



THE SALTY SAINT

Fall Quarter 2015

Getting Ready for Our Annual Meeting

—by Chip Ide and Mary Ellen Adams



At least 70 members attended the September pot luck dinner and participated in a discussion about our future that was led by Mark Tomlinson.

Photo by Elmo Carawan

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15, after the 10:00 am service. In preparation, the congregation came together at the September potluck supper to provide their thoughts on *What can we do better for our future?* The evening was moderated by Mark Tomlinson.

During the meeting, seven groups were asked to rotate between seven tables. At each table, the group discussed one of seven questions about existing programs. It was fun! The discussion revolved around: *Is the program doing well as is or is there a way we could tweak it?* The programs discussed included Sunday school, outreach, potluck suppers, communications, alter guild, lay Eucharistic ministers and the website.

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Save the Date!
Christmas Party!

Swindell Store
on Main St.
Sunday, December 6
at 6 pm

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL?

Having an outpatient procedure?

Please call or email the office to let us know. We really, really want to pray for you, visit you, and support you and those you love, but we cannot do that unless you tell us first.

There are three ways to receive *The Salty Saint*. Choose (1) via email, (2) via first class US Mail or (3) pick up your copy in the Noe Building. Call 252-923-9141 or email Sstthomas@embarqmail.com to sign up.

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The responses are being reviewed by Diane and the vestry and they will report on how the members' recommendations will be implemented at our parish meeting.

In addition to hearing this report, we will elect new Vestry members during the meeting, hear reports from Diane+ and our Wardens and Treasurer, and select delegates and alternates for the 2016 Diocesan Convention.

The three new Vestry members elected at the meeting will start their term in January 2016. Some of the guidelines for serving are:

- a) must be a member in good standing
- b) must have been an active member of STEC for at least 1 year
- c) must be available to attend at least 10 of 12 meetings of the Vestry during the year
- d) candidates are nominated by church members or can submit their own name for consideration, and
- e) term of service is 3 years

As you think about possible nominees, please keep in mind that those asked to serve need to have a sincere interest in the growth of the church. Vestry members are not involved with the day-to-day business of the church, but are at the heart of our church mission, our various ministries, and they must be willing to support and be engaged in every aspect of church work.

Ann Marie Montague, Bob Sutter and LaRue Chuman, who are going off the vestry this year, are the nominating committee (per our by-laws) and will be glad to talk with you about nominees. Please think about those who fulfill the above criteria, talk to them and ask if they would agree to be nominated, and then let Ann-Marie, Bob or LaRue know who they are so they can be contacted.

Upcoming Events at St. Thomas

STEC Goes to the Movies

Saturday, Oct 3, 1 pm
Cancelled due to weather

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4, 4 pm
Cancelled due to weather

Wednesday Pot Luck

Wednesday, October 21, 6 pm
A Trip to Cuba

Celebrate Diane

Sunday, October 25, 11:30 am
Dinner on the Grounds

Choral Evensong

Sunday, November 1, 5 pm
All Saints Day

STEC Goes to the Movies

Saturday, November 7, 1 pm
Lars and the Real Girl

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, November 15
After the 10 am service

Wednesday Pot Luck

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6 pm
St. Thomas Parish 300th

STEC Goes to the Movies

Saturday, December 5, 1 pm
Traces of the Trade

STEC Christmas Party

Swindell Store, 103 S Main St
Sunday, December 6, 6 pm

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 21
10 am Service

Christmas Eve

Thursday, Dec. 24, 6 pm

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25, 10 am

Meet the Satterfields

— by Elmo Carawan



Angie, Kate, Jacob, Matthew and Chuck Satterfield on their waterfront.

Photo by Elmo Carawan

The Satterfields, among the newest members of St. Thomas, enjoy their home on Bath Creek. Chuck and Angie met in Virginia during his time in the Navy and later moving to Kansas with Chuck's job as an Information Technologist for Anthem Insurance Company.

