

# The Joy Journal

The Caring Church — We Care About Your Faith, Your Family, Your Future, and Your Friends

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## The A.B.C.'s of Tithing

Setting aside 10% of our take-home adjusted income as a way to support God's Kingdom is a practice that keeps us focused on a number of spiritual truths:

- A. **Tithing reminds us that God has given us all that we have in life**  
 The practice of tithing reminds us of our total dependence upon God for everything. It keeps us focused on being generous and makes us co-givers with God as our gifts are used to support Christ's mission in the world.
- B. **Tithing has the capacity to put the things of this world into perspective**  
 There is nothing wrong with wealth or possessions. As Paul teaches in 1 Timothy, it is not money, but the *love of money that is the root of all evil* (6:10). Tithing is an ongoing reminder of our true loyalties. Jesus teaches us that: *where your treasure is, your heart will be there also* (Matt 6:19-21). Tithing can help our hearts remains close to God.
- C. **Tithing can lead and draw us into a deeper trust is the goodness of God in our lives**  
 Tithing creates a change in our hearts. Although tithing is practiced by some legalistic believers, it is not legalism. We are not able to earn God's favor by giving a tithe. Over time, tithing encourages the Holy Spirit to penetrate our hearts. Tithing can open us up to the wonder and mystery of God's presence in our daily lives. Tithing has marvelous way of helping us to recognize God's Kingdom in our lives.

### Tithing Helps Us

Tithing has little to with the congregation's budget or expenses, but has much to do with our hearts. God is the giver of everything we have in all of life, and he simply asks us to give one-tenth of our income to reveal the heartfelt trust we have in him. Our tithe does not benefit God. After all, God owns it all! The command to give is for our own benefit and for the benefit of Christ's mission in our world. Tithing helps us to keep our priorities from being displaced, and protects our souls. The promise of God in Malachi 3:8-10, is that God will *open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing*. The promise is straightforward: **You cannot out-give God!** Giving a tithe offering is a necessity for a disciple of Christ. When a disciple of Christ turns away from tithing, they are turning away from a opportunity to grow in faith. Because we have been created in the image of God, we have a need to give. Scripture teaches us that when we refuse to share we are rejecting the way we have been created.

Of all the many personal advantages there are to being a thither, there are two that stand out: First, tithers are among the best financial managers because tithing forces them to live by a budget, which does not allow for the overwhelming interest and fees associated with credit card debt. Second, it is understood that tithing allows us to accept that God is in control of life, which increases our trust in God and causes us to be filled with unspeakable joy.

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Our Mission at St John's is to welcome all of God's family to grace, hope and healing in the love of Christ.  
 Sharing His love with our neighbors through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Ministry is not something we do. It is something we are.**

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Articles & Schedules for the JOY Journal need to be turned in by the 15th of each month.. Thank You!

## Save the Date

Sunday School's "Exodus" from Summer begins Sunday, September 9th @ 10:30am. We look forward to continuing our "Journey with Jesus"... The Sunday-School Team



## All Aboard!



Thursday, September 20th the Joy Riders will test out the new Sun-Rail route.  
 Depart Poinciana 10:45am (Kissimmee 10:53am, Tupperware 10:59am) for Winter Park. Remember to leave time to purchase return tickets as the train will leave promptly. We will meet up in the last carriage.  
 You will have time to shop, have lunch, visit Morse Museum on your own and we'll leave Winter Park on the 3:36pm (earlier or later trains available).

## Fifth Sunday Breakfast

The next 5th Sunday morning breakfast will be hosted on Sunday, September 30th.



## Prayer For Our Rector Search Process

Please pray daily

God of abundance and grace, you have gifted the members of St. John's church with love for one another and with joy in our community. Help us to discern your will and be open to your guidance as we seek a new rector

Give us wisdom and patience, courage and calm, mutual respect, and clarity of vision that we may receive a priest who serves with warmth and humor, enthusiasm and faithfulness, and who challenges us with the demands of love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Monday, September 3rd

## A Legacy of Faith

National Grandparents Day became an official observance in 1978, thanks largely to the lobbying efforts of Marian McQuade, a West Virginian who had 15 children and 43 grandchildren during 60 years of marriage.

The purpose of National Grandparents Day, celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day (**September 9th**), is threefold: to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children’s children and to help children become aware of strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

Grandparents – and, in this mobile society, surrogate grandparents – also serve as examples of how to endure challenges with God’s help. Elders describe how God remains present, faithful and steadfast throughout the years. As Psalm 145:4 (NIV) says, “One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.”



