

The Archangel

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

October 2011

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48

This verse is one of those, popular to gloss over or even ignore all together. We do not care for this exhortation of our Lord or its reminder of our shortfalls. A current difficulty is our common definition of the work "perfect"; flawless, 100% correct, clean or without blemish. But looking to the Greek, in which Matthew's gospel was first written, what is translated as "perfect" also means "complete" or "full." This verse, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" is from a discourse of Jesus about love for our enemies, "but I tell you: love you enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be daughters and sons of your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:44-45)

Jesus is telling his disciples and us to be generous in our behavior towards all people and warns not to walk according to our natural likes and dislikes. Everyone has such natural affinities, there are some people we like and some we do not like. It's part of man's natural character. The warning is that, because we are to walk in the light of Jesus' example, we ought not let these natural likes and dislikes rule our thoughts or behavior towards others. It is more than a neutral or indifferent position we are allowed to take, this is not permitted. We are to show others what God has shown to us and to you. It is my experience, walking with Christ Jesus, that he gives me ample opportunities to be stretched and grow into the example he has given. To be disciples of Jesus means we deliberately identify ourselves with God's interests and hope in others.

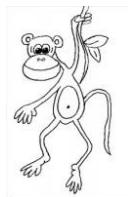
This expression of Christian character and our maturing character is not revealed in doing good but in God-likeness. God's life and light is to reveal his presence to others as God's very character transforming our natural character rather than with our natural likes and dislikes trying to act godly. It is by God's sufficient grace received that we can grow complete and full in his character, and this growth is experienced in ordinary and practical details of life. This is how we are to be complete, because our Father in heaven is complete

Your Brother in Christ,
Tige Newell +

St. Francis Blessing of the Animals



Saturday, October 1, 10:00am.
In the Memorial Garden
Invite family, friends, neighbors.



Celtic Evensong and Communion Service

Christ and Grace Episcopal Church invites you to attend their monthly Celtic Evensong and Communion services. The October service will be Sunday, October 16th, 5:30pm. Harpist Louise Daniel will be the featured musician. Pre-service music begins at 5:15 and child care is provided. Call 733-7202 for further information. Christ and Grace is located at 1545 S. Sycamore St. in Petersburg.

Women's Retreat 2011

The Women's Retreat is coming!! We're on the countdown and the excitement is rising as October 28th approaches. At this point we have a full house with 32 ladies signed up, some who have never been with us on retreat and a number from other churches. We know God will meet us there because He is so faithful and loving. Let me share a sweet example of that. I like to have a specific verse that represents our retreat for the year but the Lord had not led me to one that clicked by the time we went to Maine several weeks ago. One morning, as the early mist was rising off the lake, loons calling on the water, I sat on the dock bible in hand awaiting God's tender touch. As I read Psalm 27 from my small travel bible, verse 8 spoke sweetly of His invitation and our response:



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My heart has heard you say,
Come and talk with me.”
And my heart responds,
“Lord. I am coming.”

There is no doubt in my mind and heart that this is our verse! God is asking us to come and we are coming, expectantly, with open ears and hearts, awaiting communion from His word and each other. Please be in prayer for yourself and your sisters for His Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts for this time together.

For those of you who have not paid in full the balance is due **Oct. 15th**. Please get your money into the office by then.

Our speaker, Corale, got a clean bill of health 2 weeks ago from her doctor and has made plane reservations to fly from Budapest to Richmond on Oct. 24th. The flight will take about 24 hours! She will be tired and we plan to whisk her off to Bryan's Oasis for a few days of R&R. Would you please consider helping pay for her plane fare? She has consented to come without this arrangement but what an act of love and generosity on our part to help out. If you would like, please send a check to Ken, made out to St. Michael's, memo: Women's retreat/plane fare. He can put this aside and we can present her with this very helpful sum at the retreat. Thank you so much.

I will be sending out instructions and directions about a week before the retreat. Feel free to arrange car pooling if you would like. I think that is all for now but do ask Jan or myself any questions that come up.

