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September 3, 2014

A Confession

*The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Mark 1:14*

Here It Is

I cannot improve upon the mission statement Jesus gave us, "Go and make disciples . . . (Matthew 28:19)." I've tried but always come up with

something which turns out to be less than that. Too often it drifts into something that sounds good but really means to increase the numbers. I do believe it is important to increase the numbers, but not just any numbers. The number of disciples is to be increased. As a church deliberately takes up following Jesus, doing what Jesus did, disciples will be made. That is our mission.

What About The Vision?

The vision is a picture of the future in which the kingdom of God has spread through the community surrounding the church. At St. Francis we strongly believe that God will heal and restore relationships. We invite whole communities around us into the family of God. We call them home to the love and mercy of God so they can hear our Father call them by name. We see a community of thriving, abundant relationships. Our vision statement is "Inviting our communities into the family of God."

Coming Attractions

Sunday, September 7, 2014 worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 vestry meeting 6:00pm

Sunday September 14, 2014 worship at 10:00am pot luck to follow

Saturday, September 27, 2014 work day at the church building. Time TBA

Saturday October 4, 2014 blessing of the animals at Manakin Market
11:00am

Bishop Gulik will be with us on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 10:00am.

Thursday, October 30, 2014 Business After Hours Chamber of Commerce
Event at St. Francis 6:00pm

TBA mid week dance performance with Aspire Dance Academy last week of
September

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For the Essex Bank that every employee would have good health, strong families, and close friends.

Diocese of Virginia

Congregations and clergy of St. Paul's, Montross; St. Peter's, Oak Grove; Grace, Stanardsville, Buck Mountain, Earlysville; Leeds, Markham; and St. Andrew's, Ada

Metropolitan Richmond

For Schools and educational institutions in Metropolitan Richmond: For all Superintendents, School Boards, School Administrators, PTAs, teachers, students, staff.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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