

March 29
Palm Sunday
8:30am—Rt I
11am—Rt II and
blessing of books
for Providence
House Library

April 2
Maundy Thursday
Service
6pm

April 3
Good Friday Service
6pm

April 4
Easter Vigil
6pm

April 5
Easter Sunday
Parish-wide brunch
9am
Eucharist
10am
Community Easter
Egg Hunt

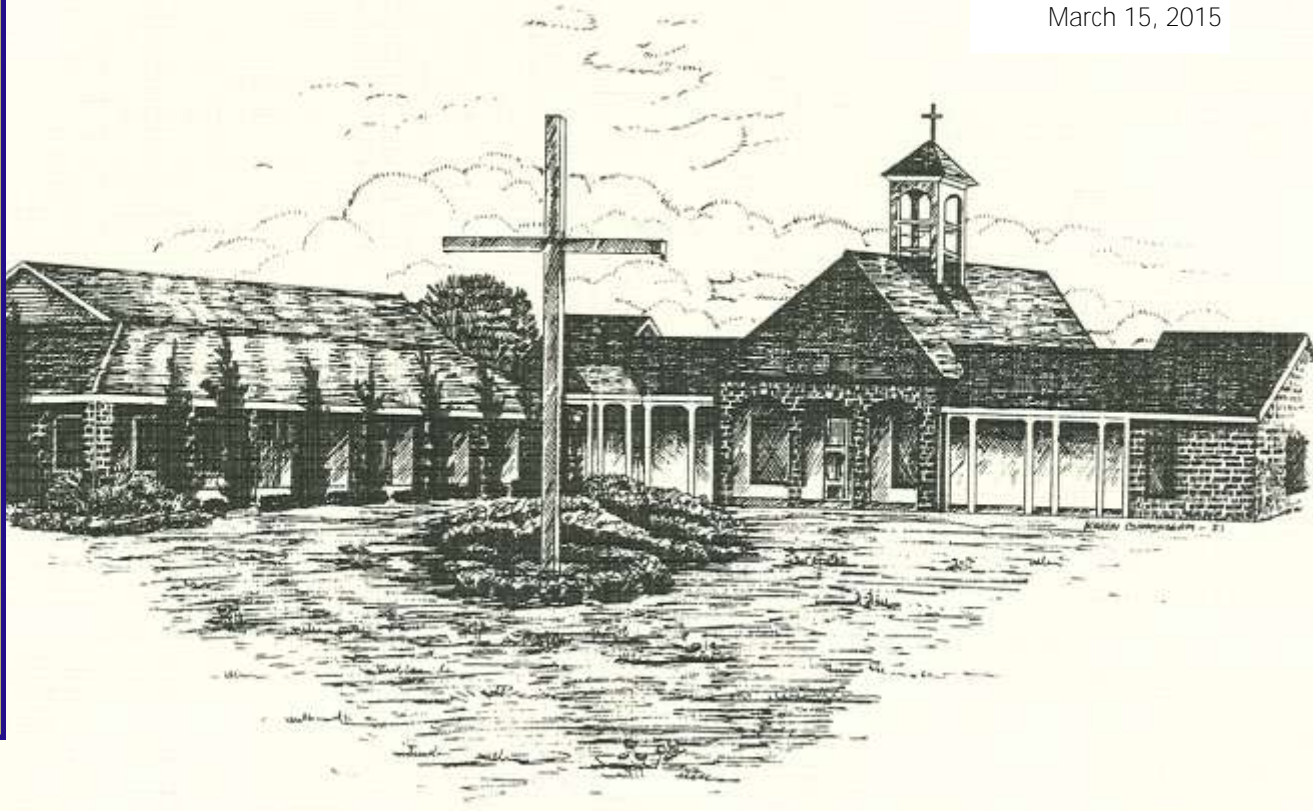
The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

2050 Bert Kouns
Shreveport, Louisiana, 71118
318-686-1261



March 15, 2015



Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 359
Shreveport, LA

Mailing Address:
2050 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop
Shreveport, LA 71118
Return Service Requested



Presiding Bishop,
The Episcopal Church:
The Most Rev'd Dr.
Katharine Jefferts Schori