Jacob, plays school sports at Northside High School and Matthew and Kate enjoy sports at Bath Elementary. They all love water sports on Bath Creek. All three children serve as acolytes and Jacob and Matthew have joined Chuck as members of the choir.

Chuck made the comment that Bath offers him a convenient location for his work, and being a part of St. Thomas is a big plus for them to be here.

They are a lovely, happy family and the church is fortunate to have them as members.

Upcoming Events in the Bath Area

Big Yard Sale

Bath Christian Church
Saturday, October 3
7:00 am – 12 pm

Historic Bath Ghost Walk

Friday, October 16, 7:30 pm
Saturday, Oct. 17, 7:30 pm

Bath Library Outdoor Movie Series

Kid-Friendly Halloween Movie
Saturday, Oct 24 at dusk

PTRF Oyster Roast

Washington Civic Center
Saturday, November 14
6:30 pm – 10 pm

Annual Bazaar

Bath Christian Church
Saturday, November 21
6:30 am – 2 pm

Community Tree Lighting

Friday, November 27, 6 pm

Bath Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 6
2 pm – 3 pm

Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 12
12 pm – 4 pm

Choral Society Concert

Saturday, Dec. 13, 3 pm

Christmas Cantata

Bath Christian Church
Sunday, December 13, 5 pm
Sunday, December 20, 10 am

Music at St. Thomas

— by Stephen W. Vaughn, Organist/Choirmaster

First I want to thank the choir for singing all summer. I also want to thank Sylvia Sutter for substituting for me while I was away on vacation. The choir not only sings an anthem each week, but leads in worship. If you are interested in joining in the choir, please see me. We could use another tenor, alto and soprano; but all parts are welcome. We are happy to have Chuck, Jacob and Matthew Satterfield singing with us now.

We began our fall season of rehearsals on Sunday, Sept. 13, in our new choir room, which is in the former church office building. We are very happy to have our own room and new choir robes, which are on the way. I look forward to another year in ministry with you at St. Thomas.



On Sunday, November 1, at 5:00 pm, we will have a Choral Evensong to remember All Saints Day. Choral evensong is strictly Anglican. It is a service of Evening Prayer which is mostly sung by the choir. I hope you will mark this now and plan to be present as we remember those who have gone on before us.

We will celebrate *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* on Sunday, Dec. 20 at the 10:00 am service. The service features scripture lessons and music celebrating the Advent and Birth of Christ. You will not want to miss this meaningful service. We will celebrate Christmas Eve with a choral service at 6:00 pm.

Thank each of you for your continued support and encouragement..

Operation Christmas Child Is Underway

— by Chip Ide



Samaritans' Purse is active all over the world, possibly the largest international aid organization. They are involved in every crisis worldwide and are often the first on site. Billy Graham's son Franklin heads this effort.

The Christmas Child program was started in 1993, and since that time has sent more than 100 million boxes to all corners of the world. It takes about 100,000 volunteers to gather, check and send the boxes in the huge cargo planes that they regularly use.

The organization asks for a donation of \$7 per box to cover the cost of transporting your gift and delivering it into the hands of a child in need.

We have done our part in the past — Last year we filled a record 63 boxes! We have a supply of pre-printed shoeboxes and instruction brochures in the Noe Building again this year. The national collection week is November 16 - 23. Please help us to set records for our giving this year!

The Treasurer's Corner

— by Mickey Cochran, Treasurer

St. Thomas continues to make good progress towards meeting its budget requirements for the 2015 business year. Through September 20th, and with one more Sunday remaining in the first three quarters of the year, the following results have been recorded:



FISCAL YEAR 2015

	2015 Budget Est. Through Three Quarters	2015 Actual Results Through Three Quarters	2015 Annual Budget Remaining	Actual % Of Annual Budget
<i>Pledges</i>	\$114,356.25	\$118,069.09	\$ 34,405.91	77.44%
<i>Non Pledge Contributions</i>	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 11,025.00	+\$3,525.00	110.25%
<i>Plate Cash</i>	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 3,900.71	+\$1,650.71	147.23%
<i>Prior Year Pledges Pd. 2015</i>	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 750.00	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
<i>Misc. Income</i>	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 1,926.00	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
<i>Endowment Fund Earnings</i>	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	75.00%
TOTALS	\$128,612.25	\$140,178.30	\$ 31,304.70	81.74%

(X) = no budget estimate made.

