

Men's Club

AKA - "Let's Get Together for Dinner!"

1. Who are the members? Male members of St. Thomas, plus their friends.

2. When and where is the meeting? First Thursday night of each month at 6:30 in the kitchen.

3. What do they do? Besides enjoy a great, home-cooked meal, they have an informal program and work on projects.

4. What kind of projects? Stuff like Shrimpfest, Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner, birthday cakes once a month for everyone celebrating, coffee after the 11:00 worship service, and donating funds to worthy community and church works.

5. Who are the officers?

Pres. - Larry Johnson 349-7688
Treas. - Richard Piazza 349-5827

Freda & Bob Lee Watt's Granddaughter Baptized!

But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The excerpt above from the Second Reading of the worship service Sunday, October 27, perfectly reflects the congregation of St. Thomas as they participated in responses of the Baptism service for Addison McNair Marin, daughter of Nancy and Mark Marin, and granddaughter of Freda and Bob Lee Watt.

Beautiful baby pink roses on the altar were given in honor of "Addie" by her Watt grandparents. Godparents for Addie are Elizabeth Drewry Watt, Brad Edward Vannoy, Kristensen Watt Rogers, Lisa Marin Main, and Kevin Hugh Main.

Following the service, the Watts hosted a family luncheon at their home.



Proud grandparents, Bob Lee and Fred Watt "show off" beautiful Addison McNair Marin, baptized at St. Thomas on Sunday, October 27.

PLEASE CONTACT ST. THOMAS TO REQUEST:

- ?? Home Eucharist
- ?? Names to be added or deleted from the bulletin Prayer List
- ?? Home visit
- ?? A date to honor or remember a loved one with flowers on the altar
- ?? A wedding date
- ?? Adding or deleting a name to the church mailing list
- ?? Adding your email address to the church data information
- ?? A Baptism date
- ?? Next date of Confirmation and class schedule

Christian Concert:

"Come & Worship Tour"

Michael W. Smith

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Third Day

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Max Lucado

LJVM Coliseum, Winston Salem

November 7th @ 7:00 p.m.

\$25 / 722-6400

ticketmaster.com/seating chart

This and That

Dear St. Thomas' Episcopal Church,

Our commitment to bear witness to the Gospel through deeds of kindness is only enhanced by the generous support we receive from the community. Our mission to minister to those in need is a challenging yet rewarding task.

Your continued support of the Reidsville Outreach Center, in word and deed, is recognized and greatly appreciated. The sustaining power of the R.O.C. is a direct result of support such as this.

kindest regards,
 Kay Andrews, Sec.

October Church & Sunday School Attendance



	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
8:30 Service	21	12	21	14
11:00 Service	54	60	56	86
Nursery	5	3	3	5
Pre-Sch-2nd	2	2	3	2
3rd-5th	5	3	3	2
Middle Sch.	2	2	1	2
High School	5	5	3	5
Tiny Saints	3	2	4	3
Adult Class	20	14	17	10

**Annual Parish
Meeting
November 17
11:00 Service
VESTRY
NOMINATIONS:
Anne Montaigne
Caitlin Ferguson
Todd Walker**

**As the end of the year draws near—
consider the St. Thomas' Endowment Fund**

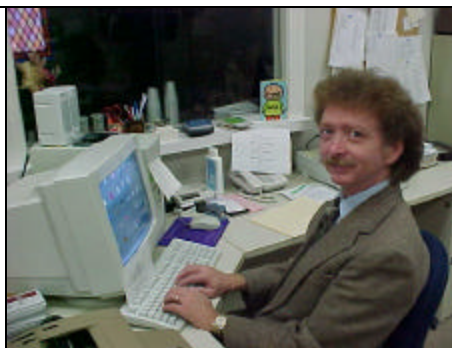
Recent Gifts Received From:

Scott & Jimmy Trotter

Harriet & John Garrett

What Can You See & Find on the St. Thomas' Website?

- ?? Current Calendar of Events
- ?? June 2001 Sermons to Present
- ?? New *Tidings* Newsletter
- ?? Ongoing Pictorial Scrapbook
- ?? Episcopal Church & Community Links
- ?? **More & More & More & More!!**



John Bullock, Webmaster for St. Thomas donates many hours creating and updating the **OUTSTANDING** St. Thomas' Website.

Congratulations!!

ECW Raffle Winners:

1st Prize: Anne Donecker

2nd Prize: Joanne Carlson

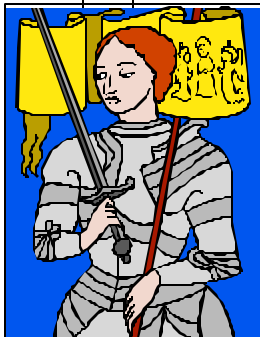
3rd Prize: Susan Fitzgibbon

All Saints' Day - November 1

Bill Oldland's History Lesson

A major feast day, All Saints' Day celebrates the lives of all known and unknown Christian Saints. The earliest reference to this feast is in the writings of St. Ephrem Syrus who died in 373.

