



# St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt and lives are changed!

September 6, 2019

Sunday Readings: Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Welcome to the start of this year's Adult Bible Class! We'll meet on **Sunday, September 15, 2019, at 9 a.m. in Room 209.** (New time, same great class!) This a beginner/review level, open to all adults.

We will learn about how God worked with the Hebrews, God's plan for them in Canaan, how well they implemented God's plan and what were the results. We will begin with the Book of Joshua and continue through the books of Chronicles. We will show some delightful videos that are straightforward and Biblically sound. Our discussions are low key and no one is ever put on the spot.

I look forward to seeing everyone and getting started. Call, text or email me if you have any questions.  
~ Jack Campbell (865-599-7059)

## COFFEE HOUR

Coffee will be served **between** the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, **and after** the 10 a.m. service, starting **September 15, 2019.** If you would like to prepare coffee and provide a snack, please sign up in the Kitchen. Thank you!



## PASTORAL CARE

**JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR:**

Cammie Owens  
Elizabeth & James Pack, Philip  
Anne Gladman & David Parker  
Linda Twohig & Andrew Payzant

*Please include these people in your prayers*

## SUNDAY SERMON

***"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."*** ~ Luke 14:26

It can sometimes be overwhelming to understand the bible in all its challenges. It is a lifelong quest to perceive it in a way that speaks to us. The bible is the living word of God and so, even when we think we know it well, we still have much to learn. Being a disciple can also be overwhelming at times, and even if we think we know what it means to truly be a disciple, we still have much to learn. In many ways, it is not complicated but it can be difficult. Truly seeking to understand what cross we are meant to carry can be challenging. It will probably not be to our death, except in the idea that we carry it with us through our lives, and in a sense to our eventual death. Yet we never carry our cross alone. Jesus Christ is with us in our struggles and in our challenges, and God brings us a peace that passes all understanding.

Thanks be to God. Father Bo+

## ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum will reconvene this **Sunday at 9:00 a.m.** For just this week, we'll gather in the **Pollard Room** for coffee, conversation, and brainstorming. Please bring your ideas for programs, topics, or speakers with whom you would like to engage. It's your Forum, so join in the planning!



## CARING MEALS MINISTRY

The Daughters of the King are bringing a "Caring Meals Ministry" to St. Stephen's, with a network of meal providers. Jeanne Kring and Beth Stickle are the Co-Leaders. Please contact either one of them about the need for a caring meal to be taken to a parishioner. We will contact the parishioner and make the arrangements for the meal delivery.



## HURRICANE RELIEF

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with dioceses in the path of Hurricane Dorian. You can help provide affected communities with immediate and long-term support. Please contribute to our Hurricane Relief Fund at [support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief](http://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief).



## WOMEN'S INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

The Women's Interfaith Dialogue of Oak Ridge will hold its first meeting of the year at St. Stephen's on **Monday, September 9, 2019,** with coffee at 10:45 and meeting at 11:00 a.m. Rose Weaver, an active community member, poet, and historian of Black history, will speak. Rose is also a board member of the Blossom Center, which is one of our Outreach partners. All are welcome!