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St Francis



July 16, 2014

Glorified

*By this my Father is glorified,
that you bear much fruit
and so prove to be my disciples
John 15: 8*

Exactly How Is God Glorified?

It is good to glorify God. However, just how to glorify can be puzzling. It is not enough to shout, "Glory!" and leave it at that. There is something about our lifestyle which would glorify God. It would be to do what Jesus did. He

made disciples. That's what it is to bear fruit. It is bearing fruit which glorifies God. The conclusion is living a lifestyle in which you make disciples of Jesus is what glorifies God.

How Do You Do That?

To have clear excellent sermons, wonderful liturgy, and well done programs will contribute to the fruit bearing process, but will not likely end up producing new fruit. Those aspects of church life can serve to support the main business of the church- making new followers of Jesus. Things reproduce after their own kind. Disciples make new disciples. Sermons, liturgies, and programs can strengthen current disciples, but will not make new disciples by themselves. The first steps of becoming a disciple who bears fruit is to pay attention to these two questions:

1. What is God telling you right now?
2. What does God want you to do about that?

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, July 16, 2014, 6:00pm Experimental Wednesday

Sunday, July 20, 2014 worship at 10:00am (Doug Burgoine, guest)

Experimental Wednesdays

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00pm, at St. Francis Episcopal Church
June 4-September 3

The Seven Signs in the Gospel of John

Read each story once/day for a week before the Wednesday it is scheduled

Read with these questions in mind:

What does this story say to you about people?

What does this story say to you about Jesus?

What does this story have to say about you

Who needs to hear this story?

July 16	The Feeding of the 5,000	John 6:5-14
August 6	Jesus Walks on the Water	John 6:16-35
August 20	Jesus Heals a Man Morn Blind	John 9:1-41
September 3	The Resurrection of Lazarus	John 11:17-46

Who needs to hear about this gathering? Bring them along!

Advance Notice for the New Member Class

On October 12, 2014 Bishop Gullick will be with us to preside, preach, and confirm and receive our new members. Those of you who are new to St. Francis are invited to pray about becoming a formal member at that time.

It means taking my very engaging new member class. There are four topics which you study at home:

1. What is the Church?
2. What is the Episcopal Church?
3. What is St. Francis Episcopal Church?
4. What does Jesus want me to do about His Church?

Late in September all who have taken this course will come together for one very rich and encouraging session. Let me know if you are interested. I will be distributing the material for the four sessions to interested people in August. BTW-if you have been a long time member you are still invited to take part in this!! Let me know.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For My Manakin Market , Lisa Deardon, director, that many local businesses would flourish through participation in this market

Diocese of Virginia

For the congregations and clergy of St. John's, Arlington.

Metropolitan Richmond

For all the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond:
For the Supervisors of Chesterfield County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

For St. Gabriel's, Leesburg and All Souls, Atlee that they would prosper and grow through the leading of the Spirit of God.

Finally, the off-season blessing of the animals went very well last Saturday. Here are two of my favorite photos taken by Libby Clark from the event:



The woman with the Great Dane is Kasey Herrera one of the trainers 2SpeakDog. We are planning to do a blessing of the animals at the opening of their new facility later in the summer.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher
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