Tuesday, September 11th

## Remember Those Who Need God’s Healing Touch



**Sick:**

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|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Mark Miller | Ron & Jan Anderson | Dee Baus & Family  | Jennifer & Dalton Barnes | Herman Adams      |
| Joan Temple | Becky Wareing      | Margorie Fullerton | Jacinda & Jose Ortiz     | Alice Martinez    |
| Vicki Eby   | Barbara Spitzform  | Margaret Meredith  | Ralph & Regina Sheffield | Migdalia Haig     |
| Alice Gray  | Ismael Rivera, Jr. | Judi Hart          | Sylvia Ellis             | Jennifer Phillips |
| Mike Foust  | Stephen Phipps     |                    |                          |                   |

**Shut-in:**

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|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Beulah Miller | Bob Allen     | Dot Wieder     | Mary Larson    | Ivy Wilson |
| Ruth Kimberly | Oscar Cameron | Dwight Cadogan | Eileen Cameron |            |

**Please keep us updated on those you’ve asked to be on this list**

We need your help in keeping our Sick and Shut-in list up to date. Please review the names on the list below and let our Church Secretary, Diana, know if anyone should be removed. E-mail us (see page 2 of this newsletter) or call (see last page this newsletter) to give us an update. Thank you!

**PROPERS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF SEPTEMBER**

<p><b>Proper 17</b>                  Song of Solomon 2:8-13                  Psalm 45:1-2,7-10                  James 1:17-27                  Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23</p>	<p><b>Proper 18</b>                  Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23                  Psalm 125                  James 2:1-10,(11-13),14-17                  Mark 7:24-37</p>	<p><b>Proper 19</b>                  Proverbs 1:20-33                  Psalm 19:1-4                  James 3:1-12                  Mark 8:27-38</p>	<p><b>Proper 20</b>                  Proverbs 31:10-31                  Psalm 1                  James 3:13-4:3,7-8a                  Mark 9:30-37</p>	<p><b>Proper 21</b>                  Esther 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22                  Psalm 124                  James 5:13-20                  Mark 9:38-50</p>
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<b>SEPTEMBER 2</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 9</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 16</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 30</b>
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**ALTAR BREAD**

Marge Sutherland	Marqueritte Brown	Etheline Holder	Debra Corbin	Judy Shell
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**ALTAR GUILD**

Migdalia Haig Sonia Pemberton Carmen Downer Barbara Spitzform	Merlette Jenkins Alisha Cameron Diana Eugene Norma Clarke-Robinson Shay Funderburk	Diana Charles Felicia Sosa-Stephen Leela Narian Margaret Brown	Herma Samuel Grace McConney Freda Flash Betty Southwell	Claudia McGregor
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**AUDIO VISUAL**

<p><b>10:30 AM</b>                  Beverly Jones</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>                  Beverly Jones</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>                  Beverly Jones</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>                  Beverly Jones</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>                  Beverly Jones</p>
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**LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY**

<p><b>8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lesson 1</b>                  Chris Clayton  <b>Lesson 2</b>                  Herma Samuel  <b>Psalm/Chalice</b>                  Joanne Sinanan  <b>Chalice</b>                  Dennis Jewell  <b>Prayers of the People</b>                  Nora Cameron</p>	<p><b>8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lesson 1</b>                  Nora Cameron  <b>Lesson 2</b>                  Rob Sport  <b>Psalm/Chalice</b>                  Stacey Wilson  <b>Chalice</b>                  Stewart Clayton  <b>Prayers of the People</b>                  Felicia Stephen</p>	<p><b>8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lesson 1</b>                  Veronica Murrell  <b>Lesson 2</b>                  Carl Cornelius  <b>Psalm/Chalice</b>                  Rob Sport  <b>Chalice</b>                  Erik Lee  <b>Prayers of the People</b>                  Patty Brannock</p>	<p><b>8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lesson 1</b>                  Nora Cameron  <b>Lesson 2</b>                  Chris Clayton  <b>Psalm/Chalice</b>                  Erik Lee  <b>Chalice</b>                  Joanne Sinanan  <b>Prayers of the People</b>                  Chris Clayton</p>	<p><b>8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lesson 1</b>                  Carl Cornelius  <b>Lesson 2</b>                  Herma Samuel  <b>Psalm/Chalice</b>                  Stacey Wilson  <b>Chalice</b>                  Diana Eugene  <b>Prayers of the People</b>                  Felicia Stephen</p>
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<p><b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>1st Reading</b>                  Sharon Dover  <b>2nd Reading</b>                  Moya Campbell  <b>Chalice</b>                  Carol Rowe (<b>People's Prayer</b>)                  Ann Moncrieffe (<b>Psalms</b>)                  Joyce Besch-Kelly</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>1st Reading</b>                  Angela Cross  <b>2nd Reading</b>                  Huldah Skinner  <b>Chalice</b>                  Charlene Davids (<b>People's Prayer</b>)                  Carmen Downer (<b>Psalms</b>)                  Magueritte Brown</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>1st Reading</b>                  Bovel Anderson  <b>2nd Reading</b>                  Debra Corbin  <b>Chalice</b>                  Carol Rowe (<b>People's Prayer</b>)                  Etheline Holder (<b>Psalms</b>)                  Kingsley Rajiah</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>1st Reading</b>                  Etheline Holder  <b>2nd Reading</b>                  Eslyn Fung  <b>Chalice</b>                  Charlene Davids (<b>People's Prayer</b>)                  Patricia Lashley (<b>Psalms</b>)                  Carol Rowe</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>Chalice</b>                  Carol Rowe (<b>People's Prayer</b>)                  Ann Moncrieffe (<b>Psalms</b>)                  Joyce Besch-Kelly</p>
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**PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT SERVE**

