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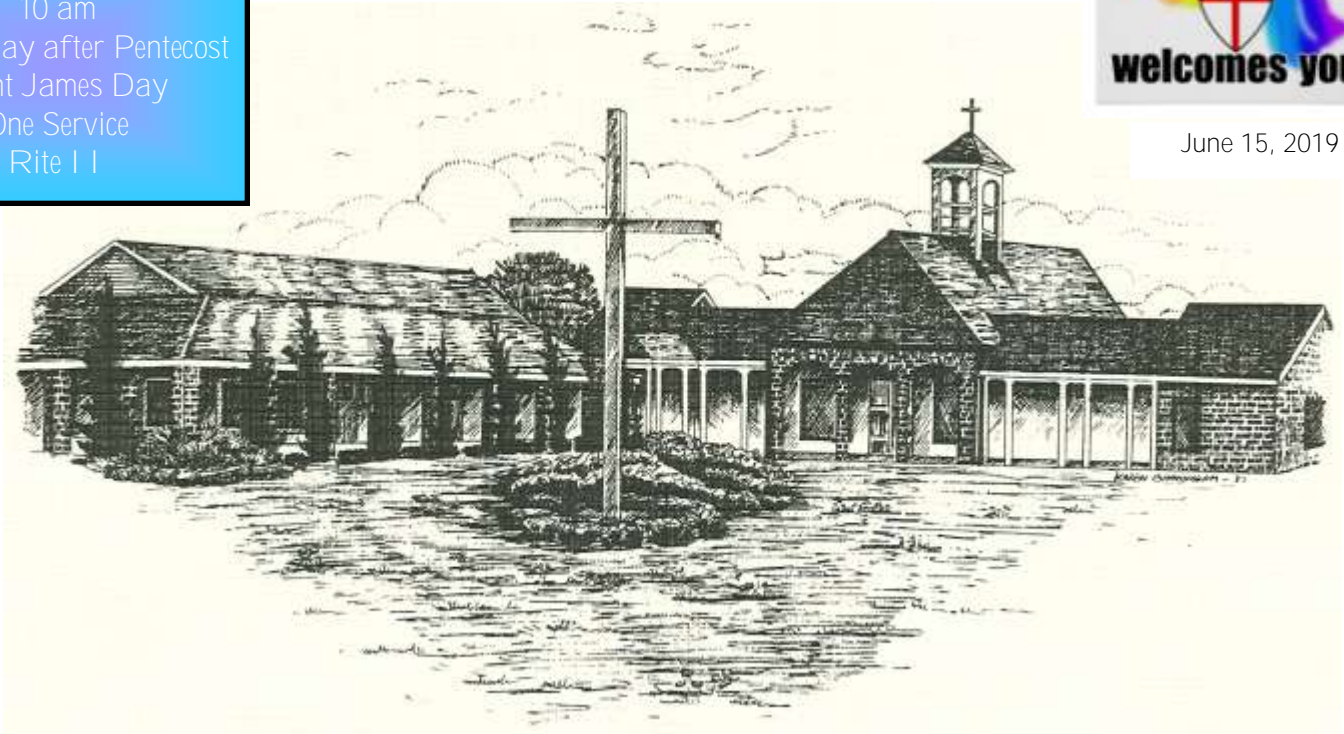
The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



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Louisiana:
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Owensby

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The Deacon James Yazell

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Kaye Owen

Nursery:
Rhonda Robertson

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Cortni Turner

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Curtis Shelton (21)—Jr.
Warden

Members:
Dave Caporossi (20)
Krystal Eason (20)
Debbie Fitzpatrick (21)
Lisa Lewis (22)
Lauren Ocmand (20)
Matt Parker (21)

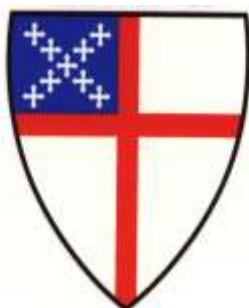
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Julie Eason—Treasurer
Tommy Mosley—Treasurer
Emeritus
Janie Parker—Clerk

Last month, I got to take part in the very first Cursillo reunion at Camp Hardtner. And for two days, it was wonderful to be immersed again in the warmth of God's love, reminiscing with others about their Cursillo experience. I won't ruin it for those who haven't been, but I do want to talk about the most important piece that I gathered during my time there, and that is the special place of the laity in the church. We all know of the importance of the ministers and priests for the spiritual guidance of the flock; but just as important are the lay folk, who with their time and talents, not only keep the doors of the church open, but also with their actions are the embodiment of Christ in the world. But to be that charge, you cannot be content to sit back, but you must have faith to step out of your comfort zone and serve where needed.

