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*Matthew
Come
and follow
me!*

A Word From Our Rector

“As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

Matthew 9:9

When one chooses a vocation, or has a position thrust upon himself, we usually would not pick a job that would cause the neighborhood to literally hate and despise him. The tax collector during the first century in Israel was one of the most hated individuals in the community.

To be a tax collector or a “publican” in the time of Jesus was to be part of a group that was viewed as collaborators. The Roman occupation armies, when they captured nations, demanded tribute from their newly won territories. In order to keep their costs down, the Roman conquerors would use local people to serve as their ‘tax gatherers,’ in order to bring in much needed revenues to feed the Empire. In Palestine, this group of publicans was disliked by both the Roman troops, as well as native-born Jews of Israel. It was considered unclean to use money that was not of the nation of Israel, which was one of the reasons why there were money changers in the Temple precincts. Jewish scribes, would change the Roman coins for Jewish, and then the “clean” coins could be used to purchase the animals used in ritual sacrifice in the Temple worship.

Added to this collaboration by native-born residents of Israel, was the added insult of a “carrying fee,” or an “excise tax” by the publican, and one could see that the tax collector had very few friends—with the exception of other tax collectors!

Into this sign of the times, Levi, son of Alphaeus, had a booth set up in the rather prosperous town of Capernaum, hometown of Jesus, late of Nazareth. No doubt Levi, later to be called Matthew, had heard the stories of this itinerant preacher; he might have actually heard him speak about this understanding of the “kingdom of God.” No wonder then, when Jesus appeared at his booth, Levi was captivated by the call, “Follow me.” What was going through his mind? Was Matthew simply intrigued by this call? Or was he confused and conflicted as to his duty

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toward his people, and the ability to be prosperous in a hostile society? Or just maybe, it was the life of sin and separation that caused him to seek something larger than himself?

Whether Levi actually walked out of his booth there and then doesn't even matter. It may well be that he often looked back to that moment as the time when something ended and something began. Life is often like that; it's dividing lines appear clear and neat only in retrospect. But that was the moment when Levi said, "Yes," probably like the rest of them, not knowing quite what he was saying. Yes to, but knowing only a person who called and who had to be followed. It changed him deeply and forever. He expressed that change in his name. Because he always felt that the encounter was worth more than all the calculations and contracts in his ledgers, he saw it as a gift without price. So he became Matthew, a "gift from God."

Like Matthew, we are in the quest for the "gift from God." We seek to modify the old ways of living, which have drawn us away from the love of God and our

fellow Christians. While most of us are not the extreme social outcast as the evangelist, we do seek to hear the voice of the Master who calls us to follow Him.

The continuation of the text quoted from Matthew's account of the Gospel, has Jesus sharing table fellowship with those who have been either marginalized, or forgotten entirely by the society into which they were born. The inclusiveness of the kingdom of God has Jesus witting with the very people who lack the theological sophistication. When questioned by the Pharisees as to why Jesus would deign to sit with those who are "the great unwashed," Jesus replies that only the sick have need of a physician. Nobody needs God as much as those who have separated themselves from the Lord. By inviting outcasts to His table, Jesus is extending to them God's healing grace and love.

By readily accepting the Lord's call to disciple-

ship, Matthew is in direct contrast to the members of the religious establishment who are offended by the offering of God's grace to all. By openly extending hospitality to those considered to be social outcasts, Jesus presents a radically different understanding of forgiveness and redefines acceptable social boundaries.

Nobody in the Gospels ever got to be a disciple of Jesus by volunteering. You become a disciple of Jesus only on the basis of a call, not because you decide to put yourself at His disposal. Jesus reminds us, "You did not choose me but I chose you," (Jn. 15:16)—as His way of explaining without any qualifications or moral training, rather He chooses us by virtue of His grace. Matthew stands as a prototype of the modern Christian—an unlikely chosen one who nevertheless yields to the call with the power of one's total self. It's a decision all disciples have to make, yet one that can't be forced or stuffed down anyone's throat. It is rather, reaffirmed every day, as we seek to understand the Lord's call, "Come and follow!"

