

The Spirit of St. James

The Newsletter from St. James Episcopal Church

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Shreveport, Louisiana, 71118
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July 15, 2017

*July 23
St. James Day
& Youth Sunday
10am service
Followed by potluck
luncheon and family
activities*



*August 20
Loyalty Sunday
10am service
Followed by potluck
luncheon*



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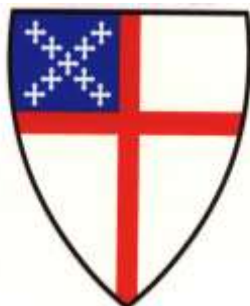
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A MESSAGE FROM MARGARET

Dreams... It seems anything is possible in dreams; flying, surviving falls from high places, lifting great weights, and becoming anything we can dream of becoming. Our dreams hold all possibility; all of our hopes. It is not the least bit surprising Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. enmeshed us in his dream of equality for African Americans in his famous "I have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington in August of 1963. He boldly invited us into a vision of equality for all United States citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bible. Dreams can have a lasting effect on us.

We all hold a dream of what St. James could be; where lies St. James' hidden potential. What does that look like to you? Is it more people attending our worship or more children attending our church? These are nice dreams but what would cause this to happen? What would make St. James a place people would like to come and worship; where children would enjoy being a part and maybe drag their parents to church instead of vice versa?

If you invite me to join you because you want me to help pay the overhead I will probably not be very excited to take you up on your invitation. If you invited me to be a part of the Kingdom of God and paint the picture of what that looks like, I am more apt to join you. If you tell me how embracing the Kingdom of God has changed your life in a positive way, I will come and check this out.

If you invite me and my young children to attend your church because you want more children in your church, I may be worried about your motives. If you invite me and my children to attend your church because you believe it will revitalize your church, I will probably be skeptical. If you invite me and my children to attend your church because you believe we will enjoy and be enriched by your church's ministry to children from birth to death, I will come and check it out.

Our dreams are important and how we articulate those dreams is equally important. We need to be clear what we are inviting people to participate in as part of building the Kingdom of God. St. James has said we believe our Mission is to be

A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD TO WORSHIP, LOVE AND SERVE;

And that our vision is

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Given these two pieces, what is our dream and how are these pieces connected to the Kingdom of GOD being made manifest in Shreveport/the Arklatex?

I believe we have a lot of talking to do, relationships to build, and listening to do regarding the needs of those who are looking for a relationship with the God. The alternative is to do what we have always done in the belief we will hit the magic moment and it will finally work.

Blessings,
Margaret+



Outreach News

When St. James makes an effort to provide help, the people of the parish go all out! Thanks to everyone who donated toward the backpack program. Because of the many individuals who took an interest in helping the children of Forest Hill Elementary School, we are able to provide 30 backpacks—five per grades K-5—filled with everything on their school supply list. We even have some of the items on the wish lists for the teachers, including the special education classes. The backpacks will be delivered to the school before the children arrive for the first day of classes, so they can

be distributed to the recipients. Thanks for all your generosity and hard work that made this project such a huge success!!!



PARTICIPATE IN THE CADDO PARISH FAN DRIVE

KSLA News and Caddo Council on Aging are spearheading a fan drive to help cool elderly individuals in our community who do not have air conditioning and need a way to keep cool during the heat of the summer. St. James is collecting 20" box fans that we will deliver on July 24. Please, bring your donations of fans, or money for Outreach to purchase fans, to St. James before St. James Day on July 23.

This drive began over 30 years ago and St. James has participated in it almost from the very beginning. In recent years we have given over 20 fans each summer and would like to continue to serve our community in a similar fashion this year. Please drop a fan off in the Parish Hall or contribute money to Outreach for the purchase by placing your donation in the Sunday offering with a notation of how the money is designated. Special thanks to Tommy & Mattie Mosley for bringing this ministry to our attention years ago and for always generously donating fans.



THE GOOD STEWARDS

In his article, *"Looking for Hope,"* in the June/July 2017 issue of *ALIVE!* Bishop Jake wrote, **"Hope does not disappoint so long as we feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. So long as we refuse to greet the stranger as an enemy. So long as we insist that our own welfare depends upon our neighbor's well-being. So long as we not only respect but guard the dignity of every human being."** He ends the article by instructing us to do more than seek hope, but, **"Be it."**

Thanks are due to all the members of the St. James family who have been providing hope to others—whether by delivering meals on wheels, visiting people who are unable to leave their homes, supplying items that will make it easier for children to stay caught up and do their schoolwork in the upcoming academic year, providing fresh produce for the hungry, visiting those in prison, praying for individuals in need, offering comfort to the grieving, and all the many other ways that assistance is offered **to God's children. We don't have to know** the recipients to be a beacon of hope in our community. We only have to offer ourselves.