Bishop, Diocese of Western
Louisiana:

The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Jacob
Owensby

Rector:

The Rev'd Morgan
MacIntire

Organist/Choir Director:

Kaye Crichlow

Nursery:

Rhonda Robertson

Parish Administrator::

Jnanne Zepeda

2015 Vestry:

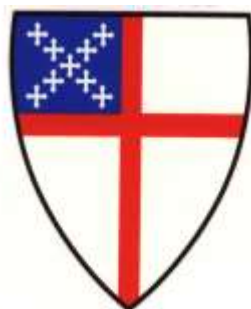
Brian Whatley (17)— Sr.
Warden
Dave Caporossi (16)— Jr.
Warden

Members:

Chris Bienvenu (17)
Sissy Brown (18)
Kathy Deal (17)
Mike Endicott (16)
Rory Fitzpatrick (16)
Jana Kendrick (16)
Karen McDonald (18)
Pat Parker (18)

Ex Officio:

Thomas Mosley—Treasurer
Janie Parker—Clerk



Church phone: 318- 686-1261
Church fax: 318- 686-4527

Church E-mail address:
stjames_sport@comcast.net

Church website:
www.stjames-shreveport.org



A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN

Dear Family of St. James,

I can't believe it is already March and we are halfway through Lent. Easter will be here before we know it, so I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that Love Does. We have decided together to make this Lenten season about doing for others and so have partnered with our EYC and Providence House to collect and set up a library for individuals who are in the process of getting back on their feet. Whether you have donated books, purchased books, contributed financially to our effort, helped sort or been on the library design team, your Love has been active towards our endeavor. The Love of God is a love that **does**. It's a Love that does not sit idly by, but a Love that is an active participant in the lives of those

around it. The Love of Christ is a Love that says, "I am with you on this journey" and then follows through in deed. Thank you for continuing to be the hands and feet of God in our community. Thank you for showing



the world around us that God's Love Does. And don't forget to join us at 11 o'clock on Sunday, March 29th for the Blessing of the Books! I am always grateful to be a part of this church!

Blessings,

Morgan +

THEY ARE HERE, THEY ARE HERE!!!

The new unity chairs have arrived. They have been in use behind the altar for several weeks—have you noticed them? It is certain those serving as Lay Ministers and Eucharistic Ministers have, as these chairs provide better lumbar support than the cubes they had been using before. (The cubes have been moved to the Children's Chapel in the Garrett-Hall Building).

The chairs have the ability to snap together to form a bench, and one of them has a kneeler attached. The Vestry ordered them this way so our parishioners could get a better idea regarding how they would look if the Vestry were to purchase longer ones to use to replace a pew or two in order to make the nave more accessible.

If you haven't already noted the change behind the altar, please take the time to look over the unity chairs and let the Vestry know what you think of them. And please remember—all the money used for purchasing this furniture was donated specifically for this cause. Money was not taken from the operating budget.

Outreach News

Outreach has helped several more families out this past month with utilities and a bus ticket to Houston. We get calls at the office a lot for help and it is hard to turn someone down, but we just don't have the resources to fulfill every wish; there are so many requests. It is difficult to see the influx of families struggling, with no end in sight.

The Centerpoint website is now defunct, making it even more difficult for those in need to determine where help can be found. This is why it is very important that we form good relationships with those in our community. Our ability to work in partnership with other churches allows us to better serve those in need. Knowing our neighbors gives us the chance to more clearly see which people come to us with real needs and how we can assist them in a manner that leaves them with dignity and a sense of well-being.

With Spring coming soon...(we hope), don't forget when doing your Spring cleaning to bring those bags in for Goodwill. The donations help so many people out with items they can purchase with the certificates from one of the stores.

—Karen Waguespack

Curtis Shelton, Brian Whatley, Janet Moore, and Paul Moore got a great head start on baking cookies for KAIROS on March 10. March 17 is the last day to drop off home-baked cookies or to join them at 6pm in the Parish Hall for baking more. Dept of Corrections specifications can be found in the Sunday bulletin on March 15, or contact the parish office with questions.

THE EGGS ARE EMPTY—FOR NOW: LET'S FILL THEM UP!

