

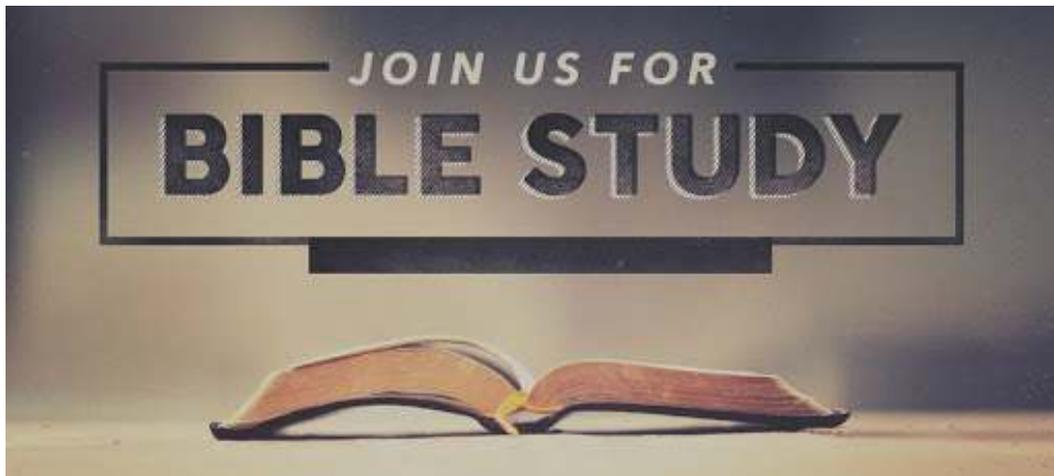
# City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

## NEWSLETTER

August 9th, 2021

We enjoyed another beautiful service yesterday with many thanks going out to all of our wonderful volunteers. Bev and Lesley each did a reading for us. Elizabeth led us through the prayers of the people. Myrna, Amanda, Bill and Deb all shared their musical talents with us. Winnie & Lindsay again took on the role of being our sidespeople, Bob was also a server, and in the audio booth we had the ever faithful Judy and Tom with Charlie on hand to help. We cannot thank you enough! If you are interested in assisting with our services, please do contact Michelle in the office.

We are planning a Ministry Fair for this month so you can learn more about each of the 'jobs' that keep our parish thriving, maybe you'll see a role you'll feel called to sign up for and share your gifts with us all. All ministries do come with training and most are easy and enjoyable!



A reminder that we do have a wonderful Bible Study group meeting every week. To begin with, the study is focusing on the readings for the following Sunday. "Anybody is welcome to come whether you think you know the scriptures or whether you think you've never read the scriptures - you'll be fine! If you're interested and just want to be with other people and discuss God's word among yourselves and that, I would really invite you to come to this." Come join us any Thursday at 10am at the church. Bible readings for next Sunday are: ISAIAH 7:10-15, 15, 31-33, GALATIANS 4:4-7, and LUKE 1:46-55.

## ***Tabernacle Candle:***

The candle is sponsored this week by Al & Sharen Vidler for each of their families.



If you would like to sponsor the candle for \$10 in memory of a loved one (perhaps on a birthday, anniversary or other important date), please do let us know! We are not limited to one sponsor per week.

Upcoming dates:

August 15th	· Bill & Judy Kesanko in celebration of granddaughter Kylie's 11th birthday
August 22nd	· Winnie Kennair in memory of her mother. · Bev & Jim Orioux in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 24th!
August 29th	· Al & Sharen Vidler to commemorate Sharen's birthday on the 21st & Justin's on the 25th
Sept. 5th	· Betty Squance in memory of Glen's birthday on the 9th · Winnie Kennair in memory of her brother Christopher
Sept. 12th	· open
Sept. 19th	· open

## ***Hooray! Sunday School is coming!***

In case you missed it, we're going to have a Sunday School again! We're looking at starting the program in about a month, currently aiming for the second Sunday in September. Watch for more details to come out!

### ***Reminders:***

- We have a few hippos left here that would love to return to their homes.
- There are also quite a few boxes of envelopes in the mail slots that can be picked up!
- If you have any parish news or events you would like to share, please do contact Michelle in the office to have it included in our weekly newsletter!
- If you have any prayer requests for our weekly intercessions, let Michelle know that as well.

### ***Upcoming Events***

**Wednesday, August 11th** - 7pm Vestry Meeting at the Church

**Thursday, August 12th** - 10am Bible Study at the church

**Sunday, August 15th** - 10am Join us in person or via Youtube at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkzBUIHoFQyrqCg1GmTukw>

### ***Just a fun, little chuckle...***

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals", he said to himself. As he continued walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes. Turning to look he saw a 7 foot bear charging towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. Looking over his shoulder he saw that the bear was closing in on him. His heart was pumping frantically and he tried to run even faster. He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear raising his paw to take a swipe at him. In that instant the atheist cried out, "Oh my God!"

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent.

It was then that a bright light shone upon the man and a voice from heaven asked, "You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others that I don't exist and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps, could you make the BEAR as Christian?"

"Very well", said the Voice. The light went out, and the sounds of the forest resumed.

And then the bear lowered his paw, bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, bless this food which I am about to receive and for which I am truly thankful, Amen."