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OF ST. NICHOLAS

**St. Nicholas**  
**LOBSTERFEST**  
**2009**

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**Friday, September 25, 2009**  
**5:30pm — 9:30pm**  
**Sweet Home Plantation,**  
**Hadley Road**  
**Pine Mountain, GA**

**Invite your friends and  
neighbors!**

**Fresh Maine lobster dinner \$45 per person**

**Beef Tenderloin dinner \$35 per person**

**Children's dinner \$5 per person (Hot Dog, Chips, Cookie & Beverage)**

**Homemade cakes and pies served to order**

**Silent Auction!**

**Ticket purchase deadline is Thursday, September 17.**

**Live dance music will be provided by**

**THE MAIN STREET TRIO**

**from LaGrange**

**Chairman, Sharon Cheatham, Vestry for Parish Life**

# *Safety & Value*

**FROM FATHER JEFF**



This past weekend, Liz Dixon, Diane Hinnant, and I attended the annual board retreat for Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministries (CVEM), which is one of the organizations St. Nicholas supports greatly in caring for those who are underprivileged and in need. The speaker for the retreat was Dr. Walter Breaux III, a professor at Columbus State University.

Dr. Breaux presented many interesting ideas, but one that stuck with me was the following:

“In order for people to grow (in any environment), they must feel *safe* and they must feel *valued*.”

This is so true in our life as the Church. In order for us to become deeply rooted into the mission and ministry of God in this place, St. Nicholas has to be a place where people feel **safe** and **valued**. The Church is one of those rare places that can provide that for people.

I think of all the places that aren't safe for people. We live in a time where people are scared of losing their jobs, their homes, and their livelihood. Our collective sense of safety and security is dwindling. People lock their doors, keep their kids inside, and sleep with one eye open because they are so afraid of losing what they have. It wasn't always like this, yet somewhere along the way we lost that sense of safety.

I think of all the places where people feel undervalued. Perhaps you're in a job that doesn't use you to your highest potential. Or maybe at home, no one has ever given you a simple “thank you” for what you do. You may feel like you have no purpose because no one has told you how much you're really worth.

Let me be the first to tell you that here at St. Nicholas, it is one of my goals to make sure that everyone feels safe. You are free to come here and express your opinions, your dreams, your fears, and your joys without judgment or condemnation. Here, you need not fear ridicule or violence. If you do, please come and talk to me and let's find out how we can make you feel safer.

Here, also, I hope to make you feel valued. Each one of you has a purpose for walking through the door of St. Nicholas. Each one of you has a gift to share. When you are not here, St. Nicholas is less than our full potential. So when you share what you have, my goal is thank you for it. If I fail in this, please call me on it. You are important to St. Nicholas and I thank God for all that you do!

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If together we can continue to make St. Nicholas a place that is safe, where people feel valued, imagine how each one of us can grow with one another and with God! The Vestry recently adopted a new mission statement:

**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.**

To be an example of Christ's love calls us into making people feel safe and valued. May we all continue to do this as we live our lives as people of God.



## **New Beginnings**

A spiritual growth and renewal weekend for teenagers in grades 6-9, will be held Oct. 9-11 at Camp Fortson in Hampton, Georgia. Each New Beginnings Retreat is designed to respond to issues, concerns and needs of teenagers. The weekend is filled with talks, skits, sharing, praying and singing. Each participant must attend with an adult sponsor. Cost per person is \$100.

Youth who have attended a New Beginnings weekend may apply to be on "The Team." The Team is responsible for what goes on during the weekend -- from small group leaders, to prayer groups, to outside activities -- and meets Oct. 3 for a training day.

Application forms for candidates, sponsors and team members can be found on the youth website ([www.episcopalatlantayouth.org](http://www.episcopalatlantayouth.org)) Deadline to register is Sept. 25.

If you would like to volunteer to help maintain the Memory Garden, please contact Connie Blackmon, Memory Garden Chairperson, at 706-628-7573, or contact Father Jeff at 706-628-7272. We won't need a great number of workers if we can schedule visits.

# St. Nicholas LOBSTERFEST 2009

Dance music will be provided by the  
Main Street Trio from LaGrange!



