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Stewardship: It's how we'll keep our church 'Moving Forward Together'

By Whit Smith

For more years than I can remember I have had the privilege of serving as your Stewardship Chairman. It truly is and has been an honor, even more so this year with my Co-chair, **Wende Dwyer-Johnsen**.

As we prepare for our 2021 campaign, I was given the opportunity by Mthr. Waltman to serve as your Usher at a recent Sunday's drive-by communion. Driving over on Sunday morning I had it in my mind that the offertory plate would remain empty for the 30 minutes that I would be present. Was I wrong!



We are all familiar with the saying, "My cup runneth over." To my very pleasant surprise, my offertory plate runneth over! The envelopes, cash, checks, and wonderful comments made my day this past Sunday. Several of you asked about the upcoming Stewardship Campaign and said you were looking forward to it. Two separate cars of wonderful parishioners asked me if money is still coming in and whether or not they could do more to help.

One car of faithful parishioners told me they pledged online but suddenly I found a wad of cash being dropped into the plate by them. Gretchen and I are also pledging online at the current time, but Gretchen opened her purse and added more cash to the plate. Another faithful parishioner asked me about our Rector's discretionary fund, and I indicated that I was not sure about Fr. Jambor's current balance but suggested a gift to him, Mthr. Waltman, and Mthr. Hill would be deeply appreciated.

At a few minutes past 10:00, Fr. Jambor signaled that we were through. I looked down at the offertory plate, which was brimming full and realized that at All Saints' we are **Moving Forward Together!**

This experience reminded me of the Widow's Offering in Mark 12:41-43. Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on."

Whit Smith and Wende Dwyer-Johnsen
Stewardship Campaign Co-chairs



News from Amazing Grace

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The latest news from



Fr. Jambor has received photos and an update on Amazing Grace Children's Home and School (AGISSA) from **Fr. Ogacho** and his wife, **Clarice**.

All across Kenya, schools have been closed during the pandemic. This includes AGISSA. Boarding students such as our AGISSA girls have all been sent back into their extended family villages.

The newest girls are all fine. They recently came back to Amazing Grace with their adult guardians for supplies and food. Each girl took home 10 kgs. of maize, 2 kg. of rice, 2 kg. of beans, 2 kg. millet, margarine, soap, underwear, and socks. They are getting tutoring back at their extended family villages.

The Secondary school girls are mostly fine. Madeline Perry is waiting for college placement (nothing going on now in Kenya, all schools are closed). She will need computer lessons (\$256 US).

College girls are all well except for Emmaculate Awuor, who has been hospitalized with meningitis. Her recovery may not be complete; prayers are appreciated.

Vivian Achieng is tutoring nearby kids and staying in one of our mabati houses on campus.

The only staff still on campus are the deputy principal and his wife, the chicken caretaker (Fred) and two groundsmen. The 5 security personnel are still on full salary.

The chickens are doing well. The hens give them 7 trays a day of eggs which are purchased by local traders and The Cummings.

The Cummings staff has been trimmed to just 3 people per day. Business is picking up, with a conference next week.

Fr. Ogacho is well. Clarice has had some bouts of malaria requiring quinine. She also injured her back while farming and is not getting physical therapy for that. There are 10 people in their household: two orphan boys they took in back in 2013; their late son's wife and her two children; Ivy and Celestine Mukudi, orphans at Amazing Grace with no extended family to take them in, and one laborer. They lost three dairy cows from a strange disease. They have not lacked for food and thank God that He has given them other children in their lives which are a big blessing.



Amazing Grace girls, masked and socially distanced on benches on the Amazing Grace campus, await a distribution of food sacks to take back to the homes where they are living during the pandemic.



Clarice Abuto distribute a sack of food staples to a student.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FALL 2020 BIBLE STUDY

God, Christ, and Satan in Scripture

An Online Bible Study

Wednesdays from Sept. 16 to Nov. 18

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Our adult Bible Study for fall is a 10-module course entitled God, Christ, and Satan in Scripture, taught by Fr. Jambor and Mthr. Hill.

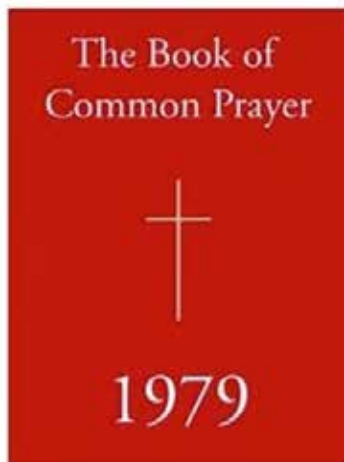
The course has four modules:

- The Evolution of Satan in Scripture
- Who are the "sons of God" in the Old Testament?
- The Changing Understanding of Christ in the New Testament
- Fascinating Gems Found in the Psalms

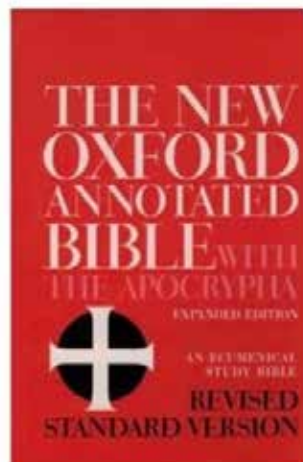
In order to participate most fully, you will need a Book of Common Prayer and a New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha (RSV). You'll need this particular Bible for a few reasons. First, this is the translation we use at All Saints' in study and public worship. Second, it is full of interesting and helpful footnotes. Third, it will help us all to be on the same page number at the same time.

If you'd like to buy your own copies, click the links below the books at the bottom of the page.. They're about \$30 each.