Upon review of the above, pledge receipts are running 2.44% above estimates through three quarters, non-pledge receipts are 35.25% above estimates, and plate cash receipts are 47.23% above estimates. In addition, \$2,676.00 has been received for which no budget estimates were made.

Total expenditures through September 22 were \$127,724 or 77.21% of budget estimates for the year.

Now is the appropriate time for parishioners to begin thinking about their 2016 financial commitment to St. Thomas. In a few short weeks, the church's annual stewardship campaign will begin. Costs of operating the church in the 2016 calendar year will likely exceed those realized in the current year.

Final Cookbook Report

— by Barbara Lawrence



Committee Members; Pat Axness, Joan Long, Barbara Lawrence and TG Piland present a check to LaRue Chuman, Sr. Warden.
Not shown: Susan Bartelt (moved), Barbara Craig, Eve Ide, Charlene Lee (moved)

Photo by Buck Sitterson

The Committee is pleased to present to the Vestry a check for the sum of \$4,119.54 which represents the complete profit from the sale of 1,021 Cookbooks. As agreed in April 2010, these funds are to be used for the sole purpose of St. Thomas' Outreach programs.

Members of the committee wish to thank the Vestry for underwriting the proposal in the first place, and for supporting the second printing. We are pleased that your confidence in our enthusiasm was not misplaced. We would like to thank the members of the congregation for their unflagging support of this project which has extended over more time than any of us would have expected!

We hope that St. Thomas cookbook will, "*Without a Doubt*," help to nourish those who need it most.

Barbara Lawrence

August 12, 2015

The Beginnings of St. Thomas Parish

— by Mary Ellen Adams

The history of St. Thomas encompasses over three hundred years and predates the founding of the town. In 1696 Bath County was established and St. Thomas Parish was formed soon afterwards. Bath County extended from the Albemarle Sound to the Neuse River, including what is now Hyde, Beaufort, Martin, Pitt, Craven and Carteret.

In December 1700 the Reverend Thomas Bray, who was one of the founders of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (SPG), shipped books from England to St Thomas Parish with the Reverend Daniel Brett for the first public library in the colony. At that time, there was no minister nor a church building. Records indicate that a small group began holding services with lay readers in local homes around 1701.

In 1701 the General Assembly passed the first Vestry Act, which appointed parishes and vestries in the four precincts in the Albemarle region, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank and Currituck, and one in the Pamlico precinct of Bath County.

No copy of the first Vestry Act has survived nor have any of our early parish records so we do not have a record of who was appointed to that first St. Thomas vestry. The parish records for St. Paul's parish in Chowan have survived and their list of twelve vestry members is headed by Henderson Walker, who was the acting deputy governor of the province at that time.

In 1704, inhabitants living near the Pamlico River in Bath County petitioned the SPG to have a minister sent to them, saying they had nearly 200 children that were in need of baptism. But it wasn't until 1734 that the church received its first full-time minister, The Rev. John Garzia who came from Virginia. Later that year work began on the brick building where we still have services.

The town of Bath was established in 1705 on a peninsula between Bath (Old Town) and Back (Adams) Creeks. Also that year the population had grown to the point where the county was divided into three precincts, Pamticough, Wyckham and Archdale. By 1712, the names of these precincts were changed to Beaufort, Hyde and Craven. St. Thomas Parish covered all of Beaufort Precinct which extended from present day Pitt County to Craven County.