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.



WASTE NOT, WANT NOT—OR SO WE PLAN

There are several steps we take around St. James to act as good stewards of our resources. For example, when we replaced some of the heating and a/c units we installed programmable thermostats. When used properly, these save quite a bit of money, keeping the buildings at comfortable temperatures while in use without wasting resources during down time. But they only work as intended when they are used as intended.

The thermostats are programmed to save energy when the buildings are not in use and to adjust the temperature in the space an hour or so before we need it so there is time for the space to become comfortable when people arrive. If the space is used at a time that is not part of the normal schedule, it can be adjusted manually, and it will return to the programmed temperature a couple of hours later. However, if someone adjusts the setting and moves the thermostat to “hold” it will remain at that temperature until manually changed. This results in using lots of extra energy when not necessary (and raising the energy bill accordingly) and having the building not be comfortable at the times it is programmed for use.

Please, be aware of this when adjusting the temperature in the nave. We do not have programmable thermostats in the Parish Hall or the Garrett-Hall Building, so those must be adjusted manually. Please, reset the thermostat to 80 for the week during the summer (and 60 during the winter) to help conserve energy in both those spaces. Also, don't leave the thermostats in the nave set in the “hold” mode.

Keeping our energy costs down leaves us with more money to spend on reaching out into the community to share our faith and to feed, clothe, shelter, and provide medical care for those in need.



THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH

As the fall approaches and plans to rebuild the EYC come to fruition, we take this opportunity to thank everyone who has continued to show support for the youth of St. James. One way you may not even realize you are helping is by purchasing beverages from the drink cooler in the Parish Hall kitchen at 50 cents per can. So far this year \$68 has been collected from the cooler.

Thanks also go to those who have supplied drinks on behalf of the EYC. Folk have been sneaking into the Parish Hall periodically and filling the cooler shelves with a variety of beverages. We may not know who, but we certainly notice and appreciate the generosity.

Clay Shoot Fundraiser Benefits St. Luke's Medical Ministry



A sporting clays fundraiser was held at Los Paloma Sporting Range and Event Center June 10, 2017. Proceeds from the event went to St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry.



There were 14 four-man teams that participated in the First Annual Sporting Clays Event. This foursome graciously accepted my request for pictures. They were running late, but accommodated me and posed for several photos.



Others supported St. Luke's by purchasing BBQ dinners donated and catered by The Oaks of Louisiana. The brisket was fantastic, as were the sides of beans and potato salad.

I would say it was a very successful event. I think everyone had a great time, and St. Luke's received funds that may go toward decaling their new medical bus.

~Kathy Deal

<i>The 11th Sunday After Pentecost Loyalty Sunday 10 AM Service August 20</i>	<i>The 12th Sunday After Pentecost August 27</i>
<i>Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:10-28</i>	<i>Exodus 1: 8--2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20</i>
DAVID SCOTT	DAVE CAPOROSSI
Lynnette van Heerden	Brody Fitzpatrick Julie Eason
Amber Garner	Dan Bennett
Brian Whatley	Chelsea Maielli Janet Moore
Melanie Winkler	Kelly Parker Jan Jones
Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre	Kelly Parker Liz Montelepre
Denise Shelton Mike Kendrick	Pat Parker Mike Kendrick Betty McDonald
Mike Endicott	Mike Endicott



Any time you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or advise the Vestry Person of the Day.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Children's Sunday School will resume in the fall. The Elementary age children are looking forward to a summer event which will be held later this summer. The youth are formulating plans for the youth group and more information should be released soon. For the adults, a study of the book of Psalms began on Sunday, June 25th and is being held between the services from 9:30-10:30. Rev'd Margaret is also leading a study of the book, People of the Way, on Wednesday evening. This group meets in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm. Come and join the fun!

