

LEARNING TO STUDY AND PRAY WITH THE BIBLE

An introduction to our Saint Barnabas Bible study curriculum for adults:
THE ART OF ENGAGING HOLY SCRIPTURE (TAEHS).

The Bible is foundational for Episcopalians and at the heart of all of our worship and all of our life. At the same time, it can seem like a distant book – distant in time, culture, and language.

The ART of Engaging Holy Scripture (TAEHS) attempts to bridge this distance through a lively and dynamic method of reading and study, prayer, and sharing in a small group. The dynamism of TAEHS immediately engages both beginners and experienced Bible readers. Hundreds of Saint Barnabas parishioners, as well as many Episcopalians from other churches who have used the curriculum, report that TAEHS made the Bible accessible and deeply meaningful for the first time in their lives.

On two Sundays, December 3 and 10 at 9AM, Jim Clark, who is the author of TAEHS, will conduct a two-part introduction to the curriculum. Following this introduction, participants will be invited to join a TAEHS small group in January.

This two-part series will be held in Sean’s Place, the building on the northeast corner of our campus. Signs will direct you to the class location. If you are interested in learning about our curriculum, or if you want a fresh start with TAEHS, please join us! Ann Hott can assist with questions – ann@saintbarnabas.org or 480-355-9733.

QUIET DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 9:30AM – 1PM | SANCTUARY

Practice, Practice, Practice Part IV

December’s Quiet Day continues our focus on an in-depth look at the practices of the contemplative life. What are they and when, where, how, and why do we practice them, and why do these practices matter and matter so much? This new Quiet Day series intends to be helpful to the beginner and the experienced. Reflections by Jim Clark. Please bring your Bible. All are welcome.

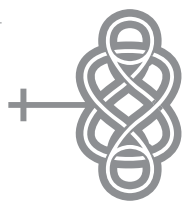
JAMES FINLEY, PH.D.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

Becoming a Presence of Peace in the World: The Art of Acceptance, Listening and Compassion--A one-day workshop. Early registration recommended: saintbarnabas.org/Finley2018

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

THE LONGEST NIGHT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 7PM

The Longest Night with Holy Eucharist is a beautiful service of light and darkness. We make room for our sorrow and grief at Christmastime as we offer our whole selves – even what is broken in us – to the Holy Child of Bethlehem.

ADVENT IV SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 10:15AM

One morning worship service only. No 7:45 or 10:21 services.

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHILDREN’S PAGEANT AND WORSHIP | 3PM
Join us for our annual Pageant with Holy Eucharist. Childcare available.

FESTIVE WORSHIP | 5PM, 8PM 11PM
These celebratory services incorporate Holy Eucharist, traditional carols for the whole congregation to sing, and wonderful anthems from our Parish Choir accompanied by an orchestra made up of local musicians. Childcare available for 5pm & 8pm services.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS | 7:30PM & 10PM
Carols and anthems for the most wonderful time of the year! The choir and orchestra will perform Vivaldi’s “Gloria.”

CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 | 10:15AM

Join us for festive worship with Holy Eucharist on Christmas morning.

AMAH AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

FRIDAY
JANUARY 5, 2018
7:00pm

*Celebrate the
12th night of
Christmas!*

PURCHASE TICKETS:
saintbarnabas.org/concerts



CAMPUS TOUR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 11:30AM STARTS IN CHAPEL

Join a member of the Memorial and Fine Arts Acceptance Committee for a closer look at the beauty and depth of the church campus. Learn about the architecture, design, and continuing care of the spaces that support our ministries and elevate our worship.



Advent Lessons & Carols

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4PM | SANCTUARY
Come gather to hear the Saint Barnabas choir sing the poetry of the ancient prophets and listen to the story of Christ's coming retold through Scripture and song. All are invited to attend. Childcare is available for infants and toddlers.

PLEDGE DRIVE 2018
November 19 was Gratitude Sunday when our financial pledges for the 2018 year were blessed on the altar. If you missed it, don't worry! All additional pledges received since then will be blessed on December 17 during worship. Visit saintbarnabas.org/pledgenow or contact the office to make your pledge in support of the mission and

Conversations with Deacon Susie: Advent, Joyfully Preparing for Jesus
CLASSES DECEMBER 3,10,17 at 9AM | HUTTON HALL
Advent is a special and unique season in our church year. It is the time when we prepare for the extraordinary birth of Jesus, God's great gift of love to humanity. Join Deacon Susie Parker as we explore the ways in our tradition to find the time to pray and reflect joyfully as we celebrate the gifts of Advent.

CHRISTMAS MERRIMENT

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS
Would you like to donate towards poinsettias and Christmas trees for the altar for our Christmas season? You can help beautify our church home in honor of someone you love! All thanksgivings/memorials will be listed in our Christmas bulletins. Order online by Sunday, December 17 at: www.saintbarnabas.org/donate-flowers
Suggested donation is \$45.

SAGES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 11:30AM - 1:30PM | HUTTON HALL
Join the fun! Our annual SAGES Christmas party is a highlight of the year with music by our own Paul Lee, a delicious lunch, and celebrations galore! Can't wait to see you there! Lunch \$5

ANGEL TREE
Angel Tree®, a Prison Fellowship program, was created to share God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. When mom or dad is in prison, their children are often the silent sufferers. You can let them know they are not forgotten by shopping for Christmas gifts. With your help, Saint Barnabas provides Christmas gifts for over 650 children during the holiday season. Find out all the ways to be involved at: saintbarnabas.org/angeltree or contact Kate Fimbres at kate@saintbarnabas.org

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT
Our children's Christmas Eve pageant is one of the most important Christian formation events of the year. This is the children's opportunity to offer a Christmas Eve homily - their gift to their church family.