Our Building Fund

Even as this issue of the "Canterbury Tales" goes to print, we have finally received the permits to begin our Building Expansion project.

With our many delays and false starts behind us, we are now ready to commence construction, and we'll be seeing a "new look" here at St. Augustine's over the next few months, as our new parish hall, library, expanded nave, and other improvements begin to take shape. Our financial picture, in spite of the current market fluctuations, continues to remain strong. Of the **148 people** who have pledged so far, we have **\$638,173 .00 pledged** to the new construction; of which **\$324,678.00 has already been received**. Our goal is approximately \$900,000.00 and we are hoping that others will be so called, as well to contribute to this new ministry for our parish.

If you haven't pledged as of yet, won't you take a moment and consider your gift for ongoing work Christ in our parish. Your gift, along with your friends and fellow parishioners will enable us to complete our work and look ahead to a new future for St. Augustine of Canterbury Church.

Matthew — Gift of God!



“Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him: Follow me.” Jesus saw Matthew, not merely in the usual sense, but more significantly with his merciful understanding of humankind.

He saw the tax collector and, because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him, he said to him: “Follow me.” This following meant imitating the pattern of his life—not just walking after him. Saint John tells us: “Whoever says he bides in Christ ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”

“And he rose and followed him.” There is no reason for surprise that the tax collector abandoned earthly wealth as soon as the Lord commanded him. Nor should one be amazed that neglecting his wealth, he joined a band whose leader had, on Matthew’s assessment, no riches at all. Our Lord summoned Matthew by speaking to him in words. By an invisible, interior impulse flooding his mind with the light of grace, he instructed him to walk in his footsteps. In this way Matthew could understand that Christ, who was summoning him away from earthly possessions, had incorruptible treasures of heaven in his gift.

“As he sat at table in the house, behold many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples.” This conversion of one tax collector gave many, those from his own profession and other sinners, an example of repentance and pardon. Notice also the happy and true anticipation of his future status as apostle and teacher of the nations. No sooner was he converted than Matthew drew after him a while crowd of sinners along the same road to salvation. He took up his appointed duties while still taking his first steps in the faith, and from that hour he fulfilled his obligation and thus grew in merit.

To see a deeper understanding of the great celebration Matthew held at his house, we must realize that he not only gave a banquet for the Lord at his earthly residence, but far more pleasing was the banquet set in his own heart which he provided through faith and love. Our Savior attests to this: “Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me.”

On hearing Christ’s voice, we open the door to receive him, as it were, when we freely assent to his promptings and when we give ourselves over to doing what must be done. Christ, since he dwells in the hearts of his chosen one through the grace of his love, enters so that he might eat with us and we with him. He ever refreshes us by the light of his presence insofar as we progress in our devotion to and longing for the things of heaven. He himself is delighted by such a pleasing banquet.

A reading from a sermon of Bede, the Venerable, priest and monk of Jarrow, 735 A. D.

Out of Darkness

Dear Friends,

On October 9, 2011, we will again be joining with thousands of walkers in the Out of the Darkness Community Walks to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). This year we will be walking in Palm Beach.

The Kelly family has been personally touched by suicide. July 10, 2008, Nancy’s nephew, Jeff Yule, took his own life. He was 26 years old. He was a friendly, bright, athletic young man and we will never know why he chose to leave us. Jeff’s memorial service was held at St. Augustine’s and we were overwhelmed with the outpouring of love shown to us. In September, we will be accepting donations for AFSP in the Parish Hall, after church. Or, please consider making a donation in the name of “Jeff’s Wolverine’s” at www..OutOfTheDarkness.org. AFSP is dedicated to funding research, suicide prevention and education programs, and support for survivors of suicide loss, mental health professionals and the public. Our support will reduce suffering and the loss of life from suicide as well as end the broad stigma that surrounds it.

