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Episcopal Church  
Roswell, Georgia*

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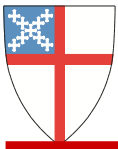
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## internal ministries

### **Worship Support**

#### **Vergers**

The Vergers lead processions into and during the service, assist with Communion and are available to the Clergy should anything be needed during the service. The Vergers are appointed by the Rector.

#### **Acolytes**

The acolyte ministry (St. David's Guild) provides an opportunity for young people to model ideal Christian behavior while actively serving the Lord on a regular basis. Participation begins with 6<sup>th</sup> graders and runs through their senior year. Young people volunteer, are selected and are invited to join the Acolyte Corps. Acolytes begin carrying torches and grow into more demanding roles.

#### **Altar Guild**

The altar guild sets the table for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. In addition, they remove all linens and vessels after the service and are responsible for their care.

#### **Children's Readers for 9am service**

The children's readers read the lessons and prayers at the 9am service. The readers need affluent reading skills.

#### **Flower Guild**

Flowers are a sign of the resurrection and add beauty to the sanctuary. Parishioners have the opportunity to contribute them as memorials or as thanksgiving offerings. Members of the Flower Guild serve on a rotating basis to arrange the flowers in the church

#### **Lay Liturgical Ministers (lectors, intercessors and Eucharistic ministers)**

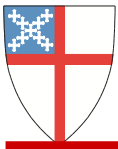
The members of this ministry participate in the liturgical services of the parish by reading the appointed lessons and psalms, leading the Prayers of the People, and administering the chalice during the Holy Eucharist.

#### **Ushers**

The usher teams greet and welcome members and visitors, distribute service bulletins and assist in the seating of our worshippers while being attentive to those who are in wheelchairs or other mobile units. During Holy Communion, they assist with traffic to and from the altar rail.

#### **St. Joseph of Arimathaea (Funeral Guild)**

The Guild of St. Joseph of Arimathaea assists clergy with planning and implementing funerals.



## **Music**

### **Choir-Adult**

St. David's Choir is a group of mixed adult singers. Singing in this Choir requires enthusiasm for choral singing and basic reading skills. The choir sings for the weekly 11:15am Sunday mass (from September through May) as well as several other services throughout the year such as Christmas Eve and Easter Vigil. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the Choir Rehearsal Room and Choir Loft. Sunday morning warm up begins at 10:15am in the Gallery.

### **Basement Band**

You can enjoy high quality praise music our Basement Band (meets weekly and includes musicians of all ages). This group plays both traditional and contemporary Christian instrumental and choral music for different services throughout the church year.

### **Choir-Handbells**

The Bell Choir consists of adults and students from ninth grade up. The rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9:00am and the group plays for the 9:00am and 11:15am services at different times from October through May. A general knowledge of music is helpful, but we will teach you how to play.

### **Choir-Children**

This ministry integrates sacred music participation and education to provide worship leadership experience to the children of the Parish. All children learn about music and hear the stories of the Bible through songs, games and activities.

## **Pastoral Care**

### **Healing Prayer Ministry**

Confidential, individual Healing Prayer is available every Sunday during Holy Eucharist in St. Bridget's Chapel. The prayer team will be in the Chapel waiting to welcome you and to join with you in prayer.

### **Caring/M Meal Train**

The Caring ministry prepares and delivers food to those in the Parish who are in need for many different circumstances.

### **Caregivers Support Group**

This group helps parishioners who are caring for family or friends in the way of support and knowledge of resources.

### **Grief Ministry**

The Grief Ministry assists parishioners deal with a death of a loved one.

### **Prayer Chain**

The prayer chain prays daily for those in need and those who are rejoicing, and for those on the St. David's prayer list in the Sunday service bulletin. The prayer chain is under auspices of St. David's Daughters of the King, Grace Chapter.

## Stephen Ministry

The lay people of this ministry provide one on one Christian care to hurting people including those who are bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, divorced, unemployed, in financial crisis, or others facing a crisis or life challenge.

## Eucharistic Visitation

This ministry is lead by lay people who deliver Eucharist to those who are not able to come to Church.

## **St. David's Ministries**

### Breakfast Teams

The breakfast teams are part of the Men's Club. The men gather to cook breakfast for the congregation before the 7:45 am service. Donations accepted for breakfast.

### Brotherhood of St. Andrew

A ministry for the spread of Christ's kingdom among men and boys in the Episcopal/Anglican communion.

### Eyeglass collection

This ministry collects unwanted eye glasses for recycling. The box is located in the hallway near the mailboxes.

### "59 & Holding" – Seniors Ministry

This group meets once a month for lunch and special programs that pertain to the lives of Seniors.