And it's never too late to start!

Okay folks, with Deacon James coming on board July 1, he will be officially taking over this spot, doling out words of wisdom and encouragement on a monthly basis, so I will say adieu for now. But I will say that it has been an honor to have had the opportunity to communicate with each and every one of you, and I am truly humbled for all the kind words that I have received from all of you out there. May God bless all of you.

-David Scott



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The St. James Ladies Wisdom and Maturity Society had their annual meeting at the Glenwood Room to celebrate the birthday of one of our members Betty Loving. Ten members were present.



The food was delicious, the setting beguiling and the company outstanding. By a unanimous vote, it was decided to meet more often.

If you would like to join the SJLWAMS, please contact Secretary Mattie Mosley. There are prerequisites.

*Thanks,
Mattie*



So Far as It Depends on You

By Daryl Wingerd

The words in my title are from the Apostle Paul in Romans 12:18. They are found in between the words “If possible” and “live peaceably with all.” Here’s the full sentence: “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” This instruction is near the end of Paul’s list of instructions for Christian living (Romans 12:9-21). The first part of the list clearly deals with interactions between Christians (vv. 9- 13). The latter part primarily addresses the relationship of Christians to those outside the church (vv. 14-21). In that latter section Paul also says, for example, “Bless those who persecute you” (v. 14), “Repay no one evil for evil” (v. 17), “never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God” (v. 19), “if your enemy is hungry, feed him” (v. 20), and “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (v. 21). In our present culture, where the depravity of man is increasingly evident in the insane confusion of right with wrong, good with evil, hate with love, truth with falsehood, and even male with female, a believer might be excused for wondering how we can be expected to live at peace with such people. Not only are we surrounded by increasingly bizarre displays of ungodly thought and behavior, but the people who have embraced the perversions of our culture genuinely believe their ways to be good and ours to be evil. Furthermore, they are often not satisfied to simply be left alone to practice their ungodliness. Through the pressures of social and mainstream media, believers are being forced the world’s propaganda, and punished when they refuse to swallow. We are even labeled in such instances as those who are disobeying the very Lord we earnestly seek to love and serve. Though it may seem easier to take the monastic approach and just avoid the people of this world, that is not what we are called to do. You, the follower of Christ, must live and work and be neighborly and shine as lights, and all-the-while, as Paul says, “if possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” So how can this be done? Consider three suggestions:

Seek peace before debate. You will often know when you first meet a person that your take on truth will not square with his/hers. If the first thing that person perceives from you is your disapproval and censure, or if you rush into discussing moral or theological issues because of your eagerness to evangelize, you will be facing an uphill battle for achieving peace—and it may be your fault! On the other hand, if the first (and ongoing) thing the person notices about you is the kind, respectful way you treat them despite your obvious differences, your prospects for peace and eventual evangelistic opportunity are much better.

Be slow to display offense taken. If you spend any time around the ungodly these days—on their turf, not yours—you will hear words spoken and subjects discussed that you would rather not hear. When this happens, you will be rightly offended on behalf of Christ, but how should you respond outwardly? You could react with a facial expression like you just smelled rotting road-kill, or you could let the person know in no uncertain terms that you do not appreciate their talk. These would not be ungodly responses, but they may not be the best way to achieve and maintain peace. Remember, the peace Paul has in mind depends on you, not them. Responding outwardly and obviously to offenses of this nature may not be worth burning the bridge of peace.

Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Jesus said this to his disciples as he was sending them out “as sheep in the midst of wolves.” He followed this statement with “Beware of men” (Mark 10:16-17). I think he meant for them to be careful in their interactions with the ungodly, not in deceptive or harmful ways, but perhaps by being shrewd in terms of when and where they chose to reveal their beliefs, message and motive. After all, even Jesus didn’t answer every question he was asked, especially when he knew his enemies were looking to trap him. You, likewise, don’t always need to answer their questions or make your opinions known—especially on social media! Be respectful, but discuss on your terms, not theirs. It may be cowardice to live in peace because you are afraid to fight, but it is often wisdom to live in peace so that you can fight another day.



Emersyn Anne Ocmand was baptized on June 9, 2019 officiated by Father Bill Bryant.

Emersyn is the daughter of Jared and Lauren Ocmand, with godparents Austin Shelton and Jennifer Kirkland.

A beautiful reception followed with cake and ice cream. The family would like to thank all that served and thank everyone who attended to make this day special for Emersyn. Emersyn is excited to become part of the church at St. James.

- Jared Ocmand



<i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Saint James Day</i> 10 AM Service Rite II
JULY 14	JULY 21	JULY 28
8:30-9:14	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-15(16-19) Luke 11:1-13
Worship	Matt Parker	Lauren Ocmand
Deerden	Brody Fitzpatrick Ken Murphy	N/A Janie Parker
	Ron Mayberry	Julie Eason
Fitzpatrick	Chelsea Fitzpatrick Julie Eason	N/A Chelsea Fitzpatrick
	Melanie Winkler Ken Murphy	N/A Kelly Parker
Johnson	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson	Debbie Fitzpatrick Holly Johnson
Wald	Kelly Parker Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor	N/A Sissy Brown James Lewis
	PRAISE TEAM	Any time you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or advise the Vestry Person of the Day.

VBS

This year Vacation Bible School will be July 23rd-25th. The evening will begin with dinner in the Parish Hall at 6:30. Vacation Bible School will take place in Garrett Hall 7-8:30.

Contact Chelsea Fitzpatrick at (318) 609-3807 if you want to help out!



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

St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 10 am
<i>7</i> 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 10 am v
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<i>28</i> <i>ST JAMES DAY</i> <i>10 AM Service</i> HAPPY BIRTHDAY Angie Noelani Larry Porter	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> HAPPY BIRTHDAY Candi Gibson HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Kaye Crichlow and Ed Owen	<i>31</i>



	<i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>5th Sunday</i>
	<i>JULY 7</i>	<i>JULY 14</i>
LECTIONARY	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-8 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Deuteronomy 1:1-5 Psalm 25:1-9 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
VESTRY PERSON	Debbie Fitzpatrick	Curtis Shelton
EUCCHARISTIC 8:30 MINISTER 11:00	Janie Parker Ken Murphy	Lynette van Houten David Scott
LAY READER 11:00	David Scott	Julie Eason
LECTORS 8:30 11:00	Chelsea Fitzpatrick Sissy Brown	Debbie Fitzpatrick Kathy Calhoun
ACOLYTES 8:30 11:00	Melanie Winkler David Scott	Kelly Parker Julie Eason
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn	Kathy Watkins Faye Wynn
USHERS 8:30 11:00	Debbie Fitzpatrick Mike Kendrick Mary Taylor	Pat Parker Sissy Brown Betty McDonough
<i>The Rev'd Robert Dandridge will officiate on Wednesday July 3 and 10</i>		

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:

James and Kelsey Yazell
836 Linden Street
Shreveport, LA
71104

July Breakfast

On July 7th we welcome our new Deacon, James Yazell, and his wife Kelsey with a breakfast sponsored by the Vestry.



IN MEMORIAM

Three of our long time parishioners have lost a parent in the last few months. Please remember to keep them in your prayers.



ALICE ROBEY THOMPSON

Alice Robey Thompson, the mother of our parishioner Dr. Wain Thompson, died in March after a long illness. Alice was a longtime member of St. Mark's where her funeral was held. Alice attended a number of events at St. James through the years, so many of you will remember her. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack Thompson. Left to cherish her memory are her son Wain married to Debbie, her grandchildren Dianne Grunes married to Eric, and Hunter Thompson married to Jessica. Hunter and Jessica's children are Sophia and Cecilia.

