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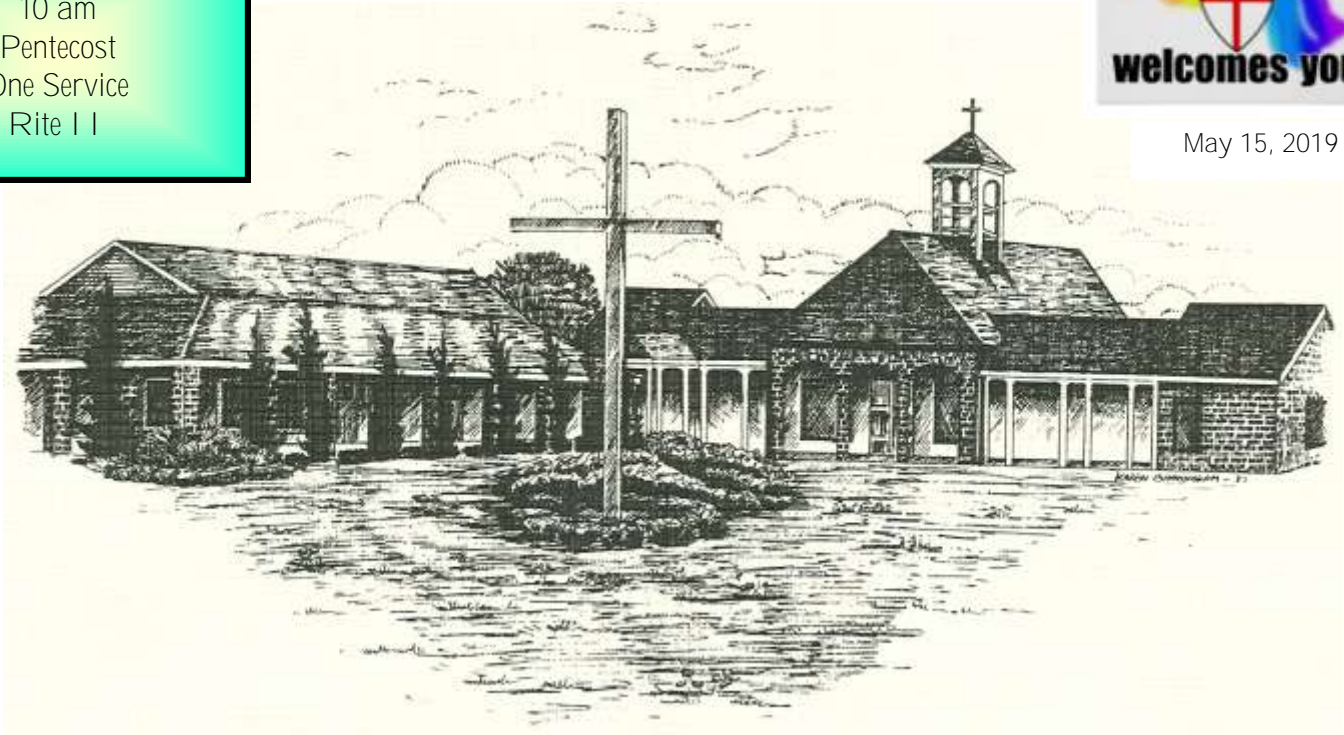
The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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June 9
10 am
Pentecost
One Service
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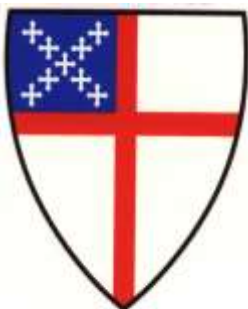
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



My mom is a Joel Osteen fan. Correction: she is a BIG Joel Osteen fan! And although prosperity gospel is not everyone's cup of tea, every now and then he can surprise you.

I was visiting her last week and we were listening to one of his old broadcasts when he said something that reminded me of St. James. Essentially, he said, "If you meet somebody else's needs, God will meet yours. What you make happen for others, God will make happen for you. If you're in a slump, the quickest way to get out of it is to help others accomplish their tasks." That's exactly what has happened to us for the past year.

We have continued to meet the needs of those around us, even as we have been searching for a spiritual leader. And despite that, we have continued to help the folks at Common Ground, Green Oaks High School, Hope House, and most recently the Oakwood home for Women. We have continued to support our fellow parishioners through their times of grief and trouble. And we have continued to make sure that the needs of the church continue to get met every week. We have continued to help others, and as a reward, God has looked favorably upon us and has guided James Yazell to us to be our newest leader as the next Priest-in-Charge. I am excited to say that James has accepted our offer, and he will start at St. James on July 1. I am very excited with James and his wife Kelsey joining the St. James family, and I think the sky's the limit on what we can do.

