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DIOCESAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION



Council Resolution on War

In its November 8-9 2002 Council Meeting, the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta passed the following resolution regarding a response to war:

"We urge the U.S. Government to follow the elements of 'just war' doctrine. We urge that when a conflict begins, Episcopalians in the diocese fast for the sake of peace one day a week for the duration of the conflict."

From a paper delivered to the Clericus of the Diocese of Vermont, Randolph, Vermont, November 19, 2002 by Bishop George Packard:

Before beginning, and for the record, let me list the generally agreed upon basics of Just War.

A Just War should:

- Be executed as a last resort.
- Waged by a legitimate authority.
- Fought with the right intention to redress an injury.
- Have a reasonable chance of success.
- Have the ultimate goal of re-establishing peace.
- Violence employed must be proportional to the injury suffered.
- Weapons used must discriminate between combatants and non-combatants.

TAKING NOTE

Our invitation to Elberton Presbyterians and Lutherans to attend **Friday Bible Study** has increased attendance. Other pastors add their wisdom and we have new friends.

Marcia Jenkins is healing quickly from her operation. She and Marjorie will start up **Cherub Sunday School** again in March.

Ash Wednesday service was held at noon Wednesday March 5th at St. Alban's. Fr. Herschell celebrated the liturgy and the imposition of ashes.

Lenten Suppers will provide "food for thought" as well as good soup. See details inside.

THOUGHTFUL LENT: WALK TOWARDS CALVARY AGAIN



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These seven tenets of "Just War" are summarized from Thomas Aquinas' position. When discussing "Just War", a proposition and set of principles inherited from classical philosophy via Saints Augustine and Thomas Aquinas, there is always the persistent and accompanying question, "Does it still have a part to play in the contemporary striving of humanity to reduce the risk of war? Can it legitimize a Christian non-pacifist position?"

For more information and discussion, please see the "Just War" web page:

[http://
www.episcopalchurch.org/
ashapm/justwar.html](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ashapm/justwar.html)

Calling All Angels:

Mary Randall has requested volunteers for "Pink Ladies" at Elberton Memorial Hospital. Please contact Carol Coggins if you can help.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS:

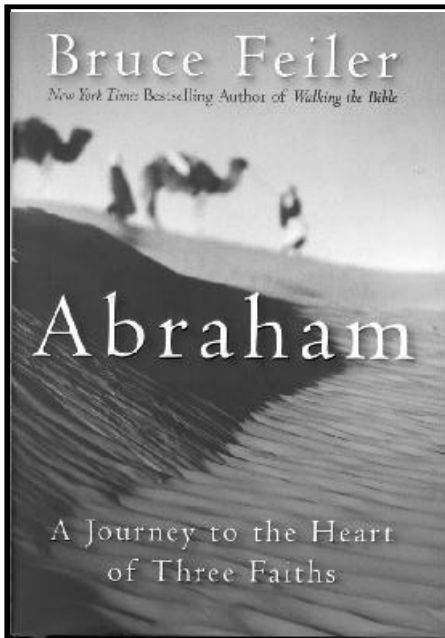
Application forms for 2003 summer sessions at Camp Mikell have arrived. If you are interested, please pick up a form from Sara Baldwin's in-box in the hall-way.

Youth should have already received counsellor applications at their home address.

Please let Sara know if you want an application.



Camp Mikell Application Form



Adult Sunday School Presents:
**ABRAHAM: A WALK TO THE
HEART OF THREE FAITHS**

beginning:
SUNDAY, MARCH 23
and for the following six weeks

Extra-curricular!

Fr. Gene Britton and ten members of St. Alban's participated in an ecumenical covered dish supper and program held at the First Presbyterian Church in Elberton on February 6th.

Amateur astronomer Maury Schnook presented the history and possible scientific explanations for the Star in the East on Christmas Morn.

In a very unusual slide show, Maury used his stamp collection to exhibit different ideas such as novas, comets, planets and constellations.

***Lenten
Suppers***

***When: Thursdays, March 20
and 27, April 3 and 10***

***Contact: Barbara Nicas and
promise to bring soup, bread,
treat or beverage***

***Program:
Fr. Gene will present Bible
stories in literature.***

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The Lord said to Abraham, 'Leave your country, your kindred, and your father's house for a country which I shall show you... you are to be a blessing.'

Genesis 12: 1-2

Vestry News:

Sr. Warden Steve Jenkins, members of St. Alban's vestry and Fr. Gene met with the vestry of The Church of the Mediator, Washington GA, and their pastor the Very Rev. John Via. This was the first step towards discussion of a yoked relationship between the two parishes.

Mediation and Sanctuary: two different approaches to peacemaking.

**happy
birth-
day..**

*To Margo Atkinson
For 80 years on Earth*