

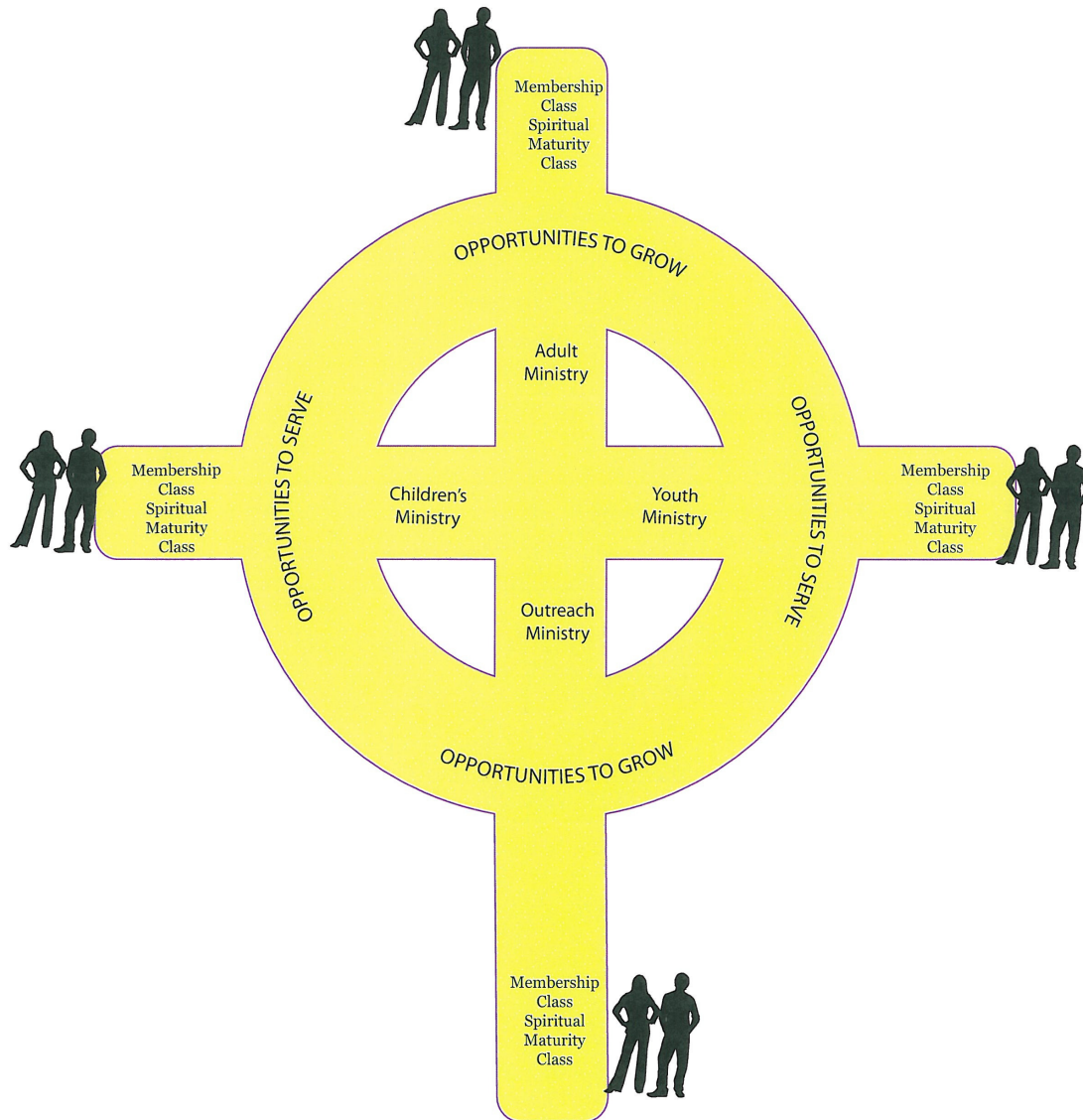
Saint Nicholas Church

The Love of Christ Changing Lives!

Growth Opportunities for Adults Fall 2012



Belong, Grow, Serve



St. Nicholas Church serves the towns of Flower Mound, Highland Village, Double Oak, Lewisville and the surrounding communities. Our purpose is to introduce people to Jesus - our Savior, Lord and friend! We desire everyone to belong to Christ. We strive to welcome all to belong to God's family, we encourage them to grow in their knowledge and love of our Lord, and we equip them to serve Him for ministry in the church and in the world.

It is our hope that this process is understandable and realistic. Please use this flyer to understand the path for each adult who comes through our door.

Please never hesitate to call me, 972-318-7070 or email me, frmark@stnicksonline.org. The staff of St. Nicholas Church is here to serve and assist you on your path, walking closely with your Savior.

Blessings,

Sunday Mornings, 10 A.M.

How do I “plug in” at St. Nicks?