Alice was very involved with the Women's Department Club, the Little Theatre Guild and several book clubs. In fact, I gave several book reviews to one of her groups. She was a highly intelligent, well read person with a vivacious personality.



JAMES C. McCAIN

James C McCain, the father of our parishioner Kelly Parker, died after a long battle with cancer in May. He was a longtime member of St. Mary of the Pines Catholic Church and his funeral was held there. He was active through the years in the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife Rita visited St. James from time to time for events especially concerning their granddaughters.

James is survived by his wife and Kelly's mother Rita, as well as a son James. C. McCain. His daughter Kelly is a very active member of St. James; she heads up the Altar Guild as well as being involved in many other church activities. Kelly's husband is Matthew Parker and their two daughters are Hannah and Kendall. How proud he must have been of the girls!



AUDRY DALE SHELTON, SR.



Audry Dales Shelton, Sr., the father of our parishioner Curtis Shelton passed away June 7 after a lengthy illness. His funeral was held at Heritage Missionary Baptist Church in Bossier. In addition to being a member of Heritage, he belonged to the Fraternal Order of Police, American Legion Post 14 and volunteered many years with the United Way.

A.D. was preceded in death by his wife, Constance. He is survived by six children including our fellow parishioner Curtis Shelton, whose wife is Denise. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren including Curtis and Denise's son Austin. Curtis is very active at St. James, including serving on the vestry as well as playing with the St. James "Praise Team".

Our hearts are with our fellow parishioners in their parental losses. St. James is not only a church, we are a family, and as the great poet and preacher, John Donne said: "No man is an island entire of itself; every man (or woman) is a piece of the continent, a part of the main."

"Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love." From the Prayer Book

-Mattie Masley

Outreach

Fill the Backpack



Our annual school supply drive is underway!

We are collecting supplies to fill 30 backpacks.

You can find donation ideas on the angel tree in the Narthex.

Supplies can be dropped off in the Parish Hall

Our deadline for school supply collection is :

July 14th

We will assemble the backpacks on:

July 28th, Saint James Day



Where are you from?

I'm from Kansas City, Missouri.

How long have you been married?

Kelsey and I have been married since October 11, 2014.

Where and how did you and your wife meet?

We met in Geometry class at Lee's Summit High School.

Where did you go to college?

The University of Missouri-Kansas City.

What might our parishioners be surprised to know about you?

To get some exercise while in seminary I studied Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu at a nearby gym.

How would others describe you?

I've been told by others that they quickly notice my reflective and calm nature but later discover my sense of humor.

What do you do in your free time?

I love to learn and am often looking up whatever topic has sparked my curiosity and I also like a lot of nerdy stuff like fantasy/sci-fi novels and movies, video games, and that sort of thing.

What made you want to be involved in the church?

The Church offered me an alternative to a life of meaningless consumption with no sense of history or transcendence. Through the Church God has allowed me a glimpse of the reality that everything that exists around us is brimming with inherent value and that he has promised us a life that does not simply end in death.

What brought you to Saint James?

The day after finding out there were no open positions in my home diocese, Canon John suddenly appeared in Sewanee looking to fill a position in a diocese that I had heard a lot of good things about. I couldn't ignore the timing and so decided to further explore the position at St James. Over the proceeding months I found everything continued to line up really well and any other positions I looked into did not seem to be as good of a fit. I really believe it was the Holy Spirit who has guided us together.



*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



Cinemark
Summer Movie
Clubhouse



Small Foot

July 1st, 3rd, 4th

Kung Fu Panda

July 8th, 10th, 11th

The Lego Movie

July 15th, 17th, 18th

Spongebob Squarepants: Sponge Out of Water

July 22nd, 24th, 25th

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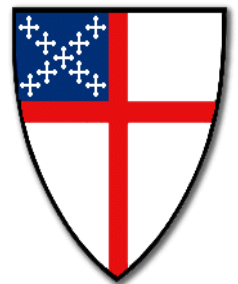
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Vision Statement of St. James Episcopal Church: We see St. James as a spirit-led congregation that is a beacon of God's love shining in the community, welcoming all by reaching out through worship, service, mission, and programming to bring peace and 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.