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**Pine Mountain, GA**

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Beef Tenderloin dinner \$35 per person  
Children's dinners will be available.  
Homemade cakes and pies served to order

**Silent Auction — see Sharon Cheatham to donate an item.**

## PLEASE VOLUNTEER

We also ask you to be a part of this terrific event by signing up for one of the volunteer positions. Volunteers will be assigned in shifts, so that you will have plenty of time to enjoy the evening with your friends and guests. Please consider one of the following opportunities:

Ticket Sales

Dessert Preparation

Serving

Clean Up

You can sign up to volunteer on our web site soon and sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex.

**Sharon Cheatham, Vestry for Parish Life**

Someone will win a golf cart donated by Southern Cart Services of LaGrange, Georgia!. Maybe you!  
Buy your tickets now:

1 ticket \$30    2 tickets \$50    5 tickets \$100



# St. Nicholas LOBSTERFEST

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Sweet Home Plantation,  
Pine Mountain, GA

1&1/2 Lb. Fresh Maine Lobster Dinner  
or Beef Tenderloin Dinner  
Homemade cakes and pies served to order

Live dance music will be provided by  
**THE MAIN STREET TRIO**  
from LaGrange

SILENT AUCTION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lobster Meals (\$45 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Beef Tenderloin Meals (\$35 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children's Meals (Hot Dog, Chips, Cookie & Beverage \$5.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Cash Bar – Wine & Beer

**Due to advanced ordering, all meals are prepaid and checks must be received by September 17<sup>th</sup>. Sorry, no tickets will be sold at the door.**

Please mail checks and reservation form to  
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church  
P.O. Box 752, Hamilton Georgia 31811

Reservations for tables of 8 are available. For information call 706-628-7272.

All proceeds benefit St. Nicholas Episcopal Church building fund.



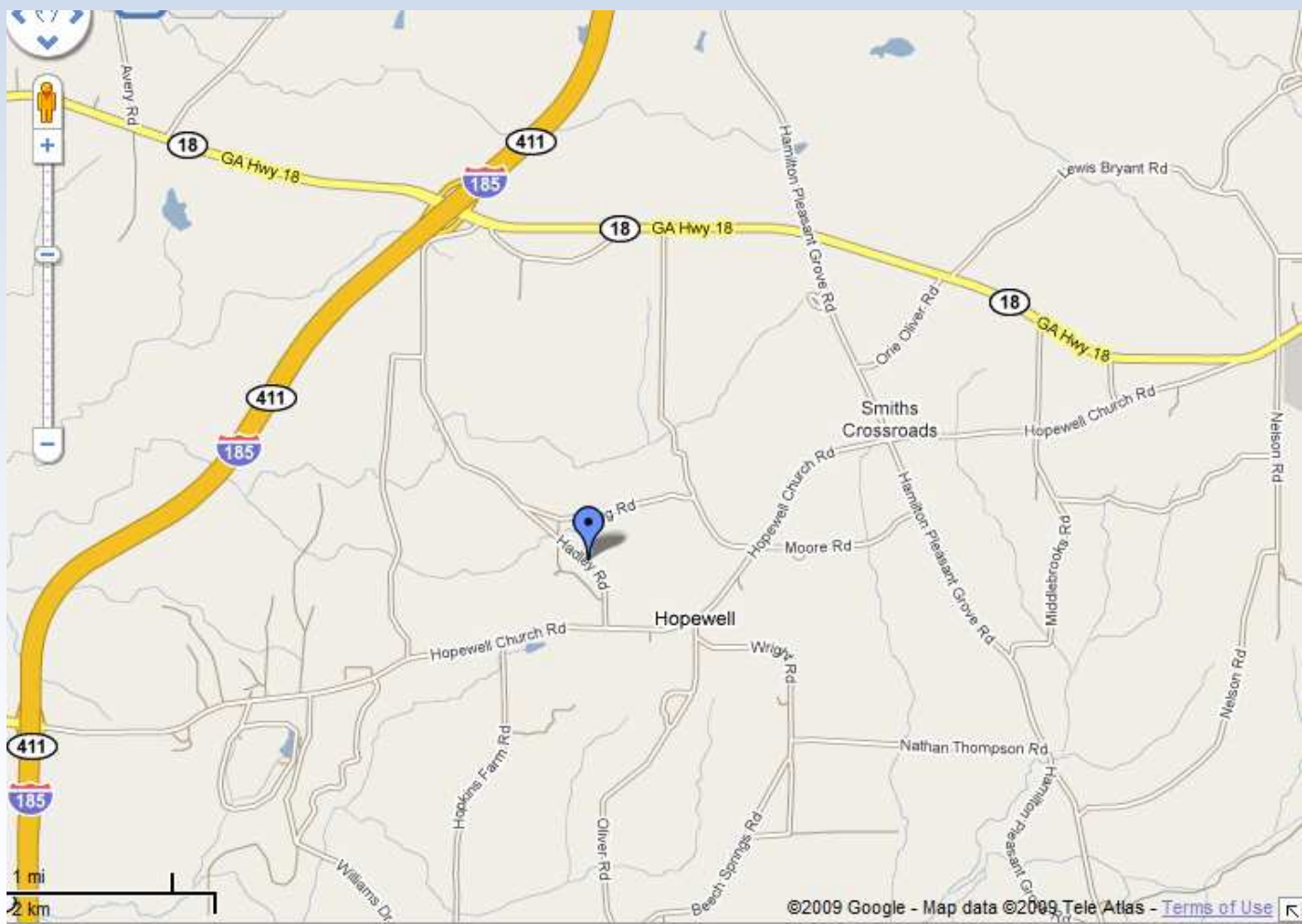
We will raffle a golf cart donated by Southern Cart Services of  
LaGrange, Georgia!