St. James is in possession of many empty plastic Easter eggs for the hunt on Easter Sunday. Our EYC will be filling those eggs during their lock-in with goodies for the younger children to enjoy—and are requesting help in gathering appropriate fillers. They are accepting donations of bags of individually wrapped candies that are small enough to fit in the eggs. Examples are Hershey's Kisses, bite-sized candies, Robin's eggs, and mini peanut butter cups.

If you prefer to provide stickers, toys, or other items that are more healthy, that is also encouraged.



THE GOOD STEWARDS

When the winter storm hit the end of February, Morgan and Jnanne were touched that parishioners demonstrated their concern by checking on them at the office. Special thanks to Tommy Mosley and Mike Endicott for their caring telephone messages.

Ken Murphy has put his talent to good use teaching the Adult Forum Lenten series this year. His lessons about Enoch have been informative, enjoyable, and interesting. These well-attended sessions have sparked conversations about characters and events that are off the beaten path. St. James thanks Ken for sharing his knowledge and talent with the parish!

For the umpteenth year Lonnie Howard has done a fabulous job assembling a wonderful cast and directing a great play for the Wednesday evening Lenten Series. If you have missed the beginning, it is not too late to join the parish for the conclusion of the Wednesday evening activities. Join Lonnie and the cast at 6pm in the nave for the **play**, *"Conspiracy of Betrayal: Satan-vs-Judas in a Courtroom Drama."* Wednesday evening Lenten Series continues every week through April 1. **(Some say BJ Pritchard's portrayal of Satan steals the show!)**

These are some of the ways that St. James makes use of the time and talents of our parishioners as we strive to be good stewards toward each other and our community.



Thanks to everyone who sent in photos for the directory. Thanks to those who perused the drafts for errors and typos. Thanks to those who took up pens and made changes to the copies left for editing in the Parish Hall—and to those who e-mailed changes to the parish office. Pick up your copy of the 2015 Parish Directory next time you are here for a worship service or program.

FROZEN LENTEN SERVICE BECAME OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

For the first time in years, perhaps decades, St. James was unable to host the Southern Hills Ecumenical Lenten Service and Luncheon. Our ECW was ready, willing, and able to start the liturgical season off hosting the first of six weekly services and meals. However, the weather did not cooperate, and winter actually got a toehold in the Shreveport area for several days, leaving our parking lot covered in a thick sheet of ice, followed by sleet and snowfall. Surprisingly, enough snow stayed around for neighborhood folk to create several respectable snowmen and improvise a little sledding, a few snow angels, and a lot of wonder.

So, while the beauty of the rarity was not lost on everyone, the disappointment of missing out on hosting our annual event was felt. St. James parishioners, though, don't stay down for long. What to do with an overabundance of food and no one to feed? Well, find someone to feed, of course!

The Caddo Council on Aging was not able to prepare and deliver Meals on Wheels to their routes during the inclement weather, so our Filling in the Gaps program did just what they are set up to do—they filled in the gaps. They used the soup we had frozen already to replace the Meals on Wheels deliveries, and used the overabundance of Lenten soup to restock for the next time we need to step up and help out.

And no payment is better than the smiles and hugs from those who thought they were destined to just do without, but who are surprised with nourishment they didn't expect.

ASHES TO ASHES

St. James grieves with several of our own who have lost loved ones over the past month. The funeral service for **AJ Edwards' mother, Tonee Jean McCutcheon**, was held here on February 27. AJ, his wife, Kelly, and their daughters, Tatum and Aiden, were surrounded by family and friends during the service and afterwards in the Parish Hall for the reception. We will keep them in our prayers.

Father Bryant's stepmother, Dorothy Bryant, passed away in February. As most of the parish knows, Karen Bryant and Eugenie Bryant are also related to Fr. Bryant and are grieving her loss. They remain in our prayers, as well.

The funeral service for **Donna Lynn Speck Holland** was held at St. James on February 13. Her son, the **Rev'd Canon J. Mark Holland**, is **Betty Langhorst's** son-in-law. Many family and friends gathered at St. James to pay their respects and to offer their support to Father Holland and his family.