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<b>USHERS</b>				
<b>8:00 AM</b> Jean Julien Chad Owen	<b>8:00 AM</b> Dennis Jewell Nancy Jewell	<b>8:00 AM</b> Patty Brannock Chad Owen	<b>8:00 AM</b> Carl Cornelius Chad Owen	<b>8:00 AM</b> Wayne Griffin Chad Owen
<b>10:30 AM</b> Darnley Davies Joan Temple Vance Dykes	<b>10:30 AM</b> Merle Marley Carol Rowe Selwyn Skinner	<b>10:30 AM</b> Bovel Anderson Diana Charles	<b>10:30 AM</b> Vance Dykes Etheline Holder Jennifer Phillips	<b>10:30 AM</b> Jennifer Phillips Joan Temple
<b>COUNTERS</b>				
<b>8:00 AM</b> Judy Shell Patty Brannock	<b>8:00 AM</b> Veronica Murrell Debby Wilson	<b>8:00 AM</b> Dennis Jewell Wayne Griffin	<b>8:00 AM</b> Jackie Lee Nora Cameron	<b>8:00 AM</b> Mylene Navalta Juliana Cornelius
<b>10:30 AM</b> Beverly Jones Patricia Lashley Upton Porte	<b>10:30 AM</b> Stephanie Jones Margueritte Brown Regina Sheffield	<b>10:30 AM</b> Claudette Anderson Asley McGregor	<b>10:30 AM</b> Claudia McGregor Bovel Anderson Effie Holder	<b>10:30 AM</b> Joanne Sinanan Joyce Besch-Kelly
<b>FLOWER GUILD</b>				
Carol Rowe Barbara Nell	Carmen Downer Margueritte Brown	Jennifer Phillips Marjorie Sutherland	Betty Gower Laurie Mickey	Betty Gower Laurie Mickey
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## Christian Symbol

### Seal

A seal is the mark of God’s promises to the believer and of the believer’s consecration to God. Old Testament priests wore a piece of gold against their forehead, as a seal, engraved with the words “Holy to the Lord.” For Christians, the sign of the cross serves as a seal of salvation.

Paul declares, “He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come” (2 Corinthians 1:21-22, NIV).



## The Parting of the Red Sea

And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.  
Exodus 14:31 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Exodus 14:19-31

T Y W E U J N W C I Z N X S S  
 W T C B K L J P M O S E S V C  
 U H P Z E Q U P D X S Z H R L  
 X K A A Z V A C G S M E N K O  
 F F R N Y T Q P H R Y L A T U  
 X S C T D L D W W A O P Y D D  
 I V D H F K D T A G R U S V B  
 F D D R Y E S R T L A I N U D  
 S V X Q Y F P A E B H J O D W  
 N K T R U S T V R W B B X T S  
 L L U E L S F E H K L Y P E S  
 B A U U B A M L C E I H S T M  
 S V R J J V F I G G P R T G P  
 G W X M A E Y N S N O T I I V  
 Z P T Y Y D A G O H L W Z K A

WATER	TRAVELING	GROUND	ARMY	CHARIOTS
DRY	SEA	SAVED	MOSES	HORSES
ANGEL	HAND	CLOUD	TRUST	ISRAEL

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### September's "Exodus"

St. John's Youth are beginning their new season of study on September 9th by learning about Moses.

Here's one of their favorite activities - Enjoy!



## Outreach Team News

On Thursday, July 12th we served meals to the needy in our community at Daily Meal.

We thank all who volunteer for our monthly feed the homeless program.



## Bible Quiz



Who was Moses' father-in-law, and what was his occupation?

- A. Joshua; shepherd
- B. Miriam; tentmaker
- C. Aaron; farmer
- D. Jethro; priest



Answer: D (See Exodus 3:1.)