



# St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

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Dear Friends,

WARNING! REMOVE ALL SHARP OBJECTS BEFORE READING. WARNING!

Failure is one of my greatest gifts. I'm good at it. I don't like it, but I'm good at it. Now, before you write or pull me aside to tell me it isn't my fault, please know that I understand that. I'm also told that everything isn't about me. Nevertheless, I like to wallow in my failures for a time. I suppose that's because, for me, there is something quite calming about it. You see, when the first (or 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>, or...) attempt is finished, the pressure is off. It's only then that I surrender. It's only then that I am released and rest comes. It's only then that I am calmed and can learn. It's only then that I am released from struggle. It's only then that I can open and become ready to see new possibilities.

All that is to preface this: Victory Café is over for a while. For those who are not familiar with it, Victory Café was a monthly gathering of homeless and impoverished musicians and performance artists at St. Barnabas. It was, and still is, the dream of a homeless man named George. For several months, anywhere from 5 to 15 people performed for and with one another. We learned that there are many tremendously gifted people who live on the fringes of the community. We notice some of them some of the time. Some stand on the corners holding signs asking for help. Some gather for meals at Greensboro Urban Ministry. Some even sleep there or at the Salvation Army for a time. Some set up house in the entrances of downtown stores at night only to move every morning. Some live under bridges or in tent cities along the railroad line. Some even seek shelter in the work-shed models at Lowes and Home Depot.

For a time, we created space and time at St. Barnabas so we all could be together. The Café was a gift of God. I believe it fed us all. Despite this, the causes of their impoverishment and

homelessness were never addressed. Just a few of those causes are addiction, mental illness, legal issues, bankruptcy, physical and mental handicap, and temporary life circumstances. After each Victory Café ended, we drove those with whom we had broken bread and laughed downtown. Some were dropped off at Urban Ministry. Three were dropped off at a small house without lights. Some were dropped off along the railroad line. Others were dropped off at a variety of locations along Elm Street. The sanctuary time that we created together came to an abrupt end just a few hours after it began each time.

Just because I and we can accept the suspension of Victory Café in it's present incarnation, nothing stops us from resurrecting it in a new form. Likewise, nothing stops us from addressing the root causes of the poverty these friends of ours live with daily. I would like to invite all who would be interested in some reflection and some creative imagination to gather for some discussion during the time between Sunday morning services for the remainder of the month. We have learned a lot. Let's choose not to let this end as "failure". Any step toward justice, mercy, grace, and community isn't failure. These are just chances to breathe after the pressure is released. At that point, we can reflect, calm one another, love one another, rest, learn, and open ourselves to attempts number 1, 2, 3, 4,... Ultimately, all we can and should do is love the kingdom of God into reality. Or, as Bruce Cockburn said in his song, "Lovers in a Dangerous Time", we commit to "kick at the darkness till it bleeds daylight".

The Struggle Continues,

Randall+

"Lovers in a Dangerous Time" , Bruce Cockburn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKjgJ3oLJqE>

## Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Bruce Cockburn - Lovers in a Dangerous Time (Bing Lounge)



## Deacon's Corner

I was just thinking the other day just how FAST Summer has come and is almost gone! I could relish some cooler temperatures, but Southern temperatures are just that, Hot and Humid.

As we move into the busy-ness of getting ready for School, coming back from vacations, just plain work, and other responsibilities, I'd like to share with you that maybe we can hold onto some of the special times we've experienced this Summer: vacations with friends and family, days at the beach or pool, trips to the mountains, working in the garden and having all those great tasting vegetables from the harvest.

We gear up so quickly and forget those times in Summer when we just relaxed, enjoyed a schedule that may have been less demanding, or just had time to BE and enjoy nature in full bloom around us. As you get ready for Fall and all its activities, make sure to save a small part of your day or week to be quiet, to relax, and to savor the blessings you had during the Summer. Save a spot in your day to just take time to pray, to read scripture, or to just be still so that Jesus can speak to you in the quiet and stillness. The time does not have to be so long, but it is important to refresh your Soul as well as your Body so that you can meet the demanding times of the days ahead in Fall.

Peace and calm can come in small bits and pieces, so take time to just Be Yourselves and savor the memories of Summer.

In Christ,  
Leslie +

## Senior Warden's Note

Allen and I are back from a wonderful 3-week vacation with multiple family members in my family and my sister's, who all shared one big house with one big kitchen. It took some coordination for it to run smoothly, and sometimes that resulted from a little reminder by myself or my sister. When I went to church today for Women's Group I was aware of many different church members taking care of the church/church services: Bill Myers working in the yard, Ann Carter checking the styrofoam recycle bin, Dolores Wieselquist putting food donations in the Servant Center box, discussions among the women of which church members needed food/help and various other people in the garden. I was reminded that our church family is much like other families. So as with my other family situation where I sometimes am a "reminder", I'm going to be a reminder for my church family. I know that a lot of people in our church do a lot for the church, and I am thankful St. B is that kind of church. But sometimes I think things get done and we all see the results, but don't think about who did it, the effort it took, and whether that person could use even a little bit of help. So I am asking that each of us, as we go to church and walk in, that we view the beautiful yard, plentiful garden, neat and clean sanctuary and other rooms, enjoy coffee hour and think about all the other things done where there is not physical presence. Then think about how all those things get done, who does them and can we help in any way even for 30-60 minutes 2 or 3 times per month.

