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Common Prayer

our common life together consists of our worship of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Common Learning

our common life together consists of teaching one another how to be obedient to Jesus in all things

Common Service

our common life together consists of loving one another and the world as Jesus loves us

*New Sunday
Schedule*

8:45 AM

Formation Hour
Nursery (*infant to age 3*) in the new nursery rooms
Atrium (*ages 4–11*) in the Parish Hall
Youth Formation (*grades 6–12*) in the Parish Hall
Adult Formation begins in the Hospitality Area before moving to the new nave

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist
Nursery (*infant to age 3*) in the new nursery rooms
Children's Liturgy of the Word (*ages 4–7*) after Gospel Reading in the Parish Hall

*Morning Prayer
Four Days a Week!*

by Fr. Wes Gristy

Beginning Monday, August 7, we will now be offering Morning Prayer four days a week on Monday through Thursday, at 8:15 am. Incorporating into your life the rhythm of daily prayer with others will greatly shape your spiritual dispositions throughout each and every day. It is through daily Morning Prayer that “God’s people annually encounter the whole of the Holy Scriptures, daily confess their sins and praise Almighty God, and offer timely thanksgivings, petitions, and intercessions” (BCP, 6). We encourage you, whether in person or on your own, to enter the praying life of the Church.

*A New
Formation
Hour*

by Fr. Wes Gristy

Our worship of God through Word and Sacrament is at the heart of our life together, and with the construction of our new nave, we will now be able to share in this worship as a family in one service instead of two. We have been looking forward to this day since we transitioned to two services back in September of 2016.

But this day will also provide us with the opportunity to gather together before our worship service for an hour of spiritual formation. Our hope is that we will utilize this time to slow down and prepare ourselves to encounter God through an hour of community, learning, and prayer. Our Formation Hour will consist of four groupings: Nursery, the Atrium for children ages 4–11 (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd), Youth Formation, and Adult Formation.

While we are excited about this new offering to aid in our spiritual formation, we recognize that this represents a significant cultural shift for us as a church. For many years, we have become accustomed to attending a single service with our families, dismissing our children for Children’s Church during that time, and then leaving the grounds all in about two hours.

But now with our new Formation Hour, we will have the opportunity not only to extend the formation time for our children from 30 minutes to an hour, but also to provide a time of spiritual formation for our youth and adults. We believe that this additional hour will be a valuable contribution to our life together.

This shift also means that our older children will now be able to participate in the entirety of our Sunday service. We celebrate this opportunity because we believe the sooner children are able to engage in the whole Sunday liturgy, the more their hearts will be formed as followers of Jesus. For our children ages 4–7, we will still invite them after the Gospel Reading to attend Children’s Liturgy of the Word to reflect upon the day’s passages in ways appropriate for their age.

Since Sunday worship is so central to our common life together, we encourage you and your family to make the most of these weekly gatherings. We anticipate our new Sunday schedule, found on page 2, to begin on September 10.