## Directions to Sweet Home Plantation

### Location of St. Nicholas Lobsterfest on September 25, 2009

Traveling north on 185, take exit 30 (Hopewell Church Road/Whitesville). Turn right onto Hopewell Church Road and proceed 3.2 miles to Hadley road. Turn left and continue .4 miles to the entrance to Sweet Home. There is a white sign indicating the driveway into the plantation.

Traveling north on Hwy 27, turn left onto Hwy 354 which will become Hwy 18. Proceed 3 miles to a split in the road; take the left branch which is Hopewell Church Road. Continue approximately 4.1 miles to Hadley road. Turn right onto Hadley Road and drive .4 miles to the entrance to Sweet Home. There is a white sign indicating the driveway into the plantation.





### Search Committee Formed for Music Director/Organist

A committee has been formed to begin the search for a permanent Music Director/Organist. Jeff Eskew, who has been serving as interim, will have his contract expire in December and is unable to continue as organist due to other commitments.

The committee has been tasked with developing a job description for the new Music Director/Organist and generating guidelines for both a short and long term music program. They began this process by

reviewing recommendations made by Trey Clegg following the Music Workshop held at St. Nicholas on July 11 and 12.

Trey had good words about the congregation's openness to new ideas and musical genres, and our joy in singing.

When the job description is complete it will be published in several periodicals of interest to organists. Trey will also use his network to let get the word out. This is a slow process, but we hope to have a permanent Music Director/Organist in place by the end of the year.

The role of the Music Director/Organist is very important to the worship of the church. Choosing and playing music the congregations enjoys with enthusiasm and passion is, of course, important. But the Director needs to be much more than that. He/she must work closely with the Rector, and their ministries should complement each other. Together they endeavor to implement a meaningful music program that engages the entire parish. Finding a good Music Director is second only to finding a good Rector.

The members of the Music Committee are: Nancy Callaway, Marci Horne, Linda Sawyer, Nick Simpson, Fr. Jeff and Sue Halmrast. Please pray for the Committee as it searches for this special person. Give them discerning hearts as they look for the one who has already been called.

### Sunday Breakfast at St. Nicholas

Starting August 30, in between the two services, Chef Ben Brooks and his able assistant Kerri Bingeman will be cooking up a hot breakfast for hungry parishioners. Breakfast will be served from 9:15 until 9:45 following the 8:30 service and before Christian Formation classes. What a great way to enjoy a delicious meal and visit with your St. Nicholas family. To cover expenses, there will be a charge of \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per family. The menu for August 30 is: Scrambled Eggs St. Nicholas Style, Turkey Sausage, Chef Ben's Hash Brown Potatoes, Kerri's homemade muffins, juice and coffee. Yummy!

If you would like to help with breakfast, please email Ben at [Benbrooks5@yahoo.com](mailto:Benbrooks5@yahoo.com).



## *Cashier's Gospel Singers*

and Country Picnic on the Lawn Sunday, October 4th



On Sunday, October 4, the Cashier's Gospel Singers will once again be bringing their wonderful, old-time, bluegrass gospel music to St. Nicholas at the 11:00 service. We are inviting the community to join us in worship and singing these great songs and to have lunch with us after the service.