HELP US FILL IN THE GAPS AT EASTER

As long as the weather holds, the Caddo Council on Aging expects to keep the Meals on Wheels program running for all days through Easter. Instead of planning meals, we will be sending special Easter baskets with healthy treats and some non-edibles. Donations of funds to help cover the costs and hands to help package everything after the final Wednesday Lenten series session on April 1st would be very much appreciated.

We also need to refill the freezers with single-servings of soup and meals to replenish after all that we used during the bad weather in February. Please identify the contents and the date they were frozen before placing them in the Parish Hall freezers so we can keep the stock rotated and served in a timely manner.



MLK Health Center Collaboration with St. Luke's Medical Ministry Named as Finalist for National Health Care Award

Partners in Health Access Excellence* has been honored by Premier, Inc. as a finalist for the 23rd annual Monroe E. Trout Premier Cares Award for bringing medical care into the neighborhoods and communities where at-risk patients live and work. Our collaboration was selected out of 200 programs from across the United States.

Sponsored by Premier and its member hospitals, the Cares Award recognizes exemplary efforts by not-for-profit community organizations to improve the health of populations in need.

We received the award this week during Premier's annual Governance Education Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Thank you to Premier and all of our partners, volunteers, supporters, and funders for helping make collaborations like this one possible. Together we are making a difference in the health of our community.

—Brenda Nims

Homeless Clinic Coordinator of St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry/Clinic Director of MLK Health Center

**The Partners in Health Access Excellence (PHAE) is a collaboration formed by Martin Luther King Health Center & Pharmacy and St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry. It combines the reach of St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry with the resources of the Martin Luther King Health Center & Pharmacy to create a patient "Health Home" that includes specialty care, pharmaceuticals, point of care testing, social services, and health and wellness education that is sensitive to the needs of patients and families that are often outside of the mainstream health care delivery system.*



THE MISSION CONTINUES...

March Madness

Basketball, the weather, gasoline prices... seems everything is up in the air right now. We wait for Spring to arrive (and stay) most of us more than ready to be done with winter weather advisories.

Here at St. Luke's we continue to reach out into our communities. We had a busy February, conducting 10 clinics, including a Pink Pop Up in Mansfield where we saw 20 women, 13 of whom had mammograms done that day. March will be equally busy, with 12 scheduled clinics, another Pop Up, and an annual clinic at the Sunset Acres Community Center.

I had the pleasure of meeting with the Community Renewal team, sharing with them the mission of St. Luke's. What an amazing work they are doing in our communities! I am constantly reminded of the good that is happening all around us, how dedicated people are to improving the well being of those we share this earth with. Through partnerships we all become more effective in achieving this goal.

During this "madness", if you stop and think about it, really pay attention to what is going on, it seems that every time a need arises, it is met. Volunteers come forward to stand in the gap; we have a new van driver, Mike Patton, and a physician, Dr. Mercer, who will provide much needed care when we hold Wednesday clinics at Hope House. Both of these individuals are giving their time and their talents, like so many others. It is because of this spirit of giving, of concern, that St. Luke's continues to minister to those in our community who have few options and often great need. So let me again say thank you, to each one who offers support and prayers to our ministry.

Blessings

Betty Johnson

Executive Director

St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry

EYC LOCK-IN
 MAUNDY THURSDAY
 6PM-10PM (April 2)
 GOOD FRIDAY
 10AM-6PM (April 3)

ALL YOUTH
 ACTIVITY
 GOOD FRIDAY
 NOON-4PM
 (April 3)

The evening will begin immediately after the 6pm Maundy Thursday service with a Stations of the Cross service. The entire parish is invited to join the EYC and share this special event. Afterward the youth will be locked in with their sponsors until around 10pm for edifying and fun activities. They will be sent home to get a good nights rest and will reconvene at 10am on Good Friday to resume their lock-in.

At noon the younger children will arrive for joint programming until 4pm. The EYC members will remain together until the end of the 6pm Good Friday service.

