We will build a campus to facilitate this vision.
- +We will seek resources to make this vision
possible.