It seemed right to do something special to celebrate the day, so a Country Picnic on the Lawn, put together by Linda Sawyer and her committee, will be available immediately following the conclusion of the service. The menu for an adult plate will be: two pieces of crispy fried chicken consisting of a breast and a wing, or a thigh and a leg, red potato salad, creamy coleslaw, dinner roll and beverage. A child's plate having two chicken tenders, a fruit cup, baby carrots and beverage will also be available. The cost for the adult plate is \$5.00 and the child's plate will be \$2.00. Delicious homemade desserts will be available for an additional charge. You may reserve your dinner on line or sign up in the narthex. A **limited** number of dinners will be available for those without reservations to accommodate guests. Take out will also be available.

What a great way to invite the community to St. Nicholas and hear these talented performers, and we thank Nancy and Cason Callaway for bringing them to us again. So get your hands clapping, invite your friends and come join us for some good Gospel singing and fried chicken at St. Nicholas!!



## Blessing of the Animals October 4th at 5:00pm

Fr. Jeff will bless all creatures great and small on Sunday, October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. All beloved animals including teddy bears, webkins, and such are welcome.

We will meet outdoors in front of the church at 5:00 p.m. For the safety of all humans and beasts, please have your vaccinated pet under control. Water and treats will be available for all. Come celebrate and bless these marvelous creatures of God's creation.

If you have any questions regarding the blessing, please see Sue Halmrast or email her at [dhalmrast@aol.com](mailto:dhalmrast@aol.com).

**SEPTEMBER 2009**  
**SCHEDULES**

**LEMONADE/CIDER**  
**AUGUST 30      MARCI HORNE**  
**SEPTEMBER 6    LIZ DIXON**  
**SEPTEMBER 13   ANDY BUTZON**  
**SEPTEMBER 20   LACY RAZOR**

<b>8:30 SERVICE USHER / GREETER</b>	<b>11:00 SERVICE USHER / GREETER</b>
<b>AUGUST 30      BoBo &amp; BARBARA MORGAN</b>	<b>AUGUST 30      JOHN &amp; CHARLOTTE WINSNESS</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 6    TOM &amp; SHARON CHEATHAM</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 6    GRAHAM HORNE    JAN PYLANT</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 13   BOBO &amp; BARBARA MORGAN</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 13   DAVE &amp; SUE HALMRAST</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 20   TOM &amp; SHARON CHEATHAM</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 20   NICK &amp; ANN SIMPSON</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 27   BOBO &amp; BARBARA MORGAN</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 27   LYNN &amp; KENNY HALL</b>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>LEMs</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Flower Guild</b>
August 30	8:30 (HE) Blackmon 11:00 I. Martin/Hall	8:30 (HE) Dixon 11:00 Horne	Hinnant/Nordin	Diane Hinnant
September 6	8:30 (HE) Brent 11:00 Avery/Hinnant	8:30 (HE) Halmrast 11:00 P. Martin	Dixon	Bert Tomlin
September 13	8:30 (MP) Dixon 11:00 M. Martin/Horne	11:00 Moody	Sawyer, Tomlin	Gina Durham
September 20	8:30 (HE) Halmrast 11:00 P. Martin (both readings)	8:30 (HE) Blackmon 11:00 Hinnant	Winsness, Cox	Sharon Cheatham
September 27	8:30 (MP) Nordin 11:00 I. Martin/Moody	11:00 Horne	Cheatham, Eidson	Barbara Bradley
October 4	8:30 (HE) Blackmon 11:00 Avery/Robertson	8:30 (HE) Dixon 11:00 P. Martin	Bradley, Correnti	Nancy Callaway
October 11	8:30 (MP) Brent 11:00 M. Martin/Hall	11:00 Moody	Hinnant/Nordin	Suzie Eidson
October 18	8:30 (HE) Dixon 11:00 Hinnant (both readings)	8:30 (HE) Halmrast 11:00 Horne	Dixon	Bert Tomlin
October 25	8:30 (MP) Halmrast 11:00 I. Martin/Horne	11:00 Hinnant	Sawyer, Tomlin	Gina Durham

**SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2009**  
**ACOLYTE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER**  
**SCHEDULES**