Blessings to each of you,
Peggy

Tapioca Cheese Puffs (gluten-free, naturally)

Adapted from a Brazilian recipe. The dough is similar to a French choux pastry and very sticky. It stays quite moist in the center and because of the cheeses does not need a filling.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups milk
- 2 sticks butter, melted (or half butter - half olive oil)
- 4 ¼ cups tapioca flour
- 4 extra large eggs
- 2 cups grated mix of Romano, Assiago, and Parmesan cheeses
- ¼ cup grated cheddar cheese (optional)
- salt to taste (go easy on the salt, because the cheeses all contain salt)

Preparation:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix milk, salt, butter in a pot, and bring to a boil. As soon as it boils, remove from heat.
3. Stir tapioca flour into the milk and butter mixture. Mix well until most lumps are gone.
4. Stir in the eggs, one by one, and then the cheeses, and mix well.
5. With an ice cream scoop, the kind with the spring in the handle, - dipped in cold water then tapped on a double layer of paper towel - form balls of dough and place an inch apart on a cookie sheet covered with baking paper or parchment.
6. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the balls puff up and turn golden. They will rise slowly and puff up mostly towards the end of the baking time.
7. Best if served warm.



Makes about 75 balls when using an ice cream scoop with a diameter of 30 millimeters or 1 ¼ inch.

Enjoy, Sabine Allen

Treasurer's Corner

Contribution Statements

The third quarter statements will be given out the first Sunday of October. Please review your statement and let the treasurer know if you have any questions. Also, check to see if you are up to date with your pledge commitment for the year. You should be at or over 75% for the year.

Building Fund Needs

The church recently had significant repairs on two of the air conditioner systems, with a cost of over \$1,000. This cost was not foreseen and not included in this year's budget. You could help with this cost by putting extra money in your Building Fund envelope for the next three months. This credit will be reflected on your quarterly statement.

Income and Expenditures

A report for 1 January through 31 September on "Income and Expenditures" will be placed on the treasurer's board the first week of October. This report reflects the current balance of income and expenditures. The outreach of "Shoes for Kids" will show a balance of zero, as the money has been given to the YAC Shoe Fund.

Outreach and Special Projects

"Shoes for Kids" received \$330.50. All this money bought shoes for needy kids. Project "Eagle Scout" has almost made its goal. Guy Allen will be working on putting up the new equipment soon.

Love Fund

The St. Michael's Love Fund is used to assist families within St. Michael's when needs arise. Donations may be made to this fund at any time – make sure your donations are clearly marked "Love Fund." Currently we are a little low on funds in this account.



Fall Festival – Oktoberfest – Yard Sale

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
1769 S. Sycamore St. Petersburg

Saturday, October 22
7am – 2pm

See the flyer on the bulletin board for times of specific events during the day.

Diocesan Workshop

Exploring Gifts for Ministry in Daily Life: Being a Christian 24/7

Saturday, November 12
8:45am – 2pm, St. Matthias, Midlothian

This workshop is especially designed for lay people, to help them discover and understand their spiritual gifts and their mission in the world. In addition to identifying spiritual gifts, we will discuss the concept of church as a "base camp" for our working and living in the world. How does the Baptismal Covenant inform how we use our gifts? We will explore ways to broaden our perspective on our gifts in order to see all possibilities.

Fee is \$25 and includes lunch and materials. Registration deadline is October 29. More info and online registration can be found at www.diosova.org/christian_form. Click on Christian Formation Events. Sponsored by the Commission on Ministry for the Ministry of the Baptized.



Youth Ministry News

September's meeting was a lot of fun. We laughed, played, and prayed for a fun year to come.

We changed the date of the Yard Sale. We will be holding one in the spring.

We are starting up Operation Christmas Child; our goal is to fill 50 or more shoeboxes by November. I have pre-wrapped shoeboxes and Operation Christmas Child pamphlets in the EYC room. **ITEMS NEEDED:** toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.; Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

October weekend at Chanco will be from October 7-9. Please pray for the youth who will be attending the weekend.

Youth Sunday will be held on October 16.

Your servant,
Michael



October birthday party will be on October 16th after the 10:30am worship service .