St. James Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
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		HAPPY BIRTHDAY Raylie Carroway	10 am People's Eucharist 6:30 PM HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mike & Mary
6	7	8	9
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Parish breakfast PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SARA LEWIS' MISSION TRIP TO HAITI 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II		HAPPY BIRTHDAY Patti Whatley	10 am People's Eucharist 6:30 PM HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jerry & Mary
13	14	15	16
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II HAPPY BIRTHDAY Andrew Thrash Kira Welch	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Bill & Teresa Thrash HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mira Matlock	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Chris Zepeda	10 am People's Eucharist 6:30 PM
20	21	22	23
Loyalty Sunday 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Potluck Lunch HAPPY BIRTHDAY Connor Matlock Ken Murphy Birthday celebrated	HAPPY BIRTHDAY George Shafer HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Adam & Holly Johnson	HAPPY BIRTHDAY David Scott	10 am People's Eucharist 6:30 PM HAPPY BIRTHDAY Alice & Karen
27	28	29	30
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*The Transfiguration
Of Our Lord
Jesus Christ*

*The 10th Sunday
After Pentecost*

August 6

August 13

LECTIONARY

*Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:13-21
Luke 9:28-36*

*Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33*

VESTRY PERSON

PAT PARKER

MIKE ENDICOTT

EUCCHARISTIC 8:30
MINISTER 11:00

Janie Parker
Julie Eason

Debbie Fitzpatrick
Ron Maberry

LAY READER
11:00

Ken Murphy

Brian Whatley

LECTORS 8:30
11:00

Pat Parker
Sissy Brown

Chelsea Maielli
Kathleen Calhoun

ACOLYTES 8:30
11:00

Melanie Winkler
Austin Shelton

Kelly Parker
Jan Jones

ALTAR GUILD

Janie Parker
Linda Endicott
Chelsea Maielli

Janie Parker
Linda Endicott
Chelsea Maielli

USHERS 8:30
11:00

Pat Parker
Mary Taylor
Mike Kendrick

Lynnette van Heerden
Mike Kendrick
Sissy Brown

**MASTER OF
CEREMONIES**

Mike Endicott

Mike Endicott

Upcoming Calendar Events
July 23—St. James Day & Youth Sunday
July 28—Family Game Night
August 6—Monthly breakfast
August 18—Family Game Night
August 20—Loyalty Sunday
September 3—Monthly breakfast
September ?—Legacy Luncheon
September 12—KAİROS cookie bake night

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please add the following new information to your directory:
Brody Fitzpatrick & Chelsea Maielli
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Shreveport, LA 71105
His cell 318-658-2424
Her cell 318-609-3807
His e-mail brodymfitz@gmail.com
Her e-mail cmaielli@gmail.com

July 15, 2017

HEF

Haiti Education Foundation

P.O. Box 10775
El Dorado, AR 71730

July 17, 2017

St James Episcopal Church
2050 Bert Kouns Indust. Loop
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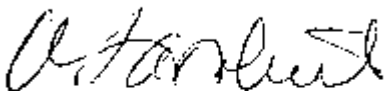
Dear Faithful Supporters

Each day as HEF students, principals, and teachers gather for another educational opportunity, there is a sense of joy and excitement. Despite the many difficulties, hardships, and disasters that they have endured, the focus is on mastering the skills that will make their lives better. The benefits of an education have a lasting effect on individual lives and everyone in the community.

Your donations to the Haiti Education Foundation are used to give Haitians a "hand up" and these gifts bring hope and pathways for each person to be all they are created to be.

Thank you for supporting our commitment to education for Haiti's children. You are making a real difference and the HEF students, teachers, their families, as well as the parish priests appreciate your caring gifts.

Sincerely



Vicki Lambert

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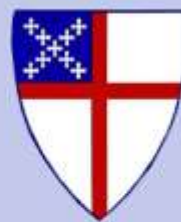
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Please continue to support this important ministry by attending breakfast at St. James on August 6. Proceeds from that breakfast will go toward financing the travels of one of our parishioners, Sara Lewis, as she participates in a mission trip to Haiti in September.

Mexican Fiesta & Family Game Night

July 15, 2017



First Family Game Night held June 16, 2017.



The Zepeda gaming table started with Word Trek, and ended with Yahtzee (Doctor Who edition). Then there was the mandatory Mexican Train table. Other options were available. We all had a wonderful time and are looking forward to the next Game Night. ~Kathy Deal



GRILLING AND GAMING

The second Family Game Night of the summer took place on July 14, featuring a dinner of burgers and all the fixings, including Root Beer Floats. Participants enjoyed several cut-throat games of Scrabble, as well as more sedate hands of Poker, a table of Mexican Train, and a very raucous Watch Ya' Mouth.