### Connections Café

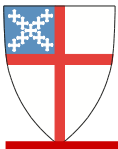
Connections Café is an offering that includes a tour of the Campus, getting to know the Episcopal Church, Caring for Others and Communications within the Church. It is also a great way to meet others that are new to St. David's as well as existing members.

### Counting Guild

The counting guild is a group of volunteers that count the collections and other monies received weekly.

### Daughters of the King

The Order of the Daughters of the King was founded by the Episcopal Church in 1885 to be an extension of Christ's kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. Daughters of the King, in a lifetime vow, pledge to undertake a spiritual discipline that incorporates a Rule of Life through the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.



## Flower Ambassadors

This ministry delivers the altar flowers to homes of fellow parishioners to show our care and concern.

## Green Guild

The green guild meets to assist the Parish in becoming more environmentally responsible.

## Women of Wonder

This ministry provides an opportunity for mothers with young children to explore God's grace and presence in the ups and downs of everyday life of motherhood. Childcare is provided.

## Welcome Ministry

The Welcome Committee greets those new and visiting to St. David's. They are stationed at the Visitor's table in the main hallway and profoundly important in welcoming newcomers to St. David's.

## Parish Partners

Parish Partners reach out to our newest members at St. David's. Being a Partner is very simple - making a phone call or two, introducing yourself at church, and being a "go-to" person if there are questions.

## Pew Crew

The Pew Angels straighten the hymnals and prayer books in each pew. In addition, they restock all of the brochures and pens as needed in the pew racks.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of this ministry meet for prayer and to knit or crochet prayer shawls for persons experiencing illness, grief or other important life events. Shawls are given to the Clergy or a Stephen Minister for distribution.

## Wedding Guild

This guild facilitates weddings at St. David's. They are present at the rehearsal and ceremony to assist.

## **Fellowship**

### **Men's Club**

The men in this ministry gather monthly together for fellowship and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. During the year they coordinate the Pancake supper, sponsor the Men's retreat, Parish picnic and the weekly Sunday breakfasts.

### **Foyers**

Foyer Groups are small groups of 8-10 persons sharing simple meals and fellowship. The intention is to have fun and provide an opportunity to meet each other and/or to become better acquainted. Each group meets once a month for a simple meal and relaxed conversation in the homes of members. The meetings last two to two and one-half hours.

### **Boy Scouts (Troop 430)**

The purpose of Boy Scouting is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. St. David's has sponsored Troop 430 for many years and many of its Scouts attain their Eagle Scout award.

\*\* We also have a Cub Scout Pack that meets here.

### **Women's and Men's Retreats**

The women's and men's retreats promote and support the spiritual growth of the men and women of St. David's while encouraging community. The retreats strives to equip the participants with practical spiritual tools that they may take back home and implement in their daily lives.

### **Ballroom Dance Lessons**

Ballroom Dance classes are available at St. David's in Jeffords Hall on Monday nights. No experience, no partner, no talent required to learn how to dance socially.

### **Parish-wide Events and other seasonal events**

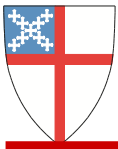
Events such as parish-wide lunch, "Trunk or Treat", Parish Picnic, Back to School event.

### **"Tweeners"**

If you are between 30 and 59ish (with a few years experience)...please join this group for a fellowship opportunity—usually a themed potluck supper in a parishioner's home.

### **Supper Groups & Covenant Groups**

In living out our Baptismal Covenant, these small groups are an opportunity to live out our faith in community. A Covenant Group is a small group comprised of all women, all men, or mixed groups of men and women.



## mission

### African Mission Team

With guidance from the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, St. David's decided to team with Solar Light for Africa to provide solar energy solution for Msalato Theological College in Dodoma, Africa.

### Drake House

The Drake House provides short-term crisis housing, education and empowerment programs for homeless mothers and their children in North Fulton County designed to assist the family in working toward self-sufficiency.

### Habitat for Humanity

St. David's participates in Habitat for Humanity builds at different times throughout the year. Parishioners are asked to give of their time and talents to assist in building townhomes and houses for those who would not be able to afford housing.

### Homestretch

St. David's provides financial support to one family per year. Homestretch has a family support team (financial advisor, mentor, job coach) to help the adult clients.

### Honduras Mission Team

The purpose of this ministry is to serve God by building relationships, physical structures, and being the church in Honduras. This is accomplished through a longstanding and loving partnership with the Lamb Institute based in Flor del Camp, Honduras. Mission trips are planned twice yearly along with a fundraiser.