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<p>The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 11</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 9:30 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist Youth Group Night of Joy@ Disney</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 6:30 Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 American Heritage Series</p>
<p>The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 18</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 8:00 Bloodmobile 9:15 Christian Forum 9:30 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 11:30 D.O.K. Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 6:30 Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 American Heritage Series</p>
<p>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 25</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 9:30 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 The Vestry 7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 6:30 Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 American Heritage Series</p>

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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			5:30 Holy Eucharist
<p>7</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p> <p>7:00 Church School Teachers Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girls Scouts</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 DOK Assembly Lake Placid</p> <p>1:00 Youth Group Night of Joy@ Disney</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>14</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Holy Cross Day</p> <p>1:00 Outreach Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>21</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Feast of St. Matthew</p> <p>7:00 Church School Parent / Teacher Night</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girls Scouts</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist -</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / St. Michael and All Angels</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	



Church School News:

Year begins on Sunday, September 11, 2011, with registration set for 9:30 am, in the parish hall.

A registration form has been included with this issue of "The Canterbury Tales," and other forms may be picked up at the parish office, or on the day of registration. Our program promises to be a time for prayer worship, activities, and fellowship as the scripture and the history of the Church are opened to our young people. We are once again, using the curriculum, "Living the Good News," a lectionary-based series which allows the young person to learn the lessons of any given Sunday on his or her own level.

To help with this program, we are planning a "Parent-Teacher Night," on Wednesday evening, September 21st, at 7:00, in the parish hall. This is the perfect opportunity for parents, and other adults in the community, to come together to ask questions about the direction of Our Church School, and to feel free to get involved in the activity of Christian Education. Mark that Date: September 11th, register your child, and join us on the journey of faith that we call the Church School Year.

Opportunities for Worship Holy Days in September



The month of September will see us observe three holy days Along with the weekend Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, Which constitute the worship life of our congregation here at Saint Augustine's parish.

Wednesday, September 14th will see us observe the Feast of the Holy Cross at our mid-week healing Eucharist. The discovery of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem in 430, by Queen Helena, culminated in the reclaiming of the Holy Land for the early Christian community. Join us as we gather to remember the power of this dramatic symbol of our Faith. On September 21st, we will remember the call and ministry of Saint Matthew, evangelist and apostle, as offer the healing liturgy for that day. Thursday, September 29th, is the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, wherein we give praise and glory to our God who has caused messengers (aggelos) to communicate His good news between heaven and earth.

All three of these services will be offered in the parish church at 10:00 am, and all are invited to attend.

P.O.P.S. Fund

Enclosed with this issue of the "Canterbury Tales," is an envelope reminding us about the P.O.P.S. Fund, and our ingathering set for the weekend of September 24 & 25.

The P.O.P.S Fund is a fund that was started by a member of the parish, who remains anonymous, as a way of providing aid to organizations within the confines of Indian River County. P.O.P.S., which stands for "poor, oppressed, prisoners, and sick," has served as an outreach ministry of St. Augustine's parish for more than twelve years. Our asking this year, as in previous years, is to raise \$5,000.00, which will be matched by our benefactor, in addition to the original gift of \$10,000.00 already offered this year.

We are asking the parish, in spite of these difficult times, to give as they are called, to continue this powerful witness to our community.

The Outreach Committee

The next meeting of the Outreach Committee is set for Wednesday, September 14, 2011, beginning with luncheon at 1:00 pm, And those interested in this ministry are welcome to attend.

Our Outreach Committee works on a couple of levels, first as a group that solicits projects from outside the congregation; and secondly as a group that responds to requests from the congregation. We have already expended grants to Camp Wingmann, for its summer season; Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center; and the Episcopal Counseling Center of the Diocese of Central Florida, just to name a few.

If this is a ministry that might interest you, plan on joining us on the 14th, for lunch and some good fellowship.