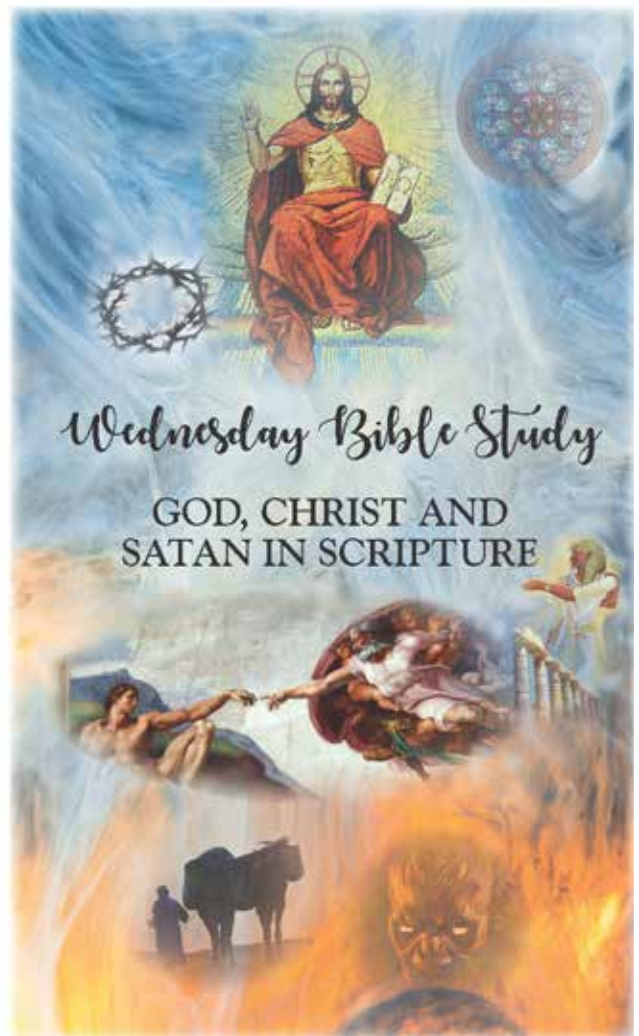
If you'd rather borrow copies from the church, please email [Julien Cirrincione](mailto:julien.cirrincione@asecfw.org) to arrange a time to safely pick them up.



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Inquirer's/Confirmation Classes for Adults & Teens 15+

**Class to begin
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.**

Fr. Jambor will begin teaching an online Inquirer's /Confirmation Class for adults and teens age 15 and over on **Wednesday, Sept. 16** at 6:30 p.m. The class will online for now, and will lead to confirmation by our bishop in early January 2021. The class is also suitable for those who simply wish to learn more about the faith or to refresh or reaffirm their own commitment.

To register for the class or for more information, please contact Julien Cirrincione, assistant to the rector by calling 817-732-1424 or emailing her at julien@asecfw.org.

Your Favorite Hymns with Clive Driskill-Smith

Thursday, Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m. on the Lawn

Organist and Choirmaster **Clive Driskill-Smith** will play a selection of parishioners' favorite hymns at an open-air performance on the lawn on **Thursday, September 3** at 6:30 p.m. You're welcome to bring a lawn chair. Please wear masks and follow guidelines for physical distancing.



Did you know? You can also hear Clive play during drive-through Holy Communion on Sunday mornings between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m.



Thanks, Njubi family, and who who help with our feeding ministries

All Saints' families such as the Njubis have been coming in by appointment during the pandemic to help keep our feeding ministries on course. These volunteers sort and pack non-perishable food items designated for children and families served by Como Community Center and the International Newcomer Academy.

Sunday School is on the way

Our Christian Education Commission has been hard at work this summer to prepare for the return of Sunday School this fall. Our offerings will be digital at first, and we expect to begin on **Sunday, September 20.**

We have been recording lessons for Godly Play classes; **Bennett Westfall** is one of the most recent parishioners to record a lesson. We are also preparing materials for parents.

Watch for more details to come, and Sunday School Superintendent **Holly Luke** can help if you have any questions. Call Holly at 817-723-1424 or email her at Holly@asecfw.org.



Thank you, August Sandwich Makers

We would like to thank everyone who helped make sandwiches Aug. 22 on behalf of the many people served by the Presbyterian Night Shelter. Our sandwich makers included **Jill Kolstad, Patricia Ward, The Head Family, Susan Howell, Joyce Bender, and Cinco Phillips**, who also invited a friend to join in. If you are interested in making sandwiches in the future, please email Mthr.Maddie.Hill.

Early risers, rejoice: Our worship podcasts are now posted earlier

Morning Prayer podcasts are available at 7:00 a.m., and often earlier, and Evening Prayer is now available by 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday mornings, the Holy Eucharist is now available at 7:00 a.m., which offers more time to listen to the service if you are coming to drive-through Holy Communion from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Our worship podcasts are all available here:

www.asecfw.org/online-worship-podcasts

Bookbag Blessings & KinderGrace mark the start of the school year

Incoming Kindergarteners and all other children headed back to school came to All Saints' to receive KinderGrace and Bookbag Blessings on Aug. 23. Children held up their bookbags to receive holy water from Fr. Jambor, and thurifer Ed Luke incensed the area around each vehicle. Kindergarteners also received a St. Nicholas medal that can be attached to their bookbags.



Fr. Jambor sprinkles holy water on a child's bookbag.



Thurifer Ed Luke incensed each vehicle where blessings were received.

A Blessing for Students

Eternal God, bless all our students that they may be lively recipients of sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanks to **Kyle Mankin**, chair of the Christian Education Commission, who created digital souvenir photos which were distributed to the children's parents.