St. George Greek Orthodox Church

1719 Creswell Avenue • Shreveport, LA 71101 • 318-222-5225 • www.gosaintgeorge.org

July 15, 2017

Dear Shreveport-Bossier City friends and neighbors,

St. George Greek Orthodox Church, located at 1719 Creswell Avenue in Shreveport, is celebrating its centennial by offering tours on Saturday, August 12, 2017. Please join us for a rare opportunity to view this historic Highland treasure. Each tour will showcase the church's history, unique architecture, spectacular Byzantine iconography, and Orthodox traditions.

Tours are slated for 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, and 1:30 PM. Each tour will last approximately 1 hour. The tours are **FREE** and open to public. Light refreshments will be served following each tour. Reservations are not required, but are appreciated. Private tours for large groups are always available by calling the church office.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sophie at sophie348@aol.com or [318-949-1148](tel:318-949-1148).

Thank you for your support,

Rev. Father Ioannis Krokos
Proistamenos
father.ioannis@gmail.com

Sophie Theo Duke
Centennial Chairman
sophie348@aol.com

BE AN ANSWER TO A PRAYER

"When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are, everything your heart desires will come to you..." When Jiminy Cricket sang that in Walt Disney's *Pinocchio*, he left out quite a few of the steps to attaining your heart's desire. The parts about hard work, perseverance, and overcoming adversity were kind of brushed aside. It seems that those are the same steps often left out when people pray to God and expect to be the recipients of a splendid miraculous resolution for all their woes.

In asking for a boon, whether for ourselves or for others, we need to be ready to participate in making the outcome be what we hope—and we need to be prepared for the possibility that maybe what we are asking is not exactly what we need. God sees a bigger picture than any of us can see, so maybe we need to make our requests more open-ended than we may initially intend—in addition to being willing to put forth effort toward success.

Much like Martin Luther's famous words, "Faith without works is dead," we could easily say that praying for something we are unwilling to work toward makes no sense. Luther felt that anyone who claimed to be Christian and did not go about their lives acting on behalf of others was not demonstrating the conviction necessary to be truly faithful. In the same way, sitting back and expecting God to work toward our stated goals without offering as much assistance toward their fulfillment as we are able makes no sense.

So, basically, if we pray for an end to homelessness, we need to get out and do something toward making that happen. If we pray that the hungry will be fed, we need to help provide food. If we pray for the forgiveness of our sins, we need to forgive others. In short, we need to take active roles in making the world around us be whatever we ask God for it to be.

At the same time, we can realize that what we are able to do in and of itself may not provide the solution. However, if many of us are pitching in, there can be a very large change toward the better. That is what our prayers should become—not instructing God to make the outcome fabulous, but asking God to guide us as we strive toward making the world better. Together we can be a positive answer to someone's need or prayer.

Let us come together to pray, to worship, to assist others...to offer ourselves as answers to the prayers of others as well as our own. As Christians we are able to accomplish much. As we strive to make our community better, let us always remember, the Episcopal Church welcomes us all, allowing us the opportunity for communal worship, communal prayer, and communal outreach.

—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: August 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



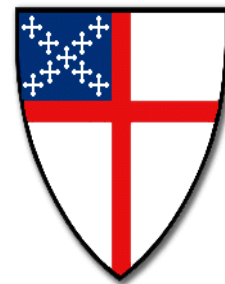
LAY WEEDERS PROVIDE SUSTENANCE

St. James has been blessed with some truly talented gardeners, and through their efforts we are sharing loads of produce in the Southern Hills area. The harvest from the community garden continues to be plentiful. The abundance of squash has waned, but the tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, green beans, and eggplant are taking over.

Some of our neighbors at Summerfield Estates have taken us up on our offer of picking what they need. Produce is delivered to the Meals on Wheels recipients regularly. Vegetables are cooked and frozen for use by the Filling in the Gaps program. People who come to the parish office seeking assistance are given vegetables for their families' use.

We are thankful that God has given us the ability to help our neighbors in this way, and we look forward to discovering what our next ministry will be! In the mean time, you are welcome to stop by the garden, pull a few weeds, and swipe a tomato or pepper for your home use.

Contact Pat Parker or Jana Kendrick if you wish to officially join the Community Garden Committee.



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