### North Fulton Community Charities

North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC) is a local charity that provides financial assistance, food and clothing to those in need. St. David's provides financial assistance as well as volunteers to serve in the food pantry and thrift shop. We also participate in several other programs during the year, such as Warm coat drive, School Supplies drive, and Frozen Turkey donations..

#### Holiday Families

St. David's provides toys for families in need at Christmas time. The families are referred to us by North Fulton Community Charities and parishioners sign up for a specific toy that is delivered to the NFCC toy distribution center in the first week of December.

#### Food Collection

St. David's collects food for the North Fulton Community Charities food pantry several times a year. Parishioners are asked to bring food donations so they can be delivered to NFCC for those in our community that need assistance.



### **Six Mercies Ministry**

This is a lay based ministry that helps those who come to the Church asking for assistance. Volunteers are in the library on Monday and Friday from 1pm to 3pm to greet and interview those who come for assistance.

### **UNIDAD**

This program helps children, mostly Hispanic, from preschool through high school age, who eagerly rush in each week for help with homework assignments, test prep, reading, and games.

### **Amistad**

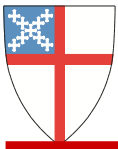
This ministry works to contribute funds to help support the mission – an orphanage (Villa Amistad) and agricultural assistance for rural villagers in Aramasi', Bolivia.

### **Episcopal Relief and Development Fund**

Episcopal Relief and Development is an international relief and development agency and a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of Episcopal Church dedicated to international relief and Development. It has been operating since 1940.

### **Path to Shine**

This is a ministry from our Diocese that inspires under-served children to achieve hope-filled dreams. They meet here at St. David's weekly, on Wednesday afternoons, with mostly children from Mimosa Elementary School next door to us



## christian formation

### **Adult Christian Education**

#### **The Rector's Forum**

In this forum the Rector gathers with parishioners to discuss varied topics. The forum meets at 10:15am on Sundays in Jeffords Fellowship Hall.

#### **Family Ministry Sunday morning programs in Jeffords Hall.**

#### **The Adult Inquirer's Class**

The Inquirer's class is for those preparing to be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church.

#### **Special Sunday Morning Classes**

These classes could be study of the Bible, a book study that typically run for 5 or 6 weeks.

#### **Women's Bible Study**

Women's Bible Study is offered in the old parish hall on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m.

#### **Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study**

This bible study offers a weekly in depth chapter by chapter study of various books of the Bible using a curriculum with homework questions and applications. It includes regular study of scripture and prayer. Meets in Bethany at 9:30 a.m.

#### **Men's Bible Study**

A lay-led Men's Bible Study meets every Saturday at the Church at 8:30 a.m.

#### **Bible Study at IHOP on Alpharetta Hwy.**

A lay-led bible study meets at 6:30 a.m. every Tuesday at Int'l House of Pancakes in Roswell.

#### **Education for Ministry (EFM)**

EFM is an adult, Christian, distance learning education program of the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The four year program is a dynamic blend of Bible study, church history, theology, worship, prayer and theological reflection.

## **Children's Ministries**

### **Christian Education (2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

St. David's children Christian education serves to unite all people to Christ and to each other by teaching the stories of Jesus and the Bible while creating relationships in an environment of hospitality, fellowship, fun, and creativity. Classes are organized as workshops to teach the stories of Jesus and the Bible in fun and memorable ways through a variety of activities. This program also includes EpiscoPALS (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades ) and Wonder-FULL Wednesdays (children's program runs in coordination with the adult Wednesday program)

### **Infants and Toddlers**

St. David's nursery provides care for children ranging in age from birth to PreK. Our infant and toddler nurseries provide a safe, clean and nurturing environment for the children staffed by adult volunteers as well as youth volunteers. Our lead caregivers in the nursery are CPR certified. Two year olds to Kindergarten have Sunday School classes.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School is held during the summer for a one week time period. Each VBS has a theme and is a time for shared fellowship, fun and worship.

## **Youth Ministries**

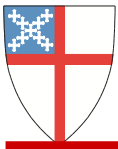
### **Youth Groups (Jr. & Sr.)**

St. David's youth program strives to help youth learn to live in a Christian community, developing a foundation for healthy growth in the future. The youth group meets several times a week for learning, worship and fellowship – including Sunday School and Sunday evening youth group. In addition, special outings and trips are planned every year along with mission trips.

## **Wednesday Nights**

### **Wednesday Night Programs**

Come for some social time and a great meal and then wonderful programs! The Rector or a special speaker will present programs for the adults to enjoy. At the same time, there is a children's program offered. Reservations for the meal are required by Monday of each week. You may RSVP online at [www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org), or by calling 770-993-1094, ext. 130. Dinner is served between 5:30 and 6:15 pm and the programs are from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm.



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