**ACOLYTES**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TABLE</u>	<u>CRUCIF.</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>	<u>OFFER.</u>	<u>TORCH</u>
9/06/09	AUSTIN	CODY	CODY	SAM	AUSTIN/SAM
9/13/09	IVY	ROBIN	ROBIN	ABBIEY A.	IVY/ABBIEY A.
9/20/09	SEAN	SEAN	ABBIEY A.	DALTON	ABBIEY A/DALTON
9/27/09	M&M	ROBIN	ROBIN	SAM	M&M/SAM
10/04/09	CODY	CODY	CODY	AUSTIN	AUSTIN/ABBIEY B.
10/11/09	ABBIEY A.	DALTON	SAM	SAM	DALTON/ABBIEY A
10/18/09	ROBIN	ABBY A.	ROBIN	DALTON	ABBIEY A/DALTON
10/25/09	IVY	CODY	CODY	AUSTIN	IVY/AUSTIN

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009	MICHELLE MOODY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2009	MARCI HORNE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2009	DIANE HINNANT
SEPTEMBER 27, 2009	BARBARA BRADLEY
OCTOBER 4, 2009	GINA DURHAM
OCTOBER 11, 2009	GRAHAM HORNE
OCTOBER 18, 2009	BERT TOMLIN
OCTOBER 25, 2009	PEGGY MARTIN

# SEPTEMBER 2009

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm Strategic Planning Comm. Meeting	2 6:30pm Holy Eucharist	3	4	5
27 8:30am Holy Eucharist/ Morning Prayer 9:30 am Breakfast/ Fellowship 9:45am Adult/Youth/ Children's Education 11:00am Holy Eucharist	7	8	9 6:30pm Holy Eucharist	10	11	12
13 8:30am Holy Eucharist/ Morning Prayer 9:30 am Breakfast/ Fellowship 9:45am Adult/Youth/ Children's Education 11:00am Holy Eucharist  Stewardship Kickoff	14	15	16 6:30pm Instructed Eucharist part 2 7:15pm Episcopal 101 Worship: Responding to God's Blessings	17 Last day to buy Lobster-fest tickets!	18	19
20 8:30am Holy Eucharist/ Morning Prayer 9:30 am Breakfast/ Fellowship 9:45am EfM Meeting Adult/Youth/Children's Education 11:00am Holy Eucharist	21	22	23 6:30pm Holy Eucharist  7:30pm Girls Night Out	24	25 5:30—9:30pm <b>LOBSTER-FEST!</b> Sweet Home Plantation	26
27 8:30am Holy Eucharist/ Morning Prayer 9:30 am Breakfast/ Fellowship 9:45am Adult/Youth/ Children's Education 11:00am Holy Eucharist  FOCUS Sunday	28	29	30			

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES

As the economy has slowed our work at FOCUS has increased, but our number of volunteers has stayed the same. There are many different areas that could always use a few extra workers and you can choose how much time you are able to help. All of our areas of need are outlined below. If there is something you would be interested in finding out more about please call Julie Nordin, 706-663-7356, or Lynda Frerichs, 706-663-2726.

## FOCUS Volunteer Opportunities

### Thrift Shop:

1. One day a month - work in shop selling clothes. Thurs.-Sat. 10am—3pm
2. Monday - Saturday mornings—help sort donated clothes

### Child Abuse Puppet Shows:

Help put on puppet shows at elementary schools-no speaking required!! Four mornings for approximately 2 hours between February and April (exact dates to be determined).

### Senior Program/Home Repair

1. Help with visits and household needs with homebound (only as needed)
2. Assist with home repairs

### Emergency Services

Work in the FOCUS office one day a month on Tuesday or Wednesday from 10am - 2pm. This job involves interviewing and screening clients, and then assisting with needs on an individual basis. Training is provided and you will work with a partner. The services we provide are emergency food supplies, help with utility bills, rent and medical assistance, and any other emergency a client may encounter. If you like working with people and helping solve problems, you would enjoy this ministry.

### Food Program

Volunteers needed 10 days prior to Thanksgiving to sort, prepare food bags and distribute food for approximately 400 families.

### Focus on Improvement

Assist in our newest program which is aimed at giving participants an opportunity to make a real change in their lives through education.

- a. Teach a class in areas such as budgeting, goal setting, stress management, physical, mental and spiritual well being, nutrition, interviewing skills, computer skills, and résumé preparation.
- b. Become a mentor: work one-on-one with a participant to help her reach her goals. Training and materials will be provided. This is a year long commitment and great opportunity to share your gifts and skills with others.



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## Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM is a 4-year Christian formation course that gives laypeople a solid theological foundation for the ministry of the Church.