—David Scott

To the Parishioners of Saint James,

Though I have only been in this position a couple of weeks, you have already made me feel welcome. As someone from out of town, I appreciate the opportunity to find a new community and the chance to have a positive impact on the local area and people. Coming from a different denomination I look forward to the opportunity to learn about the Episcopalian faith, its rituals and tenets.

I am originally from a small town in North Florida, and was raised in the Methodist church. I left home in 2013 to join the Air Force, spending 2 years in Germany and 1 1/2 years in South Korea. In 2017 I left South Korea and settled here with my husband, Tony.

A couple of years ago, I found myself questioning where all my planning went wrong. I did well in school and joined the military with the intention of making it a career and pursuing higher education in the process. But what is it they say about making God laugh? What was supposed to be 20 years of traveling the world turned into an early discharge due to a series of unexpected events. Despite the way I felt as these events were happening, I now find myself grateful for the surprises as they paved the way to where I am now and the person I have become. For every door that has closed an even better one has opened, bringing with it a world of new opportunities. This position is proving to be the latest of these doors and I look forward to the opportunities it will bring.

The leadership and members of this community appear to bring out the best in everything and everyone around; in return, I offer my best to you.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of your community.

- Your New Administrative Assistant,
Cortni Turner



Palm
Sunday





<i>1st Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i>
<i>The Rev'd Ben Santana</i>	<i>The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i>	<i>The Rev'd Andrew Comeaux</i>
JUNE 16	JUNE 23	JUNE 30
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 or Canticle 2 or 13 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	1 Kings 19:1-4(5-7)8-15a or Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 42 or 43 or 22:18-27 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 or 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 77:1-2,11-20 or Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62
David Scott	Lisa Lewis	Dave Caporossi
Janie Parker Ken Murphy	Lynette van Heerden David Scott	Janie Parker Ken Murphy
Julie Eason	Ken Murphy	Ron Maberry
Debbie Fitzpatrick Julie Eason	Chelsea Fitzpatrick Kathy Calhoun	Pat Parker Sissy Brown
Melanie Winkler Ken Murphy	Kelly Parker David Scott	Melanie Winkler Ken Murphy
Linda Endicott Chelsea Fitzpatrick Janie Parker	Liz Montelepre Kelly Parker	Liz Montelepre Kelly Parker
Debbie Fitzpatrick Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Denise Shelton	Pat Parker Betty McDonald Sissy Brown
PRAISE TEAM	Any time you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or advise the Vestry Person of the Day.	

Upcoming Events

June 7

Family outdoor movie night with burgers and dogs. The EYC will sell popcorn and drinks.

Order of the Daughters of the King

The spring diocesan assembly will be **June 1** at Grace Episcopal Church in Monroe.

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@att.net, or dropped at the parish office.

Newsletter deadline: June 10th

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JUNE 2019			
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Angus MacIntire
Eucharist tion	6	7 <i>Family Movie Night</i> HAPPY BIRTHDAY Rob Chapman	8
Eucharist tion	13	14	15 Happy Anniversary Barry & Mary Taylor
Eucharist tion	20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Hunter Thompson	21 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Gina Phillips Happy Anniversary Dusty & Chaile Allen	22 <i>EYC Retreat in Arkansas</i>
Eucharist tion	27	28	29 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Rachel Porter

	<p><i>The 7th Sunday Of Easter</i></p> <p><i>The Rev'd Ben Santana</i></p> <p>JUNE 2</p>	<p><i>Day of Pentecost 10 AM Service</i></p> <p><i>The Rev'd Bill Bryant</i></p> <p>JUNE 9</p>
<p>LECTIONARY</p>	<p>Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26</p>	<p>Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</p>
<p>VESTRY PERSON</p>	<p>Lauren Ocmund</p>	<p>Krystal Eason</p>
<p>EUCCHARISTIC 8:30 MINISTER 11:00</p>	<p>Lynette van Heerden David Scott</p>	<p>N/A Brody Fitzpatrick</p>
<p>LAY READER 11:00</p>	<p>Julie Eason</p>	<p>Bert Babington</p>
<p>LECTORS 8:30 11:00</p>	<p>Pat Parker Sissy Brown</p>	<p>N/A Karen McDonald</p>
<p>ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00</p>	<p>Kelly Parker David Scott</p>	<p>N/A Rory Fitzpatrick</p>
<p>ALTAR GUILD</p>	<p>Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson</p>	<p>Linda Endicott Chelsea Fitzpatrick Janie Parker</p>
<p>USHERS 8:30 11:00</p>	<p>Pat Parker Sissy Brown Mike Kendrick</p>	<p>N/A Betty McDonald Debbie Fitzpatrick</p>
<p><i>The Rev'd Robert Dandridge will officiate on Wednesday June 5, 12, 19 and 26</i></p>		

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

Ashley Purland
107 Stratmore Dr
Shreveport, LA 71115

VBS

This year Vacation Bible School will be July 23rd, 24th and 25th.