The Blood Mobile Will be at St. Augustine on Sunday, September 11th from 8:00 am until 1:30 pm. If you are able to donate, please take this opportunity to do so. Thank you — Nancy Kelly



Celebrating

September Anniversaries

- 2 Joe & Terry Lurgio
- 13 Bill & Sandra Hawksworth
- 15 Fr. John & Betty Hagood
- 17 Hal & Ginny Miller
- 19 Oscar & Lillian Edwards
- 28 Anthony & Betsy Marshall

September Birthdays

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|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Inez Morelli | 18 | Faith Schreiner |
| 2 | Jim Pinkston | 20 | Linda Beardslee |
| 7 | Audrey Fuller | 20 | Jayson Slobodzian |
| 9 | Joan Spiegel | 21 | Roxie Ris |
| 11 | Philip Wright | 21 | Bill Beardslee |
| 11 | Charles Evans | 21 | Donna Iannotti |
| 12 | Jonathan Moody | 22 | Ginny McBride |
| 14 | Marilyn Henson | 22 | Roy Moriarity |
| 14 | Edgar Jadwin | 24 | Al Vidiri |
| 16 | Sharon Goldberg | 27 | Hal Bugbee |
| 17 | Dick Hand | 28 | Debbie Fletcher |
| 18 | Marianne Rowan | | |



Night of Joy - 2011

The weekend of September 10-11, 2011, will see the annual "Night of Joy" at Walt Disney World, which is a gathering for young people from all over the State of Florida for a time of Christian Fellowship.

This year's celebration returns to Disney's Magic Kingdom, and will feature Christian rock bands, worship, testimony, and of course, the joys of being at Disney World. Our young people will be meeting here at the church on Saturday afternoon, September 10th, at 1:00 pm for the trip to Disney. The cost per young person will \$25.00, and they will be asked to pack for the overnight at Fort Wilderness Camp Site.

Time is of the essence. If you are interested in attending, you are asked to contact either Mrs. Marta Morris, at 772-563-9691 Mrs. Linda Jones at (772) 563-3118. See you at Disney!

Garden News -Thank You! Thank you!

Not only are the Ladies in the choir great singers, they are excellent gardeners. This past week they relocated the entire Meditation Garden moving every flower, bush, tree and rock before the contractors brought in their bulldozers.

By the sweat of their brows, in the heat of the day, they labored on. They created several new gardens—not yet completed, but in progress.

Thank you to: Joyce Costello, Deb Kavanagh, Grace Perry & her husband, Gillian Ross, Teddi Runyon, Mary Strahosky & husband Ernie, and their friends, Tonya & Kevin Gaddy. A Big Thank You, also, to Bill Sherman who did some heavy lifting.

A Note From Our Choir Directress

Adult choir rehearsal will resume on September 8th, at 6:30 pm. We have room for a few more good singers. If you would like to share your talent with us please call Iris at 772-774-8604.



"The American Heritage"

The David Barton series entitled, "The American Heritage," will be offered here at St. Augustine's Church beginning on Tuesday evening, September 6, 2011, at 7:00, and continuing for the next five weeks.

Barton's approach shows an emphasis on the historical influence of the Bible's role in the formation of many of the communities which helped to constitute the founding of this nation. We will discover the role of the scripture, clergy and laity, in the setting up of the colonies' governments, their houses of worship, and its influence in the "founding documents," of our country.

Mr. Barton, founder of the group Wallbuilders, presents in great detail, a forgotten history revolving around the founding of the United States, and the unique understanding of a nation open to all faiths. Some of the historical stories will be familiar to us, while others may surprise as we seek to see how the Bible is reflected in the lives and writings of many of our nation's founders.

We invite all who might be interested in learning a bit more about our religious history, as a nation, to come and join us for this series, ^h. For more information, you are asked to call the parish office, (772)770-3494; or Tim and Rebecca Marvin (772) 978-5905. Come join us on the 6th!!

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Schedule of Masses

Wed	Healing Service	10:00 AM
Sat	Holy Eucharist	5:30 PM
Sun	Holy Eucharist	8:00 AM
Sun	Choral Eucharist	10:00 AM

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