Anyone who is looking to deepen their understanding of the Bible, Church History, and Theology, while at the same time deepening their relationships with one another, is invited to an informational meeting about EfM on **September 20** during the 9:45am Adult Bible Study.

Sue Halmrast and Fr. Jeff, both trained EfM mentors, will give an overview of the program, the expectations of the class, and will answer any questions. We are looking to start an EfM group in January, with monthly “pre-classes” this fall. If you are interested, please let Fr. Jeff or Sue know! For more information on EfM, visit <http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/index.htm>.

## Adult Bible Study Class-NOOMA

While we continue to look for a regular Adult Bible Study leader or leaders, Fr. Jeff will be leading a 6-week DVD series called *NOOMA*. *NOOMA* is a series of short films promoting spiritual perspectives on individual life experiences. The series features storyteller and pastor Rob Bell.

The name *NOOMA* comes from a phonetic spelling of the Greek word *pneuma* (πνευμα) meaning 'wind,' 'spirit,' or 'breath.' They include biblical study on real life experiences. The first six short films are called *Rain* (the problem of bad things happening to good people), *Flame* (the meaning of love), *Trees* (the meaning of life), *Sunday* (why do we do the things we do?), *Noise* (living with silence), and *Kickball* (true happiness). Also, remember that Adult Bible Study starts at 9:45, right after breakfast.

## Episcopal 101 This Month.

This month's session is on **September 16**.

First, we will have Part 2 of our **Instructed Eucharist at 6:30pm**. An Instructed Eucharist is a worship service where, instead of a sermon, I will parse out each piece of the liturgy and explain it's history and meaning.

Afterward, we will have our regular session of Episcopal 101 entitled **Worship: Responding to God's Blessings**. It's not too late to sign up! All are welcome! Just e-mail Fr. Jeff at [father-jeff@stnicholashamilton.org](mailto:father-jeff@stnicholashamilton.org).

## Music Requests

Many folks have asked, “Who chooses the music for our services?”

Typically, the Rector and the Organist work together in choosing the hymns. We try to tie the hymns in with the biblical themes of the day or the Church season. We also try to balance hymns from different genres and traditions, along with hymns that are well-known and some that may be new to St. Nicholas. We also love to hear your thoughts on what we pick, especially when you LOVE what we choose.

This month, if you visit our church website (<http://stnicholashamilton.org/what/worship/music/>), you will find a music request form. There, you can request which hymns, styles, and genres you'd like to see during our services. We may not use your request immediately, but we'll find the most appropriate place during the year to play it. We'll also denote which hymns are requested by the congregation.



*St. Nicholas Sunday School Teachers and Acolytes  
commissioned in ceremony August 23, 2009*

Blue Springs, the beautiful home of Nancy and Cason Callaway, was the setting for our annual parish picnic and the commissioning of St. Nicholas' Sunday School teachers and acolytes.

Sunday School teachers commissioned were: **Graham Horne, Marci Horne, Michelle Moody, Lacy Razor, Bert Tomlin, Gina Durham, Sheila Dixon, Bert Tomlin, and Dianne Hinnant.** (Barbara and Laura Bradley were not present for the photo.) We are thankful to **Peggy Martin** and all the teachers for their generous service to St. Nicholas.

Congratulations and our gratitude go to the following acolytes who were commissioned and received ribbons denoting their years of service to St. Nicholas:

<b>CODY DURHAM</b>	<b>3 YEARS WHITE</b>	<b>ABBEY AVERY</b>	<b>2 YEARS BLUE</b>
<b>ROBIN KLITZKE</b>	<b>3 YEARS WHITE</b>	<b>ABBY BROWN</b>	<b>2 YEARS BLUE</b>
<b>IVY MARTIN</b>	<b>3 YEARS WHITE</b>	<b>AUSTIN HUBBARD</b>	<b>2 YEARS BLUE</b>
<b>MADISON MARTIN</b>	<b>3 YEARS WHITE</b>	<b>DALTON AVERY</b>	<b>1 YEAR RED</b>
<b>SEAN MOODY</b>	<b>3 YEARS WHITE</b>		



**MEET OUR ACOLYTES**

**IVY MARTIN**

Ivy is a seventh-grader at Harris County Carver Middle School. Ivy got his nickname from being named George Douglas Martin IV. All the George's and Doug's were taken in his family, so his dad came up with Ivy (IV). He loves to play football, baseball, aero soft and paintball. He loves his church, Fr. Jeff and being an acolyte.