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- 3 William Noakes
- 4 Mitzie Lyman
- 12 Paula Greene
- 13 Daniel Roberts
- 15 Betty Christman
- 16 Nancy Derrick
- 18 Bev Gay
- 20 Bob Chamberlain
- 21 Eric Ditri
Maria Gardner
- 22 Debbie Roudabush
- 25 Cody Schabilon
- 26 Caitlin Newell
Ian Newell
- 28 Tom Thompson

Anniversaries

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- 4 David and Cindy Warriner
- 10 Jack and Charlotte Price
- 28 Dale and Kim Williams

Matthew Smith and Indelible Grace

October 22, 7:30pm

**Stony Point Reformed Presbyterian Church
2330 Buford Road, Richmond**

Matthew Smith is a Nashville-based singer-songwriter who writes brand new music to centuries-old hymn texts. He is a founding member of the Indelible Grace community, whose work has drawn acclaim across denomination lines and is used in churches around the world. Born out of a college ministry, the reimagined hymns have found wide acceptance both among college students and the church at large, joining people who desire to honor tradition with those who want a modern musical approach. His latest album, *Watch the Rising Day*, explores the tension of living in a broken world while awaiting Christ's return and the restoration of all things. Plan to enjoy this concert of great, centuries-old hymn-texts set to original modern musical forms.

See Hank or Peggy for details or go to www.stonypointchurch.org

Reaching Out to Neighborhood Children

Thank you for the many, many positive and enthusiastic suggestions and remarks about reaching out to our neighborhood children. So far we have begun to put together a task force to brainstorm about ideas for bringing the children to St. Michael's on a weekday afternoon for some form of activities. WE ARE NOT DROPPING THE BALL ON THIS MINISTRY! Please pray for ideas and issues and creativity and energy and manpower for us to listen and obey God's guidance for this ministry. I truly believe we are being called to accept this opportunity to share in God's plan for the next generation--in our own backyard!!!

Patti Christmas



Canaan Children's Home

Several of you have expressed interest in sponsoring a child from Canaan Children's Home. The new web site is up with a complete display of all the children, designating their adoption status. Please go to Google and type in: Canaan Children's Home for the updated version. Please continue to keep these dear ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you and bless you,
Hank and Peggy

Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday, October 2nd
Plan to stay after worship for good food and fellowship.
Bring a hearty dish to share.
Ya'll come!

The Common Purpose of St. Michael's Episcopal Church is:

We're growing to be who Jesus wants us to be and do what He wants us to do.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church **October 2011**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00-EYC Car Wash 10:00- Blessing of Animals
<u>Pot Luck</u> 2 8:00am-Holy Euch I 9:00am-Adult Ed. 10:30am-Holy Euch II	3 1:00-Cursillo Gr. 7:00-Vestry	4 1:00-Bible Study 7:00-Cursillo Gr.	5 10:30-Al-Anon	6 7:15-Choir	7	8 9:00-Al-Anon Dist.
9 8:00am-Holy Euch I 9:00am-Adult Ed. 10:30am-Holy Euch II	10 1:00-Cursillo Gr.	11 1:00-Bible Study 7:00-Cursillo Gr.	12 10:30-Al-Anon	13 7:15-Choir	14	15 Bishop's Day For Parish Leadership (Redeemer, Midlo)
<u>Birthdays</u> 16 8:00am-Holy Euch I 9:00am-Adult Ed. 10:30am-Holy Euch II	17 1:00-Cursillo Gr.	18 1:00-Bible Study 7:00-Cursillo Gr.	19 10:00-A.A.R.P. 10:30-Al-Anon	20 11:00-ECW 7:15-Choir	21 7:00-Cursillo Ultreya	22
23 8:00am-Holy Euch I 9:00am-Adult Ed. 10:30am-Holy Euch II	24 Archangel Deadline 1:00-Cursillo Gr.	25 1:00-Bible Study 7:00-Cursillo Gr.	26 10:30-Al-Anon	27 7:15-Choir	28	29 WOMEN'S RETREAT (ends Sunday)
30 8:00am-Holy Euch I 9:00am-Adult Ed. 10:30am-Holy Euch II	31 1:00-Cursillo Gr.					