St. Chrysostom, who died in 407, also recorded that the feast had been assigned a specific day in the church year—the first Sunday after Pentecost. This is when the Eastern churches, Russian Orthodox, and Eastern Orthodox celebrate it.



Western churches celebrate on November first because Gregory III began this tradition by dedicating a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to All Saints' on that day.

We will celebrate All Saints' Day with two special services:

?? **Friday, Nov. 1 at 7:00 p.m. Zion Baptist Church** - combined choirs from both churches will provide the music for worship; Rev. Patrick Cheston will officiate and Rev. Bill Oldland will preach the sermon

?? **Sunday, Nov. 3** at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in our church; Special Music provided by the Giannini Brass and David Wolfeck

To add the name of a loved one to the All Saints' List that will be read during the 11:00 service, please call the church at 349-3511 OR visit the church website where you may add names via email directly to the church office.

For links with more information about All Saints' Day or Saints' Lives and Celebrations, visit: www.stthomasreidsville.org



Giannini Brass on All Saints' Sunday

The Giannini Brass was formed in 1989 by alumni of the North Carolina School of the Arts (NCSA). The group was named after Vittorio Giannini, American composer

and educator, who founded NCSA.

Currently, members of the Giannini Brass perform in nearly all of the professional orchestras in the Carolinas, and have toured and performed with

orchestras and chamber music ensembles throughout the United States and Europe. The Giannini Brass performs in a variety of unusual and interesting performance settings, including multi-media planetarium concerts, with symphony orchestras, and on radio and television stations.

The Giannini Brass have collaborated with Charles Vernon, bass trombonist of the Chicago Symphony, and Sam Pilafian, founding member of the Empire Brass, and currently Travelin' Light. Since 1999-2000, the Giannini Brass have been artists-in-residence at Classical WDAV 89.9, the fine arts radio station for Charlotte, and surrounding areas. The Giannini Brass is a Yamaha performing ensemble.

More information about the group available at:

www.stthomasreidsville.org

How I Came to Visit Ground Zero

By: Bettie Benton Rhodes

Sometimes things happen that lead to other things, and later, you look back and think, "Wow! All these things fell into place and look where I am."

Well, that's what happened to me.

One minute, I was going to the National Happening Leadership Conference in Pennsylvania in July, with 3 other adults and 8 high school students. And the next minute, I was at Ground Zero in New York City on October 5 - a moment I will never forget.

Yes, some things happened between these events. During our three days at the NHLC in Wilkes-Barre, PA, I felt led to apply and be interviewed to be on the Happening National Committee (HNC). So, I did!

This committee meets twice a year in various locations in the U.S. It oversees Happening, A Christian Experience and plans the biannual NHLC.

Made up of 11 people, the committee includes: 2 clergy, 3 lay adults, and 6 youth. All are from all over the country.

To make a long story shorter, I somehow was elected to be on the committee and I was VERY excited!

The first meeting was in Cherry Hill, NJ October-3-6 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. We all flew into "Philly" and were taken to homes in the community. During the weekend, we met at the church, worked on evaluations from the July NHLC, the Quality Control Manual for Happening, the national newsletter and website, and lots of other stuff. We finished our work by early Saturday afternoon.

It was decided that the group would ride the train into "the city." We arrived at Penn Station and took the subway to the General Episcopal Seminary in order to meet our Executive Director, Charlie Deaton, whose wife is a student there. We took another subway to the site of the World Trade Center.

Together and in silence, our group



walked around the large fenced area of Ground Zero. It was a profound, surreal, emotional experience that we shared with hundreds of other silent people walking around the site. A powerful symbol was found at the bottom of the rubble. It has been mounted—just as it was found—two steel beams creating a cross.

Not far from this cross, our group formed a silent circle and held hands. With tears streaming down our faces and voices breaking, we recited the 23rd Psalm and the Prayer of St. Francis. Rev. Harry Grace of NY said a prayer, asking for peace.

There really are no words to describe this moment—I stood there representing Happening in the Diocese of NC. And our small group stood there for each of the Happenings across the country. . . NC beside California beside NY beside Maine beside Pennsylvania beside Florida beside Texas beside Indiana beside Mississippi beside Oklahoma beside Georgia beside NJ. . .



If you have a story, book review, poem, devotional piece, prayer, etc. you'd like to share in the newsletter, please contact the church office:
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