- Join us in worship on Sundays
- Make Sundays at 10 a.m. part of your life
- Sign up for our weekly eNews via our website
- Wear a nametag on Sundays
- Yes, you are invited. Jump on in!
- Stay up-to-date via stnicksonline.org

Membership/Spiritual Maturity Class

The importance of the unity of the Church and the local congregation is frequently stressed by St. Paul in his letters found in the New Testament. In them, he says that only when we are “of one mind united in thought and purpose” can we truly be of service to God and to His kingdom. Therefore, we believe it is essential that everyone who becomes a member of St. Nicholas enters into our family with a clear understanding of who we are, what we do, and what we expect of our members.

For three sessions, Fr. Mark and Joyce Neth get to know the class members and the members get to know them and St. Nicholas Church.

For the next three weeks, the class looks at the definition of



a disciple and how St. Nicholas Church understands that definition.

We are called by Christ’s name – Christians. We are asked to follow Him. We often ask - “What would Jesus do?” In Scripture, we read that Jesus is “the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6).

Life is not a destination or a series of events. Life is an exciting, but often perilous journey. With Christ, the journey can be fulfilling and rewarding beyond our knowing. Come start or continue your journey with Christ and other fellow travelers

known as Christians here at St. Nicholas.

This two part class is six sessions on Sundays at 10 a.m. It is a prerequisite for membership and for exercising leadership at St. Nicholas Church.

Each new class is preceded by a Newcomers’ Lunch (the Sunday after the 11 a.m. service).



Call the church office or go to the church website for dates of this class and others.

Sunday Mornings, 10 A.M. - FaithWeaver

What if... family members had something that sparked conversation on the way home from church and during the week?

When FaithWeaver was developed, that was the question asked and answered! Research proves the greatest influences on faith are the conversations that take place in the home. FaithWeaver makes it easy for families to come together and to grow in faith because everyone

studies the same Bible story, in age-appropriate ways.

Let Sunday school support families as the primary setting for spiritual growth. With FaithWeaver, all ages study and experience the same Scripture in creative ways and in separate age-appropriate classes. FaithWeaver equips families to talk about and to apply their faith together every day.

Adults attend a class led by the Rector exploring the Scripture of the day.

Join Fr. Mark’s class in Our Savior Chapel .



OTHER SMALL GROUPS:

There are other small groups that have been meeting or that have spontaneously emerged, meeting weekly or biweekly studying various biblical topics. Call the church office for more information.



Carrie Boren



Other Classes...

Engaging with the ?s Thursdays 7 p.m.

Do you have questions about God and eternity? Do you know others that have questions?

Come and hear **Carrie Boren**, Missioner for Evangelism Diocese of Dallas. You will come away with your questions answered and equipped to answer the questions "they" have. This class meets for **Five Thursdays at 7-8:30 p.m.**

beginning Sept 6 in Orand Chapel. Childcare available.

Christianity Explored—

Sundays 6:15 p.m.

This is a 7-week course for people who'd like to investigate Christianity, or to just brush up on the basics. A study of Mark's gospel. **It explores who Jesus is, why He came, and what it means to follow Him.**

Whether you have previous experience of Church, Christians and the Bible, or not, this course is for you.

This course will be the preparation for adults desiring to be Confirmed or Received by the Bishop.

Fr. Mark will lead this course on **Sundays at 6:15** beginning **Oct. 7** in **Harte House Conference Room.**

Other Classes and Small Groups...

Dave Ramsey Course—

Mondays 7 p.m.

Financial conflict is a top reason for divorce. *Financial Peace* consists of a **13-week video** curriculum—by Dave Ramsey—that incorporates small-group discussions. *Financial Peace* is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, financial advice and biblical messages. More

than **one million families** have had their lives changed by this course.

Led by James Clay on **Mondays at 7** beginning **Oct. 1** in **Our Savior Chapel.**

Made to Crave— Sundays 6:15 p.m.

Has food become more about frustration than fulfillment? Author **Lysa TerKeurst** is the author of **Made To Crave** and has thoughtful biblical insights. Michele Pierce and

Laurel Wright, will lead this Sunday evening study for women on **Sundays at 6:15** in **Our Savior Chapel.**

2Peter Bible Study— Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

"How to keep from falling" is an 8-week study of 2Peter using **Precept upon Precept**, curriculum as a guide. This study will be led by Fr. Mark. It begins **Oct. 10** at **6:30** in **Our Savior Chapel.**

Life Transformation Groups (LTG)

An LTG is made up of two or three people of the same gender who meet weekly to discuss their daily Bible reading. In addition, they ask each other character-building questions and pray.

If interested in *meeting weekly, reading the Bible, asking character building questions, and praying for pre-Christian family and friends*, this is for you.

Men of St. Nicholas

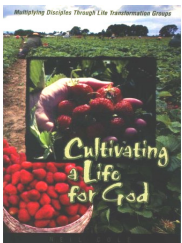
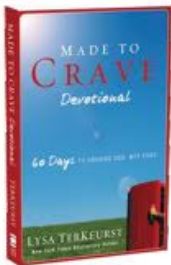
Saturdays 8-10 a.m.

