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St Francis



February 3, 2016

Baptizing

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Baptizing

The photo above is the view I have when I enter my office at St. Francis.

The bowl on top of the file cabinet is the baptismal bowl used for baptisms here. I put it there to remind me as soon as I walk into the office to pray for people to come to know Jesus, begin to follow Him, and be baptized. It has been ten years since there was a baptism at St. Francis. It's time to ask the

Lord for new Christians to be added to the Church through our fellowship.

Getting There

One of the last things Jesus said during his earthly life was this, "Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them . . . ". Someone's last words are usually among the most important ones they speak. As followers of Jesus these words should be very important to us. A place to start working at this, is to ask ourselves this question, "How many people have become Christians at St. Francis?" That question points us to how many people have come to faith in Christ through our fellowship. Of course we welcome anyone who transfers to St. Francis from another church. However, we must not lose sight of our call to make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them as Jesus tells us to do.

Will you join me in praying for people to come to faith in Christ through our fellowship? Is there some way you could remind yourself to do that?

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 Color Me Friends at 6:30pm at St. Francis. Contact Carol at carolsdream@gmail.com

Sunday, February 7, 2016 Worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Vestry Committee 4:00pm

Ash Wednesday Service 6:00pm

Theology On Tap 7:00pm contact Richard at richardandhedy@gmail.com

Caregivers' Support Group 7:00pm contact

Susan at sokidd@comcast.com

Sunday, February 14, 2016 Worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck

Please bring non perishable food to worship to be donated to the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Cline and Family Services

Our Missional Communities

The Parke will meet for pot luck and worship on Thursday, February 11 at 6:30pm at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker. Contact Richard at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Symphony will meet on February 28 at Symphony Manor at 9:00am.

Contact Bobbie Leviness at bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Acme Stove and Fireplace Center, Bryan Parlee, manager, for business to prosper and the value of homes in our area to increase

Diocese of Virginia

For the clergy and people of Christ Church, Spotsylvania; Trinity, Manassas; St. Peter's-in-the-Woods, Fairfax Station that they would

continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Metropolitan Richmond

For the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For a Spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions, and that all would earnestly seek to common welfare of this region.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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