All children (most enjoyable for ages 2+) are invited to participate in our Children's Pageant. There is a rehearsal for all children right after church on the Sunday prior to Christmas Eve (December 17), during which we provide lunch, try on costumes, and rehearse the pageant itself. Older youth provide music, readings, serve at the altar, and shepherd the younger children.

ALL CAST REHEARSAL & COSTUME FITTING
Sunday, December 17 from 11:30am-1:30pm (Lunch included in Hutton Hall right after church)

PAGEANT PERFORMANCE
Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 at 3:00pm. Arrive in Music Center by 2:30pm.

TO PARTICIPATE
If you or your children would like to participate in this special service or volunteer, please complete the online form at www.saintbarnabas.org/pageant or contact Sarah Petersen sarahp@saintbarnabas.org.

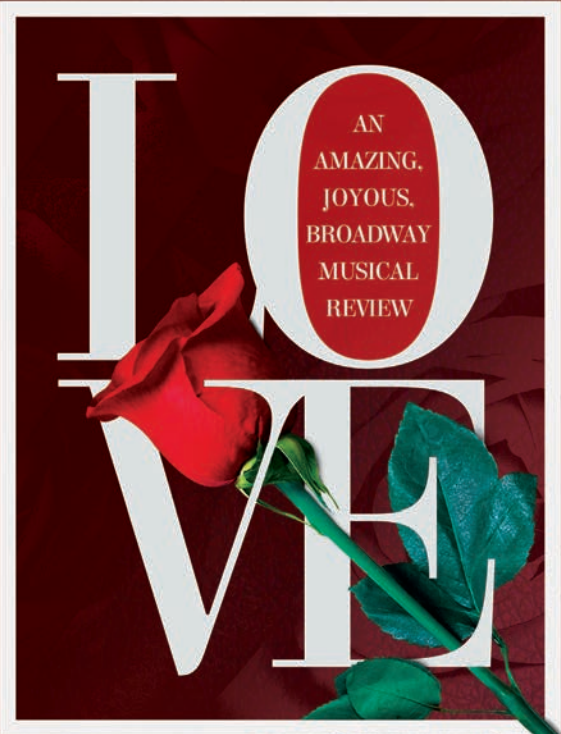
DINNER WITH ST. NICK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 4PM | HUTTON HALL
Come and join us for our third annual Dinner with St. Nick. Hear the story of the real Saint Nicholas and listen to the Saint Barnabas Children's Choirs perform. Take time to make some memorable crafts and then take a photo with Saint Nick, Santa Claus, and (new this year) Mrs. Claus! Dine with your friends and create a yummy decorated sugar cookie for dessert. All are welcome. Invite friends, get your photo taken to take home with you, and avoid all those lines at the mall. See you there!

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 11AM | HUTTON HALL
Join the ladies of the parish at their annual Christmas Luncheon! We will enjoy Christmas carols and have bazaar items for sale. It's a wonderful event, enjoyed by many over the years. Registration is \$25.00. Please RSVP to Marilyn Black at 480-483-1354 or tnsraqt@cox.net.

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 11:30AM | ST. LUKE'S AT THE MOUNTAIN
Join us for a wonderful Christmas Party with a buffet luncheon following the 10:15am service. Lots of fun for children with magic from John Thornton, balloon twists, and a visit from Santa! Contact Gail Hazelwood for more information: gchazelwood@aol.

Our Annual Event To Benefit
The Youth Missions Program

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9 | 6:00 PM
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Bring your friends. Reserve a table for 6 or 8
and celebrate **LOVE** together!

Menu

- ♥ BRUSCHETTA TRIO
- ♥ MINESTRONE SOUP AND ANTIPSTO SALAD
- ♥ LEMON SORBET
- ♥ CHICKEN MARSALA WITH PASTA AND VEGGIES
- ♥ DECADENT CHOCOLATE DESSERT

Tickets are \$50.00 per person at www.saintbarnabas.org/buytickets

EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)

If digging deeper into the Christian faith through the study of Scripture, church history, and theology, and reflecting on how to connect all this with life experience appeals to you, then Education for Ministry (EFM) is where you need to be on Monday mornings or Tuesday evenings beginning in January. To learn more about this mini-seminary for lay people, contact Mentor Ken Allison at ksallisonsr@gmail.com or 480-483-9065.

DOWNLOAD THE SAINT BARNABAS APP

Did you know we have an app? Download the Android or iOS version from your app store and find a calendar, a place to easily make regular donations, the Sunday bulletin (so you don't have to use paper if you want to use your phone or tablet!), and more. Search for "Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church" in the app store or Google Play.

PARENTING WITH LOVE & LOGIC

A ONE-DAY WORKSHOP, JANUARY 20, 2018

For parents of children age 0-18

Imagine knowing what to say and how to handle your strong-willed child. What would it be like to never get hooked in an argument again with your children? Gain confidence and create a more peaceful home! Reserve your spot: saintbarnabas.org/loveandlogic