Just One Thing

John Stott

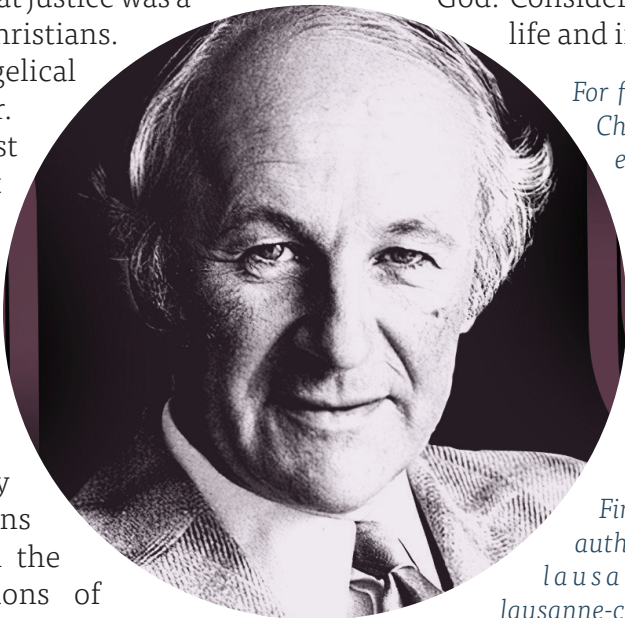
by Dr. David Thomas

Let me introduce you to John Stott. For much of the twentieth century, American Christians who sought Christian teaching that was both intellectually engaging and spiritual compelling found themselves reading British authors. John Stott was one of the most notable in a well-known cluster of Brits that included Anglicans like C. S. Lewis and J. I. Packer, and Catholics like J. R. R. Tolkien and G. K. Chesterton. Stott's theological orthodoxy reflected his deep knowledge, pastoral kindness, commitment to justice, global vision, and a literary tradition that loved graceful, concise writing. Not a professor like Lewis, Packer, and Tolkien, and not a journalist like Chesterton, Stott was a versatile, multi-faceted leader. He organized, evangelized, preached, and taught his entire adult life, cultivating the next generation of Christians and Christian leaders. As Tim Keller put it, Stott "epitomized the middle space between fundamentalism and liberalism."

Stott was a minister first. He served as deacon, rector, and rector emeritus of one church, All Souls, Langham Place, London, for his entire career, from 1945 until shortly before his death in 2011. Deeply concerned with evangelism to the next generation, Stott committed himself to the evangelism and discipleship of college students. More aware than many of the needs and opportunities in the Global South,

Stott devoted three months every year for many years to preaching and teaching overseas, mentoring indigenous church leaders. He gave all of his book royalties and speaking honoraria to fund pastoral training internationally, and founded the Lausanne Partnership, which now trains indigenous church leaders in over 130 nations (including Kenya, whence came the inaugural bishop for All Saints). Concerned that justice issues were associated primarily with the social gospel, Stott insisted that justice was a biblical responsibility for all Christians. He was a remarkable evangelical and Anglican Christian leader.

He might be most famous as an author. Stott wrote over fifty books: erudite, yet approachable; expository, yet pastoral; evangelical, yet committed to justice. His most well-known, *Basic Christianity*, was a highly influential work, translated into sixty languages, selling millions of copies, a central book in the formation of two generations of



believers. The book I've most recently read is on the work of the Holy Spirit, *Baptism and Fullness*, also a classic. Stott was committed to the biblical text and to welcoming people to come and see who Christ is. And he was always gentle, always kind.

Stott died in 2011. Rev. J. I. Packer opened his eulogy of Stott with a reference to Hebrews 13:7, which will serve me as a fitting close: "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

For further reading: John Stott, "Basic Christianity". Read the first or second edition (1958, 1971), rather than the fiftieth anniversary edition. A spiritual classic. And short!

Also recommended: Stott's "Baptism and Fullness": *The Work of the Holy Spirit Today* (1964, 1975, +). The best book I know on the Holy Spirit. And also short.

Finally, the Lausanne Covenant, authored largely by Stott: <https://lausanne.org/content/covenant/lausanne-covenant#cov>

"For the Life of the World" Pastorates

by Fr. Wes Gristy

Our life together consists of two movements: gathering to share in God's life and being sent out for the life of the world. In reality, you can't separate one from the other. Our gathering and our sending are always in a symbiotic relationship—they constantly nurture each other.

In the spring, our Pastorates more sharply focus on "sharing in the life of God" through our shared spiritual practices. We do this because the best thing we can give our world is the community we become. And then in the fall, our Pastorates give closer attention to what that "for the life of the world" witness might look like.

We are excited about the available offerings this Fall, and we encourage you to participate in one of them so that together we can continue to stir up our witness in the world. These Pastorates will begin after Labor Day and will meet into November. These groups will meet in homes, share a meal, and then explore together some aspect of our common witness to Christ and his kingdom. View the full list of offerings below and be sure to sign up on Sundays or by emailing our Parish Administrator at matthew@allsaintsjackson.com.