There will be a series of Ron Bell videos and discussion for the adults on these dates as well.



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Scholarships are available for those who want to attend summer camp.

Scholarship funding is 1/2 of camp cost.

For more information contact

Brody Fitzpatrick at

318.658.2424 or

brodymfitz@gmail.com



2393 Camp Hardtner Rd. Pollock, LA 71467

2019 Summer Camp Registration

For nearly seven decades the Camp Hardtner Summer Camping Program has created an atmosphere of love and acceptance for more than 500 young people each summer as they experience a tradition unlike any other. We are a Christian community that comes together for one week every year to play, laugh, cry, sing, and worship in the eyes of God.

2019 Summer Camp Registration Is Now Open!

Please consider Camp Hardtner as a place for your children to spend one week this summer, and it just might be the best week of their lives. Space is limited for each session, so get your children registered as soon as you can!

First Camp, May 31 – June 2 \$200
Grades 2 and 3, with parent/guardian*

Primary Camp, June 16 – 21 \$475
Grades 4, 5 and 6*

Jr. High Camp, June 25 - July 1 \$575
Grades 6, 7 and 8*

Mid High Camp, July 7 - 13 \$575
Grades 9, 10 and 11*

Sr. High Camp, June 5 – 12 \$675
Grades 11, 12, and recent graduates*

Camp Able, July 17 – 21 \$400
Ages 9 and up with special needs



*Grade based on 2019-2020 school year



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Breakfast June 2nd

Will be sponsored by the EYC to raise funds for their trip to Arkansas

Saint James EYC
ROAD TRIP

Zipline Adventures
and Garvan Gardens

JUNE 22ND
7:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M.



Come join us for a fun-filled day exploring the gardens and zipping through the treetops in Hot Springs, AR

To sign up or get more information contact
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KRISTI HOWARD LANG CHILD OF THE LIGHT IN MEMORIAM

O Loving Presence, be with us to the end,
whatever the measure of our days;
Our life passes as the blinking of an eye!
For the gift of life fades too soon away,
Yet how precious are we in your sight!"

Yes, a precious, beloved child of the light has died, but she will be forever in the hearts of her parents, Lonnie and Jerry Howard, her husband, Douglas Lang, her sons, Dustin and Dalton, her sisters, Kami and Keri and so many relatives and friends. Kristi fought the "good fight" and has "won the race" after a long and courageous battle with cancer (She called it Floyd). Kristi would have been 45 in September; I will always remember her beautiful smile, even when I know she was in pain.

I remember Kristi growing up as one of the beautiful, talented Howard girls. She was baptized here at St. James and confirmed in December of 1986, later joining the Crossroads Baptist Church in Elysian Fields, Texas, where she lived.

Her funeral was at Calvary Baptist since her own church could not hold all the friends who came to the service. It was at the same time as our beloved Ruby Betterton's here at St. James so many of us could not go. I wanted to share with her St. James family the letter she wrote before she died as well as the eulogy that her sister Keri gave at her funeral. You will cry when you read them, tears of sadness for her family, but also tears of joy for Kristi because we know she is in the arms of Jesus and will have no more pain or suffering. Here is her letter:

-Mattie Masley



Dear Friends and Family,

Well, we are here. It wasn't how I planned it either, but it is what it is. It's hard to be thankful for this journey, but the outpouring of love from the people in this room and more has overwhelmed me with awe. This journey has consistently and faithfully flooded our entire family. The texts, calls, meals, money, hugs, and the willingness to drop everything and help. And the PRAYERS, oh the prayers, that have come not only from friends and family, but from strangers who don't even know us and some have never even met me – they faithfully pray anyway and we FELT it.

I have always wondered whether it would be a good thing or a bad thing to know when you are going to go. I can tell you it's gut wrenching either way. God knew I am the control freak and would need details....but all in all I think that it was the journey he was teaching me all along.....and how to REALLY let go.

