

Web Sites and Special Visits: Presenting the Christian Faith and Life

An article from the Cathedral Times by the Very Reverend Sam G. Candler

"Did you record this presentation?"

What fun I have had with "The New Testament Overview" these past Sunday mornings! Preaching and teaching are two of my favorite activities as a priest, and I assure you that several of my cathedral colleagues have the same attitude. At the conclusion of almost every presentation we make at the Cathedral, an interested person might ask several questions. One is "Did you record this presentation?"

The quick answer is "Yes." Below are some web sites where you can find our talks. I urge Cathedral parishioners and friends to take a few moments at their computers this week. Find and bookmark the following sites. At these places, you can find almost everything we are saying at the Cathedral:

www.stphilipscathedral.org is the primary web site of the Cathedral of St. Philip (we have tried to find a shorter domain name, and we might yet succeed.) On this site, you can always read the Dean's front page article and important breaking news of the Cathedral. However, you can also navigate your way to sermons and podcasts - and to most everything going on at the Cathedral.

www.stphilipscathedral.org/Sermons/default.asp is the direct page where you can find most Sunday sermons recorded and two major Sunday School presentations. The Dean's Forum is usually recorded, www.stphilipscathedral.org/Content/The Dean s Forum.asp, and so is the Old-Fashioned Sunday School Class; www.stphilipscathedral.org/Content/Old Fashioned Sunday School.asp.

Do you have a blog? "Yes!"

<u>www.stphilipscathedral.org/GoodFaithPostings/default.asp</u> is the site of "Good Faith and the Common Good," which is my blog, a more personal website. I invite you to visit there, and even to subscribe to it. It contains everything from photographs to poetry to sermons and editorials. Often, what I share there also appears on Facebook or Twitter.

"Would you be willing to speak to my study group?"

"Yes!" During the past several years, I have often used slides and visual aids; and I love presenting similar programs to other church groups, to schools, to book clubs, and to club events. (For instance, my critique of Dan Brown's *The DaVinci Code* made rounds all over Atlanta and the Southeast.)

Other popular presentations have been:

"Science, Nature, and Religion: Can They Thrive Together?"

"Evil and the God of Love"

"How to Read the Bible"

"J.D. Salinger and the Jesus Prayer"

"Questions? Ask Them?"

"A New Testament Overview"

"How to Pray"

"The Virtues of the Christian Life"

"Christianity and Other Religions"	"Religion and the Common Good"
"The Vigor of Anglican Christianity"	"Principles of Christian Leadership"
"Gnosticism and the Gospels of Thomas and Judas: Should They Worry Us?"	

Again, preaching and teaching""and writing!""are some of my favorite activities. And my colleagues feel the same way. If you miss a Sunday, download the sermon as a podcast. Listen to one of the Sunday presentations. Or invite me to your home or club""or other church!""for a special presentation! Presenting the Christian faith and the Christian life is great fun, no matter where it happens.

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