Other events are planned for our young St. James members during the Lenten season, when they will meet together to continue their walk along the Lenten path. Please support them as they learn the meaning of Lent and how to prepare for the Easter season.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday	March 29	8:30am 11:00am
Maundy Thursday	April 2	6:00pm
Good Friday	April 3	6:00pm
Easter Vigil	April 4	6:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 5	10:00am

The Southern Hills Ecumenical Noonday Service and Luncheon

Will be hosted by the following local parishes:

March 18, 2015
 St. Mary of the Pines Catholic Church
 1050 Bert Kouns
 (318) 687-5121

March 25, 2015
 Christ United Methodist Church
 1204 Crabapple Drive
 (318) 686-2553

April 1, 2015
 Summer Grove
 United Methodist Church
 9119 Dean Road
 (318) 686-2514

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
			1 10 am w HAPPY Sco Lenten F
5 EASTER DAY 9AM Pot Luck Brunch 10Am Holy Eucharist Rite II 	6 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bradly Alan Cooper ←HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Robbie & Alicia Carroway ←HAPPY BIRTHDAY Karen Waguespack	7 	8 10 am w Clerg HAPPY Pat &
12 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 9: 45 Sunday Forum 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	13 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Doris Richardson HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Brian & Patti Whatley	14 	15 10 am w
19 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 9: 45 Sunday Forum 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Tricia James Robert DeLoach Rebecca Haldeman	21 	22 10 am w
26 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 9: 45 Sunday Forum 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	27 	28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Anne Marie Phillips	29 10 am w HAPPY Yo Mart



		<i>The Sunday of Resurrection Easter Day 10 am Service April 5</i>	<i>The 2nd Sunday of Easter April 12</i>
LECTIONARY		<i>Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118: 1- 2, 14- 24 Acts 10: 34- 43 John 20: 1- 18</i>	<i>Acts 4:32- 35 Psalm 133 I John 1: 1- 2:2 John 20:19- 31</i>
VESTRY PERSON		BRIAN WHATLEY	JANA KENDRICK
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	8:30	Janie Parker	Lynette van Heerden
	11:00		Ron Maberry
LAY READER	11:00	Dan Bennett	Bert Babington
LECTORS	8:30	Pat Parker	Betty Langhorst
	11:00		Karen McDonald
ACOLYTES	8:30	Rory Fitzpatrick	Melanie Winkler
	11:00		Austin Garner
ALTAR GUILD		Janie Parker Linda Endicott	Kelly Parker Elizabeth Ollendike
USHERS	8:30	Sissy Brown	Pat Parker
	11:00	Mike Kendrick	Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor
MASTER OF CEREMONIES		Mike Edicott	Mike Edicott

WHAT HAPPENED TO ENOCH?



This question is double edged and cuts like a sword. What happened to the man... and what happened to the book that is quoted and mentioned in the Old Testament as well as the New... Why are the answers to these questions, both fascinating and mysterious? Come to our study of Enoch and find both the answers... And more questions..... One thing is promised.... You won't be bored.

Tax and title not included....

--Br. Ken Murphy, OPA

Even if you've missed a session or two, you'll still enjoy these Adult Forum lessons. Join Ken Sundays at 9:45am through March 29.

March 15, 2015

HARD WORK PLUS GENEROSITY EQUAL SUCCESS

The project is not yet completed, but with the progress that is being made, the prognosis for success is excellent. The St. James EYC has put forth effort and the adults have supported them fully in their goal to set up a library for Providence House. The initial idea to partner with Providence House came from the youth and they wrote the grant proposal. They were awarded a grant from the Diocese to help them in their efforts and they have worked toward helping the youth residing at Providence House feel more like they have a home like other kids.

Ash Wednesday proceeds of \$324 were designated toward our Lenten project, so will help fund the library.

A large step toward that is to make reading material available for them for entertainment and to help them stay caught up with their peers academically. They chose to do this by filling the empty shelves in the Providence House Library, turning the desolate space into a real library. And they've been doing it through hard work and the generosity of the parish.

On March 1 the EYC hosted breakfast in the Parish Hall. While the meal is always free to anyone who wishes to partake, it has become customary for participants to make voluntary donations and the cooks designate the charity who receives the proceeds. The EYC advertised that instead of money they were requesting gently-used and new books. The books poured in, just as they have since the project was first announced. Additionally, \$154.00 was donated that will go toward purchasing library supplies and books to fill in the shelves with a good variety of reading interests and reading abilities. The EYC plans to have books available for all levels—from board books through adult. They hope that anyone residing at Providence House will be able to find something to read in the new library that will spark their interest.