How to let go knowing you don't get to walk your baby across the football field on his senior night.

How to let go knowing you are going to rip your parents' hearts out.

How to let go knowing you are just going to be talked about now.

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How to let go knowing you have so many more things you want to do.

How to let go knowing you have the best tribe of people that surround you and would carry you through all of this if your body was just strong enough to let them all carry a piece of that burden.

Thank you all for this journey. Thank you for letting me know just how loved I really am and just how LOVED and taken care of my children and husband will be.

I'll see you on the other side.

– *Kristi*



Eulogy from Keri Winters

Kristi was really good at pulling people out of their comfort zones and forcing them to maximize their potential. If you've ever worked out with her, you know that's true. She did that for me today standing in front of all of you speaking about her.

Her smile was infectious and she had a passion about EVERYTHING that she did. It didn't matter if it was her faith, her kids, family, work, singing, workouts – she gave it all she had every time and she would let you know if you didn't.

She loved her boys bigger than she loved herself. You both made her so proud. Recently, when we would visit in the hospital, she would brag about how strong you both were. That no matter what came at you – you would both swing with everything you had and would be successful no matter what you wanted to do.

Doug – you were the love of her life and her high school sweetheart. Not many people these days can say that anymore. The two of you set a stage for your boys of what a marriage should be. Even when you didn't get along, there was always a deep set love that prevailed and steered you in the right direction.

Growing up, We won the family lottery with the Howard/Pittman combo. Mom, Dad, aunts, uncles, cousins – hands down we won the jackpot there.

In addition to the family, Kristi wanted me to thank some people. I won't name specific names on most things, because I'm destined to leave someone out, She wanted to thank her girls – her peeps – for the good times and the laughs. She used to say she was blessed with way more friends than any one person should have.

She loved her work at Pioneer and the people she worked with. She loved being a part of the choir at Crossroads and she loved everything about Calvary. This school and it's people have been such a blessing to their family.

To the Swilleys – she loved every one of you. She considered family always. And Jeannie and Bob – she would say God dropped you in her lap knowing she needed you.

To all the doctors and nurses at Highland and MD Anderson that went out of their way to build personal friendship with her. Especially, Christy Belgard – we would sit up and joke that she could've been a Howard sister because we immediately hit it off and she was a rock when we needed one. We spent many hours in those hospital rooms and made memories even there. We laughed (even got in trouble) and we cried. We danced and we talked. Did everything but sleep.

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

Our Schedule of Services:

Sunday—Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 8:30am

followed by Coffee Hour and donuts in the Parish Hall

Sunday School, 9:45am

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with music 11:00am

Wednesday—Holy Eucharist Rite 2, 10am



I want to Recognize Hart's Way Hospice in Marshall for all they did for us when things got really hard. Especially, Julie, Assie, and Kelli. You guys weren't just nurses. You weren't just amazing for her, but for us as well. You truly have a gift of caring for people.

Kristi was a fighter – even in the end she pushed and went the extra mile! But then again, she was a Howard – can't quit. She never gave up hope.

She loved to run and she loved to sing. I never ran with her, but I will forever hear her voice in my head when I sing. If you knew her, you would know she wouldn't want us to stay sad. She would go Gillian on you and tell you to suck it up. She would say that "sad or angry is not where you need to be. You have 10 minutes to complain or cry or say whatever you needed to say because at the end of the 10 minutes, we needed to get back where we need to be because we had some living to do."

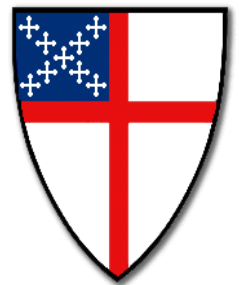
You may have noticed the full moon this week. It has been beautiful – every night. The weather has been beautiful all week. That is so fitting. She will forever own the full moon – in all of its brightness.

I hated Floyd. But Kristi made me a better person because of Floyd. I see the world different now. I treat people different. I don't complain as much and I love harder. Floyd is finally dead. He did not win. He did not get a victory, but she did. Maybe not here on earth, but she got a victory none the less because I know where she is and I know she is smiling with her dimples and her crinkled up nose. I thank God for giving her to us and for the time we had with her and I know she'll work her way up to management in Heaven soon.

Kristi told me recently that she was not afraid to die, she just REALLY didn't want to leave. On behalf of the family, thank you all for being here and for loving her and us.

**Baptism of Emersyn Anne Ocmund.
Pentecost Sunday, June 9th**

Wear red and celebrate this child of Christ!



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.