There were subsequent vestry acts enacted by the legislature, but the Vestry Act of 1715 is the first one to come down to us. It increased the original five parishes to nine, named twelve vestrymen in each parish and set their duties, which were civic as well as religious. The vestrymen named for St. Thomas Parish were The Honorable Charles Eden Esq., Col. Christopher Gale, Tobias Knight Esq., Mr. John Porter, Dan Richardson Esq., Mr. Thomas Worsley, Captain John Drinkwater, Captain John Clark, Mr. John Adams, Mr. Patrick Maule, Mr. Thomas Harding, and Mr. John Lillington.

Josie Hookway will expand on this brief summary of the early history of St. Thomas Parish at our potluck supper on November 18. Please plan on attending to see books and artifacts of our history on display and to learn more about duties of the Vestry in colonial times and key events in St. Thomas' 300-year history.



Purple Bow Campaign

—by Annie Griffin

I have loved St. Thomas since that day in June, 1997, when we first visited. Comer and I have always said to everyone we meet, "We attend St. Thomas - please visit - you will love it!"

The *Purple Bow Campaign* for the Marion Shepard Cancer Center is an example of that loving, caring environment I felt then at St. Thomas. It has expanded, and continues to evolve.

Do you realize WE raised \$6,428????? This is absolutely amazing for a "little, bitty church"!!!!!!

WE are the BEST - PROUD - COMMITTED!!!

THANK YOU!!!

Annie Griffin

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



1st Saturday Movies

—by Chip Ide



Watching *The Devil Wears Prada*

Photo by Elmo Carawan

On Saturday, September 5, St. Thomas held its first movie and discussion in the Noe Building. It was a good group and a good movie. Come out and see the next movies — on November 7 you can see *Lars and the Real Girl* and on December 5 the movie will be *Traces of the Trade*. Show time is 1 pm.

A Letter to the Parish

— by Diane+

One Short Year Ago....

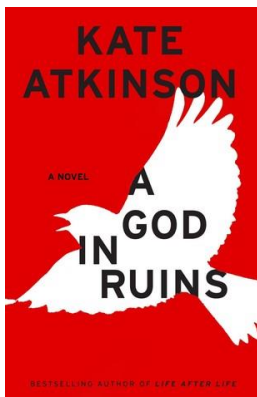
It is hard to believe that one short year ago, I stood in front of you all and asked you to dance with me. Of course, not in the literal sense. I said that when we began our life together here in this place, that we would like dancing partners, who may step on one another's toes. Well, I have to say, my toes are no more bruised than the day I arrived and I hope the same is true for all of you. I can honestly say that the last year has been one of the happiest of my life, in no small part to all of you being in it. Thank you!



Now as the days grow short and the evenings become cooler, we begin to come together again as a community of faith. We meet not only on Sunday mornings but also through the week with the different committees and activities which are taking place here at St. Thomas. We greet the new program year with interest and excitement. It is a privilege to have so many talented people in our midst who are willing to share their lives and interests with us. We are truly blessed.

And a new wind is blowing through the congregation and it is one of renewed commitment to one another, ourselves and to our walk with Christ. This renewed congregational vigor will be presented at our Annual Meeting in November. The ideas and suggestions gathered at our September potluck will help the vestry and myself begin to craft a future blueprint for the parish as well as build on those ministries and committees which work so hard to spread the Good News. I hope each one of us will find something to get involved in at St. Thomas; this is truly a special place with very special people. God is amongst us!

What the Rector is Reading



A God in Ruins by Kate Atkinson. In this second novel focusing on the Todd family, Atkinson turns her focus on Ursula's (*Life after Life*) beloved younger brother Teddy – would-be poet, RAF bomber pilot, husband and father – as he navigates the perils and progress of the 20th century. For all Teddy endures in battle, his greatest challenge will be to face living in a future he never expected to have.

[Book description from goodreads.com]

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