



**The Episcopal Church of the Advent**  
**August 5, 2025 Newsletter**  
**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**



**The Barnett Parish House in the 40s**



**The Barnett Parish House in 2011**

## The Parable of the Rich Fool

Sunday, we were blessed by Father Powell's dedication as he bravely navigated the torrential rain while traveling from Gainesville to Madison to lead us in worship. Thank you, Father Powell!

Before delving into the Gospel lesson from Luke 12:13-21, he invited us to ponder two thought-provoking questions:

- Who are the people in your life who exude the most joy?
- When have you felt most happy, content, satisfied, and joyful?

This week's message centers on being "rich toward God" rather than material possessions. The theme unfolds as a man approaches Jesus to settle a family inheritance dispute. Jesus declines to serve as judge, instead cautioning the crowd, "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed," underscoring that life's true worth transcends the accumulation of goods.

Jesus then shares the Parable of the Rich Fool: a wealthy man reaps an abundant harvest and resolves to demolish his barns to build larger ones, planning a life of ease and retirement. That very night, God deems him a fool, for his life ends, rendering his hoarded wealth meaningless. Jesus concludes that storing up treasures without being rich toward God is folly, affirming that genuine richness springs from spiritual generosity and preparedness for eternity.

We are called to discern the contrast between greed and generosity, to recognize the fleeting nature of wealth, and to embrace a richness toward God that fosters deeper joy than the pursuit of possessions. Father Powell encouraged us to reflect on his initial questions, noting that the most joyful people are those who give, and our happiest moments often arise when we offer ourselves to others. True happiness emerges through self-giving. By acknowledging this, we can seek ways to grow rich in God's grace, learning to let go and, in doing so, find everything.

Let us carry this wisdom forward, inspired to live generously in faith and love.

Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

***Question of the week: As you consider balancing material success with spiritual growth, how might you share more of your abundance—whether through material gifts or spiritual support—with your church, community, and family?***

Yours in Christ,  
Kim

**Passing of Livy Scholly:** Elizabeth Branch updated the church that "Livy passed on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, a little after 4:00 A.M.. It was peaceful and painless. Abby Hospice provided calm and peace for her, and I think that Livy could always feel our love and support for her." There will be an announcement about a service for her as soon as we have the details. Please continue to pray for her family, especially her father, Bill Scholly.

**Priest recruitment:** On Sunday, Devon Dartnell announced that the selection process for our new priest has concluded. The vestry and search committee unanimously selected a candidate, and their recommendation has been submitted to the Diocese for approval. After a brief review process, the Bishop will provide final approval. We anticipate welcoming our new priest-in-charge very soon.

**First Wednesday Get-Together**  
**Ricardo and Janel Ureña • 1041 Parsonage Road**  
**Wednesday, August 6 • 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Come meet amazing Advent parishioners! Make new friends and learn fun things about the people sitting in the pews next to you. Try your hand at corn hole or Blocks, enjoy a bonfire, drinks, food, and conversation. Plus, y'all can feed bananas and fruit to our cows. Just ask your fellow parishioners what fun that can be! There's plenty of parking at the farm, and we look forward to seeing everyone.

**Supply Priest Update**

August 10; Morning Prayer by Tim Pridgen and The Reverend David B. Powell @10:30.

August 17; The Reverend Harold Lockett @ 8:00 and 10:30.

**Musical Performance – August 24:** The Lux Treble Choir, co-founded and co-directed by Ashley Conway and Emily Allison, will present a concert at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Sunday, August 24th at 4pm. This auditioned choir is comprised of 40 women from across the state of Georgia, many of whom are music educators. Their program, titled "Moving Forward", explores our journey through life. The texts reflect life's highs and lows, honoring the resilience, growth, and hope that come from pressing onward. More information about Lux can be found at luxsings.org. This concert is free. Emmanuel Episcopal Church is located in Athens at 498 Prince Avenue, just across the street from Birdies. Free parking is available in the lot behind the Golden Pantry/Shell gas station.

**Hospitality Forum – August 18:** Gracious, warm, inviting, and delicious are just a few of the many descriptive terms that recipients of hospitality at Advent use to describe their experience. We are doing an excellent job responding to whatever need requires Advent hospitality to activate. Advent is about to embark on some exciting changes of which hospitality will play a vital role. This presents an opportunity to refine and define with specifics how we engage in hospitality, If you would like to participate in a discussion on hospitality at Advent, **please come to a hospitality forum at 5:00 pm on Monday, August 18.** Please contact me at vicjacksonga@aol.com or (404) 735-0065, if you plan to attend. And of course, there will be refreshments!!!

**Rota for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 10, 2025**

LEM: 8:00 A.M. / 10:30 A.M. Pridgen

Altar Guild: Abbott-Yost-Strickland

Flower Guild: Branch

1st Reading: Ramfos

2nd Reading: Permar

Vestry of the Day: Branch

Organ Tech: Jackson-Lewis

**Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 10, 2025**

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The Psalm: Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

**Parish Prayer List**

Dann Brown, Flossie Dodge, Jeanne Dufort, Kate Jackson, Mary Mack Jones, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Dutton Morehouse, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Betty Thomas, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, Anita Hunt, Mary Mack Jones, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Jerry Maddoz, Dennis Reeder, Beth Tamplin Jones, Bill Kurtz, Susan Kurtz.

**August Birthdays:** **3** Elizabeth Crotts, Elizabeth Adkins, **4** Kate Branch, **5** Becky Adkins, **8** Kate Roberts, **12** Betsy Quillin, **14** Kathie Schmidt, **18** Avery Jackson, Malin Dartnell, Gail Thompson, **24** Reese Freyer, IV, **26** Jamie Crotts

**Anniversaries:** **2** Maryann and Devon Dartnell, **3** Emily and David Buck

#### **Recurring weekly calendar**

Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM

Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM

Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM

Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM

Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon

Madison AA group: Th, Su @7:30 PM, F @ 7:00 PM

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