<p>What's so Amazing about Grace? Seeking to Make Grace the Church's Greatest Distinctive</p> <p>Facilitator: Robin Salyers & Paula Kirby</p> <p>Start Date/Time: September 12 @ 6:00pm</p>	<p>Carry the Fire: Parenting with Hope for the Life of the World</p> <p>Facilitator: Josh Krebs & Jay Beavers</p> <p>Start Date/Time: September 17 @ 6:00pm</p>	<p>The Sacrament of Neighborhood: The Holy Act of Knowing our Neighbors</p> <p>Facilitator: Olivia Abernathy & Donald Jordan</p> <p>Start Date/Time: September 6 @ 6:00pm</p>
<p>Missio Dei: Tracing the Mission of God through the Biblical Narrative and into Today's World</p> <p>Facilitator: Fr. Wes Gristy</p> <p>Start Date/Time: September 13 @ 6:00pm</p>	<p>FULL DESCRIPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING SIGNUPS</p>	
		<p>Trinitarian Ecology and the Beauty of Nature</p> <p>Facilitator: Jeremy Blaschke</p> <p>Start Date/Time: September 13 @ 6:00pm</p>

Join in Our Common Life

Youth Encounter Kickoff

All students entering 6th–12th grade are invited to the Youth Encounter Kickoff on Wednesday, August 9 at 5:45 pm at the Abernathy's (209 Russell Rd.) for a pizza and swim party. The youth will begin regular meetings every Wednesday thereafter through the fall semester.

Prayer & Fasting Day

In response to our upcoming move into the new nave, we call everyone to set aside Wednesday, August 2 for prayer and fasting. Consider joining us that day for Noonday Eucharist.

Ladies Koinonia

The ladies of All Saints are invited to join Sheila Williamson each Tuesday, beginning August 29 from 6–8pm at her home, 32 Country Club Cove in Jackson. Sheila will be leading discussion on the book, *"Joyful Journey: Listening to Immanuel"* by E. James Wilder.

An Evening of Chanting the Psalms

There's a growing number of folks at All Saints who are learning to chant the psalms. If you'd like give it a try, or practice chanting with others, join us on Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 pm. We will also have copies of the St. Bernard Psalter available for purchase for \$30 available for those who are interested.

Precept Bible Study

A 7-week study on the books of 1, 2, 3 John will begin August 31 at 9am. Contact Denise Matthews at nissisnope@gmail.com for more information.

Blessing of the Backpacks

In addition to celebrating the Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6, we also invite our children to bring their school backpacks with them to church for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks, which will occur at the end of the service during the closing blessing.

Register Your Child for the Atrium

Our children ages 4–11 have responded so well to our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd that we will now be offering this during our Formation Hour on Sundays between 8:45 and 9:45 am in the Atrium rooms in the Parish Hall. Please register your child for the upcoming fall semester so we can have a better idea of how many children to anticipate. Contact Katie Beavers at katie.a.beavers@gmail.com or the church office to register.

Common Service

Atrium Assistant Training

As we prepare to offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our children ages 4–11 during the Preparation Hour at 8:45 am on Sundays, we invite current and prospective Atrium Assistants to a dinner and training meeting on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:00 pm. Come hear what we have planned for the fall semester with our new Sunday schedule and be encouraged by the Lord's movement among our children. Contact our Lead Catechist, Katie Beavers, at katie.a.beavers@gmail.com to sign up.

Church Work Day

Make plans to join us on Saturday, August 12 for a Church Work Day. Our Garden Team will have plants for our new building's landscaping placed and ready to put into the ground as early as 8:00 am and it will be all hands on deck to help with this install before the day gets too hot.

There will be a job for each volunteer as they are able and we won't expect anyone to do a job that they can't. We want to encourage everyone to wear a hat, use sunblock or wear long sleeves, bring a lawn chair for breaks when tired, and a water bottle to stay hydrated as you go along and refill all morning. If we all pitch in where we can, our grounds will be looking immaculate in no time.

Are We Ready for the New Nave?

by Fr. Wes Gristy

I bet you feel like we've been ready for the new nave for two or three years now! I know I have! Yes, we are all chomping at the bit to be together in one service in that beautiful space that awaits us so we can worship God as one family. It can't come soon enough. But not so fast...