## YOUTH GROUP



### *Note from Heather*

Hello all,

Here's what we have planned  
for you during September.  
Please mark your calendars and  
join us!



**Sept 13:** Pop Corn Theology

**Sept 27:** 4-Square Tournament at St. Paul's, Newnan; leave St. Nicholas by 2PM

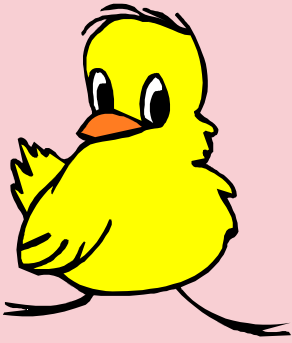
\*\*\*\* Remember to let us know if you will be attending so we can make sure to have plenty of food, drinks and vehicles.



Youth having Blue  
Springs picnic fun!

<http://stnicholashamilton.org/what-we-do/youth/youth-group/>

## HOSPITALITY



### St. Nick's Chicks/Girls Night Out

Attention all ladies! Come to a "Girls Night Out" on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 7:30pm. Bring a snack or dessert to share and join us for some fun, fellowship, and a movie.

This is a new program, led by Kerri Bingemen and others at St. Nicholas, designed especially for women. Each month we will have different activities, Christian bible studies, movies, and speakers. We will decide as a group what we want to do and you are welcome to bring your friends. Please come join us and be a "St. Nick's Chick."

**Foyer's Group:** If you are interested in joining a Foyer's Group please sign up on the website. If you are already a member of a group, please choose a host/coordinator and forward their name to Michelle Moody at [michellelynnmoody@gmail.com](mailto:michellelynnmoody@gmail.com), so that person can distribute the liturgy.

## OUTREACH



**CURSILLO WEEKEND SET.** The next Cursillo Weekend is October 1 - 4 at Camp Fortson, Hampton, GA. "The goal of Cursillo," says Jean Stafford of Macon, "is to help Christians to more fully understand God's incredible redeeming love and healing power and then to bring that good news into the environments in which we live. Cursillo offers a set of tools to establish and maintain a pattern of living based on piety, study and apostolic action." To learn more about Cursillo and how to participate visit [www.aecc.us](http://www.aecc.us)

You may contact Graham Horne at 706--628-7312 for details.

Does anyone have a small digital camera they could donate to the church? We would keep this camera on hand (locked in a file cabinet) and use it when photographers are not available.

If you have a used one, or would like to donate a new one to the church, please see Father Jeff.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



*Happy Birthday*

- 9/1 Sean Moody
- 9/1 Larry Correnti
- 9/2 Drucye Price
- 9/8 Sheila Turley
- 9/8 Clyde Moody
- 9/21 Joe Torres
- 9/26 Charlotte Winsness

## SEPTEMBER

## ANNIVERSARIES



*Happy Anniversary*

- 9/2 Ralph & Camilla  
Livingston
- 9/10 Mark & Karen Kurtz
- 9/30 Doug & Peggy Martin

August 12, 2009

Dear St. Nicholas Episcopal,

Thank you again for allowing me to be the recipient of the Beverly McEachern scholarship. No words or amount of thank you cards can express my gratitude.

Also, thank you for inviting me to your church. Everyone was so kind and friendly. I truly appreciate that gesture.

Thank you and God bless!

Ellisa Patterson



Sunday, August 23, 2009 was truly a perfect day for our Parish Picnic at Blue Springs! We had a huge crowd of people, a wonderful worship service, a TON of food, some fantastic swimming, and just a grand time!

Many thanks to Cason and Nancy Callaway for their hospitality. What a gift we were all given in the beauty of their home! Also, many thanks to Sue & Dave Halmrast, Sharon & Tom Cheatham, Liz Dixon, Jeff Eskew, Peggy and Doug Martin, Michelle Moody, and everyone who helped make the day so nice or brought food and/or a friend. Also thanks go to Lynn Hall and Janice Murphy for the great photography of the event. See all the pictures on our web site: [stnicholashamilton.org](http://stnicholashamilton.org).

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Thursday, August 27, 2009

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Please e-mail your schedules and news articles  
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Last day to submit schedules and articles for  
the October 2009 Newsletter is:

**September 15th.**

All suggestions and photos  
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