Thankfully and prayerfully,  
Mary Lee Rembert

Community Prayer List – Joanna Conner Genapolos, Mary Jane Foote, Bud Leckie, Maria De Jesus, Laurie Bills, Bishop Marble, Ann Fincke, Judy Brown, Cameron, Carson, Mitzi Gray, Frances Foote, James Hoots, Christopher Wolfe, David Merriman, George, Walter, Evelin, & Alex, Bob Donaghy, Debbie Felker, Dolores Wieselquist & Family, Jennie Johnson, Anne Carter, Bonnie Pruitt, Linda Lewis, Carolyn McLean, Chris Meacham, Tiffany Patrick, Graham Gersdorff, Davilynn & Bill Furlow, Marvin Aycock, Peggy Reeve, Roger McFarland, Rose Mertz. For those who have died: Audrey McKinney.



**It's summertime, please keep your pledges up. Thanks.**

**Sunday School begins September 11<sup>th</sup>.**



### **Tutor One Child – Change Two Lives**

In the summer of 2016, approximately 7,400 students in grades 1-3

were invited to attend summer school because they were identified as needing extra help in reading, writing and spelling. Of the 7,400 invited, 2,800 attended. Summer school lasted only 15 days, so these children and those who could not attend for various reasons need our help.

**The Augustine Literacy Project/Guilford County, NC (ALP/GCNC)** seeks to support these children with free tutoring lessons with a volunteer tutor who is trained in systematic reading strategies that directly support the work being done in the GCS classrooms. Tutors are trained and provided with appropriate materials to directly support each child's needs.

**Volunteers work with one child, twice weekly, after school and at the child's school.** Presently ALP/GCNC works with children at Oak Hill Elementary and Guilford Elementary schools.

The next training will be held beginning September 6-9 and 12-15 at All Saints Episcopal Church from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. The training not only provides an introduction to the materials and procedures, but offers opportunities to practice with a child, before beginning actual tutoring.

For more information about the program and how to become an ALP tutor, visit our website at [alpguilfordnc.weebly.com](http://alpguilfordnc.weebly.com) or contact us at [alpguilfordnc@gmail.com](mailto:alpguilfordnc@gmail.com).

You can also contact one of our tutors, Nancy Poulos, a member of St. Barnabas.

Sue Mercier, ALP/GCNC Director

### **One Step Further Food Pantry and The Servant Center**

The One Step Further food pantry at The Servant Center continues to try to meet the growing needs of the community, especially with children and young people still on summer vacation. Also The Servant Center Shelter Kitchen is now feeding 21 disabled veterans.

One Step Further food pantry needs remain the same:

- ✓ **Protein Sources** such as canned tuna, salmon, beef stew, soups, Spam, and peanut butter, dried beans
- ✓ **Canned Vegetables** such as greens (turnip, collard, mixed greens), mixed vegetables, peas, tomatoes, corn, and green beans.
- ✓ **Canned Fruits**
- ✓ **Misc. Items** such as dry milk, flour, rice, oatmeal, cereal, macaroni & cheese.

The kitchen at the Servant Center Shelter can use items that can be used for cooking in large quantities like rice, dried beans, canned vegetables and flour.

***Thanks to everyone for your continued support and to those who help in delivering our food donations each week.***



### **Coming Soon, What a Deal!**

The "Attractions" coupon books will be in soon, and better than ever. At \$25 cheap, you get \$10 to \$15 coupons to thirty of your favorite restaurants (like Liberty Oak, Positano, Café Pasta, Bravo, Mark's, 1618). There are also hundreds of fast food "buy one, get one free" coupons to places like Elizabeth's Pizza, Qdoba, PieWorks, Papa John's, Penn Station, Salsarita's, and even Burger King. If that's not enough, it offers 20% off coupons at stores like Walgreens and Ace Hardware (which are redeemable at Home Depot and Lowe's), and up to \$ 25 towards a Sam's Club membership.

## Low Country Shrimp Boil

On August 27 at 4:00 pm, we are going to put on a Low Country Shrimp Boil in honor of the Navarro family. The Navarro's have given so much to St. Barnabas. Sue is Chair of the Altar Guild. Luis was our Junior Warden for two years and has fixed more broken stuff around here than Carter has liver pills.

If you have never had a Low Country Boil, google it. It will be fantastic! Let us know if you have any allergies or the like (as we all know, Randall is "allergic" to squash). Bring an outdoor chair and your favorite "beverage".

An RSVP Sheet will be on the table in the foyer. We need to know how much stuff to get. And, we will gladly accept your donations to cover the cost.



### **August Birthdays**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Erin Campfield, Sarah Barskevicius
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ieva Barskevicius
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Elda Aquino
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Lane Elms
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Libby McCandless
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Jane Maddocks, William Heroy
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Ann Long



- August 5<sup>th</sup> – Doug & Karen Meacham
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Jack & Helen Alford

### **Parish Directory Update**

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