

# A Voice in the Wilderness



## ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2007

### The Rector's Remarks

Wes Shields



This is an exciting time in the church season when all of our programs and activities resume. Our Wednesday School program will begin on September 12<sup>th</sup> right after school. This is for all kids ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. If you know of a child who does not attend our church, but might like to join our program, please extend an invitation.

Our youth program for middle school and high school will begin on September 19 at 7 pm. After two years of serving as our youth coordinator, Katie McClure has decided that is time to step down and concentrate on other ministries. While we are sad to see Katie go, I am very excited to announce that Elizabeth Miller will be taking over this position. I am confident that her skills and enthusiasm will be a real asset to our program. Make sure to thank Katie and Elizabeth if you get the chance.

Last but not least is our Adult Christian Education program. It will begin on Wednesday September 19 at 5:45 pm. The Rev. Bob Eldan will be here to talk to us about deacons. This should be an interesting look at the history, role, and function of deacons as well as finding out what to do if we have someone who would like to be a deacon. The rest of the schedule is as follows per your requests:

**September 19-** What is the Deaconate? The Rev. Bob Eldan presenting

**September 26** – Why do we do the things we do on Sunday?

**October 10, 17, 24** – Episcopal Church History

**November 7, 14-** Discerning God's Call

**November 28 and December 5-** Prayer

**December 12-** Christmas Facts and celebration

Please let me know if you have any questions and remember that we will maintain our summer hours, 8am and 9am services, through September and we will resume our 9 am and 11 am schedule on October 7. Take care and God bless.

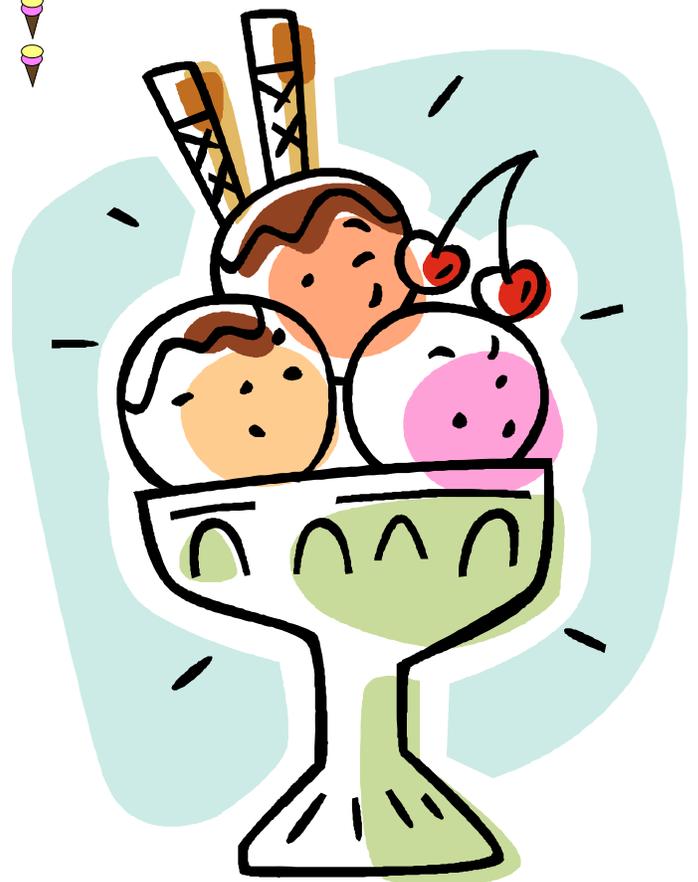
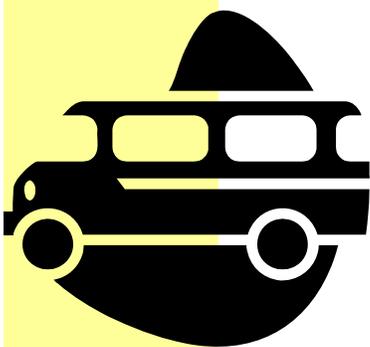
# Wednesday School kicks off with a Sundae Party!