The February breakfast proceeds of \$291 were designated for this project, also!

And thanks to the wide variety of reading material that has been donated thus far, it is easy to imagine that will happen! Thank-you to everyone who has supported the EYC in their efforts. Please keep reading for more updates, and to see what else the EYC will be doing to engage with the youth at Providence House throughout 2015.



Photos courtesy Kathy Deal



Jared brought in a stack of books to donate.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Ash Wednesday



The Season of Lent began with the Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes. Suzy and her daughter, Liz, read February 18th's inspirational meditation from *Forward Day by Day* (copies are available in the Narthex) as they waited for their ride. Such devotionals are a great way to observe Lent.

Photo courtesy Kathy Deal



JOIN US!

Stay tuned for the next exciting episode of *Conspiracy of Betrayal: Satan-vs-Judas in a Courtroom Drama*. This live-action play is brought to you each Wednesday evening at 6pm in the St. James nave, followed by a light repast in the Parish Hall and a discussion of the book, Love Does, by Bob Goff. Each session of the series can stand alone, so if you've missed any of the weeks, you can still attend and get something wonderful out of participating—

This play has been both thought provoking and entertaining. The actors were well cast, providing the audience/jury with an enjoyable performance.

~Kathy Deal



in addition to the great food and company, of course!

Be prepared to stay a little late on the last day, April 1, when we will be taking time to fill Easter Baskets for the April 2 Meals on Wheels delivery. Contact Lorain Thrash or Brian Whatley to make a donation toward help-





2015 JAZZ & BLUES BRUNCH - SAVE THE DATE!

We are pleased to announce that the JAZZ & BLUES BRUNCH will take place on **SATURDAY, APRIL 18** from 11:00am - 2:00pm at **The Shop on Southern Ave!** With riveting live music performances accompanied by fabulous local food and drink, this brunch is becoming one of our favorite events.

Now in its third year, the fundraiser has featured electric live performances by local jazz and blues greats like Buddy Flett, Curtis Joseph and Tim Brogan as well as area high school virtuosos like Nia Savoy. Food is provided by popular eateries like Marilyn's Place and Rhino Coffee. A cash bar features brunch favorites: mimosas and bloody marys. The Jazz & Blues Brunch is a wonderfully good time AND provides a valuable opportunity for the Renzi Center to raise much needed funding for our programs.

TICKETS ON SALE SOON - Stay tuned for more event announcements!

Have any leftover Mardi Gras beads? We want them! Renzi is going to have a float in the 2016 Highland Parade and it's never too early to start collecting throws. You can drop off your beads here at the center, or if you live in the Highland area we will pick them up!



Interested in sponsoring the 2015 Jazz & Blues Brunch?

Three levels of sponsorship are offered for the 2015 Jazz & Blues Brunch. In addition to supporting programming at the Renzi Education and Art Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, sponsoring the Jazz & Blues Brunch also provides an opportunity for positive visibility of your business within the community!



SOMETIMES IT JUST DOESN'T MATTER

I believe wholeheartedly that sometimes it really doesn't matter that I am running late—for work, school, doctor's appointment, interview, church, whatever. And my child will attest that this has happened on more than one occasion. In fact, her presence has sometimes been the deciding reason why I had to choose to be late—because I must set a good example and model the behavior I want her to learn and emulate. Other times her presence has made me pause and wonder whether I was putting her at risk by being me.

There's a strong history of law enforcement in my family background, and therefore a strong visible, tangible moral code of helping others in need. Couple that with strong spiritual Christian beliefs, and there's just no getting around it—when someone needs help, that takes priority and what my schedule dictates no longer matters. It was easier when I was actively working at a job where I wore a jacket with a big emblem on the front that everyone in the community recognized. I'd stop to help and folk would just accept that I knew what I was doing.