You should know that our new nave does not come ready with any furniture or provisions: nursery cribs, cleaning supplies, choir vestments, altar vessels, coffee makers, and the like. No, these items, most of which we either have or have already purchased, must be moved in and set up. That's right—we have work to do!

And we should also know that our new nave will require most all of our Sunday volunteers to be trained according to the design of our new building: ushers, acolytes, sound techs, nursery workers, LEMs, lectors, and more. Even our choir needs to be beefed up so that our larger nave can be filled with more voices. That's right—we have work to do!

But here's the catch. We can't do any of this—moving stuff in, training volunteers, choir rehearsals—until we secure our long-awaited Certificate of Occupancy (otherwise known in the biz as the "CO"). So get ready: once we receive the CO, we will sound the alarm, call for all hands on deck, get to work, and get situated in and trained for our new nave! It'll be here before you know. Will you be ready?

Toward a Mission Abbey

by Fr. Wes Gristy

Around seven years ago, we at All Saints Anglican Church began to dream about what it might look like to develop our 10-acre property as an outgrowth of our mission “to share in the life of God for the life of the world.” And we did so by giving special attention to the two components of our mission: the inward or contemplative component, “sharing in the life of God,” and the outward or active component, “for the life of the world.”

An Abbey. The contemplative component of our mission led us to imagine developing our property into what we call an Abbey. An Abbey is a place for a community to come together “to share in the life of God” through rhythms of rest, learning, and prayer. It is a place of retreat and refuge from the world, a sacred setting affording the opportunity to encounter God through meditation, silence, and beauty.

As a place of communal prayer, we believe the heartbeat of our campus must be the regular worship of God in Word and Sacrament, which is why our new nave is placed in the center of our property. In future phases, other buildings and spaces will be developed around this location, including areas such as a prayer labyrinth, an outdoor Stations of the Cross, gardens, pavilions and patios, and even a small prayer chapel—places that will always be open to the parish as well as to the public.

As an Abbey, we also want to be a place for counseling and spiritual direction, for support groups and special events, and for retreats and various prayer services. It is our hope that our property will be a destination for those who long to be still and know the love and presence of God.

A Mission. The active component of our mission led us also to imagine developing our property into what we call a Mission. A Mission is a launching pad for ministering to our local community, a place from which we equip and train others to be the people of God “for the life of the world” through rhythms of service and generosity.

Furthermore, a Mission is a place designed for shared use. We hope to make many of our spaces—meeting rooms, offices, parish hall, kitchen, grounds—available to local ministries for work that contributes to kingdom expansion, and to do so on a regular basis so that our campus becomes a bustling hub of good works.

As a Mission, we also want to be a place from which new ministries develop, so that, after

being birthed from All Saints, they might even become entities in and of themselves—ministries whose scope of service reach far beyond what our parish can do on its own. It is our hope that our property will be a destination for those who long to extend the love and presence of God to others.

Mission Abbey. As we continue to develop our 10-acre property along the lines of these two components of our mission, we hope that what emerges is both an Abbey and a Mission, or put together, a Mission Abbey—our church’s mission coming to life on this property at 212 McClellan Road.

Our desire is that the Mission Abbey becomes an open campus for all people “to share in the life of God for the life of the world”—to experience prayer and retreat, learning and formation, and service to others. Here are some of the types of activities that might occur at the Mission Abbey:

- Weekly Sunday services for All Saints Anglican Church
- Daily Morning Prayer
- Opportunities for Healing Prayer
- Meetings and Conferences for Nonprofits
- Individual Therapy, Counseling, Spiritual Direction
- Support Groups, Educational Opportunities, Spiritual Retreats, Art Festivals

In short, the Mission Abbey is not the new nave. It is not the various green spaces that will be scattered throughout our campus for prayer and contemplation. It is not the regular worship services or the manifold ministries happening at 212 McClellan. The Mission Abbey is all of this together and more; it is All Saints stewarding its property according to its mission “to share in the life of God for the life of the world.”



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