For kids ages 4  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Retirement Center Service 10:45 am	4 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	5	6 Wednesday School 3:15 pm		8
9	10 Retirement Center Service 10:45 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	11 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	12 Wednesday School Kick-off Sundaes Party 3:15 pm	13 Adult Christian Ed 5:45 pm Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm		15
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30 Bishop Strickland Visit Potluck after 9:00 am service						

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## Mission Trip, Camp Coast Care - Gulfport, Mississippi

St. Mark's, Casper is sponsoring a work mission trip to Camp Coast Care in Gulfport, Mississippi, in October. The group will leave Casper on the evening of Oct. 11 and return Oct. 21. At this time, 5 people (2 women and 3 men) are signed up. There is room for 1 more man and 1 more woman in the vehicle we will drive; we have reservations at the Camp dorm for 7 people. We will stay one night en route (it's a 2-day drive) (Oct. 12 and Oct. 20) at St. Gregory's Abbey outside Oklahoma City. The deadline for applications for the 2 remaining slots is August 20. The CCC website shows a smaller, new volunteer building than the St Mark's Mission Trip to Gulf Coast school gym we all stayed in 2005 and 2006. The work now is mainly renovating and rebuilding houses, maintaining (cleaning, etc.) the dormitory, and cooking for the volunteers. Contact Deacon Leigh Earle at 237-5851 for information. Check the CCC website—<http://campcoastcare.com> --For background information and updates on needs. If others around the Diocese want to fly or drive separately and meet our group at the Camp, that would be wonderful, but reservations must be made to stay in the dorm.

Leigh Earle 237-5851  
Christi Humphrey 258-2524



## PIE SALE MONEY

**Where does it go? 25% to Nets for Life**

Each year, nearly 500 million people contract malaria. Africa has one of the highest malaria infection rates in the world. Annually it is estimated that one million people die from malaria worldwide, with nearly 90% (900,000) of deaths occurring in Africa. It is the leading cause of death in children under five years old and kills one in 20 children on the continent. Pregnant women and their unborn babies are also vulnerable to malaria.

Episcopal Relief and Development is an implementing partner of the NetsforLifeSM malaria prevention program. NetsforLifeSM aims to distribute one million long-lasting insecticide-treated nets and educate three to four million people in 16 countries in sub Saharan Africa. The program will teach people of malaria disease and prevention through community health education and awareness programs. NetsforLifeSM is a consortium of funding and implementing partners that work through Churches and ecumenical partners in Africa to mobilize grassroots communities to prevent, recognize, and treat malaria. Corporate sponsors of NetsforLifeSM include Standard Chartered Bank, Coca-Cola Africa Foundation and ExxonMobil.

The NetsforLifeSM comprehensive malaria prevention program:

- promotes the importance of sleeping under long-lasting insecticide-treated nets (LLITNs),
- trains individuals in household and community vector control techniques, such as eliminating standing pools of water
- advocates for the treatment of malaria infection through anti-malarial drug treatments and Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs).

For more information, please go to <http://www.netsforlifeafrica.org/>

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Vestry Meeting  
August 13, 2007

## August Vestry Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Present: Wes, Gail Grubb, Barb Wise, Dave Lankford, Jordan Vana, Cheryl Essington, Jon Boroff

Action items listed in Red.

The meeting was opened in prayer.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Jordan moved to accept the minutes as drafted, Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jordan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Warden:** Jim Well's family is interested in a memorial plaque. Cheryl will work with Gail to take care of this. Gail has been approached and it was suggested that the vestry focus on greeting newcomers.

**Rector's Report:** Wes asked that we keep members in our prayers. There is a need for more Christian Education in Big Piney. Jordan moved that Wes spend one night a week in Big Piney helping them establish a strong program, Dave seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Junior Warden:** Railing needs stained, and windows need work. Jon will advertise for helpers.

### New Business:

**1. Planning for Adult Christian Education.** The Vestry discussed ways to educate St. Andrew's on the importance of ministry in our own lives and ways to approach the congregation. Jordan will meet with Wes to discuss more suggestions.

**2. Grants.** Gail submitted the drafted grant to the Vestry. Barb moved that Gail submit the grant as drafted, Jordan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Service times.** The Vestry decided to extend the service times through September. Cheryl will put announcement in bulletin and newsletter.

**4. Cancellation of Lease:** Gail amended the date of cancellation and signed it to be returned to the CPC Board of Directors.

**5. Donation Request:** Barb moved to donate \$500.00 to Ava Bell to enable her ministry in Ecuador. Gail seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Cheryl will contact Phil with the information.

**Open Discussion:** Barb would like the Vestry to discuss a microphone system for the next meeting.

Cheryl will contact Cally about the website.

Dave will call Wes and set up a time to discuss outreach program.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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## Dates to Remember:

**Service times continue at  
8:00 am and 9:00 am  
thru September**

**Vestry Meeting  
Sept. 10th, 7:00 pm  
St. Andrew's**

**Wednesday School Starts!  
Sept. 12th—After School  
Please pick-up kids no later  
than 5:00 pm at the church**

**Adult Christian  
Education Starts!  
Sept. 19th—5:45 pm  
St. Andrew's**

**Middle & High School  
Youth Programs Begin!  
Sept. 19th—7:00 pm  
St. Andrew's**

**Bishop Strickland is Here  
Sept. 30th  
Potluck following the  
9:00 am service**