The men meet the **2nd & 4th Saturdays** each month in Jacoby Parish Hall from **8 - 10** for *Bible Study, fellowship* and a *service project* on the church grounds. Coffee and some kind of donuts or muffins are provided! All are welcome and encouraged to come! Contact Jeff Brannen for any questions at **jbrannen@balfourbeattys.com**

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King is a women's organization where the members take vows to pray, serve in Jesus' name and tell His story to others.

The Daughters are praying each Sunday during Communion for the church members and are available after the service to pray with members. For more information contact Joyce Neth, **joycen@stnicksonline.org.**



Who We Are...

St. Nicholas started in 1998 on a blessed piece of God's earth called the Bishop Mason Center. It began with a small group of individuals who were inspired to conduct Christ's work in the Great Commandment, the Great Commission and five purposes: Worship, Ministry, Outreach, Fellowship and Discipleship. **We are a biblically-based church** which follows the Anglican tradition. We have dynamic worship. We offer strong Christian education programs for children, youth, and adults.



Classical Anglican Theology...

The Gospel and the Triune

God: We rejoice in the grace of the Triune God, who has forgiven our sins and given us redemption in Jesus Christ. We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, who became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, lived a life of perfect obedience to his heavenly Father, died on the cross to atone for the sins of the world, and rose bodily in accordance with the Scriptures. God the Holy Spirit draws us to faith in Jesus Christ, through whom alone we are justified and found acceptable by God the Father.

Christian Obedience: We confess Jesus as the Lord to whom all authority in heaven and on earth has been given by the Father. We commit ourselves to follow him and love him above all else and to conform our lives to his example and teaching by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Scripture: We believe all Scriptures were "written for our learning" (Romans 15:4), that they are "God's Word written," and that we are to "hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them." We commit to preach and teach only that which is in accordance with Holy Scripture.

Congregational Life: We hold corporate worship, discipleship, and mission to be interconnected and indispensable aspects of our response to God as he revealed himself to us in Jesus Christ. We are committed to being sacrificially involved in all three aspects.

Mission and Missions: The Risen Lord commissioned his disciples to preach the gospel and to follow his commandments. The mission of the Church includes both evangelistic proclamation and deeds of love and service. We commit ourselves and our resources to this mission, both locally and to the uttermost parts of the earth. We affirm our particular responsibility to know, love, and serve the Lord in our local settings and contexts. Since the biblical pattern of witness moves from the local to the global, we will endeavor to be well-informed about our local communities and active in church planting, evangelism, service, social justice, and cross-cultural, international mission, with particular concern for the unreached peoples of the world.

Ecumenical Vision: We affirm the Faith of the Church as it is set forth in the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds and in the classical Prayer Book tradition, including those documents contained in the

"Historical Documents" section of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP p.863). We further affirm the principles of the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral (BCP p.876) as an expression of the normative authority of Holy Scripture and as a basis for our present unity with brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion.

The Uniqueness of Jesus

Christ: While religions and philosophies of the world are not without elements of truth, Jesus Christ alone is the full revelation of God. In and through the Gospel, Jesus judges and corrects all views and doctrines. All persons everywhere need to learn of him, come to know and believe in him, and receive forgiveness and new life in him, as there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved.

Church and State: Biblical social commandments and Christian ethical principles are foundational to the well-being of every society. Recognizing the call of Christians to be faithful witnesses and a challenging presence in society, we are committed to seek ways to express these commandments and principles in all spheres of life, including the public life of the nation.

Sanctity of Life: All human life is a sacred gift from God and is to be protected and defended from conception to natural death. We will uphold the sanctity of life and bring the grace and compassion of Christ to those who face the realities of previous abortion, unwanted pregnancy, and end-of-life illness.

True Inclusivity: In grateful response to Christ Jesus, in whom there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, we will extend the welcome of the Church to every person, regardless of race, sex, social or economic status, sexual orientation, or past behavior. We will oppose prejudice in ourselves and others and renounce any false notion of inclusivity that denies that all are sinners who need to repent.

Marriage, Family, and the Single

Life: God has instituted marriage to be a life-long union of husband and wife, intended for their mutual joy, help, and comfort, and, when it is God's will, for the procreation and nurture of children. Divorce is always contrary to God's original intention, though in a fallen world it is sometimes a tragic necessity. The roles of father and mother, exercised in a variety of ways, are God-given and profoundly important since they are the chief providers of moral instruction and godly living. The single life, either by call or by circumstance, is honored by God.

Human Sexuality: Sexuality is inherent in God's creation of every human person in his image as male and female. All Christians are called to chastity: husbands and wives (male and female) by exclusive sexual fidelity to one another and single persons by abstinence from sexual intercourse. God intends and enables all people to live within these boundaries, with the help and in the fellowship of the Church.