It's not so easy anymore. Now I am just that ditzy blonde who pulled her car over to help a boy whose shoelace was tangled in his bike chain in the middle of the road, putting him in danger of being hit by traffic coming down the hill. Or the motorist who picked up a teenage girl who flagged me down, and possibly intended to give me directions to a set-up where she and friends could take advantage and steal my car—but instead was given food and a lecture about how to keep herself safe by not getting into a stranger's car because you never know what someone may do to you, and insistence that she be given a ride to a safe place where she could get assistance as a runaway. Or the lady who stops to be certain assistance is on the way at a traffic accident, or that the person sitting on the curb with her head down does not need emergency medical care. Could be I'm just a nosy busy-body, but I cannot just pass by, convinced it is someone else's responsibility to help.

We live in a society that makes it easy to not get involved. It's simple to say, "That's not my problem," and look away. We see so much disaster on the news and violence on entertainment that we are inured to it. But it is our problem. And we cannot just look away. It does not matter whether that person is a stranger, a friend, or a family member. And it does matter more than our scheduled activities and our ordered lives. If someone needs help, we should answer that call.

The photo below is an extreme example of what one man, photographer Kevin Carter, encountered in Somalia (March 1993), documented, and won a Pulitzer Award for publishing. Three months after snapping the photo he committed suicide because



he could not live with the guilt of having followed his work code of not getting involved with his subjects. While we are much less likely to encounter something this jarring in our everyday lives, we are likely to encounter people in need right here in our community. They may not be starving to death while being stalked by a vulture, as this little girl was, but our interference in their lives may make a big difference in how their lives turn out in the end.

So let's always remember, The Episcopal Church welcomes You—and understands when circumstances may pop up that make your attendance at worship one service not matter, if you are helping someone in need. Help when you can, because you can.

—Jnanne Zepeda

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE

If you would like an announcement placed in the Sunday bulletin, please submit it by 10:00 am on the previous Wednesday. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. Announcements that are in printed form may be mailed, sent through e-mail to stjames_sport@comcast.net, or dropped at the parish office.

Newsletter deadline: April 1st

SPREAD THE WORD

Would you like to brag on your family's achievements, share family milestones with friends, or invite the parish to an upcoming event? You can do so easily by submitting articles to the parish office for publication in the Spirit. There is always room for news of a baptism, wedding, or school achievement. Photographs and stories can be sent via e-mail to stjames_sport@comcast.net or dropped off at the parish office. And if you are shy about doing the writing, just telephone the information to 686-1261 and the writing will take care of itself.

Our Mission Statement: A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD TO WORSHIP, LOVE, AND SERVE.

Our Schedule of Services:

Sunday—Holy Eucharist, 8:30am

followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall

Sunday School, 9:45am

Holy Eucharist, 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist with Unction, 10am



2393 CAMP HARDTNER ROAD
POLLOCK, LOUISIANA 71467

CAMP HARDTNER

Dear Mother Morgan and St. James Members:
Your love and support of Camp Hardtner
are heartwarming; your giving is a blessing
to all who visit here.
Thank you for giving!
yours truly,
Mandy Holden
MS-MS

Over the past several months money has shown up at St. James and has been designated for Camp Hardtner, with no strings stating how the Camp and Conference Center is to use it. We just deposit the money and send it on to be used as they need. Here is one of several thank-you notes we have received for these out-of-the-blue offerings of generosity. Thanks to all who support this worthy cause. We hope the parish continues to see the good that Camp Hardtner spreads within our diocese through the many programs that take place on their grounds and the many friendships that are formed because of their existence.

Let's keep supporting them!

READY OR NOT, HERE IT COMES

Have you picked up your copy of the new photo parish directory? It's been a long time in the works, and we still are missing some pictures, but it is probably as ready as it will ever be. Stacks of the new directory are waiting for you in the Parish Hall. When you are here to worship or attend a Lenten activity, please take home a copy. As we have done for years, as changes need to be made, we will notify everyone by placing a notice in the *Spirit of St. James*, so please advise the parish office of any changes to your contact information as needed. When you move, switch e-mail addresses or phone numbers, etc, just let the office know and we'll spread the word.



Vision Statement of St. James Episcopal Church: We see St. James as a spirit-led congregation that is a beacon of God's love shining in the community, welcoming all by reaching out through worship, service, mission, and programming to bring peace and healing to all of God's children. We strive to serve our members by nourishing our faith, giving support in times of need and becoming a congregation from which community-based outreach programs have their genesis.